

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Brief note about nature of change: Update to rubric of subject 202 'British Politics and Government since 1900'

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2020*,
<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsop-poliandecon&srchYear=2019&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1>

Effective date

For students who started the BA in PPE from MT 2019

For first final examination from 2021-22

Detail of change

^{1.106}202. *British Politics and Government since 1900*

^{1.107}British politics (including the major domestic political crises, ideologies and political issues) and the evolution of the British political and constitutional system (including elections and the electoral system, political parties, parliament, the cabinet system, and machinery of government). 'Political issues' will be taken to include the political implications of social and economic development and the domestic implications of foreign and imperial policy. ~~Candidates will be expected to show knowledge of developments both before and since 1951.~~

Explanatory Notes

Subject 202 covers the period since 1900. The 1951 stipulation was originally introduced to ensure that candidates demonstrated that they had covered the whole period. However, the paper is now taught in a more thematic and less chronological way, so the stipulation is no

longer pedagogically necessary. In addition, the stipulation has proved hard to apply, as the examination questions are now more thematic, and hence less identifiably pre- or post- 1951. The stipulation leads candidates to insert explicit pre- or post- 1951 events, in some cases in sacrifice of answering the examination question asked. It is proposed to strike the stipulation from the regulations for first examination in Trinity term 2022, to better reflect the way in which the paper is now taught and examined.