

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Approved by Education Committee on 16 June 2017	
Title of Programme	Master of Science by Coursework in Modern Middle Eastern Studies
Brief note about nature of change:	New programme
Effective date	<p>For students starting from MT 2018</p> <p>For first examination from 2018-19</p>
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> 2017, after Master of Science by Coursework in Migration Studies
<p>1. Candidates in Mode A or 'language track' of the MSc in MMES will be required to present themselves for a three-hour written examination in an intermediate or advanced paper in either Arabic or Hebrew Language. Mode A students will take two optional papers in Hilary and Trinity Terms, examined through 5,000 word take-home essays. Candidates in Mode B or 'non-language track' will take three optional papers over Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity Terms, examined through 5,000 word take-home essays. Students will collect essay titles on Monday of week 6 of the term in which the option is taught. The deadline for submitted finished essays will be Monday Noon of 0th week in the following term in the case of Michaelmas and Hilary terms, and Friday Noon of 12th week in Trinity Term.</p> <p>Candidates will choose optional papers from a list approved by the Course Committee. This list will be published in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year. Candidates will choose these papers in consultation with their supervisor. With special permission of the Course Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will follow the same examination procedures for such options as for the listed options.</p> <p>2. In addition, all candidates will be required to undertake the following assessment:</p> <p>(i) Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term; a one week take-home test in quantitative analysis by 12 noon on Monday of week 6 of Hilary Term; and a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal by 12 noon Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term, which must be approved but will not contribute to the final</p>	

result.

(ii) One 12,000 word dissertation (including all notes and references but excluding the bibliography): the title of the dissertation must be approved by the Course Committee by 12 noon on Friday of week 2 of Hilary Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The dissertation must be submitted by 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken. The dissertation must be accompanied by a statement that the dissertation is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

Two typewritten or word processed copies of each of the items of written work detailed above and, in addition, an electronic copy of the dissertation in PDF format on a memory stick or CD, must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.Sc. in Modern Middle Eastern Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the dissertation in the Bodleian Library.

3. Candidates who fail one or more of the elements of the final examination will be permitted to resubmit the relevant work or retake the examination paper(s), as applicable, on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.

Schedule

The structure of the course is as follows:

Either Mode A (for students who do not have sufficient Arabic or Hebrew for research purposes)

(a) *Compulsory class* in either intermediate or advanced Arabic Language, or intermediate or advanced Hebrew Language; taught throughout Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity Terms.

(b) *Research Methods*: taken in Michaelmas and Trinity terms (qualitative and quantitative methods respectively). Students also submit a research proposal for the dissertation at the end of Hilary Term.

(c) *Optional papers*: Candidates must choose **two** optional papers, taken in Hilary and Trinity Terms.

(d) *Dissertation*: submitted by 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken.

Or Mode B (for students who have sufficient Arabic or Hebrew for research purposes)

(a) *Research Methods*: taken in Michaelmas and Trinity term (qualitative and

quantitative methods respectively). Students also submit a research proposal for the dissertation at the end of Hilary Term.

(b) *Optional papers*: Candidates must choose **three** optional papers, taken in Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity Terms.

(c) *Dissertation*: submitted by 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in the examination is taken.

Explanatory Notes

This is a new programme, approved by Education Committee in Trinity Term 2017.