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

Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme
Master of Science by Coursework in Archaeological Science

Brief note about nature of change: correction of typos and rephrasing of word count limits to ensure they are consistent.

Effective date
From Michaelmas Term 2021, with immediate effect.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2021/22:
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcinarchscie&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1

Explanatory Notes
Amend points 1.7 and 1.13 as follows:

[1.1]1. Within the Division of Social Sciences, the course shall be administered by the School of Archaeology. The regulations made are as follows:

[1.2]2. Candidates for admission must apply to the School of Archaeology.

[1.3]3. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Archaeological Science for at least three terms and for a substantial part of the three subsequent vacations, as determined by the course timetable.
4. The written examination shall consist of:

- [1.5] (a) three papers on the syllabus described in the Schedule, to be taken as written examinations in the second week of Trinity Term, and
- [1.6] (b) one pre-set essay of no more than 10,000 words, the subject and length of which must be submitted for approval to the Chair of Examiners by noon on the Friday of the sixth week of Hilary Term. Candidates must upload their essay to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Monday of first week of Trinity Term. Essays must bear the candidate's examination number but not his or her name, and must include a statement of the number of words.
- [1.7] (c) in lieu of one of the three papers described in the Schedule, candidates may, with the permission of the School of Archaeology's Graduate Studies Committee, take one of the options from the M.Stc in Archaeology or M.Stc in Classical Archaeology (Schedule B only), to be examined by two pre-set essays, each of approximately no more than 5,000 words. Candidates taking such an option would be examined on one pre-set essay of approximately no more than 5,000 words on a topic in Archaeological Science in lieu of the requirements laid out in b) above.

5. Each candidate will be required to submit a dissertation of no more than 20,000 words, (excluding bibliography and/or catalogues), on a research area selected in consultation with the supervisor and approved by a person designated for this purpose by the Chair of Examiners for Archaeological Science. Proposed titles must be submitted for approval to the Chair of Examiners by noon on the Friday of the sixth week of Hilary Term.

6. Candidates must upload their dissertation to the University approved online assessment platform no later than noon on the Friday four weeks and two days before the start of the following Michaelmas Term.

7. The examiners may require to see the records of practical work carried out during the course.

8. Candidates must present themselves for an oral examination if required by the examiners. This may be on one of the candidate's written papers, or dissertation, or both.

9. In the case of failure in just one part of the examination (written papers, extended essay(s), dissertation), the candidate will be permitted to retake that part of the examination on one further occasion, not later than one year after the initial attempt. Written papers would be retaken the following year. Pass or failure in the written papers will be taken as an average of all written papers and in the case of failure all written papers must be retaken. If the candidate passes all parts of the examination except the dissertation, the dissertation may be considered as a practical report as defined in the schedule for the M.Stc and, if of a sufficiently high standard, the candidate may be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of M.Stc.