

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

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Title of programme

MSc in Modern Chinese Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Change of MSc programme title from 'Modern Chinese Studies' to 'Contemporary Chinese Studies'

Effective date

From October 2013

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2012 - Please note that the index entry (p.xv) would also need to be amended.

Detail of change

1. P.742, l.29, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
2. P.742, l.30, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
3. P.742, l.33, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
4. P.742, l.37, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
5. P.742, l.40, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
6. P.742, l.45, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
7. P.743, l.8, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
8. P.743, l.21, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.
9. P.743, l.32, **delete** 'Modern' **and substitute** 'Contemporary'.

10. P.743, l.35, delete 'Modern' and substitute 'Contemporary'.

Explanatory Notes

The name 'Contemporary Chinese Studies' is a more accurate description of the course, which broadly covers the post-1949 Chinese society, economy and culture but which now has a particular emphasis on key developments in China's foreign policy, international relations, political economy and state structure after 1979 – defined as the contemporary 'reform era'. 'Modern China', by contrast, refers to a much longer history, dating back to the Opium War in the 19th Century.

The term 'contemporary Chinese studies' is more appealing especially to students interested in pursuing a degree to deepen their knowledge of China's role and influence in the world today whilst concurrently enhancing their professional qualifications as practitioners in business, diplomacy and international development work. An example of this type of interest is the planned tie-in with the 1+1 program, in which students will undertake a 9-month course in the MSc in Chinese Studies prior to their 9-month MBA course at the Said Business School.