

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

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Teaching Audit Committee on 20/09/16

Title of Programme

MSc Latin American Studies

Brief note about nature of change: change to deadline and revision of text

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

Detail of change

Master of Science by Coursework in Latin American Studies

(See also the the general notice at the commencement of these regulations.)

For the purposes of this examination, 'Latin America' will be interpreted as the eighteen Spanish-speaking republics of the Western Hemisphere, plus Brazil, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

The regulations are as follows:

1. Candidates for the M.Sc in Latin American Studies will:
 - (a) Follow a course of instruction for three terms and present three examination papers at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration. These papers must

include at least two of the core papers from among the following five disciplines: Economics, History, International Relations, Politics and Sociology. ~~Each of the examination papers counts for 25 per cent of the final degree mark.~~

(b) Submit an extended essay, not exceeding 10,000 words, including footnotes and appendices. A draft title for the extended essay must be submitted for approval by the Latin American Centre Management Committee by 12:00 noon on the Friday of Week ~~29~~ of the Hilary Term preceding the written examination. Two typewritten copies of the extended essay must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.Sc in Latin American Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12:00 noon on the Monday of Week 5 of Trinity Term in the calendar year in which the examination is taken. ~~The extended essay will be equal to one examination paper, i.e. 25 per cent of the final degree mark.~~

(c) Candidates may also be required to present themselves for an oral examination if requested to do so by the examiners. The oral examination may focus on the candidate's examination papers, extended essay, or both.

2. The list of examination papers will be published on the Latin American Centre website and in the *University Gazette* in Week 0 of Michaelmas Term. Candidates must take the core paper in Economics if they wish to take a further paper in that discipline. Specialisation on a single country or a combination of countries is permitted so long as the choice appears in the list of available papers published.

3. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they have passed all examination papers and the extended essay.

4. Candidates must achieve marks of 50 or above in all four components to pass the examination. Candidates who achieve marks below 50 in any component will be permitted to retake the paper/resubmit the extended essay on one further occasion only, in Trinity Term one year after the first attempt.~~A mark of 48 or 49 in one of the exam papers or the extended essay can be compensated for with marks indicating clear ability on the remaining three components of the examination. Candidates who either (i) receive a mark of 48 or 49 in one exam paper or the extended essay which cannot be compensated for by the remaining three components, (ii) receive less than 48 in one of the four components of the examination, or (iii) receive two or more marks below 50 in the four components of the examination, will be permitted to retake the paper(s)/resubmit the extended essay on one further occasion only, in Trinity Term, one year after the first attempt. Such candidates must pass the extended essay or examination paper(s) in order to pass the examination.~~

5. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

1. Change to deadline for submission of extended essay title.
2. Removal of references to compensating marks, in line with changes made to the Examination Conventions.
3. Removal of references to weightings of papers (which are in the Examination Conventions).