

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 11 July 2018

Title of Programme

Master of Studies in Global and Imperial History

Brief note about nature of change: Change to number and length of essays

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* (<http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosigandimpehist/>)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

New text underlined, deletions struck-through:

^{1.1}The regulations of the Board of the Faculty of History are as follows:

^{1.2}1. Candidates for this degree must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction and directed research and must, upon entering the examination, produce from their society a certificate to that effect.

^{1.3}2. Candidates must attend such lectures, seminars and classes as their supervisor shall determine. In addition to the formally examined programme elements described below, each candidate will be expected to attend and complete in-course requirements for a series of skills and specialist options based on a schedule to be published from year to year by the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee.

^{1.4}3. The final examination shall comprise (i) one extended essay of ~~3,000~~4,000-5,000 words based on the programme's ~~theory component~~Concepts and Themes course, ~~plus one annotated~~

~~bibliography and one dissertation proposal~~, (ii) ~~two~~^{one} extended essays of ~~between 4,000–5,000~~^{6,500 and 7,500 words} each based on an Advanced Option, and (iii) a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words.

^{1.9}I. During Michaelmas Term each candidate will attend core classes on concepts and themes in global and imperial history from CE 1400. The core classes will be assessed by an extended essay of ~~between 3,000~~^{4,000} and 5,000 words, ~~and by an annotated bibliography and a dissertation proposal of between 800 and 1,000 words which must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Global and Imperial History Weblearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week One of Hilary Term.~~

^{1.10}~~The two essays must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Global and Imperial History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week Nine of Hilary Term. The essays should reflect the skills and understanding acquired by the candidate through attending the Advanced Option classes. One of the essays may complement – but must not share significant content with – the dissertation, and the essays are also expected to be distinct from each other in period or issues covered. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work.~~

In Hilary Term candidates will take one Advanced Option. Details of available Advanced Options are published in the course handbook. Approval of an Advanced Option choice must be obtained from the programme convenor and the Director of Graduate Studies by Friday of Week 4 of Michaelmas Term. The Advanced Option essay must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Global and Imperial History Weblearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term. The essay should reflect the skills and understanding acquired by the candidate through attending the Advanced Option classes. It may compliment – but may not share significant content with – the dissertation.

^{1.11}II. Each candidate must submit a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a topic, to be negotiated with the supervisor, in the candidate's chosen subject area. The dissertation must include a short abstract which concisely summarises in about 300 words its scope and principal arguments.

^{1.12}~~The dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Global and Imperial History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week Nine of Trinity Term. Material submitted under (i) and (ii) may be summarised or further developed in the dissertation, but no significant part of the dissertation should reproduce or paraphrase other work submitted for examination. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration that it is their own work. and accompanied by a declaration that it is the candidate's own work. Material submitted under I and II may be summarised or substantially further developed in the dissertation, but no significant part of the dissertation should reproduce or paraphrase other work submitted for examination.~~

^{1.13}~~4. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.~~

^{1.14}~~5~~⁴. A candidate who fails one component of the examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the initial attempt.

Explanatory Notes

The reference to “course requirements for a series of skills and specialist options” has been removed, as this was not applicable to the course.

The length and number of essays for the Concepts and Themes and Option components have been amended to bring these more into line with assessment methods used on other Faculty of History courses.

Reference to an annotated bibliography and a dissertation proposal has removed, as this is not applicable to this programme.

This change also removes reference to the award of distinction, as the latter has been moved to the general regulations.