

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Quality Assurance Committee on 7 June 2023**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Sociology (Part-time)

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Clarification of assessment methods.

**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 Sociology (Part-time)* ([ox.ac.uk](http://ox.ac.uk))

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations and re-number as follows:

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

1.1 Every candidate must follow, for at least six terms, a course of instruction in Sociology.

1.2 The examination will be in five parts, split over two years as follows:

1.3 *First year*

1.4 A. A compulsory paper in *Methods of Social Research*, **will be assessed by a written examination and three written coursework submissions.**

1.5 B. One option paper. ~~This will be from a list published annually by Friday of the third week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Sociology.~~ **Details of the option**

papers available including the method and timing of the assessment will be published annually in the Course Handbook.

<sup>1.6</sup> *Second Year*

<sup>1.7</sup>C. A compulsory paper in *Sociological Analysis*, will be assessed by a written examination and three written coursework submissions.

<sup>1.8</sup>D. A second option paper. ~~This will be from a list published annually by Friday of the third week of Michaelmas Full Term in the Department of Sociology.~~ Details of the option papers available including the method and timing of the assessment will be published annually in the Course Handbook.

<sup>1.9</sup>E. A thesis of not more than 10,000 words on a topic within the subject of the course to be specified jointly by supervisor and student. Candidates are warned that they should avoid repetition in their theses of material used in their option papers and that substantial repetition may be penalised. The thesis must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform, by noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September of the second year.

**Explanatory Notes**