

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

SSD/2/2/4

Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme

Master of Science by Coursework in Social Data Science

Brief note about nature of change: major change to programme assessment.

Effective date

For all MSc students entering the programme in MT22, for first examination in 2022-23.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (2021/22):

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

Details of Change:

Amend citations 1.3, 1.5-1.14 and re-number as follows:

^{1.1}1. The course shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Oxford Internet Institute.

^{1.2}2. Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Social Data Science.

^{1.3}3. The examination will be in **seven** ~~nine~~ parts, as follows:

^{1.4}**Part 1:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Foundations and Frontiers of Social Data Science’ assessed by the submission of written course work. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written course work shall be notified to candidates by Monday of week 1

of Michaelmas Term.

^{1.5}**Part 2:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Applied Analytical Statistics’ assessed by written coursework. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written coursework shall be notified to candidates **via the University virtual learning environment** by Monday week 1 of Michaelmas Term.

^{1.6}**Part 3:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Introduction to Data Science and Machine Learning’ ~~‘Research Design for Social Data Science’~~ assessed by written coursework. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written course work shall be notified to candidates **via the University virtual learning environment** by **Monday week 1 of Michaelmas Term.** ~~Friday of week 4 of Hilary Term.~~

^{1.7}**Part 4:** Compulsory core paper in **‘Research Design for Social Data Science’ assessed by written coursework** ~~‘Fundamentals of Social Data Science in Python’ assessed by a project and a written report.~~ Details of and arrangements for submission of the written coursework shall be notified to candidates **via the University virtual learning environment by Friday of week 4 of Hilary Term.** ~~Monday week 1 of Michaelmas Term.~~

~~^{1.8}**Part 5:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Data Analytics at Scale’ assessed by a project and written report. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written course work shall be notified to candidates by Monday of week 1 of Michaelmas Term.~~

~~^{1.9}**Part 6:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Machine Learning’ assessed by completed problem sets and written report. Details of and arrangements for submission of the written course work shall be notified to candidates by Monday of week 1 of Michaelmas Term.~~

^{1.10}**Parts 5-6-7-8:** Two option papers, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by Monday of week 1 of Michaelmas Term or another paper agreed by the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all options may be available every year. The option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each paper, details of and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by Monday of week 1 of Michaelmas Term.

^{1.11}**Part 7 9:** A thesis not to exceed 15,000 words on a topic within the subject of the course, to be specified jointly by supervisor and student, and approved by the Course Director and the Board of Examiners. The thesis must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon of the weekday on or nearest to the 1st of August of the year in which the examination is to be taken.

^{1.12}~~4~~**5.** All written assignments must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by the times and dates specified at the start of the course. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate’s own work.

^{1.13}~~5~~**6.** The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

^{1.14}~~6~~**7.** Candidates who receive a failing mark for any of the summative assessments, may re-sit or resubmit the assessment on one further occasion, normally on the next occasion when

examined and within one year of the original failure.

Explanatory Notes

Major change to programme assessment, reducing the number of summative assessments from 9 to 7.