

Continuing Education Board

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Master of Studies in Diplomatic Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Major change to programme

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosindiplstud/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

And

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

Delete from [1.1] to [1.9] and insert

1. Candidates must follow a course of instruction over one year in the subject of diplomatic studies.
2. Candidates will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:
 - i. Four written papers, each of three hours' duration, one on each of the topics below:
 - a) *Diplomatic Practice*
 - b) *International Politics*
 - c) *International Trade and Finance*

d) Public International Law

- ii. A dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a topic chosen by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the examiners. The dissertation must be delivered in hard copy and in electronic copy, format to be prescribed in the course handbook, to the Examiners c/o the Registry, Department for Continuing Education, Wellington Square, Oxford by no later than noon on the last Friday in September of the year in which the course is undertaken.
3. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies at the discretion of the examiners.
4. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates for the Master of Studies.
5. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in each of the written papers or in the dissertation may be permitted to resit the part or parts of the examination which they have failed on one further occasion only not later than one year after the initial attempt.

Explanatory Notes

Major change to Diplomatic Studies programme, should be read in conjunction with the entry for the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies. Students will enter to the Postgraduate Diploma and may transfer in year to the MSt.