

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 03/06/16 and by Education Committee on 17/06/16**

**Title of Programme**

MPhil Japanese Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** introduction of new programme

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2016*

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2017**

**For first examination from 2018-19**

**Detail of change**

Insert new text as follows:

**‘Master of Philosophy in Japanese Studies**

1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Japanese Studies Committee. The Course Director will, where possible, rotate between members of the Faculty of Oriental Studies and the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies.

2. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Japanese Studies for six terms.

*First year examinations*

3. Candidates will be required to present themselves for examination in either:

Mode A:

- (i) a compulsory paper in Japanese Language;
- (ii) two option subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration.

Or Mode B:

- (i) three option subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration.

Candidates taking the examination in Japanese Language will also be required to undertake a series of written tests and essays as specified by the Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students not later than Friday of week 0 of Michaelmas Term.

Candidates must choose option papers from a list which will be published annually and distributed to students by not later than Friday of week 0 of Michaelmas Term.

4. In addition, all candidates will be required to undertake the following assessment:

Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term; a take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term; and a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal by 12 noon Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term.

Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work. Two printed copies of each of the items of written work detailed above, and, in addition an electronic copy on a memory stick or CD, must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MPhil in Japanese Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified for each paper.

5. Candidates who pass each of the four elements of the first year will be permitted to proceed to the second year of the course and take the final examinations. Candidates who fail any item of coursework will be permitted to resubmit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark(s), on a date to be specified by the Chair of Examiners.

Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers may, by permission of the MPhil in Japanese Studies Examination Board, proceed to the second year of the course and re-sit the failed papers during the final examination.

6. Students wishing to transfer from the MPhil in Japanese Studies to the MSc in Japanese Studies must apply to the Course Director no later than Friday of week 9 of Hilary Term of their first year.

*Final year examinations*

7. Candidates will be required to present themselves for examination as specified for either Mode A or Mode B.

Mode A:

(i) *Either* a compulsory paper in Advanced Japanese Language for candidates successfully passing the compulsory core course in Japanese at Upper Intermediate Level in the first year examinations, *or* for candidates successfully passing the compulsory core course in Japanese at Advanced Level in the first year examinations, a compulsory paper in Upper Advanced Japanese Language. Candidates will also be required to undertake a series of written tests and essays as specified by the Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by Friday of week 0 of Michaelmas Term.

(ii) One three-hour written option paper chosen from a list published annually and distributed to students by Friday of week 0 of Michaelmas Term, and taken at the end of Trinity Term of the second year of the course.

Or Mode B:

(i) Two three-hour written options papers chosen from a list published annually and distributed to students by Friday of week 0 of Michaelmas Term, and taken at the end of Trinity Term of the second year of the course.

8. Students should select option papers in consultation with their supervisor. With special permission of the Japanese Studies Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment for such options.

9. In addition, all candidates will be required to undertake the following assessment:

(i) Advanced Research Methods:

One three hour written option paper or appropriate assignments as specified by the department offering the research methods course, as specified by the Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by Friday of week 0 of Michaelmas Term.

(ii) A thesis of not more than 30,000 words (excluding abstract/summary, footnotes, bibliography and appendices) on a subject approved by the Course Director not later than Friday of week 4 of Michaelmas Term in the year in which the examination is to be taken.

The thesis must be submitted by not later than 12 noon on Monday of week 4 of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. Two printed copies of the thesis and, in addition an electronic copy on a memory stick or CD, must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MPhil in Japanese Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford.

Successful candidates will be required to deposit a hard copy of the thesis in the Bodleian Library.

10. Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any part of the examination.

11. Candidates who fail one or more of the elements of the final examination will be permitted to resubmit the relevant work or retake the examination paper or papers, as applicable, on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.

12. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.'

### **Explanatory Notes**

Introduction of new programme to replace MPhil Modern Japanese Studies.