Changes in the regulations governing the DPhil in History: communication from the Board of the Faculty of History

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Following approval by Education Committee, the following changes in regulations have been made:

Humanities Divisional Board

Doctor of Philosophy in History

Brief note about the nature of the change:
These changes 1) abolish the requirement for a qualifying examination for students wishing to study History of Art at doctoral level, instead establishing the MSt in History of Art and Visual Culture as the normal route by which students in this field proceed to doctoral study; and 2) provide for the study of the DPhil degree in History on a part-time basis.

With effect from 1 October 2012

1 In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 861, delete l.39 to l.44 ‘Candidates wishing to conduct research… and the end of each Trinity Term’.

2 In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 862, l.25, after ‘M.St. in US History’, insert ‘M.St. in History of Art and Visual Culture’.

3 Ibid, l.33, after ‘to be admitted to a research programme’, insert:

3. Special provisions for part-time students

In assessing applications from candidates seeking to undertake a research degree through part-time study, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of History shall have regard to evidence that:

(i) the candidate is suitable to undertake research at doctoral level;

(ii) the candidate's proposed topic of research is suitable for part-time study;

(iii) the candidate's personal and professional circumstances are such that it is both practicable for him or her to fulfil the requirements of the course, and necessary for him or her to study on a part-time basis;

(iv) if appropriate, the candidate has the written support of their present employer for their proposed course of study and its obligations;

(v) the candidate can meet the following attendance requirements for their period of part-time study: attendance for a minimum of thirty days of university-based work each year, normally coinciding with the full terms

* It should be noted that admission or change to study on a part-time basis in History is reviewed on an annual basis, and is subject to decisions by the University on the availability of doctoral research by means of part-time study.
of the academic year, to be arranged with the agreement of their supervisor, for the period that their names remain on the Register of Graduate Students unless individually dispensed by the Graduate Studies Committee on the Board of the Faculty of History. During a candidate's probationary period the attendance arrangements must take account of relevant induction and training events scheduled by the Faculty.

4 Ibid, l.38, after ‘…in the candidate’s first Hilary Term’ insert ‘(or Friday of eighth week in the candidate's second Hilary Term in the case of part-time students).’

5 In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 863, l.21, after ‘…admission to the DPhil programme’ insert ‘(or in the candidate's twelfth term after transfer to full D.Phil. status in the case of part-time students).’

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