

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

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved by Officer's Action on behalf of QAC on 15/06/2022**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Sustainability, Enterprise and the Environment

**Brief note about nature of change:** changes to reflect current assessment practice.

**Effective date**

For all MSc students from Michaelmas term 2022

**Location of change**

In Examination Regulations (2021/22):

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

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations 1.4 and 1.13-1.22, as follows:

<sup>1.1</sup>1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Teaching and Examining Committee of the School of Geography and the Environment.

<sup>1.2</sup>2. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Sustainability, Enterprise and the Environment for three terms.

<sup>1.3</sup>3. The examination will consist of:

<sup>1.4</sup>(i) three three-hour ~~unseen~~ written examinations on core courses: *Transitions from Net Zero and Sustainable Development; Economics; Markets and Society for Sustainability; and*

Enterprise, Finance and the Environment ~~as described in the schedule;~~

<sup>1.5</sup>(ii) two assessed essays of no more than 4,000 words plus a 150 word abstract based on elective courses. These must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the first Monday of the term following the term in which the elective course was taken. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work;

<sup>1.6</sup>(iii) a dissertation on a subject selected in consultation with the supervisor and Course Director and approved by the Course and Academic Directors.

<sup>1.7</sup>4. Candidates must submit to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term in the year in which they enter the examination, the title and a brief statement of the form and scope of their dissertation, together with the name of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during preparation of the dissertation.

<sup>1.8</sup>5. The dissertation shall be of a maximum length of 15,000 words and accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 150 words. The maximum word count shall include footnotes, but exclude appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Graduate Teaching and Examining Committee, and published in the course handbook.

<sup>1.9</sup>6. The dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform no later than noon on the first Monday of September in the year in which the written examination is taken. The submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.

<sup>1.10</sup>7. In the written examination, the examiners will permit the use of hand-held pocket calculators subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators in examinations' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

<sup>1.11</sup>8. Candidates must present themselves for an oral examination if required by the examiners.

<sup>1.12</sup>9. Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers, the assessed essays or the dissertation will be permitted to retake the examination paper(s) or resubmit the assessed essay(s) and/or dissertation on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.

## **Schedule**

~~<sup>1.13</sup>(a) Core courses~~

~~<sup>1.14</sup>The three core courses will be examined under the following heads:~~

~~<sup>1.15</sup>(i) Transitions from Net Zero and Sustainable Development~~

~~<sup>1.16</sup>Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the concepts, processes and problems relating to net zero sustainable development, and the key quantitative and qualitative~~

methods to apply.

<sup>+17</sup>~~(ii) *Economics, Markets and Society for Sustainability*~~

<sup>+18</sup>~~Candidates will be expected to demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, methods and tools and to be able to apply these to problems in net zero sustainable development.~~

<sup>+19</sup>~~(iii) *Enterprise, Finance and the Environment*~~

<sup>+20</sup>~~Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the theories and practice relating to finance, enterprise and innovation.~~

<sup>+21</sup>~~(b) *Elective courses*~~

<sup>+22</sup>~~Candidates will be expected to show advanced knowledge of two of the option elective courses on offer in any one year~~

### **Explanatory Notes**

Changes to reflect current assessment practice.