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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by officer's action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee on 29 May 2024; and Education Committee on 2 July 2024.

Title of Programme Master of Science by Coursework in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance

Brief note about nature of change: Changes to dissertation word-count.

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 Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance (ox.ac.uk) In addition to the notice published on 1 February and 25 April

Details of Change: Update as follows: 1. The programme shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Teaching and Examinations Committee of the School of Geography and the Environment. 2. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance for three terms full-time. 3. Candidates must submit three portfolios of work and a dissertation as detailed below, and also attend two elective courses. *Portfolio 1 - Foundations*

4. Candidates must submit a 2,000 word annotated bibliography by noon on Thursday of week 8 of Michaelmas term and a 3,000 word written assignment by noon on Thursday of week 0 of Hilary term.

Portfolio 2 – Theory and Analysis

5. Candidates must submit a 10 minute recorded presentation by noon on Thursday of week 8 of Hilary term and a 3,000 word written assignment by noon on Thursday week -1 of Trinity term.

Portfolio 3 – Research Skills

6. Candidates must submit a <u>1,750</u> word dissertation proposal by noon on Thursday of week -1 of Trinity term, a 1,500 word fieldtrip report by noon on Thursday of week 2 of Trinity term, and will make a 10 minute presentation on their dissertation topic during Trinity term.

Dissertation

7. Candidates must submit a dissertation of no more than ~~15,000~~ <mark>12,000</mark> words by noon on the first Tuesday in September.

8. Candidates should refer to the Course Handbook for full details of the requirements for each assessment.

9. All assessments must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Course Handbook.

10. Candidates who fail either assessment for Portfolio 1 will have the opportunity to resubmit in week 5 of Trinity term, candidates who fail any of the assessments for Portfolios 2 and 3 will have the opportunity to resubmit and/or make a further presentation in the first week in September. Candidates will be informed of the exact dates for re-submissions/further presentations after the exam board has confirmed that reassessment is required. In the case of failure of the dissertation, this may be resubmitted either by noon on Tuesday of week 1 of Hilary term the following year, or by the deadline in clause 7 in the following year.

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

Explanatory Notes

Change to the word count for the dissertation from 15,00-words to 12,000-words.