

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Science in Major Programme Management

Brief note about nature of change: Changes to clarify the regulations concerning the dissertation, and includes new guidance on supervision arrangements, submission content, and removes references to the dissertation deadline (which currently does not apply to all cohorts of the programme).

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2020-21*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcimajoprogrmana&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1>

Effective date

1 October 2021, for students commencing the programme in Michaelmas Term 2021.

^{1.1}1. Candidates will follow for twenty-four months (part time), a programme of instruction in Major Programme Management.

^{1.2}2. The programme will consist of eight compulsory courses, as prescribed in the schedule, and a dissertation of 10,000 words. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the assessment associated with each component. Modes of assessment and submission dates will be published by the M.Sc. Director and distributed to all candidates in the first week of the Michaelmas Term of the year in which the assessment takes place. All pieces of assessment will be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme learning platform.

^{1.3}3. Dissertation

^{1.4}(a) The title of the dissertation must be approved by the MPPM Programme Committee

no later than eight weeks after the end of Module 8.

1.5(b) The dissertation supervision schedule is laid out in the dissertation guide, available on the programme learning platform. In exceptional circumstances additional supervision may be required; requests should be made to the M.Sc. Director.

1.6(c) The dissertation should demonstrate an ability to identify, formulate, implement and present a project in the area of Major Programme Management. The dissertation, not exceeding 10,000 words in length, must be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme learning platform, ~~normally by noon on the first Monday of September at the end of the second year of the course. All material submitted for the dissertation shall be accompanied by a declaration of authorship statement indicating that it is the candidate's own work.~~

1.7(d) The Research Methods assignment may be submitted as part of the dissertation providing:

- 1.8(i)** it has not been submitted in whole or in part for another degree of the University of Oxford, or a degree of any other university, and the candidate submits a statement to that effect;
- 1.9(ii)** the dissertation itself is substantially new;
- 1.10(iii)** the candidate also submits ~~both the original Research Methods assignment itself and~~ a statement specifying the extent of what is new.

1.114. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the assessment of any one of the components may retake/resubmit the failed assessment only once, no more than twelve months after the final meeting of the Board of Examiners, excluding any period of suspension. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the dissertation may resubmit it on one, but no more than one, occasion which shall normally be by Week 10 of the Hilary Term in the following year.

1.125. The Examiners may choose to examine any candidate or group viva voce.

1.136. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out their studies, the MSc Director(s) concerned may grant him or her a request for a temporary suspension of status, for not less than one month and not more than twelve months at any one time. Applications for suspension of status should be made to the MSc Director(s) concerned, c/o the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant; and will require additional approval from the Director of Graduate Studies. No student may be granted more than twenty-four months' suspension of status in this way by the MSc Director.

Schedule of Core Courses

1.14(i) Designing and Managing Successful Programmes

1.15(ii) Major Programme Risk

1.16(iii) Systems Thinking

~~1.16~~ **1.17**(iv) Governance & Stakeholder Management

~~1.17~~ **1.18**(v) Commercial Leadership

~~1.18~~ **1.19**(vi) Research Methods

~~1.19~~ **1.20**(vii) Managing Performance

~~1.20~~ **1.21**(viii) Globalisation and Major Programmes

Explanatory Notes

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