

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

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of QAC on 28/06/2022

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management

Brief note about nature of change: change to assessment deadline for elective courses.

Effective date

For all MPhil students with effect from Michaelmas term 2022, for first examination in 2022-23.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (2020/21):

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopibiod-consandmana&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1>

Details of Change:

Amend citation 1.8 as follows:

^{1.1}1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.

^{1.2}2. During the first year, candidates for the MPhil will:

^{1.3}(a) follow a course of instruction for three terms in the MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment. They will be assessed in all aspects of the MSc programme, with the exception of the dissertation.

^{1.4}(b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for approval

to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department. Candidates registered for the MSc programme in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management may request a transfer to the MPhil degree by submitting an application by the deadline stipulated by the Standing Committee.

^{1.5}3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the second year of the MPhil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers, normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed with the degree.

^{1.6}4. In the second year, candidates for the MPhil will:

^{1.7}(a) offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words. The maximum word count shall include footnotes, but exclude appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Standing Committee, and be published in the course handbook. The thesis must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform no later than noon on the first weekday of September at the end of the second year. The submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library, and will be required to sign a form stating whether they will permit their thesis to be consulted.

^{1.8}(b) submit one extended essay based on new work set as part of the assessment of the appropriate SoGE MSc elective module not taken in the first year of study. Essays based on an elective taken during Michaelmas Term shall be submitted by noon on ~~the first weekday~~ **Friday of Week 0** of Hilary Term. Essays based on an elective taken during Hilary Term, shall be submitted by noon on ~~the first weekday~~ **Friday of Week 0** of Trinity Term. These essays must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by the dates indicated above and must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work. Approval for the topic of the essay must have been obtained from the elective leader prior to submission.

Explanatory Notes

Change to assessment deadline for elective courses.