

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 13/07/22

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in International Human Rights Law (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change: Amendments to reflect current assessment practice

Effective date

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

Location of change

Examination Regulations 2022 – update to MSc regulations being introduced from Michaelmas term 2021 by separate template

Details of Change:

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~~1. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in International Human Rights Law. The course will be taken on a part time basis over six terms.~~

~~2. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:~~

~~(a) Two assignments, each of not more than 3,000 words, on the subject of The Fundamentals of International Human Rights Law;~~

~~(b) Four written examinations, each of three hours' duration, to include two papers from each of:~~

~~(i) Implementation and Development of International Human Rights Law;~~

~~(ii) Populations at Risk;~~

~~Papers taken are to be chosen from a list in the handbook to be published by the first week of Michaelmas Term each year.~~

~~(c) A dissertation of not more than 12,000 words on a topic selected by the student in consultation with the supervisor and agreed by any two of the Examiners.~~

~~The assignments under 2 (a) and the dissertation under 2 (c) will be submitted to the examiners via the approved electronic submission system for receipt by such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify the candidates and tutors. Hard copies will not be accepted.~~

~~3. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of study at the discretion of the examiners.~~

~~4. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the written assignments under 2(a), the examinations under 2 (b) or the dissertation under 2(c) will be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination which they have failed on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.~~

1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Law.

2. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in International Human Rights Law. The course will be taken on a part-time basis over six terms.

3. Candidates will be expected to participate in two in-person residential study sessions and a course of online guided study including a series of asynchronous online seminars.

4. Candidates are required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

First year

(a) Two assignments on the subject of The Fundamentals of International Human Rights Law of no more than 3,000 words each, as set out in the Course Handbook;

(b) Two written examinations, one from Group A and one from Group B as set out in the Course Handbook.

Second year

(c) Two written examinations, one from Group A and one from Group B as set out in the Course Handbook;

(d) A dissertation of not more than 12,000 words. The dissertation must be submitted by no later than noon on the third Wednesday in April, on a topic selected by the

student in consultation with their supervisor and agreed by any two of the Examiners.

5. The assignments and the dissertation must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Course Handbook.

6. Candidates who fail any assessments may enter again for that assessment on one further occasion. Resubmissions for the assignments will usually be within the same academic year as the first attempt. Re-sits for the examinations and resubmission of the thesis shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

Explanatory Notes

Amendments to reflect current assessment practice