

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 15 August 2024.

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Politics Research

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to research methods 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 Politics Research* ([ox.ac.uk](https://www.ox.ac.uk))

Details of Change:

Amend citations and re-number as follows:

1.11. The programme shall be under the supervision of the Politics Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of Politics and International Relations.

1.22. Candidates will be required to follow a course of instruction in Politics Research for three terms full-time.

1.33. Candidates will complete a **core** course in either *Comparative Government* or *European Governance*, assessed by a written examination.

Research methods

1.44. Candidates will complete **a course**s in Research Methods **Design** in **Comparative Political Science** **and two methods options**, ~~assessed by coursework~~, **Candidates will submit three summative coursework assignments**, full details of which will be set out in the Student Handbook.

5. Research methods assignments may also be submitted as part of the thesis providing:

(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;

(ii) the thesis itself is substantially new; and

(iii) the candidate also submits a statement specifying the extent of what is new.

^{1.5}~~5~~⁶. Candidates will submit a thesis of not more than 15,000 words by noon on the last Thursday in August.

^{1.6}~~6~~⁷. Research methods assignments and the ~~The~~ thesis must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Student Handbook.

~~^{1.7}7. Successful candidates will be required to deposit a copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library.~~