

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 the Divisional Quality Assurance Committee on 9 August 2022

Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Social Anthropology

Brief note about nature of change:

Amendments to reflect current assessment practice.

Effective date

Michaelmas 2022

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (academic year):

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscincinsocianth&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

Details of Change:

Strike all citations (1.1-1.16):

- ~~• 1.1. The Social Sciences Divisional Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee, namely the Teaching Committee of the School of Anthropology, which shall have power to arrange lectures and other instruction. The course director shall be responsible to that committee.~~
- ~~• 1.2. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Social and Cultural Anthropology for at least three terms, and will, when entering for the examinations, be required to produce a certificate from their supervisor to this effect.~~
- ~~• 1.3. Candidates will be required to present themselves for written and (if requested) oral examinations and to submit written work for assessment, including a dissertation in prescribed form on an approved topic as defined below.~~

- ~~^{1.44} Three papers will be taken to constitute Part I of the degree, as follows. Paper 1 will be examined by one coursework essay and by one three-hour paper; Papers 2 and 3 (options) will each be examined either by coursework essay or by one three-hour paper. The dissertation will be taken to constitute Part II of the degree. A candidate who fails any of the component parts of the examination may re-take or re-submit that part of the examination on one occasion only. At the close of the written examinations, the examiners will publish a list of those who have satisfied them in Part I.~~
- ~~^{1.55} The assessed written work will consist of:

 - ~~^{1.6} (i) one essay of no more than 5,000 words for Paper 1, for which a list of essay titles will be announced no later than Friday of the seventh week of Michaelmas Term. The essay must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon of the Thursday of the first week of Hilary Term; the essay must be anonymous, accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work, and submitted in electronic file format.~~
 - ~~^{1.7} (ii) a dissertation of no more than 10,000 words, on a subject selected in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Chair of Examiners. The proposed title of the dissertation, together with a paragraph describing its scope and the supervisor's written endorsement, must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners by Thursday of the fifth week of Trinity Term.~~~~
- ~~^{1.86} The dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon on the last Wednesday in August in the year in which the examination is taken. The dissertation must be anonymous, accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work, and submitted in electronic file format. The dissertation shall be provided with an abstract of up to 250 words, to be placed immediately after the title page. The word count shall be stated on the title page of the dissertation.~~
- ~~^{1.97} The written examination will consist of one three-hour paper for Paper 1. Papers 2 and 3 (options) may each be assessed either by one 3-hour paper or by coursework essay. For those taking Papers 2 and 3 assessed by coursework essay, each essay must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform not later than noon of the Thursday of the second week of Trinity Term; each essay must be anonymous and accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work.~~
- ~~^{1.108} The oral examination (if requested) may be on any of the candidate's written papers, assessed written work, or dissertation.~~

Schedule

~~^{1.11} Students must satisfy the examiners in three papers, one of a general nature and two options.~~

~~1.12~~1. *Theories, Approaches and Themes in Social Anthropology*

~~1.13~~2. *Option Paper I*

~~1.14~~3. *Option Paper II*

~~1.15~~ Paper 1 is examined by assessed essay submitted in Hilary Term and by one three-hour paper sat in Trinity Term. The two option papers (Papers 2 and 3 above) may be examined by assessed essay or by a three-hour sat examination, and must be selected from the list of options offered.

~~1.16~~ Options offered may vary from year to year. The list for the current academic year will be issued by the Director of Graduate Studies or his or her delegate by the end of the third week of Michaelmas term.

Insert and number the following:

1. The course shall be under the supervision of the Teaching Committee of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography

2. Candidates will be required to follow a course of instruction in Social Anthropology for three terms.

3. Candidates will complete the following two core courses:

(a) Theories, Approaches and Themes in Social Anthropology (Paper 1) assessed by an essay of no more than 5,000 words, to be submitted by noon on Thursday of week 1 of Hilary term;

(b) Comparing Cultures (Paper 4) assessed by two essays of no more than 2,500 words each, to be submitted by noon on Monday of week 6 of Trinity term.

4. Candidates will take two option papers (Paper 2 and 3) from a list of those approved by the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography to be published by the end of week 2 of Michaelmas term. The option papers will be assessed by one or more submissions, full details of which are set out in the Course Handbook.

5. Candidates will complete a dissertation of no more than 10,000 words, and an abstract of up to 250 words. The dissertation and abstract must be submitted by noon on the last Wednesday in August.

6. 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.

7. Candidates may be requested to attend on oral examination on any of the examination papers and/or dissertation.

Explanatory Notes

Amendments to reflect current assessment practice.