

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by divisional Quality Assurance Committee on 23 February 2024, and Education Committee of Council on 10 June 2024.

Title of Programme

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

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to core courses and reassessment.

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas 2024

For first examination from 2024/25

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24, Master of Science by Coursework in Educational Assessment (Part-time)* ([ox.ac.uk](https://www.ox.ac.uk))

Details of Change:

Amend citations as follows:

- 1.¹1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Academic Committee of the Department of Education.
- 1.²2. Candidates must follow for six terms a course of instruction specializing in Educational Assessment. This course is available on a part-time basis only.
- 1.³3. 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.
- 1.⁴4. Papers are normally assessed by one or more coursework assignments totalling no more than ~~4,500~~ **5,000** words. The details of the assessment requirements for each paper will be provided in the Course Handbook.

^{1.5}5. Candidates are required to submit a dissertation of 15,000 – 20,000 words, the title to be selected in consultation with the supervisor, on a topic relevant to the course. The dissertation must be submitted no later than noon on the third Thursday in September in the final year of the course.

^{1.6}6. If a candidate receives a failing mark for any of the **summative** assessments, **including the** ~~or~~ dissertation, they may resubmit the assessment on one further occasion, when this is next examined **the following year**, or at an earlier date **which will be published in the Course Handbook**, ~~as agreed with the Course Director. 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. Candidates may also be required to attend an oral examination for any assessment.

Schedule

Core:

1. ^{1.8}Assessment issues and practices
2. ^{1.9}Assessment design and evaluation
3. ^{1.10}~~Psychometrics and assessment analysis~~ **Research synthesis for development of policy and practice**

Options:

1. ^{1.11}Classroom-based assessment
2. ^{1.12}~~Advanced statistical methods~~ **Research methods to investigate educational assessment issues**

Explanatory Notes

Paragraph 4 and the schedule: These amendments follow on from approved changes to the course structure with effect from 2024/25.

Paragraph 6: This change simplifies the wording and ensures a degree of flexibility to assist the students in deciding when resubmission is most appropriate for them and their continuing work on the course. Resubmission dates will be published in the assessment section of the course handbook and signposted to students.