

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of Education Committee on 19 June 2024.

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Major Programme Management (Part-time)

Brief note about nature of change:

Major changes to assessment.

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 Major Programme Management (ox.ac.uk)*

Details of Change:

Strike all citations:

~~¹⁻¹1. Candidates will follow for twenty four months (part time), a programme of instruction in Major Programme Management.~~

~~¹⁻²2. The programme will consist of eight compulsory courses, as prescribed in the schedule, and a dissertation of 10,000 words. Candidates must satisfy the examiners in the assessment associated with each component. Modes of assessment and submission dates will be published by the M.Sc. Director and distributed to all candidates in the first week of the Michaelmas Term of the year in which the assessment takes place. All pieces of assessment will be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme learning platform.~~

~~¹⁻³3. Dissertation~~

~~¹⁻⁴(a) The title of the dissertation must be approved by the MPPM Programme Committee no later than eight weeks after the end of Module 8.~~

~~^{1.5}(b) The dissertation supervision schedule is laid out in the dissertation guide, available on the programme learning platform. In exceptional circumstances additional supervision may be permitted; requests should be made to the M.Sc. Director.~~

~~^{1.6}(c) The dissertation should demonstrate an ability to identify, formulate, implement and present a project in the area of Major Programme Management. The dissertation, not exceeding 10,000 words in length, must be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme learning platform.~~

~~^{1.7}(d) The Research Methods assignment may be submitted as part of the dissertation providing:-~~

~~^{1.8}(i) it has not been submitted in whole or in part for another degree of the University of Oxford, or a degree of any other university, and the candidate submits a statement to that effect;~~

~~^{1.9}(ii) the dissertation itself is substantially new;-~~

~~^{1.10}(iii) the candidate also submits a statement specifying the extent of what is new.~~

~~^{1.14}4. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the assessment of any one of the components may retake/resubmit the failed assessment only once, no more than twelve months after the final meeting of the Board of Examiners, excluding any period of suspension. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the dissertation may resubmit it on one, but no more than one, occasion which shall normally be by Week 10 of the Hilary Term in the following year.~~

~~^{1.12}5. The Examiners may choose to examine any candidate or group viva voce.~~

~~^{1.13}6. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out their studies, the MSc Director(s) concerned may grant him or her a request for a temporary suspension of status, for not less than one month and not more than twelve months at any one time. Applications for suspension of status should be made to the MSc Director(s) concerned, c/o the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant; and will require additional approval from the Director of Graduate Studies. No student may be granted more than twenty-four months' suspension of status in this way by the MSc Director.~~

Schedule of Core Courses

~~^{1.14}(i) Designing and Managing Successful Programmes~~

~~^{1.15}(ii) Major Programme Risk~~

~~^{1.16}(iii) Systems Thinking~~

~~^{1.17}(iv) Governance & Stakeholder Management~~

~~^{1.18}(v) Commercial Leadership~~

~~^{1.19}(vi) Research Methods~~

~~^{1.20}(vii) Managing Performance~~

^{1.24}(viii) ~~Globalisation and Major Programmes~~

Insert the following and number:

1. The course shall be under the supervision of the MSc Major Programme Management Course Committee of the Saïd Business School.

2. Candidates will be required to follow a course of instruction in Major Programme Management for twenty-four months.

3. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out their studies, the Course Committee may grant a request for temporary suspension of status for twelve months, though slightly shorter periods of suspension may be approved depending on the exact delivery dates for teaching of each of the core courses. No student may be granted more than twenty-four months of suspension.

4. Candidates must submit the following portfolios of work associated with the eight core courses and a dissertation as set out below.

Design: Organisations and Systems

5. Candidates will complete the core courses in Designing and Managing Successful Programmes and Systems Thinking and submit a 4,000 word individual assignment.

Governance: Control, Relationship, Risk

6. Candidates will complete the core courses in Governance and Stakeholder Management and Major Programme Risk and submit a 5,000 word individual assignment, a 1,500 personal reflective piece, and make a 20 minute group presentation.

Research Methods

7. Candidates will complete the core course in Research Methods and submit a 5,000 word group project report.

Impact: Performance, Value Society

8. Candidates will complete the core courses in Strategic Leadership and Programme Performance, Major Programme Impact and Major Programme Management Futures and submit a 5,000 word individual assignment and a 1,500 personal reflective piece.

Dissertation

9. Candidates will complete a dissertation of no more than 10,000 words.

10. All assessments must be submitted using a University approved online submission system. All assessment deadlines and technical information on the requirements for online submissions will be provided on the online course learning platform.

11. Candidates who fail any of the assessments associated with the core courses will have the opportunity to resubmit and/or make a further presentation. Candidates will be informed of the exact dates after the exam board has confirmed that reassessment is

required. In the case of failure of the dissertation, the resubmission will be due by the date specified in the year following the examination.

12. Candidates must present themselves for an oral examination if required by the examiners.

Explanatory Notes