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

Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
2019-20 Research Degrees in Education

Brief note about nature of change: introduction of a requirement to include a methods chapter in these submitted for the degree of D.Phil.by integrated thesis (Section 5). This brings the requirements in line with a change to Section 3 of the Regulations in 2019/20 [Gazette (05/03/2020)].

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2019-20 [https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rdegrineduc&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1] Section 5 Integrated Thesis

Effective date
For DPhil students who have received Confirmation of Status from Michaelmas Term 2021.

Detail of change

- 1.47 Integrated thesis

1.48 A DPhil thesis may be accepted for examination if it consists of a minimum of three article manuscripts of publishable quality. Such a body of work shall be deemed acceptable provided it represents a coherent and focused body of research. It should include an Introduction, a Literature Survey and a Conclusion. The thesis should make it clear how the chapters and articles are integrated as a complete text, (either written as a stand-alone chapter or divided among the constituent chapters), a Methods chapter (to cover the whole thesis or to complement the methods sections in the articles, as appropriate), and a discussion and/or conclusion as relevant.
Explanatory Notes

It is proposed to introduce the requirement for a Methods chapter in the DPhil Integrated Thesis. Such a chapter is already required for Confirmation of Study and this change would align the requirements for both submissions.