

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

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Social Sciences Division

Approved by Chair Action on 02/06/2021

Title of Programme Master of Science by Coursework in Education

Brief note about nature of change: An amendment to the Regulations to reflect administrative changes to the process of coursework submission and the introduction of a new pathway.

Effective date

With effect from Michaelmas Term 2021 for assessment from 2021-22.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019-20*.

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosebcurineduc&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1>

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.1, 1.2, 1.4 and 1.6 as follows:

^{1.1}1. Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Education, specialising in one of the following pathways: Comparative and International Education, Higher Education, Learning and Technology, Child Development and Education, **Digital and Social Change** or Research Design and Methodology. The Research Design and Methodology course may be undertaken on a part-time basis and must be followed for six terms over two years.

^{1.2}2. Candidates take a combination of six one term required pathway-specific core papers and option papers. Candidates will be informed of the available options, along with the assessment requirement, by Friday of noughth week of Michaelmas Term in the year in which the examination is taken. ~~On some pathways, students are also required to~~

~~successfully complete a research internship.~~ Part-time students take four papers in their first year, and two papers in their second year, alongside their dissertation.

^{1.4} Papers are normally assessed by one or more coursework assignments totalling no more than 3,000 words (inclusive of footnotes but excluding bibliography and appendices). All such assignments must be **submitted electronically** ~~uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site~~ by the times and dates specified at the start of the course. For part-time students, times and dates will be specified at the beginning of each year of the course. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Exceptionally, candidates are assessed by unseen examination.

^{1.6} An electronic copy of the dissertation must be **submitted electronically** ~~uploaded to the Assignments section of the Department of Education's Higher Degrees WebLearn site~~, not later than noon on the second Friday in August in the year in which the written examination is taken. For part-time students, this will be during the second year of the course. This copy should be anonymous except for the candidate number, and accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Candidates are also required to submit **a final, non-anonymised copy of their dissertation to the Oxford University Research Archive (ORA) at the same time that they submit the anonymised version for examination.** ~~hardbound copy of the work to the Department of Education no later than one week after submission of the electronic copy. The hard bound copy of the dissertation of each candidate who passes the examination shall be retained by the department for deposit in the departmental library.~~

Explanatory Notes

An amendment to the Regulations to reflect administrative changes to the process of coursework submission for the MSc Education, as well as the introduction of a new pathway 'Digital and Social Change'.