

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Officer Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (07/09/2020)

Master of Science by Coursework in Migration Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to require electronic submission of written work

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019*,

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscbinmigrstud&srchYear=2020&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 1.5 and 1.6 as follows:

^{1.5} | *The Politics of Movement: International Migration in the Social Sciences*

^{1.6} 5. This paper will provide an interdisciplinary perspective on history and politics of global mobility and migration, as well as engage with different epistemological approaches to studying mobility and migration. Assessment of this paper will take place in the form of one written essay of a maximum of 5,000 words (excluding notes and bibliography). This essay will be expected to display an understanding of key concepts and analysis in the economics, politics, sociology and anthropology of migration. Candidates shall submit their essay to the Examination Schools upload their essay electronically to Weblearn no later than 12 noon on Tuesday of the first week of the Hilary Term of the course, accompanied by a statement that the essay is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. Only the file submitted via Weblearn shall constitute a valid submission; no concomitant hard-copy may be submitted for any purpose.

2. Amend citation 1.11 – 1.13 as follows:

1.11 IV *Methods in Social Research*

1.128. Each student must display an understanding of research methods relevant to migration studies, which will be assessed by satisfactory completion of a course of practical work. This paper will cover (i) participant observation, in-depth interviewing, archival research, and qualitative data analysis; (ii) basic principles of statistical inference, and statistical models for the analysis of quantitative social science data; (iii) methods of data collection, including questionnaire design, interviewing and coding; and (iv) basic principles of statistical modelling in the social sciences.

1.139. Assessment of this paper shall take the form of two pieces of coursework, written during Michaelmas Term and Hilary Term. Each piece of work forming the portfolio shall be no more than 3,000 words (excluding appendices and bibliography). Candidates shall ~~submit~~ upload electronically to Weblearn a portfolio consisting of ~~copies of~~ all coursework ~~to the Examination Schools~~ no later than 42-noon on Tuesday of eighth week of the Trinity Term of the course, accompanied by a statement that the coursework is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. Only the file submitted via Weblearn shall constitute a valid submission; no concomitant hard-copy may be submitted for any purpose.

3. Amend citation 1.16 as follows:

1.1611. The dissertation ~~(two copies) must be typewritten and delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, must be uploaded electronically to Weblearn not later than noon on Thursday of eighth week of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken. An electronic copy must also be submitted to the M.Sc in Migration Studies Course Coordinator, again by the date and time specified above.~~ The dissertation must be presented in proper scholarly form, in 1.5 line spacing. Only the file submitted via Weblearn shall constitute a valid submission; no concomitant hard-copy may be submitted for any purpose. ~~and double-sided on A4 paper, each copy bound or held firmly in a stiff cover. The dissertation must be marked for the attention of the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc. in Migration Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford.~~ The word count shall be stated on the ~~outside~~ front cover of the dissertation. The examiners shall retain a copy of the dissertation of each candidate who receives a distinction in the dissertation ~~passes the examination~~ for deposit in the Social Sciences Library.

Explanatory Notes

Amendment to require electronic submission of written work. Opportunity has been taken to clarify the word count of the Methods in Social Research portfolio.