

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

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of QAC on 30/06/2022**

**Title of Programme**

Postgraduate Diploma in Strategy and Innovation (Part-time)

**Brief note about nature of change:** Update to assessment methods to reflect current practice and minor administrative amendments.

**Effective date**

For all PGDip students from MT22, for first examination in 2022-23.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2020/21:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pdisai-p-time&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=2> (Incorporating changes previously published on 13/01/22 in the Gazette, but not yet updated online)

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations 1.5 and 1.13 and 1.15 as follows:

**General Regulations**

<sup>1.1</sup>1. The Executive Committee of the Saïd Business School shall have the power to grant Postgraduate Diplomas in Strategy and Innovation to candidates who have satisfied the conditions prescribed in this section and any further conditions which the Committee may prescribe by regulation.

<sup>1.2</sup>2. The examination for the Postgraduate Diploma shall be under the supervision of the

Executive Committee of the Saïd Business School which shall have power, subject to the approval of the Social Sciences Divisional Board, to make regulations governing the examination.

<sup>1.3</sup>3. Candidates may be admitted as students for the Postgraduate Diploma under such conditions as the Committee shall prescribe, provided that before admission candidates shall have satisfied the Committee that they have appropriate educational experience acceptable to the Committee, have relevant professional experience, and are well equipped to enter the proposed course of study.

<sup>1.4</sup>4. Any person who has been accepted as a candidate for the Postgraduate Diploma, and who has satisfactorily pursued the course prescribed by the Committee, may be admitted to the examination.

<sup>1.5</sup>5. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out their studies, the Programme Director may grant a temporary suspension of status, normally for not less than twelve months at any one time. Applications for suspension of status should be made to the Programme Director concerned, c/o the relevant **Programme Manager** ~~Graduate Studies Assistant~~; and will require additional approval from the Director of Graduate Studies. The Programme Director shall grant no more than twelve months of suspension in this way to students following the twelve month version of the programme, and no more than twenty-four months of suspension for students following the twenty-four month version of the programme.

## Special Regulations

<sup>1.6</sup>1. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Strategy and Innovation for either at least twelve months and not more than twenty-four months (open programme), or for at least twenty-four months and not more than forty-eight months (closed company-specific programme). Candidates must complete:

<sup>1.7</sup>(a) four courses, and satisfy the examiners in the assessment associated with each course. The four courses are:

<sup>1.8</sup>(i) Strategy

<sup>1.9</sup>(ii) Innovation Strategy

<sup>1.10</sup>(iii) Globalisation and Strategy

<sup>1.11</sup>(iv) Strategy in Action

<sup>1.12</sup>Details can be found in the course handbook.

<sup>1.13</sup>(b) Courses (i) to (iii) will each be assessed by a **coursework submission** ~~2-hour written examination~~. Course (iv) will be assessed by a final integrative written assignment of 6,000 words. Assignments must be submitted online, as set out in the assessment section of the programme learning platform, not later than 12 noon on the stipulated submission date, which will be published by the Programme Director by the first module of the programme.

~~All material submitted for the integrative written assignment shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate indicating that it is the candidate's own work.~~

<sup>1.14</sup>2. Candidates admitted to the 12-month open programme cannot transfer between the two cohorts admitted each year, nor may they transfer to the 24-month programme. In exceptional circumstances, candidates on the 24-month closed company-specific programme may be permitted to transfer to the 12-month open programme.

<sup>1.15</sup> 3. Candidates may be examined viva voce on one or more of the written assignments.  
~~examinations and the integrative written assignment.~~

<sup>1.16</sup>4. Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in the assessment of any of the components may retake or resubmit the failed assessment once, no more than twelve months after the final meeting of the Board of Examiners, excluding any period of suspension.

<sup>1.17</sup>5. With the approval of the Programme Director, a candidate may substitute any of courses (i) to (iii) on the Postgraduate Diploma with core courses from the part-time MBA, the Postgraduate Diploma in AI for Business, the Postgraduate Diploma in Global Business, the Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Leadership, the Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Strategy, or M.Sc. in Major Programme Management, assuming that core course falls within the permitted registration period for the original Postgraduate Diploma.

#### **Explanatory Notes**

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