

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

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Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme

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

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=moscissoftheinte&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

Details of Change:

Amend citations 1.2, 1.5-1.11 and re-number as follows:

^{1.1}1. Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Social Science of the Internet.

^{1.2}2. The examination will be in **nine** ~~eleven~~ 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

^{1.4}**Part 2:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Digital Social Research Methods: Statistics Core’ assessed by examinations.

^{1.5}**Part 3:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Social Dynamics of the Internet’, assessed by examination.

Part 4: Compulsory core paper in ‘Internet Technologies and Regulation’, assessed by examination.

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.

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.

~~**Parts 3-6:** Four (4) methods option modules, to be chosen from a list to be published on the Oxford Internet Institute annually by the first Monday of Michaelmas Term. Students will normally select two modules from the first four-week period and two modules from the second four-week period of the list. Students wishing to take three options during a single four-week period must first seek permission from 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.~~

~~^{1.6}**Part 7:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Social Dynamics of the Internet’, assessed by examination.~~

~~^{1.7}**Part 8:** Compulsory core paper in ‘Internet Technologies and Regulation’, assessed by examination.~~

~~^{1.8}**Part 9-10:** Two (2) 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 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 the first Monday of Michaelmas Term.~~

^{1.9}**Part 11:** 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 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.

^{1.10}~~3~~⁴. 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.

^{1.11}~~4~~⁵. The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

Explanatory Notes

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