

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

SSD/2/2/4

**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the divisional Quality Assurance Committee on 13 June 2023**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Social Science of the Internet (Full-time)

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Major changes to assessment

**Effective date**

For students starting from Michaelmas 2023

For first examination from 2023/24

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23, Master of Science by Coursework in Social Science of the Internet (Full-time)* ([ox.ac.uk](https://www.ox.ac.uk))

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations and re-number as follows:

[insert citation] **1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Oxford Internet Institute, which is under the supervision of the Social Sciences Divisional Board.**

**1.1**~~4~~**2.** Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Social Science of the Internet.

**1.2**~~2~~**3.** The examination will be in ~~nine~~ **eight** parts, as follows:

**1.3** **Part 1:** Compulsory core methods paper in 'Digital Social Research Methods: Methods Core' assessed by written coursework. ~~Details of and arrangements for submission of the written coursework shall be notified to candidates by the end of 4th week of Michaelmas Term~~

<sup>1.4</sup>**Part 2:** Compulsory core paper in 'Digital Social Research Methods: Statistics Core' assessed by examinations. With the agreement of the Director of Graduate Studies, the 'Applied Analytical Statistics' course (assessed by written coursework) may be taken in lieu of this paper.

<sup>1.5</sup>**Part 3:** Compulsory core paper in 'Social Dynamics of the Internet', assessed by examination.

<sup>1.6</sup>**Part 4:** Compulsory core paper in 'Internet Technologies and Regulation', assessed by examination.

~~<sup>1.7</sup>**Parts 5-6:** Two methods option papers to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term or another paper agreed by the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.~~ One methods option paper to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Not all methods options may be available every year. The methods option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module.

<sup>[insert citation]</sup> **Part 6:** One (1) substantive option paper to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Not all substantive options may be available every year. The substantive option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module.

~~<sup>1.8</sup>**Parts 7-8:** Two substantive option papers to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term or another paper agreed by the Director of Graduate Studies. Not all substantive options may be available every year. The substantive option papers will be assessed by arrangements which are specified in the reading lists for each module, details and arrangements for submission of which shall be notified to candidates by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.~~ One further option paper, to be chosen from the list of methods and substantive option papers published on the Oxford Internet Institute website annually by the first Monday 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.

<sup>1.9</sup>**Part 98:** 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 director of the course and~~ the Chair of 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 degree is to be taken.

<sup>1.103.</sup> 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.

1.114. The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

1.12 **Oxford 1+1 MBA programme**

1.13 Candidates registered on the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme will follow an additional two or three-month bridging programme at the end of their third term of the combined programme.

1.14 Each candidate will be appointed an academic advisor from the Saïd Business School to plan an individual course of study which will include as a minimum, the following three compulsory elements:

1.15(i) Normally two meetings during the bridging programme with the senior advisor appointed by the Saïd Business School at the start of the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme.

1.16(ii) A formatively assessed Integrative Development Plan of up to 3,000 words. Candidates would be required to critically reflect on their learning from the Masters programme and relate this both to their forthcoming MBA programme as well as to their career goals. The meetings with the advisor will frame the design, delivery and discussion of the plan.

1.17(iii) Attendance of the MBA pre-course as described in the joining instructions for the MBA class, unless granted exemption by the MBA Committee on the grounds of prior formal study or work experience.

**Explanatory Notes**

Updates to the regulations in relation to the major changes approved by Education Committee on 5 July 2022.