

**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 7 July 2025**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Global Governance and Diplomacy

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Permitting students to take option papers offered outside of the Department of International Development

**Effective date**

For students starting from Michaelmas term 2025

For first examination from 2025/26

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* [Master of Science by Coursework in Global Governance and Diplomacy](#)

In addition to the changes published in the *Gazette* on 31 October 2024 [Global Governance and Diplomacy, MSc, 31 October](#)

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations as follows:

1.11. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of International Development.

1.22. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Global Governance and Diplomacy for three terms.

1.33. Candidates will complete the following two core courses assessed by written examination at the end of Trinity term.

1.4(i) A foundation paper in Global Governance and Diplomacy.

1.5(ii) -Research Methods.

1.64. Candidates will choose two option papers. ~~Details of the options papers available, and the submission requirements and timings, will be made available for students to select at the start of Michaelmas term.~~ one of which must be offered by the MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy (GGD). The second option may be selected from either (a) GGD courses, (b) an option course in another relevant master's degree in the Department of International Development, or exceptionally (c) in the University. Option courses offered outside the Department of International Development may only be examined subject to permission from the GGD Teaching Committee. Applications to do this must be made following the requirements and by the date specified in the Course Handbook. Details of option papers available within the Department, and the assessment requirements and timings, will be made available for students to select at the start of Michaelmas term. Where students are taking an option paper offered by another relevant master's degree outside of the Department of International Development, candidates are required to follow the assessment requirements of the degree in question.

1.75. Candidates will complete a 10,000-12,000 word dissertation on the analysis of an issue in global governance or diplomacy. The topic of the dissertation must be approved by the Course Director at the end of Hilary term by the date specified in the Course Handbook. The dissertation must be submitted by no later than noon on Thursday of Week 6 of Trinity term.

1.86. The essays for the option papers and the dissertation must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Course Handbook.

1.97. Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any part of the examination.

**Explanatory Notes**

Permitting students to take option papers offered outside of the Department of International Development, subject to the approval of the GGD Teaching Committee.