Title of Programme
Research Degrees in Anthropology

Brief note about nature of change: changes to introduce integrated theses

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2017 http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/rdegrinanth/

Effective date
With immediate effect

Detail of change
1. Insert after citation 1.22 (new text underlined) and re-number:

“4. Integrated Thesis Format

In consultation with their supervisor(s) and the Director of Graduate Studies, doctoral students may opt to submit a thesis in the integrated format. The thesis chapters must be framed by an introduction, a literature review and a conclusion. Such a body of work must address an overarching research question and represent a coherent and focused body of research and must overall be equivalent to what would normally be acceptable for a thesis in the monograph format. There is no formal limit on the number of chapters, but the normal thesis word limits apply.

Work that is the product of collaborative effort may be included in the thesis, on condition that the candidate is responsible for the majority contribution to that work, in terms of intellectual development, practical implementation, and writing up, and that their contribution is demonstrated; any collaborators or co-authors must certify in writing to the
School's Teaching Committee what part of the work represents that of the candidate.

Candidates who wish to proceed by this route should elect to do so before applying for confirmation of status. Should a candidate subsequently wish to revert to monograph format, they must submit a written application to the Director of Graduate Studies, with the support of their supervisor, detailing the reasons for the change.

Specific procedures relating to the integrated thesis format are detailed in the DPhil student handbook.

2. Edit citation 1.34 (new text underlined) as follows:

“The student will be required to give evidence confirming that the research already carried out gives promise of the ability to produce a satisfactory D.Phil. thesis on the intended topic. For this purpose the applicant must submit: (a) a detailed outline of the whole of the proposed thesis, including an indication of the topics, theories, arguments etc. to be covered in individual chapters (as applicable); and (b) at least one and not more than two sample chapters. In the latter case, the student is advised to submit one chapter that is basically ethnographic in type (if applicable), the other concerning the more general comparative and/or theoretical issues with which the thesis deals, though this advice may be varied in consultation with the supervisor(s). A student who wishes to proceed by the integrated thesis format must submit instead: (a) the introduction to the thesis together with a statement outlining how the chapters are integrated as a complete text; (b) at least one and not more than two sample chapters; (c) (as front matter) a statement listing any papers published or accepted for publication, or under consideration for publication, linked to the work presented in the thesis, outlining the candidate’s contributions to any collaborative efforts; and (d) (as a separate document) a statement of permission from collaborators to include the work in the thesis, with each collaborator confirming the extent of the candidate’s contribution. The outline should not exceed 4,000 words, and the submitted chapters should not exceed 20,000 words in total. If these materials do exceed these limits, the assessors are under no obligation to read beyond them, though they are permitted to require the student to submit extra materials to help them in reaching a recommendation. The materials should be submitted, in two copies, to the Departmental Office, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology.”

Explanatory Notes

Changes to add the option to submit a thesis in the integrated thesis format.