

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 the Social Sciences Division Quality Assurance Committee on 26 July 2022

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Global and Area Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to option papers.

Revision to progression regulations.

Removal of examination lengths.

Effective date

Michaelmas 2022

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (academic year):

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

Details of Change:

Strike the following text:

^{1.33}. Candidates will present themselves for a ~~three-hour~~ written examination on the core course Competing Approaches in Areas Studies in Trinity Term.

^{1.44}. Candidates will choose one Comparative Area Studies paper and one option paper from lists published by the Course Director in the Course Handbook at the beginning of the academic year in which the option paper is to be taken. For each paper, candidates will either present themselves for a ~~three-hour~~ written examination in Trinity Term, or

submit an essay of no more than 5,000 words in Trinity by the deadline specified in the Course Handbook.

Remove citations 1.9-1.10 and renumber.

~~¹⁻⁹(iii) Multimodal Communication, Culture and Society: a 4,000 word maximum project to be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.~~

~~¹⁻¹⁰(iv) Topics in Quantitative Methods: a 4,000 word maximum project to be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.~~

Replace citation 1.12 with the following text:

~~¹⁻¹²8. Candidates will be required to pass the core course examination, the Comparative Area Studies option examination, the option paper examination essay and the two Research Methods assessments to progress to the second year. Candidates who fail either of the Research Methods assessments will be permitted to resubmit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark(s), on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners. If a student fails one or more of the core or option papers they will normally be required to re-sit and pass the failed papers before proceeding to the second year of the MPhil course.~~

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Explanatory Notes

Two additional options for Research Methods have been removed as they are still under development and not ready to be offered (these have not been advertised to incoming students).

Following one student failing an element of the course this year, the Exam Board reviewed the rules for progression from year 1 to year 2. The Board recommended giving the Teaching Committee the discretion to approve progression and for a resit to take place during the Trinity Term of the second year, aligning the course more closely with other OSGA programmes.

