

**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 3 July 2023**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Teacher Education (Part-time)

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Increasing resit deadline and viva voce flexibility.

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

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations and re-number as follows:

1.11. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Academic Committee of the Department of Education.

1.22. Candidates will be expected to participate in a course of instruction for six terms part-time, including two one-week residential sessions and a series of online lectures and seminars.

1.33. ~~The M.Sc. in Teacher Education shall be examined by means of~~ **Candidates are required to submit** three assignments relating to the content of each of the three units ~~and a research and development dissertation as set out in the Course Handbook.~~

Assignments one and two must be between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length, and assignment three must be a maximum of 10,000 words in length. **Assignments one and two must be submitted by no later than noon on Tuesday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity**

terms respectively. Assignment three must be submitted no later than noon on the third Thursday in September in the candidate's first year of the course.

~~1.4. Assignments one and two must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by no later than noon on Tuesday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity terms respectively. Assignment three must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by no later than noon on the third Thursday in September in the candidate's first year of the course.~~

1.5~~4~~. The deadline for resubmission of assignments one and two will be noon on the Tuesday falling 8 weeks after the release of results. The deadline for resubmission of assignment three will be noon on Tuesday of week 1 of Hilary term in the candidate's second year of the course.

1.6. Candidates who successfully complete the three summatively assessed units of study and who choose not to continue with their programme of study may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Teacher Education.

1.7. ~~Candidates are required to submit a~~ The research and development dissertation ~~of~~ must be between 15,000 and 20,000 words ~~in length, the title to be selected in consultation with the supervisor, on a topic relevant to the course. The subject and title selected by the candidate must be approved by the Course Director at a time to be announced at the beginning of the academic year in which the examination is taken.~~ The dissertation must be ~~uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform~~ submitted by no later than noon on the third Tuesday in September in the candidate's second year on the course.

~~new citation~~ 8. All assessments must be submitted using the University approved online submission system. Technical information on the requirements for online submissions is provided in the Course Handbook.

1.8~~9~~. Candidates may also be examined orally ~~for any assessment on their final research and development dissertation before the Michaelmas term Examination Board meeting.~~ All candidates will be informed of the date at the start of the second year, as they will be required to attend Oxford in person.

1.9~~10~~. If the dissertation is awarded a failing mark, the candidate may resubmit the dissertation one further time on the next occasion when it is examined, ~~or at an earlier date as agreed with the Course Director.~~ If having passed the three assessments a failing mark is received for the dissertation, either at the time of the original submission (and the candidate does not wish to re-sit) or after re-submission, students may apply to exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma.

1.10 ~~[delete empty citation]~~

## Schedule

1.11 Programme of study:

1. <sup>1.12</sup>Understanding your learner teachers and their actions: implications for your practice as teacher educator.
2. <sup>1.13</sup>What knowledge does a teacher need?
3. <sup>1.14</sup>Teacher and teacher educator learning: implications for the design of a teacher education session.

### **Explanatory Notes**

The change is to introduce the option of an earlier submission for the dissertation to allow students flexibility. Students are currently required to resubmit their work on the next occasion when it is examined, which leads to a lengthy wait for those students who can complete their resubmission early. The addition of the words “or at an earlier date as agreed with the Course Director” provides that degree of flexibility for the students, but also ensures that the Course Director will be able to review the request and prevent early resubmission if it is deemed inappropriate.

The changes also include the option of a viva voce examination for any failing submission. The regulations currently normally allow this process for dissertations, however, this can prove to be restrictive in cases where an assignment resit in year 1 is borderline and the student is at risk of failing.