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

#### Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of QAC 27/7/21 and on behalf of EdC 11/8/21

#### Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]

Honour School of Jurisprudence (Course 2)

#### Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to dissertation regulations.

#### Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2019-20
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsoj-c2&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1

#### Effective date

For students starting from MT2018 who commenced the FHS in TT19, for first examination in 2021-22.

#### Detail of change

Amend citation reference 1.20, 1.43, 1.44, 1.45, 1.54 and 1.55 and renumber as follows:

1. In addition to the core subjects, candidates must offer two further optional subjects from a list approved by the Board of the Faculty of Law. The list for the following academic year shall be posted in the Law Faculty Office and sent to college tutors, together with individual specifications and examination methods, not later than the beginning of the fifth week of the Hilary Term in the year before the Honour School examination will be held. Depending on the availability of teaching resources, not all optional subjects will be available to all candidates in every given year. If any such subject has to be withdrawn after it has appeared on the lists approved by the Board of the Faculty of Law, notice will be given in the Law Faculty Handbook for Undergraduate Students for the relevant year, which will be published and made available on the Faculty website by Monday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Term that year. Candidates selected for the Jessup Moot team may take the Jessup Moot option in place of one of the two optional subjects. Further regulations for the Jessup Moot option appear under 17. below. In addition, candidates may offer a dissertation as one of their option subjects. Further regulations for students proposing to submit a
1.43 **Optional Subjects** **Jessup Moot**

1.44 The following further regulations apply to the optional Jessup Moot subject:

1.45 The Jessup Moot option may only be taken by candidates who are members of the Law Faculty’s team participating in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition (‘the Jessup Moot’). Candidates may not be assessed for both this option and the full optional subject ‘public international law’.

1.46 On being selected for the Jessup Moot team, each candidate will be required to sign a declaration acknowledging the obligations and expectations upon them. Details are provided in the Law Faculty Handbook for Undergraduate Students.

1.47 Candidates will study subject matter falling within the field of public international law, as defined in the course description for the ‘public international law’ option provided in the Law Faculty Handbook for Undergraduate Students. In addition, candidates will study in detail the subject area covered by the Jessup Moot compromis (the competition problem set) in preparation for writing the memorials.

1.48 The means of assessment for the Jessup Moot optional subject will be twofold.

- **1.49(i)** By noon on the day after the deadline for submission of memorials to the Jessup Moot Competition, as published in the Undergraduate Handbook, (or if that deadline falls on a Friday, by noon of the following Monday), one of the option candidates must submit in electronic form to the Law Faculty Examinations Officer the following items on behalf of all of the candidates taking the option:
  - **1.50(a)** two written assessments of up to 12,000 words each, which will constitute the appellant and respondent memorials submitted for the Jessup Moot for the year in question;
  - **1.51(b)** a declaration of joint authorship, signed by all the candidates, acknowledging that each has made a significant contribution, commensurate to that of the other team members, and confirming that each is aware that they will all receive the same mark for the submissions.

- **1.52** The marks for the memorials will constitute 50 per cent of the total mark for the Jessup Moot option.

- **1.53(ii)** Candidates will take the public international law examination at the end of their final year, but will answer only two questions (one from Part A and one from Part B) in a total of 90 minutes, rather than four questions in 180 minutes. The mark awarded will constitute the remaining 50 per cent of the total mark for the Jessup Moot option and will be added to the mark attained under i) to produce an overall mark for the option.

1.54 **Dissertation**

1.55(i) As one of their option subjects, students may undertake a dissertation of between
8,000 and 10,000 words, inclusive of footnotes but excluding bibliography.

1.56(ii) Students wishing to write a dissertation must submit a proposal of 500-600 words to the Law Faculty Office by Friday of the week preceding 0th Week of Michaelmas Term of the final year.

1.57(iii) Theses previously submitted for the Honour School of Jurisprudence may be resubmitted. No thesis will be accepted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. No thesis shall, however, be ineligible because it has been or is being submitted for any scholarship or prize of this University.

1.58(iv) Students must submit the final dissertation using the University approved online assessment platform by no later than noon on Friday of Week 8 of Hilary Term of the final year of the course. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Course Handbook.

1.59(v) Students whose proposals are rejected or who miss the deadline for submission of proposals will instead pursue the two option subjects for which they signed up in the Trinity Term preceding their final year.

1.60 Statutes and other source material

1.61 Details of the statutes and other sources of material which will be available to candidates in the examination room for certain papers will be given in the teaching conventions and in examiners' edicts circulated to candidates.

Explanatory Notes

Amendment to the regulations to allow students to undertake a dissertation as one of their option subjects.