

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by officer's action on behalf of divisional Quality Assurance Committee on 28 June 2024.

Title of Programme

Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to assessment.

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas 2024

For first examination from 2024/25

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24, Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice* ([ox.ac.uk](https://www.ox.ac.uk))

Details of Change:

Amend citations and re-number as follows:

General Regulations

1.11. The Board of the Law Faculty shall have the power to grant Postgraduate Diplomas in Intellectual Property Law and Practice to candidates who have satisfied the conditions prescribed in this section and any further conditions which the Board may prescribe by regulation.

1.22. The examination for the Postgraduate Diploma shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Law Faculty which shall have power, subject to the approval of the Divisional Board, to make regulations governing the examination.

1.33. Persons may be admitted to read for the Postgraduate Diploma under such conditions as the Board shall prescribe, provided that before admission candidates shall

have satisfied the Board that they have appropriate educational experience acceptable to the Board, and are well equipped to enter the proposed course of study.

1.44. Any person who has been accepted as a candidate for the Postgraduate Diploma, and who has satisfactorily pursued the course prescribed by the Board, may be entered for the examination.

Special Regulations

1.51. Each candidate will follow a course of study comprising a two-week residential programme in Intellectual Property Law and Practice and five Legal Practice workshops in the area of Intellectual Property.

1.62. The **examination assessment** will be in two parts:

1.7(a) Part I

1.8 Each candidate will be required to complete and submit five written coursework **submissions assignments** of at least 3,000 words each in response to questions set by the examiners. Those coursework assignments must be submitted electronically on the date stipulated in the year in which the written examination is taken. On submitting the assignments, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to submit the essays. The submission date will be published in the course handbook before the first Monday on the first term in which students commence the course.

1.9(b) Part II

1.10 The Part II **examination** shall consist of **one two** written **examinations papers** covering elements of the courses covered in the residential programme.

~~1.113. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates for the Diploma.~~

1.1243. Candidates who fail an examination **or submission** may be re-examined on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of their initial failure.

Explanatory Notes

Splitting one examination paper into two to facilitate the move to 2x shorter in-person typed examination from a longer online open-book exam.