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

Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Master of Science by Coursework in Refugee and Forced 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=mosbciraforcmigrstud&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 1.9 – 1.17 as follows:

1.9 Individual Research Design Essay

1.10 Each student must display an understanding of research methods relevant to forced migration. This will be in the form of an individual research design essay of approximately, but no more than 3,000 words. The essay will engage with topics which may include: epistemology of social science; social science paradigms; ethics and values; quantitative, qualitative, and participatory methods of data collection.

1.11 The essay must be presented in a proper scholarly form and submitted electronically via Weblearn delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, no later than Friday noon in Week Seven of Hilary Term. Only the file submitted via Weblearn shall constitute a valid submission; no additional hard-copy may be submitted, for any purpose.

1.12 Multidisciplinary Thesis
1.13 Each student will be required to write a thesis of not less than 10,000 and not more than 15,000 words on a topic relevant to forced migration. The purpose of this thesis is to ensure that the students have engaged in a multidisciplinary analysis of a single issue in forced migration to gain an awareness of the complex interrelations in the field.

1.14 The topic of the thesis will require approval by the chair of examiners. This thesis must be the work of the candidate alone and aid from others must be limited to prior discussion as to the subject and advice on presentation. The thesis (two copies) must be submitted electronically via Weblearn by typewritten and delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on Thursday of Week Eight of Trinity Term. An electronic copy must also be submitted to the MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Coordinator, again by the date and time specified above. The thesis must be presented in proper scholarly form, in 1.5 line spacing and printed double sided on A4 paper, each copy bound or held firmly in a stiff cover. Only the file submitted via Weblearn shall constitute a valid submission; no additional hard-copy may be submitted, for any purpose. The examiners, with permission, shall retain a copy of all candidates’ theses that achieve a distinction for deposit in the Social Sciences Library.

1.15 Candidates may be provided with selected international legal materials for use during some examinations, as published annually in the Course Handbook.

1.16 Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination, which may relate to one or more elements of the candidate’s assessed work, be on one or more of the candidate’s written examinations, research design essay, or thesis.

1.17 A candidate who fails the examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the initial attempt.

Explanatory Notes

Amendment to require electronic submission. Opportunity is also taken to make a small number of factual corrections.