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

Social Sciences Board

Approved by officer's action on behalf of QAC in 11/03/2022

Title of Programme
Master of Philosophy in Development Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to clarify the assessment types and submissions process for options courses.

Effective date
For MPhil students entering the programme with effect from MT22.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2020-21:
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopindevestud&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1

Details of Change:
Amend citations 1.21 and 1.22 as follows:

1.187. Final year examinations

1.197.1. Every candidate must satisfy the examiners in following components:

1.20(a) A thesis of not more than 30,000 words (excluding bibliography but including footnotes and appendices) on a topic approved by the MPhil Teaching Committee, to which the Graduate Studies Committee delegates this function. The thesis must be on a topic in the general field of development studies. The topic of the thesis must be chosen in consultation with and with the approval of the candidate's supervisor. If a separate thesis supervisor is required, he or she must have agreed to undertake the supervision prior to the approval of
the topic as specified above. The thesis must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform not later than the Friday of the first week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken.

1.21 (b) Two options courses. Options courses will be assessed either by a timed written examination in Trinity term or an option course coursework submission(s) in the second year of study. Details of the options papers available and the submission requirements for each option will be made available during the first year of the course. Candidates may offer an option course in other relevant masters degrees in the University, subject to permission from the relevant Graduate Studies Committee and from the MPhil Teaching Committee. Applications to do this must be made following the requirements and by the date specified in the Course Handbook.

1.22 All coursework assessments must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Course Handbook.

1.23 Where an option course is assessed by an essay and is offered in another relevant masters degree in the University, candidates are required to follow the submission requirements of the degree in question.

1.24 7.2. Failure in one or more components of the final year examination results in failure of the degree. Candidates may re-take the assessment of the failed options paper(s) and/or resubmit the thesis in Trinity Term of the following academic year.

Explanatory Notes

Amendment to clarify the assessment type and submissions process for options courses.