

## Humanities Divisional Board

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

### Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Science by Coursework 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/mosbcieandsocihist/>)

### Effective date

**For students starting from MT 2017**

**For first examination from 2017-18**

### Detail of change

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<sup>1.9</sup>The methodological introduction course will be assessed by an end of course essay of up to 4,000 words. The essay must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Economic and Social History WebLearn site by noon on ~~Friday of Week 10 of Michaelmas~~ Monday of Week 1 of Hilary Term of the candidate's first year. A quantitative methods course is assessed by an assignment to be completed over the Christmas Vacation; the completed assignment must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Economic and Social History WebLearn site by noon on ~~Monday of second week~~ Week 1 of Hilary Term. Essays should be accompanied by a declaration that they are the candidate's own work. In addition, convenors of qualifying courses will confirm in writing to the Chair of Examiners not later than Friday of eighth week of Hilary Term the candidates' satisfactory participation in their classes, including the completion of any assignments for the weekly sessions. Any approved alternative qualifying course will be assessed within the format and timetable of the paper's parent course. No candidate who has failed the qualifying test of two courses will be permitted to supplicate for the degree. Candidates who fail a qualifying course once will be permitted to take it again, not later than one year after the initial

attempt.

**1.10 Final examination**

**1.11** The examination shall consist of two papers and a dissertation.

~~1.12~~ Candidates must take at least one of their papers as a three-hour written examination. For the remaining paper 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 below ('Advanced Papers for M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History') or for other papers permitted in Schedule II below where similar provision exists in the regulations 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.

I. One advanced paper selected from Schedule I below.

II. Either (i) one paper in a relevant discipline or skill or sources or methods selected from Schedule II below;

or (ii) a second 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.

III. A dissertation of not more than 15,000 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 last Friday in August of the year in which the examination is taken. Dissertations submitted must not exceed the permitted length. If they do 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 degrees of M.Litt. and D.Phil. and follow the Conventions for the presentation of dissertations and theses of the Board of the Faculty of History. Dissertations should be accompanied by a declaration that they are the candidate's own work.

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 individual 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 ~~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.

3. The examiners will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out ~~below~~ under the heading 'Use of calculators in examinations' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

### **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.