

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on 29/04/2021

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Postgraduate Diploma in Strategy and Innovation (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change: Change to the special regulations to reflect the introduction of a 24-month closed company-specific programme. In exceptional circumstances, candidates may be permitted to transfer to the 12-month open programme.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2020-21*

[<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pdisai-p-time&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=2&year=2020&term=2>] Special Regulations point 1 and point 2.

Effective date

Michaelmas Term 2021.

Special Regulations

^{1.6}1. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Strategy and Innovation for either at least twelve months and not more than twenty-four months (**open programme**), or for at least twenty-four months and not more than forty-eight months (**closed company-specific programme**). Candidates must complete:

^{1.7}(a) four courses, and satisfy the examiners in the assessment associated with each course. The four courses are:

^{1.8}(i) Strategy

^{1.9}(ii) Innovation Strategy

1.10(iii) Globalisation and Strategy

1.11(iv) Strategy in Action

1.12 Details can be found in the course handbook.

1.13(b) Courses (i) to (iii) will each be assessed by a 2-hour written examination. Course (iv) will be assessed by a final integrative written assignment of 6,000 words. Assignments must be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme learning platform, not later than 12 noon on the stipulated submission date, which will be published by the Programme Director by the first module of the programme. All material submitted for the integrative written assignment shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

1.14 2. Candidates admitted to the 12-month **open** programme cannot transfer between the two cohorts admitted each year, nor may they transfer to the 24-month programme. In exceptional circumstances, candidates on the 24-month programme **closed company-specific** may be permitted to transfer to the 12-month **open** programme.

1.15 3. Candidates may be examined viva voce on one or more of the written examinations and the integrative written assignment.

1.16 4. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the assessment of any of the components may retake or resubmit the failed assessment once, no more than twelve months after the final meeting of the Board of Examiners, excluding any period of suspension.

1.17 5. With the approval of the Programme Director, a candidate may substitute any of courses (i) to (iii) on the Postgraduate Diploma with core courses from the part-time MBA, the Postgraduate Diploma in AI for Business, the Postgraduate Diploma in Global Business, the Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership, the Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Strategy, or M.Sc. in Major Programme Management, assuming that core course falls within the permitted registration period for the original Postgraduate Diploma.

Explanatory Notes

The proposed change clarifies that due to the introduction of a closed stream, students who leave the closed programme can transfer to the open programme, but students on the open programme cannot transfer to the closed programme.