

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

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Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Latin American Studies

Brief note about nature of change: amendments to reflect changes to assessment practice.

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=moscilatiamerstud&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

Details of Change:

Amend citations 1.3, 1.4, 1.6-1.9 as follows:

^{1.1}For the purposes of this examination, 'Latin America' will be interpreted as the eighteen Spanish-speaking republics of the Western Hemisphere, plus Brazil, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

^{1.2}The regulations are as follows:

^{1.3}1. Candidates for the M.Sc in Latin American Studies will:

^{1.4}(a) Follow a course of instruction for three terms. **Students take three courses** ~~and present three examination papers at the end of Trinity Term~~ in the year of registration. These **courses** ~~papers~~ must include at least two of the

~~core~~ **disciplinary courses** ~~papers~~ from among the following five disciplines: Economics, History, International Relations, Politics and Sociology. **Details of the assessment for each course will be published in the Course Handbook.**

^{1.5}(b) Submit a dissertation, not exceeding 10,000 words, including footnotes and appendices. A draft title for the dissertation must be submitted for approval by the Latin American Centre Management Committee by 12:00 noon on the Friday of Week 2 of the Hilary Term preceding the written examination. An electronic copy of the dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Monday of Week 5 of Trinity Term in the calendar year in which the examination is taken. Only the file uploaded via the University approved online assessment platform constitutes a valid submission; no concomitant hard-copy may be submitted. The submission must be anonymous, and the submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

^{1.6}(c) Candidates may also be required to present themselves for an oral examination if requested to do so by the examiners. The oral examination may focus on **any of the candidate's assessments, including the dissertation** ~~the candidate's examination papers, dissertation, or both.~~

^{1.7}2. The list of **option courses** ~~examination papers~~ will be published on the Latin American Centre website and in the *University Gazette* in Week 0 of Michaelmas Term. Candidates must take the **disciplinary course** ~~core paper~~ in Economics if they wish to take a further paper in that discipline. Specialisation on a single country or a combination of countries is permitted so long as the choice appears in the list of available papers published.

^{1.8}3. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed ~~the examination~~ if they have passed all **three assessment papers** ~~examination papers~~ and the dissertation.

~~^{1.9}4. Candidates must achieve marks of 50 or above in all four components to pass the examination. Candidates who achieve marks below 50 in any component will be permitted to retake the paper/resubmit the dissertation on one further occasion only, in Trinity term one year after the first attempt.~~

Explanatory Notes

Amendments to reflect changes to assessment practice.