

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

MPhil Classical Archaeology

Brief note about nature of change: Change to deadline for title submissions, updates to lists of option papers, and change to Schedules students choose options from

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mopinclasarch/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first (qualifying) examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows:

‘(a) to satisfy the examiners in a Qualifying Examination identical with that for the degree of Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology and governed by regulations 5-9 for that degree, in the Trinity Full Term of the academic year in which their name is first entered on the Register of M.Phil. students except that under regulation 5(b) of that degree a ~~10,000 word~~ dissertation of not more than 10,000 words may not normally be offered in place of one of the subject options (examined by two pre-set essays). In the case of failure in one part of the qualifying examination, the candidate will have the same rights of resubmission as for the M.St in Classical Archaeology and, if successful, will be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of M.St in Classical Archaeology but will not be permitted to proceed to the second year of the M.Phil. in Classical Archaeology. Candidates whose work in the Qualifying Examination is judged by the examiners to be of the standard required for the degree of M.St. in Classical Archaeology but not of the standard required to proceed to the second year of the M.Phil. in Classical Archaeology, will be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology;’

2. Amend citation reference 1.8 as follows:

~~‘(c) to offer a further subject chosen from Schedules B-C for the Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology to be examined by two pre-set essays each of not more than 5,000 words. [Candidates who offered a subject from Schedule C in the qualifying examination may not normally offer another subject from Schedule C] 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;’~~

3. Delete citation reference 1.10 as follows:

~~‘5. The written examination in the second year shall comprise one subject chosen from Schedules A-C for the Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology to be examined by two pre-set essays each of 5,000 words. [Candidates who offered a subject from Schedule C in the qualifying examination may not normally offer another subject from Schedule C.]’~~

4. Amend citation reference 1.11 as follows:

~~‘65. The choice of subjects for thesis and examination pre-set essays must be approved by the candidate's supervisor and by the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Archaeology, having regard to the candidate's previous experience and to the availability of teaching.’~~

5. Amend citation reference 1.12 as follows:

~~‘76. Candidates will be expected to show sufficient general knowledge of Ancient History and Geography for a proper understanding of their periods and subjects.’~~

6. Amend citation reference 1.13 as follows:

~~‘87. The period or subject for examination must be submitted for approval by the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Archaeology, in time for its meeting in the eighth by noon of Friday of seventh 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 period or subject to be offered by each candidates must be given to the Registrar (via Student Self Service) not later than Friday of the eighth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination that same term.’~~

7. Amend citation reference 1.14 as follows:

~~‘98. Where options are being examined by pre-set essays (as specified in 5-4(c) 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 to 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 essays to the Assignments section of the course WebLearn site by no later than noon on the Monday of the first week of the term following that in which the instruction for that subject was given to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. Essays must bear the candidate's examination number but not his or her name.’~~

8. Amend citation reference 1.15 as follows:

~~‘With respect to pre-set essays and theses, only the file submitted via WebLearn constitutes a valid submission, no concomitant hard-copy submission may be submitted for any purpose. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.’~~

9. Amend citation reference 1.16 as follows:

~~‘109.~~ The proposed thesis title must be submitted for approval by the committee in time for its meeting in the eighth week of the Trinity Term of the year in which the candidate's name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students. The finalised thesis title must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners by no later than noon on Friday of the eighth week in Hilary Term in the academic year after that in which their name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students.’

10. Amend citation reference 1.17 as follows:

~~‘101.~~ 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.’

11. Amend citation reference 1.18 as follows:

~~‘112. Candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis with the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the Sackler Library. Such candidates will be required to complete a form stating whether they give permission for their thesis to be consulted.’~~

12. Amend citation reference 1.19 as follows:

~~‘123.~~ In the case of failure in just one part of the final examination, the candidate will be permitted to retake that part of the examination on one further occasion, not later than one year after the initial attempt. Written papers would be retaken the following year. A candidate who is not judged to have reached the standard required for the degree of Master of Philosophy in Classical Archaeology but whose examinations fulfil the requirements of the M.St in Classical Archaeology may be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of M.St in Classical Archaeology.’

13. Delete citation reference 1.20 as follows:

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

Explanatory Notes

Change to deadline for title submissions, updates to lists of option papers, and change to Schedules students choose options from. Currently the regulations state that students can choose from Schedules A-C, the change will require students to choose from B-C. The change is to update the regulations with current practice.