

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 QAC on 30/06/2022

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Educational Assessment (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change: Clarification of administrative arrangements for the degree and addition of schedule.

Effective date

For all MSc students from Michaelmas Term 2022 for first examination in 2022-23

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (2021/22):

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

Details of Change:

Amend citations 1.1-1.7 and re-number as follows:

1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Academic Committee of the Department of Education.

^{1.1}~~1.~~ **2.** Candidates must follow for six terms a course of instruction specializing in Educational Assessment. This course is available on a part-time basis only.

^{1.2}~~2.~~ **3.** The examination shall consist of three core papers, one option paper, and a dissertation. Candidates will be informed of the available options by Friday of 0th week of Michaelmas Term in the year they start their course.

- ^{1.3}~~3.~~ **4.** Papers are normally assessed by one or more coursework assignments totalling no more than 4,500 words (~~inclusive of footnotes but excluding bibliography and appendices~~). The details of the assessment requirements for each paper will be provided in the Course Handbook. All such assignments must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by the times and dates specified in the course handbook at the start of the course. ~~Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.~~
- ^{1.4}~~4.~~ **5.** Candidates are required to submit a dissertation of 15,000 – 20,000 words (~~inclusive of footnotes/endnotes but excluding appendices and references or bibliography~~), the title to be selected in consultation with the supervisor, on a topic relevant to the course. The subject and title selected by the candidate must be approved by the course director at a time to be announced at the beginning of the academic year in which the examination is taken.
- ^{1.5}~~5.~~ **6.** The dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon on the third Thursday in September in the final year of the course. ~~Copies should be anonymous except for the candidate number, and accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.~~
- ^{1.6}~~6.~~ **7.** If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, they may resubmit the assessment on one further occasion normally when the assessment is next examined the following year. If a candidate fails the dissertation, they may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when this is examined.
- ^{1.7}~~7.~~ **8.** Candidates may also be required to attend an oral examination. The oral examination will normally be on the candidate's dissertation.

Schedule

Core:

1. Assessment issues and practices

2. Assessment design and evaluation

3. Psychometrics and assessment analysis

Options:

1. Classroom based assessment

2. Advanced statistical methods

Explanatory Notes

Clarification of administrative arrangements for the degree and addition of schedule.