

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

MSc Russian and East European Studies

Brief note about nature of change: change of assessment method for one paper and change to submission deadline

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

Remove citation reference 1.1-1.7 and replace with the following:

‘(See also the general notice at the commencement of these regulations.)

The regulations made by the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee are as follows:

Candidates will be required to sit written examinations on two compulsory papers, to be taken in eighth week of Trinity Full Term:

1. An examination paper on Contemporary Russian and East European Studies Part 1.
2. An examination paper on Contemporary Russian and East European Studies Part 2.

Candidates will also be required to submit one extended essay on Twentieth Century Russian, Soviet and East European History of 4,500 words, excluding bibliography. Two copies of the extended essay should be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 Noon Monday in the fifth week of Hilary Term. An electronic copy should also be submitted via WebLearn by the same deadline. The essay must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

Candidates will be required to submit a thesis of at least 12,000 words but not more than 15,000 words on a subject approved by the Management Committee for Russian and East European Studies, to be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 Noon on Monday in the seventh week of Trinity Term. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. An electronic copy should also be submitted via WebLearn by the same deadline.

Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers or extended essay will be permitted to retake it on one subsequent occasion the following year. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of distinction.

In the case of a failed thesis, a candidate may submit again, on one subsequent occasion, usually in Trinity Term, provided that this is still within the six terms of his or her registration.

Methods Requirement. All candidates will be required to pass the Research Methods requirement related to Russian and East European Studies and to have achieved pass marks for the assessed components, as specified in the Notes of Guidance of the year of Matriculation of the Candidates. Two printed copies of each of the written items required for the methods requirement must be submitted to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MSc in Russian and East European Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified in the Notes of Guidance. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work.'

Explanatory Notes

Change of assessment for 'History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century' from written exam to submitted coursework.

Change of submission deadline for the dissertation from Friday of week 6 of Trinity Term to Monday of week 7.

The regulations have also been rewritten so as to bring the format into line with the MPhil Russian and East European Studies regulations.