

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

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved by Officer's Action on behalf of QAC on 13/05/2022**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Philosophy in Comparative Social Policy

**Brief note about nature of change:** correction of typographical errors in the text.

**Effective date**

With immediate effect for all cohorts.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* (2021/22):

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopicompsocipoli&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations 1.5 and 1.8 as follows:

**Final Examination**

<sup>1.3</sup>Every candidate must offer:

<sup>1.4</sup>1. One further option paper. This will be from a list published annually by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention or, in exceptional circumstances and with the special permission of the Course Director, from subjects outside this list.

<sup>1.5</sup>2. A thesis of not more than 30,000 words that employs **the** comparative method in the study of a social policy topic. The word count applies to the text, but does not include

graphs, tables and charts in the main text, or bibliography. An additional word limit of 6,000 words in total applies to the abstract, footnotes, endnotes and technical appendices (including graphs, tables and charts). Candidates are required to upload the thesis using the University approved online assessment platform by noon on Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Course Handbook. Successful candidates may be required to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Social Science Library.

<sup>1.6</sup>The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

## **Compulsory Papers**

<sup>1.7</sup>*Methods of Social Research*

<sup>1.8</sup>A course of practical work in (i) basic principles of statistical inference, and statistical models for the analysis of quantitative social science data, and (ii) the rationale and techniques of qualitative research appropriate to social policy and related social enquiry. Such practical course work in social research methods shall be assessed by a series of assignments set during the first two terms of the course. These shall be listed in the Course Handbook and submission dates set for each assignment. Each of the two quantitative assignments will be of a maximum length of 2,500 words. The qualitative assignment will be of a maximum length of 3,000 words. These shall be marked during the course. Candidates shall submit their assignments using the University approved online assessment platform. Technical information on the requirements for online submission is provided in the Course Handbook. In the event of any candidate not reaching the pass mark set for either the qualitative or quantitative assignments, one further attempt shall be permitted within the same examination year, though in the event of a successful resubmission only the bare pass mark shall be awarded.

<sup>1.9</sup>*The Core Paper: Comparative Social Policy and Social Policy Analysis*

<sup>1.10</sup>This paper is based on two courses: Comparative Social Policy and Social Policy Analysis.

## **Explanatory Notes**

Correction of typographical errors in the text.