

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme

MSc 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 2017-18

Detail of change

Insert text as follows:

'Master of Science by Coursework 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 three terms.

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

(i) a compulsory paper in Japanese Language; and in two option subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration (Mode A); or

(ii) three option subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration (Mode B).

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:

(i) 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.

(ii) One 12,000 word dissertation (excluding abstract/summary, footnotes, bibliography, and appendices). The title of the dissertation must be approved by the Course Director by not later than 12 noon on Friday of week 4 of Hilary Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The dissertation must be submitted by not later than 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken. The dissertation must be accompanied by a statement that the dissertation is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

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 MSc in Japanese Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified for each paper.

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

5. 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 or the dissertation will be permitted to retake the examination paper(s) or resubmit the dissertation on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.

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

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

Explanatory Notes

Introduction of new programme – to replace MSc Modern Japanese Studies