

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 6 March 2025.

Title of Programme

Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of Research in Practice, confirmation and submission deadlines relevant to the doctoral training partnership cohort.

Effective date

Effective immediately for all students on course.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* [2024-25, Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership](#)

Details of Change:

Insert the underlined text as follows:

1. Programmes covered by these regulations

^{1.1}These regulations shall apply to all research students registered for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy who have been awarded a studentship by the Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP). The General Regulations Governing Research Degrees and the relevant disciplinary Special Regulations for Research Degrees shall apply except as specified below. The provisions of sections 2-4 do not apply to students awarded a studentship to start studies before October 2024.

2. Research in Practice

^{1.2}Students will normally be required to undertake a 3-month placement within an academic or non-academic organisation agreed in consultation with their supervisor(s) and approved by the DTP Director.

^{1.3}The placement will normally be undertaken after Transfer of Status and must be completed before final submission of the thesis.

^{1.4}Students are required to submit a written report of between 1500-2000 words within 6 weeks of completion of the placement and before final submission of their thesis to the satisfaction of the DTP Director. Full details of the submission requirements are published on the DTP website. Where a student does not submit a report, or the report is considered unsatisfactory, the student shall be interviewed by the DTP Director who will determine if any further remedial action is required.

3. Confirmation of Status

^{1.5}Students first admitted to Probationer Research Status shall normally apply for Confirmation of Status by no later than their eighth term (or sixteenth term if studying part-time), or where admitted direct to DPhil status, by the normal deadline required by the relevant Special Regulations for Research Degrees for their discipline.

4. Submission

^{1.6}Students are normally required to submit their final thesis within the funded period of their studentship.

Explanatory Notes

Students awarded an ESRC Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership studentship to start studies prior to October 2024 are not required to follow the Research in Practice, confirmation of status or submission deadlines as outlined above. These provisions apply to studentship holders starting from October 2024 onwards.