Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair’s Action on behalf of TAC on 19 September 2017

Title of Programme
MSc Modern South Asian Studies

Brief note about nature of change: change to clarify re-sit arrangements and changes to assessment dates

Location of change
Amendment to regulations published in the Gazettes of 20 July and 21 September 2017

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2017
For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

1. Amend clause 4(ii) as follows:

‘(ii) Qualitative and Historical Methods: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word take-home essay on Historical Methods to be set by Friday Monday of Week 54 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.’

2. Amend clause 4(iii) as follows:

‘(iii) Qualitative Methods, Literature and Language: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word take-home essay on Literature and Language to be set by Friday Monday of Week 54 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.’
3. Amend clause 5 as follows:

‘5. Candidates will choose three option papers from a list approved by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee each of which will be assessed by one three-hour written examination in Trinity Term. This list will be published by the Course Director(s) in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year. The availability of options in any one year will depend on teaching resources and the level of student interest. Students should select three of these papers in consultation with their supervisor. Native speakers or advanced learners may substitute one option paper with an appropriate advanced language option as described for the final year examination of the MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies (further details are provided in the Course Handbook). With special permission of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment for such options.’

4. Amend clause 6 as follows:

‘6. Candidates will complete a 12,000 word thesis (including all notes and references but excluding the bibliography; full details of what is included in the word count are provided in the Course Handbook). The title of the thesis must be approved by the Course Director(s) by 12 noon on Friday of Week 3 of Hilary Term in the academic year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be submitted by 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is the candidate’s own work except where otherwise indicated.’

Amend clause 10 as follows:

‘10. A candidate who fails any element of the research methods course overall will be permitted to re-submit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark, on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners.’

Explanatory Notes

Change to clarify re-sit arrangements for the research methods course and changes to the set date for research methods assessment.