Master of Philosophy in International Relations

Brief note about nature of change: Minor factual corrections to the Research Methods component

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2019, https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopininterela&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2020
For first (qualifying) examination from 2020-21

Detail of change

- Amend citation 1.8 and 1.9 as follows:

1.8. A designated course of research methods training covering material from the programme as taught in the first year, including written work and/or tests in statistics and in Research Design and Methods in International Relations. The details of these requirements, including the dates of the tests, are set out in the Student Handbook.

1.9. Candidates who fail either or both of the first-year written examinations will normally be allowed to retake it the failed paper(s) before the beginning of the next academic year.

Explanatory Notes
The Examination Regulations require students to pass assessments in Research Methods covering material from Michaelmas and Hilary Terms of their first year of study. Students
are strongly encouraged to study and take assessment in Research Methods in Trinity Term of their first year of study and most students do so. The proposed change formalises established practice, requiring students to pass assessments in Research Methods that cover material from all three terms of their first year of study.

The current regulations refer to ‘written tests in statistics and in Research Design and Methods in International Relations’. Both of the statistics courses available to students are assessed using submitted coursework assignments as well as written tests. The proposed change updates the wording of the Regulations to reflect the range of modes of assessment used.