

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Quality Assurance Committee on 3 July 2023

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition

Brief note about nature of change:

Increasing resit deadline flexibility.

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas 2023

For first examination from 2023/24

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23, Master of Science by Coursework in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition (ox.ac.uk)*

Details of Change:

Amend citation 1.6 as follows:

^{1.6} 6. If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may re-sit the assessment on one further occasion. The submission date of the re-sit will be the next time the module is assessed in the following year, or by a date published by the Course Director, which will be no sooner than 6 weeks from the release of the results. If a candidate fails the dissertation, they may resubmit it on the next occasion when dissertations are examined, **or at an earlier date as agreed with the Course Director**. Grades for re-sits of summative assessments and re-submissions of dissertations are **normally** capped at 50.

Explanatory Notes

The change is to introduce the option of an earlier submission for the dissertation to allow students flexibility. Students are currently required to resubmit their work on the next

occasion when it is examined, which leads to a lengthy wait for those students who can complete their resubmission early. The addition of the words “or at an earlier date as agreed with the Course Director” provides that degree of flexibility for the students, but also ensures that the Course Director will be able to review the request and prevent early resubmission if it is deemed inappropriate.