Master of Studies in Islamic Studies and History

Brief note about nature of change: New course

With effect from 1 October 2014

In Examination Regulations 2013

1) p. 610, after l. 10 insert:
   ‘Islamic Studies and History Oriental Studies’.

2) Ibid, p. 646, before l. 1 insert:
   ‘Islamic Studies and History

The regulations of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies is as follows:

1. Candidates for the MSt in Islamic Studies and History must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction and directed research and must, upon entering the examination, produce from their society a certificate to that effect.

2. Candidates must attend such lectures, seminars, classes and language classes as the convenors of the course shall determine, and must undertake any language tests set by the language teachers.

The final examination consists of the following four units, which all candidates must take:

(i) and (ii) Two optional papers chosen from the MPhil in Islamic Studies and History. Tuition for each of these two papers will take place either in Michaelmas or Hilary Term.

(iii) A prescribed take-home essay on methods and research materials related to one of the subjects studied under (i) and (ii). A choice of essay questions as prescribed by the
examiners will be published on the WebLearn pages for this degree programme by noon on Friday of Fourth Week of Hilary Term. They will be required to select one question from this paper, and prepare an essay of up to 4,000 words (excluding bibliography). Candidates must submit two typewritten copies of this essay in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Examiners of the M.St. in Islamic Studies and History, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by noon on Friday of 8th week of the Hilary Term. The work must bear the candidates examination number (but not the candidates’ name.) Candidates must include a signed declaration sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners that the work is the candidates own.

(iv) A thesis of no more than 15,000 words (excluding bibliography), or two essays of no more than 6,000 words (excluding bibliography), on a topic (or topics) selected in consultation with the candidate’s supervisor and approved by the Faculty Board. Candidates are required to submit two typewritten copies of the dissertation to the Chairman of the Examiners, at the address above, by noon on Friday of Fourth Week of Trinity Term.

3. The examiners may award a Distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.

4. The examiners may examine any candidate by viva voce.

Explanatory Notes

New course.