

LV 2017

MSc ELH

**Continuing Education Board**

**Approved** by correspondence 5 July 2017

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]**

Master of Science in English Local History

**Brief note about nature of change:** Reduction in assessment quantity. More detail around submission of assessed work. General updating.

**Location of change**

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

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2017**

**And**

**For first examination from 2017-18**

**Detail of change**

Amend citations reference as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

[1.1] to [1.38]

- ~~1. Every Candidate must follow for at least six terms a part-time course of instruction in English Local History and must upon entering for examination~~

~~produce from his or her society a certificate to that effect.~~

~~2. The examination will consist of the following parts:~~

~~*Qualifying test*~~

~~Every candidate must pass a qualifying test. The test shall consist of the satisfactory completion of a course on:~~

~~Concepts and methods: an introduction to research in local history~~

~~The organisers of each course shall, not later than the end of the Trinity Term preceding the examination, submit to the examiners a list of candidates who have satisfactorily completed a qualifying course. No candidate who has failed the qualifying test will be permitted to supplicate for the degree. Candidates who fail the qualifying course once will be permitted to take it again, not later than one year after the initial attempt.~~

~~*Final examinations*~~

~~The final examination shall consist of three parts:~~

~~*A. Skills for local history*~~

~~Every candidate must submit two written assignments of no more than 2,500 words in length for each of two courses from the list below:~~

- ~~(1) Sources, Methods and Foundations in Medieval Local History~~
- ~~(2) Sources, Methods and Foundations in Early Modern Local History~~
- ~~(3) Sources, Methods and Foundations in Modern Local History~~

~~*B. Advanced papers*~~

~~Every candidate must follow either~~

- ~~(1) two advanced papers from Schedule A below,~~

~~or~~

- ~~(2) one advanced paper from Schedule A below and a second paper from Schedule B, which consists of papers also offered as part of the MSc in Economic and Social History. Other papers may be added subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Graduate Studies Committee of the History Faculty Board and of the Board of Studies of the Committee for Continuing Education.~~

~~Each candidate will submit two written assignments of not more than 5,000 words in length for each paper.~~

### ~~C. Dissertation~~

~~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 delivered not later than noon on the last Monday in September of the second year of the course to the Chairman of Examiners for the Degree of MSc in Local History, c/o Clerk of the Schools, High Street, Oxford.~~

### ~~Schedule A~~

~~Advanced Papers are available in the following areas:~~

- ~~1. The development of rural society~~
- ~~2. Social history~~
- ~~3. Urban history~~
- ~~4. History of religion~~
- ~~5. Architecture and local society~~

### ~~Schedule B~~

~~Advanced Papers are available in the following areas:~~

- ~~1. Economic and business history~~
- ~~2. History of science and technology~~
- ~~3. Social history~~
- ~~4. Historical demography~~
- ~~5. History of medicine~~

~~A list of Advanced Papers will be published by the Board of Studies for the MSc in English Local History in September for the academic year ahead (not all options may be available in every year). The definitive list of the titles of Advanced Papers for any one year will be circulated to candidates and their supervisors not later than Friday of the third week of Michaelmas Term. Teaching for the Advanced Papers will take place in Hilary Term.~~

- ~~3. The examiners will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out on p 1102 of the 2000 edition of the University of Oxford *Examination Decrees and Regulations* handbook.~~
- ~~4. Each candidate must attend an oral examination when required to do so by the examiners.~~

- ~~5. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~
- ~~6. A candidate who fails an advanced paper, or whose dissertation fails to satisfy the examiners, may be permitted to retake the paper, or resubmit the dissertation, on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the initial attempt.~~

1. Candidates must follow a course of instruction in English Local History. The course is available on a part-time basis only over a period of six terms.

2. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

a) A qualifying test consisting of satisfactory completion of a course on Concepts and Methods: an introduction to research in local history;

b) Skills for local history: one written assignment of no more than 3,000 words in length for each of two courses from the list below:

(1) Sources, Methods and Foundations in Medieval Local History

(2) Sources, Methods and Foundations in Early Modern Local History

(3) Sources, Methods and Foundations in Modern Local History

c) Advanced papers

Two written assignments for each of two papers, each assignment to be of not more than 5,000 words.

Papers taken are to be chosen from a list in the handbook to be published by the first week of Michaelmas Term each year. Not all options may be available every year. Other papers may be offered subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee of the History Faculty Board and the examiners.

d) Dissertation

A dissertation of not more than 15,000 words, on a topic selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by any two of the examiners.

Assignments under a) b) and c) shall be submitted via the Department for Continuing Education approved online submission system for consideration by the examiners by such dates as the examiners shall determine and of which they

shall notify candidates. The dissertation must be delivered in hard copy and in a digital format as prescribed in the course handbook not later than noon on the last Monday in September of the second year of the course to the Chairman of Examiners for the Degree of MSc in English Local History c/o Examination Schools High Street Oxford.

3. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination by the examiners.
4. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.
5. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any part or parts of the examination may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts which they have failed on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the initial failure.

#### **Explanatory Notes**