

**Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division**

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of TAC on 28/09/17**

**Title of Programme**

MPhil Russian and East European Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** amendment to clarify language qualifying examination

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mopiraeasteurostud/studentview/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2017**

**For first examination from 2018-19**

**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation reference 1.10 as follows:

‘(a) a thesis of at least 25,000 words but not more than 30,000 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 Noon on Monday in the fourth week of Trinity Term in which the final examination is taken. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.’

2. Amend citation reference 1.11 as follows:

‘(b) two subjects (optional courses) chosen from a list, which is approved annually by the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee. The selection of subjects ~~have~~ has to be approved by the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee in Trinity Term, Year 1. A candidate who fails the Final Examination may enter again, on one subsequent occasion, usually in Trinity Term, provided that this is still within

the twelve terms of his or her registration.'

3. Amend citation reference 1.14 as follows:

*'Language Requirement.* Before admission to the final examination all candidates will be required to pass a language qualifying exam ~~on the region, which is usually in Russian. In special circumstances permission may be granted for sitting an exam in another language.~~ The specific arrangements for the provision and methods of assessment of language training are governed by the Examination Conventions and Notes of Guidance of the year of matriculation of the candidates.'

### **Explanatory Notes**

Vested interests: Material provided to students starting the programme in MT 2017 stated that the language qualifying exam would be in Russian. There was no indication that the exam could be in another language. We are therefore satisfied that there are no CMA issues with the change.