

**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 29/06/2022 and on behalf of Education Committee on 05/07/22**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Global Governance and Diplomacy

**Brief note about nature of change:** Changes to the method of assessment for options courses

**Effective date**

For all MSc students from Michaelmas term 2022, for first examination in 2022-23.

**Location of change**

In Examination Regulations (2021/22): [2021-22, Master of Science by Coursework in Global Governance and Diplomacy \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

**Details of Change:**

Strike existing text and renumber as follows:

~~<sup>1+1</sup>1. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Global Governance and Diplomacy for three terms, and will, when they enter their names for the examination, be required to produce a certificate from their supervisors to this effect.~~

~~<sup>1+2</sup>2. Candidates must offer:~~

~~<sup>1+3</sup>(i) A foundation paper in Global Governance and Diplomacy.~~

~~<sup>1+4</sup>(ii) A mandatory paper in Research Methods.~~

<sup>1-5</sup>~~(iii) Two option papers to be selected from a list published annually by the Course Director by Monday of Week Nought of Michaelmas Full Term.~~

<sup>1-6</sup>~~(iv) One 10,000–12,000 word dissertation in the analysis of an issue in global governance or diplomacy. The topic of the dissertation must be approved by the Course Director at the end of Hilary Full Term by the date specified in the Course Handbook. The dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity Full Term.~~

<sup>1-7</sup>~~3. Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any part of the examination.~~

## **Schedule**

<sup>1-8</sup>~~i. *Global Governance and Diplomacy*:~~

<sup>1-9</sup>~~a. the sources, mechanisms, processes and practices of global governance at the subnational, national, international, and transnational levels: at the subnational, national, and transnational levels, the focus is on globalisation; at the international, transnational and supranational levels, the focus is on regional integration; at the level of inter-state governance, the focus is on international organisations, international regimes, and multilateralism.~~

<sup>1-10</sup>~~b. substantive knowledge and theoretical background concerning institutions and processes of international diplomacy, including key themes of diplomatic thought, paradigms of international negotiation, ethical boundaries of diplomatic engagement, and transformative implications of digital technologies.~~

<sup>1-11</sup>~~ii *Research Methods*: common research methods in the social sciences including but not limited to the topics of concept formation, causal analysis, single and comparative case study methods, case selection, qualitative interviewing, historical and ethnographic methods, genealogy, and statistical approaches and instruments.~~

1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of International Development.

2. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Global Governance and Diplomacy for three terms.

3. Candidates will complete the following two core courses assessed by written examination at the end of Trinity term:

(i) A foundation paper in Global Governance and Diplomacy.

(ii) Research Methods.

4. Candidates will choose two option papers to be selected from a list published annually by the Course Director by Monday of Week 0 of Michaelmas term. Each option paper will be assessed by a 3000 word essay to be submitted by no later than noon on Friday of Week 1 of the term following that of the teaching.

5. Candidates will complete a 10,000-12,000 word dissertation on the analysis of an issue in global governance or diplomacy. The topic of the dissertation must be approved by the Course Director at the end of Hilary term by the date specified in the Course Handbook. The dissertation must be submitted by no later than noon on Thursday of Week 6 of Trinity term.

6. The essays for the option papers and the dissertation must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provide in the Course Handbook.

7. Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any part of the examination.

#### **Explanatory Notes**

Change the method of assessment for option courses from written examination to assessed essay.