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

Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme
MPhil Archaeology

Brief note about nature of change: Changes to deadlines for essay and dissertation title submission deadlines, and clarification of assessment methods for option papers

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2017 http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mophilinarch/studentview/

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2018
For first (qualifying) examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.8 as follows:

‘(c) to offer a further subject chosen from Schedules A-D for the Master of Studies in Archaeology and which is normally taught in Michaelmas Term of the second year. [Candidates who offered a subject from Schedule C or D in the Qualifying Examination may not normally offer another subject from the same schedule.] The subject will be examined by two pre-set essays (each of no more than 5,000 words) regardless of the Schedule from which it has been selected present themselves for written examination in accordance with regulation 5 below in the Trinity Full Term of the academic year after that in which their name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students;’

2. Delete citation reference 1.10 as follows:

‘5. The written examination in the second year of study shall comprise one further
subject chosen from Schedules A-D for the Master of Studies in Archaeology and which is normally taught in Michaelmas Term of the second year. [Candidates who offered a subject from Schedule C or D in the Qualifying Examination may not normally offer another subject from the same schedule.] The subjects will be examined by two pre-set essays (each of 5,000 words), except that further subjects from Schedule A in the M.St in Archaeology may also be examined by a written paper.

3. Amend citation reference 1.11 as follows:

‘65. The choice of subjects for examination and the thesis title must be approved by the candidate’s supervisor and submitted for approval by the School of Archaeology Graduate Studies Committee by noon of the seventh week of Trinity Full Term of the academic year in which the candidate’s name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students, and such approval, having regard to the candidate’s previous experience and to the availability of teaching. Notice of the subject must be given to the Registrar (via Student Self Service) no later than Friday of the eighth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.’

4. Amend citation reference 1.12 as follows:

‘76. Candidates will be expected to show sufficient general knowledge of the appropriate history and geography for a proper understanding of their subjects.’

5. Delete citation reference 1.13 as follows:

‘8. The subject for examination and the chosen method of examination must be submitted for approval by the School of Archaeology Graduate Studies Committee in time for its meeting in eighth week of the Trinity Full Term of the academic year in which the candidate’s name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students. Notice of the subject must be given to the Registrar no later than Friday of the eighth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.’

6. Amend citation reference 1.14 as follows:

‘97. Where options subjects are examined by pre-set essays (as specified in 54 above), candidates will propose essay topics in consultation with their supervisor or relevant course provider. The proposed essay titles, countersigned by the supervisor, must be submitted for approval of the Chair of Examiners by no later than noon on Friday of the seventh eighth week of the term in which the instruction for that subject is given. Candidates must upload their preset essays to the Assignments section of the course WebLearn site no later than noon on Monday of the first week of the term following that in which instruction for that subject was given. Essays should bear the candidate’s examination number but not his or her name. Any illustrations must be included in both copies.’

7. Delete citation reference 1.16 as follows:

‘10. The proposed thesis title must be submitted for approval by the committee in time for its meeting in the eighth week of the Trinity Full Term of the year in which
the candidate’s name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students.’

8. Amend citation reference 1.17 as follows:

‘118. Candidates are advised that adequate reading knowledge of an appropriate language or languages (other than English) may be necessary to reach the standard required by the examiners.’

9. Amend citation reference 1.18 as follows:

‘129. Candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis with the Examination Schools. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one hard copy of the thesis in the Sackler Library or the Balfour Library, as directed by the examiners. Such candidates will be required to complete a form stating whether they give permission for their thesis to be consulted.’

10. Amend citation reference 1.19 as follows:

‘103. Candidates whose work in the Final Examination is judged by the Examiners not to be of the standard required for the degree of M.Phil. in Archaeology but whose work in the Qualifying Examination nevertheless reached the standard required for the degree of M.St in Archaeology, may be offered the option of resitting the M.Phil. Examination under the General Regulations § 2, cl. 4, or of being granted permission to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies in Archaeology.’

11. Delete citation reference 1.20 as follows:

‘14. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.’

Explanatory Notes

Changes to deadlines for essay and dissertation title submission deadlines, clarification of assessment methods for option papers (currently wording refers to ‘written exam’ when the assessment is written coursework), and reordering of some information.