

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by officer's action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee on 1 November 2024

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Global and Area Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to option submission requirements.

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas term 2024

For first examination from 2024/25

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* [2024-25, Master of Philosophy in Global and Area Studies](#)

Details of Change:

Amend citations 1.5 and 1.7 as follows:

1.54. Candidates will choose one Comparative Area Studies paper and one option paper from lists published by the Course Director in the Course Handbook at the beginning of the academic year in which the option paper is to be taken. For each paper, candidates will either present themselves for a written examination ~~in Trinity Term~~, or submit an essay ~~of no more than 5,000 words~~ in Hilary or Trinity term by the deadline specified in the Course Handbook.

1.1711. Candidates will choose two further option papers from a list, including details of the assessment method, published by the Course Director in the Course Handbook at the beginning of the academic year in which the option papers are to be taken. Candidates will either present themselves for a three-hour written examination ~~in Trinity Term~~, or submit an essay ~~of no more than 5,000 words~~ by the deadline specified in the Course Handbook.

Explanatory Notes

The changes are:

1. Removing the cap of 5,000 words on an essay to accommodate an option paper of 5,500 words; and
2. Accommodating Hilary term assessed option papers.