

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Master of Science by Coursework in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to merge the two core courses into a single core course in 'Criminological Theories and Understanding Criminal Justice'

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019*,
<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscicacrimjust-p-t&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020

For first examination from 2021-22

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.3 as follows:

^{1.3}3. The course will consist of the following elements: ~~two core courses~~ a core course in Criminological Theories and Understanding Criminal Justice; a compulsory course in Research Design and Data Collection; five option courses; and a 12,000-15,000 word dissertation on a topic agreed by the Board of Studies submitted in the final term. The required format for the dissertation is the common format prescribed for all law theses, which is printed in the Faculty of Law's Graduate Students' Handbook.

2. Amend citation 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10 as follows:

^{1.8}(i) *Criminological Theories and Understanding Criminal Justice*: Examined by a ~~2~~ 3 hour examination in Week Nought of ~~Hilary~~ Trinity Term in the first year of the course.

~~1.9 (ii) *Understanding Criminal Justice*: Examined by a 2-hour examination to be taken in Week Nought of Trinity Term in either the first or second year of the course.~~

1.10 (iii) *Options and Research Design and Data Collection*:

3. Amend citation 1.13 as follows:

1.13 (iviii) *Dissertation*: The dissertation shall be submitted electronically by noon on Wednesday of Week Eight of the final term. On submitting the dissertation, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to submit the dissertation.

4. Amend citation 1.14 as follows:

1.15 (i) *Core Courses*: Candidates who fail, or withdraw from, either the core course examination may resit the examination according to the standard timetable for examinations in the following academic year.

Explanatory Notes

There are currently two core courses “Criminological Theories” taught in MT and “Understanding Criminal Justice” taught in HT, each examined at the start of the following term (HT and TT respectively) by a two-hour written examination.

A change is made to merge the two courses to create a single core course “Criminological Theories and Understanding Criminal Justice” and to assess this by means of a single three-hour exam at the start of Trinity term. The content of the combined course will be updated to provide a stronger focus on race, gender, and global issues, but will still broadly divide into theory in MT and criminal justice in HT.