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

Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Master of Philosophy in Politics (Comparative Government, Political Theory, European Politics and Society)

Brief note about nature of change:
1. Require electronic submission of theses;
2. Remove reference to award of distinction as covered by General Regulations

Location of change

Effective date
For students starting from MT2018
For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change
1. Amend citation 1.23 as follows:
   '(1) A thesis of not more than 30,000 words, excluding bibliography and any methodological appendices. Two hard copies, together with a copy on CD or USB flash drive, must be submitted to the Examination Schools. The thesis must be submitted electronically by noon on the Monday of first week of Trinity Term. It must be accompanied by a separate signed declaration that it is the candidate’s own work except where otherwise indicated and that it has not previously been submitted for assessment, either at Oxford or at another institution. On submitting the thesis, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. The examiners shall exclude from consideration any part of the thesis which is not the candidate’s own work or which has been or will be submitted to satisfy the requirements of another course, and the examiners shall have power to require the candidate to produce for their inspection the work so submitted or to be submitted. After the
examination process is complete, each successful candidate must deposit one hardbound copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library.

2. Amend citation 1.25 as follows:

‘Candidates may, with special permission of the Politics Graduate Studies Committee, offer subjects outside this list. Applications must be made by the last Friday of the Trinity Term preceding that in which the examination is to be taken, and must be supported by the candidate’s supervisor. Supervisors should ensure that applications are submitted as early as possible so that if approval is not granted the candidate has sufficient time to choose an alternative.

When candidates sit optional papers offered at departments other than the Department of Politics and International Relations, they are bound by the regulations of the M.Phil. in Politics.

The Examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination, on the basis of the work submitted to them in both the Qualifying Test and the Final Examination.’