

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (07/09/2020)

Master of Science by Coursework in Modern South Asian Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to merge two of the three Research Methods courses into a single course 'Qualitative Research Methods in Humanities'

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019*,

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcimodesoutasiastud&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 1.4 – 1.8 as follows:

^{1.4} *Research Methods*

^{1.5} Candidates will complete one of the following ~~three~~ two courses in Research Methods:

^{1.6}(i) Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum take-home test in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

^{1.7}(ii) Qualitative Research Methods in Humanities ~~and Historical Methods~~: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum take-home test in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word essay on Historical Methods or Literature and Language to be set by Monday of Week 4 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of

Week 9 of Hilary Term.

~~4.8(iii) Qualitative Methods, Literature and Language: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum take-home test in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word essay on Literature and Language to be set by Monday of Week 4 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.~~

Explanatory Notes

Two of the existing three Research Methods courses ('Qualitative and Historical Methods' and 'Qualitative Methods: Literature and Language') will be merged into a single course entitled 'Qualitative Research Methods in Humanities'. The two courses have been informally connected since the programme's inception in 2017-18 and they are co-taught and co-examined. The change is intended to formalise current arrangements and to provide clarity to students. There will be no changes to the content, teaching or examination of students.