

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's action on behalf of Education Committee on 14 November 2024.

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Latin American Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to the list of 'disciplinary courses'

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas term 2025.

For first examination from 2025/26

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024-25, Master of Philosophy in Latin American Studies* (ox.ac.uk)

Details of Change:

Amend citations as follows:

1.1 For the purposes of this examination, 'Latin America' will be interpreted as the eighteen Spanish-speaking republics of the Western Hemisphere, plus Brazil, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

1.2 The regulations are as follows:

1.3.1. Candidates for the MSc in Latin American Studies will:

1.4(a) Follow a course of instruction for three terms. Students take three courses in the year of registration. These courses must include at least two of the disciplinary courses from among the following five disciplines: Economics, History, International Relations, Politics, and **Environmental Geography** **Sociology**. Details of the assessment for each course will be published in the Course Handbook.

1.5(b-) Submit a dissertation, not exceeding 10,000 words, including footnotes and appendices. A draft title for the dissertation must be submitted for approval by the Latin American Centre Management Committee by 12:00 noon on the Friday of Week 2 of the Hilary Term preceding the written examination. An electronic copy of the dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Monday of Week 5 of Trinity Term in the calendar year in which the examination is taken. Only the file uploaded via the University approved online assessment platform constitutes a valid submission; no concomitant hard-copy may be submitted. The submission must be anonymous, and the submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

1.6(c-) Candidates may also be required to present themselves for an oral examination if requested to do so by the examiners. The oral examination may focus on any of the candidate's assessments, including the dissertation.

1.72. The list of option courses will be published on the Latin American Centre website and in the *University Gazette* in Week 0 of Michaelmas Term. Candidates must take the disciplinary course in Economics if they wish to take a further paper in that discipline. Specialisation on a single country or a combination of countries is permitted so long as the choice appears in the list of available papers published.

1.83. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed if they have passed all three assessment papers and the dissertation.

1.9 **Oxford 1+1 MBA programme**

1.10 Candidates registered on the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme will follow an additional two or three-month bridging programme at the end of their third term of the combined programme.

1.11 Each candidate will be appointed an academic advisor from the Saïd Business School to plan an individual course of study which will include as a minimum, the following two compulsory elements:

1.12(i) Normally two meetings during the bridging programme with the senior advisor appointed by the Saïd Business School at the start of the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme.

1.13(ii) A formatively assessed Integrative Development Plan of up to 3,000 words. Candidates would be required to critically reflect on their learning from the Masters programme and relate this both to their forthcoming MBA programme as well as to their career goals. The meetings with the advisor will frame the design, delivery and discussion of the plan.

Explanatory Notes

Students must pick two courses from the list of disciplinary courses, currently consisting of: Economics, History, International Relations, Politics, and Sociology. The Sociology course will not be offered in 2025-26. The Environmental Geography course will take its place as a disciplinary course.

This change will also impact year 1 of the MPhil Latin American Studies, which refers to these regulations.