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

Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Officer Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (20/08/2020)

Master of Science by Coursework in Global Governance and Diplomacy

Brief note about nature of change: Minor updates, including to the approval of dissertation topics.

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020
For first examination from 2020-21

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.1 – 1.5 as follows:

1.1 Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Global Governance and Diplomacy for three terms, and will, when they enter their names for the examination, be required to produce a certificate from their supervisors to this effect.

2. Candidates must offer:

1.2(i) A foundation paper in Global Governance and Diplomacy.
1.2(ii) A mandatory paper in Research Methods.
1.4(iii) Two option papers to be selected from a list published annually by the Course Director by Monday of Week Nought of Michaelmas Full Term.
1.4(iv) One 10,000-12,000 word dissertation in the analysis of an issue in global governance or diplomacy. The topic of the dissertation must be approved by the Course Director at the end of Hilary Full Term by the date specified in the Course Handbook. The dissertation must be submitted to the Examination Schools not later than noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity Full Term. The topic of the dissertation must be submitted to the Course Director for approval not later than 12 noon on Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The
2. Strike citation 1.6:

A candidate who fails the examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion within six terms of his or her initial registration. Such a candidate will be permitted to resubmit the same dissertation provided that this reached a satisfactory standard, while a candidate who has reached a satisfactory standard on one or more examination papers will not be required to retake that part of the examination.

Explanatory Notes

Minor amendments to update the regulations, including the approval of dissertation topics. Opportunity has also been taken strike citation 1.6 as the provisions fall under those of the General Regulations.