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### **Humanities Divisional Board**

## Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 5 July 2017

# Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Philosophy in Economic and Social History

Brief note about nature of change: change to assessment and submission dates

## Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2016 (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mopieandsocihist/)

#### Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination in 2017-18

## **Detail of change**

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- 1.11 Final examination
- <sup>1.12</sup>The examination shall consist of four papers and a dissertation.
- 1.13 I. Three advanced papers at least two of which must be selected from Schedule I below (Advanced Papers for the M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History), and not more than one from any other M.Phil. the choice of which must be approved by the chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the History Board not later than Monday of the fourth week of the second Michaelmas Term of the course.
- 1.14 Candidates must take at least two of their advanced papers as three-hour written examinations. For each of their remaining advanced papers candidates must choose to be assessed either by written examination or by two 5,000 word essays. Essays may be only submitted in lieu of written papers for subjects in Schedule I or for papers from other M.Phils where similar provision exists in the regulations

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for those examinations. The essays must be the work of the candidates alone and they must not consult any other person including their supervisors in any way concerning the method of handling the themes chosen. The themes chosen by the candidate must be submitted for approval by the chair of examiners by the examination entry date. Candidates will be informed within two weeks, by means of a letter directed to their colleges, whether the topics they have submitted have been approved. The finished essays must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Economic and Social History WebLearn site by noon on Monday of sixth week Week 9 of Trinity Full Term. The essays must be presented in proper scholarly form and accompanied by a declaration that they are the candidate's own work.

- <sup>1.15</sup>II. Either
- 1.16(i) one paper in a discipline or skill or sources or methods selected from Schedule II below.
- 1.17*or*
- 1.18(ii) A fourth advanced paper selected from Schedule I or from any additional list of papers for the M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History approved by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of History and published in the definitive list of Advanced Papers as set out in Schedule I.
- 1.19 III. A dissertation of not more than 30,000 words, including appendices but excluding bibliography on a topic approved by the candidate's supervisor. The dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Economic and Social History WebLearn site not later than noon on the Monday of the first week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. Dissertations must not exceed the permitted length and must be accompanied by a statement verifying that they are the candidate's own work. If they exceed the permitted word length or are not accompanied by the required statement the examiners will reduce the marks awarded. The presentation and footnotes should comply with the requirements specified in the Regulations of the Education Committee for the degree of M.Litt. and D.Phil. and follow the *Conventions for the presentation of essays, dissertations and theses* of the Board of the Faculty of History.
- 1.20 Each dissertation must include a short abstract which concisely summarises its scope and principal arguments, in about 300 words. This is not included in the dissertation word limit.

For I and II, the assessment requirements for the papers set out in Schedule I ('Advanced Papers for M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History') and Schedule II below will be specified in the course handbook. The assessment will take the form of a three-hour written examination or the submission of an essay of 8-10,000 words or two essays of 5,000 words each. The essays must be the work of the candidates alone and they must not consult any other person including their supervisors in any way concerning the method of handling the themes chosen. The themes chosen by the candidate must be submitted for approval by the chair of examiners by the examination entry date. Candidates will be informed within two weeks, by means of a letter directed to their colleges, whether the topics they have submitted have been approved. The finished essays must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Economic and Social History WebLearn site by noon on Monday of Week 9 of Trinity Full Term.

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# **Explanatory Notes**

The changes to submission deadlines will bring them in line with other History courses. The change to the assessment methodology concerning advanced papers removes the requirement to take a certain number of papers as written examinations.