

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 Divisional Quality Assurance Committee on 9 August 2022

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Social Anthropology

Brief note about nature of change:

Amendments to reflect current assessment practice.

Effective date

Michaelmas 2022

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (academic year):

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopinsocianth&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1>

Details of Change:

Strike all citations (1.1-1.18):

~~^{1.1}The Social Sciences Divisional Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee, namely the Teaching Committee of the School of Anthropology, which shall have power to arrange lectures and other instruction. The course director shall be responsible to that committee.~~

~~^{1.2}The examination shall consist of the following:~~

- ~~• ^{1.3}1. Qualifying Examination~~

~~^{1.4}Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in an examination for which, if he or she passes at the appropriate level, he or she will be allowed to proceed to the second year of the M.Phil. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Social Anthropology for at least three terms, and will, when entering for the examinations, be required to produce a certificate from their supervisor to this effect. The Qualifying Examination shall be taken in the Trinity Term of the academic year in which the~~

~~candidate's name is first entered on the Register of M.Phil. students or, with the approval of the divisional board, in a subsequent year.~~

~~^{1.5}Each candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in Part I (papers 1—3) of the syllabus described in the Schedule for the M.Sc. in Social Anthropology, and governed by regulation 4 for that degree.~~

~~● ^{1.6}2. *Final Examination*~~

~~^{1.7}This shall be taken in the Trinity Term of the academic year following that in which the candidate's name is first entered on the Register of M.Phil. Students or, with the approval of the Teaching Committee, in a subsequent year.~~

~~^{1.8}Each candidate shall be required:~~

- ~~○ ^{1.9}(i) to present himself or herself for written examination or to submit for examination one coursework essay, as required for the course, in one of the optional areas or topics available for that year, other than that taken by the candidate in the M.Phil. Qualifying Examination the previous year;~~
- ~~○ ^{1.10}(ii) to submit via the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon on Thursday of the fifth week of Trinity Term an essay of not more than 5,000 words in the field of general Social Anthropology, on a topic to be selected from a list set by the examiners at the beginning of the third week of Trinity Term; the essay must be anonymous, accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work, and submitted in electronic file format;~~
- ~~○ ^{1.11}(iii) to submit a thesis in accordance with the regulations below;~~
- ~~○ ^{1.12}(iv) to present himself or herself for oral examination if required by the examiners.~~

~~● ^{1.13}3. *Thesis*~~

~~^{1.14}Each candidate shall be required to submit a thesis of not more than 30,000 words (excluding references and appendices) on a subject approved by the supervisor. He or she shall send to the Teaching Committee of the School of Anthropology, with the written approval of his or her supervisor, and on a form provided for that purpose, a preliminary title of the thesis, together with a paragraph describing its scope, by noon on the Thursday of the fifth week of the Trinity Term of the first year of the course. A further form, identical in its provisions, and confirming or amending the earlier submission as necessary, shall be submitted to the above Committee by noon on the Monday of the second week of the Michaelmas Term in the academic year following that in which his or her name was entered on the Register of M.Phil. Students. The thesis must be submitted via the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon on Thursday of the second week of the Trinity Full Term of the second year of the M.Phil. The thesis must be anonymous, accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work, and submitted in electronic file format. The thesis shall be provided with an abstract of up~~

~~to 250 words, to be placed immediately after the title page. The word count shall be stated on the title page of the thesis.~~

~~1.15 The examiners shall require a successful candidate to deposit a copy of his or her thesis in the Tylor Library. If the thesis is superseded by a D.Phil. thesis by the same student partly using the same material, the Teaching Committee of the School of Anthropology may authorise the withdrawal of the M.Phil. thesis from the Tylor Library. Such candidates will be required to sign a form stating whether they give permission for their thesis to be consulted.~~

~~1.16 If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work which has been required of a candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify him or her for the Degree of M.Phil. the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. examination under the appropriate regulation.~~

~~1.17~~ **4. Resits**

~~1.18 In order to pass the degree, a student must pass all its assessed components. Where one or more components are failed, the student will be given the opportunity to re-sit or re-submit them once, as the case may be. Any subsequent award of the degree on successful completion of all the assessed components may be delayed by up to three terms, i.e. until the Examination Board next meets.~~

Insert the following and number:

1. The course shall be under the supervision of the Teaching Committee of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography

2. Candidates will be required to follow a course of instruction in Social Anthropology for six terms.

3. The examinations shall consist of the following:

Qualifying Examination

Each candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in papers 1-4 as described in the regulations for the MSc in Social Anthropology.

To pass the qualifying examination and proceed to the second year of the MPhil, candidates must achieve an average mark of 60 or above across the four examination papers.

Final Examination

- (i) Candidates will take one option paper from a list of those approved by the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography to be published by the end of week 2 of Michaelmas term, other than that taken by the candidate in the MPhil Qualifying Examination. The option paper will be assessed by one or more submissions, full details of which are set out in the Course Handbook**

- (ii) Candidates will submit an essay of no more than 5,000 words to be submitted by noon on Thursday of week 5 of Trinity term, in the field of Social Anthropology, on a topic to be selected from a list set by the examiners at the beginning of the third week of Trinity Term;
- (iii) Candidates will submit a thesis of not more than 30,000 words, and an abstract of up to 250 words, on a subject approved by the supervisor, by noon on Thursday of week 2 of Trinity term;
- (iv) Candidates may be requested to attend on oral examination if required by the examiners.

4. All 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.

5. The examiners shall require a successful candidate to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Social Sciences Library.

Explanatory Notes

Amendments to reflect current assessment practice.