

## Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 15 May 2018

**Title of Programme: MPhil in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Renaming of programme; clarification of existing regulations without change of current practice.

**Location of change**

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

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2019**

**For first examination from 2019-20**

**Detail of change**

## Master of Philosophy in ~~General Linguistics and Comparative Philology~~ Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

<sup>1.7</sup>3. The examination shall consist of four parts:

<sup>1.8</sup>(a) One general paper as indicated in A.

<sup>1.9</sup>(b) Three papers which must be chosen from those listed in B or must be those listed in C or those listed in D.

<sup>1.10</sup>A. Linguistic Theory.

<sup>1.11</sup>B.

<sup>1.12</sup>(i) Phonetics and Phonology.

1.13(ii) Syntax.

1.14(iii) Semantics.

1.15(iv) Historical and comparative linguistics.

1.16(v) Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics.

1.17(vi) History and structure of a language.

1.18(vii) Experimental Phonetics.

1.19(viii) Sociolinguistics.

1.20(ix) Computational Linguistics.

~~1.21(x) Any one option from those offered as C options for the M.St. in English Language.~~

1.22(~~✱~~ x) Any other subject which, from time to time, the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics at its own discretion may consider suitable.

1.23C.

1.24(i) ~~The comparative grammar of two Indo-European languages or language groups.~~ The comparative grammar of Indo-European languages

1.25(ii) ~~The historical grammar of the languages or language groups selected.~~ The historical grammar of Indo-European languages

1.26(iii) ~~Translation from, and linguistic comment upon, texts in the languages selected.~~ Translation from, and linguistic comment upon, texts in Indo-European languages

1.27D.

1.28(i) The history of one [**For students starting before MT 2016:** or two languages.] [**For students starting from MT 2016:** language, or of two or more historically related languages.]

1.29(ii) The structure of the language or languages selected.

1.30(iii) [**For students starting before MT 2016: Either**] [**For students starting from MT 2016:** One of] (a) Translation from, and/or linguistic comment upon, texts in the language or languages selected, [**For students starting before MT 2016: Or**] (b) Any paper from B above except B (vi) [**For students starting from MT 2016:** , or (c) A project on an aspect of the structure or history of the language, or family of related languages, studied].

1.314. Paper A must be taken at the end of the first year of study. In addition, a student may take one other module for assessment in the first year, where there are good reasons for doing so. Marks will be moderated by the board of examiners for the relevant year, and then be released as final. A

candidate who fails paper A or another module taken in the first year will have the option of sitting the same module(s) again at the end of the second year; modules retaken in the second year shall be subject to the cap on marks for re-examined options (paragraph 11 below). The general paper A and the papers in C and D ~~[For students starting from MT 2016: (i), D(ii) and D(iii) (a)]~~ are each assessed by 3-hour written examination. ~~[For students starting from MT 2016: The paper in D(iii) (c) is examined by method (b).]~~ The papers in B are assessed by one of:

Either:

1.32 (a) 3-hour written examination.

1.33 Or (b) An essay of between 5,000 and 7,500 words (these limits to exclude symbols and diacritics, figures, the bibliography, appendices consisting of a catalogue of data, questionnaire, or other research instrument used to gather data, any extensive text which is specifically the object of a commentary or linguistic analysis, and any translation of that text, but include quotations and footnotes). For all B papers ~~except for B(ix) and B(x)~~, the essay (in two typewritten copies) must be sent in a parcel bearing the words 'Essay for the M.St./M.Phil. in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics' to the Chair of Examiners for the Degree of M.St/M.Phil. in General Linguistics Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. ~~Work for paper B(ix) is submitted as specified in the regulations for the M.Sc. in Computer Science, and work for papers under B(x) is submitted as specified in the regulations for the M.St. in English Language.~~

1.34 Or (c) A written report of between 5,000 and 7,500 words on the design and execution of an original research project (these limits exclude symbols and diacritics, figures, the bibliography, appendices consisting of a catalogue of data, questionnaire, or other research instrument used to gather data, any extensive text which is specifically the object of a commentary or linguistic analysis, and any translation of that text, but include quotations and footnotes). The research report (in two typewritten copies) must be sent in a parcel bearing the words 'Written work for the M.St./M.Phil. in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics' to the Chair of Examiners for the Degree of M.St./M.Phil. in General Linguistics Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford.

1.39 ~~5. Of the two languages or language groups selected by the candidates who wish to offer the papers mentioned in C above, one must be studied in greater depth than the other. Candidates who wish to offer papers listed in C above must select two Indo-European languages or language groups, one of which must be studied in greater depth than the other. All such combinations are subject to the availability of teaching and the approval of the faculty~~

1.40 ~~Combinations previously offered under the auspices of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics are:~~

1.41 ~~(a) Greek with the elements of Sanskrit Philology.~~

1.42 ~~(b) Italic with the elements of Old Irish Philology.~~

~~1.43 (c) Germanic with the elements of Greek Philology.~~

~~1.44 (d) Greek with the elements of Anatolian Philology.~~

~~1.45 (e) Romance with the elements of Italic Philology.~~

~~1.46 (f) Italic with the elements of Greek Philology.~~

~~1.47 (g) Sanskrit with the elements of Greek Philology.~~

~~1.48 (h) Greek with the elements of Slavonic Philology.~~

~~1.49 (i) Celtic with the elements of Italic Philology.~~

~~1.50 Other combinations will be allowed subject to the approval of the faculty and the availability of teaching.~~

1.548. The examiners may require a successful candidate to deposit one of the submitted copies of ~~his~~ their thesis in the Bodleian Library. Such a candidate will be required to complete a form stating whether ~~he~~ they gives permission for ~~his~~ their thesis to be consulted.

~~1.569. The Examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

1.5710. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify ~~him~~ them for the degree of M.Phil. but is nevertheless of sufficient merit to qualify ~~him~~ them for the Degree of Master of Studies in ~~General Linguistics and Comparative Philology~~ Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. examination under the appropriate regulation or of being granted permission to supplicate for the Degree of Master of Studies.

1.5811. Candidates requesting re-examination should be required to resit or resubmit any ~~paper~~ unit of assessment in which they have failed to achieve a pass mark. The highest mark awarded for a re-examined ~~paper~~ unit of assessment should be the pass mark.

## **Explanatory Notes**

The MSt in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology (now renamed MSt Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics) was subject to major changes, including minor changes to the regulations which need to be mirrored in the corresponding M.Phil. regulations. These changes were approved by Education Committee in Trinity Term 2018.

The change to the course title is made in response to a desire for a coherent and consistent programme offering across the M.St., M.Phil. and D.Phil. programmes in Linguistics. The change was approved by Education Committee in Trinity Term 2018.