

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Economics for Development

Brief note about nature of change:

Ability to take option courses from the ODID PGT option course portfolio.

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas term 2023

For first examination from 2023/24

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2021-22, Master of Science by Coursework in Economics for Development (ox.ac.uk)*

Details of Change:

Amend citations and re-number as follows:

new citation 1. The course shall be under the joint supervision of the Graduate Studies Committees of the Department of International Development and the Department of Economics, which are under the supervision of the Social Sciences Divisional Board.

1.14.2 Every candidate for the M.Sc. must follow a course of instruction in Economics for Development for at least three terms. Candidates will, when entering for the examination, be required to produce a certificate from their society to this effect.

1.22.3 The examination will consist of:

1.3(a) the following **compulsory** written papers, the syllabuses for which are given in the schedule:

1.4(i) Macroeconomic Theory and International Trade

1.5(ii) Microeconomic Theory

1.6(iii) Development Economics

1.7(iv) Quantitative Methods

1.8(b) a **compulsory** dissertation.

1.9 The dissertation shall be on a topic falling within the general field of development economics. The topic shall be selected by the student in consultation with the supervisor, and approved by the Course Director by the end of the first week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is taken. The maximum length and form of the dissertation and instructions for submission will be communicated to candidates by the Chair of Examiners.

The dissertation is to be submitted by noon on Monday of week 5 Trinity term.

1.10 ~~34~~. The candidate may also be examined orally.

Schedule

1.11(i) *Macroeconomic Theory and International Trade*

1.12 Questions will be set on aspects of macroeconomic theory and the theory of international trade, central to the study of economic development. Full details of course content and structure will be provided in the *M.Sc. Economics for Development Handbook* published at the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

1.13(ii) *Microeconomic Theory*

1.14 Questions will be set on aspects of microeconomic theory central to the study of economic development. Full details of course content and structure will be provided in the *M.Sc. Economics for Development Handbook* published at the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

1.15(iii) *Development Economics*

1.16 Questions will be set on topics in development economics from a series of taught modules. The modules offered, which may vary from year to year, will normally be listed in the *M.Sc. Economics for Development Handbook* issued at the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken, or as an addendum to the Handbook no later than 8th week of Michaelmas Full Term.

[new citation] With the approval of the Course Director, a candidate may substitute a topic from the *Development Economics* course with an appropriate option from the MPhil Development Studies, MSc Global Governance & Diplomacy, MSc Migration Studies, or MSc Refugee & Forced Migration Studies. Where a topic has been substituted, the candidate will sit a pro-rata *Development Economics* written examination and the assessment from the option course as published in the Course Handbook.

1.17(iv) *-Quantitative Methods*

^{1.18} Questions will be set on the theory and practice of quantitative methods used in the study of economic development. Full details of course content and structure will be provided in the *M.Sc. Economics for Development Handbook* published at the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken.

Explanatory Notes

This change is to allow students to take option topics from outside of the course, within the ODID PGT portfolio.

A student following a 'normal' route takes a few (3-4) development economics topics (seminars/lectures) and at the end would sit the compulsory Development Economics exam (3 questions in 3 hours, relevant to the topics they had studied).

A student taking the options from the ODID PGT portfolio would take 2 development economics topics and the substitute topic from the wider ODID portfolio. The student would then sit a shorter version of the compulsory Development Economics exam (2 questions in 2 hours, relevant to the topics they have studied) plus the assessment from the substitute option topic (usually a 3,000-word take-home essay submitted in TT1).