

Humanities Divisional Board

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Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Renaming of Modern Jewish Studies strand

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mopinoriestud/>)

Effective date

For all students starting from MT2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

New text underlined, deletions struck-through:

^{1.7}(v) ~~Modern~~ Jewish Studies.

(...)

^{1.19}3. A candidate who fails any part or parts of the Qualifying Examination may retake such part or parts during the Long Vacation prior to the second year of the course, except candidates for (iii) Modern Middle Eastern Studies, (iv) Classical Indian Religion, (v) ~~Modern~~ Jewish Studies, and ~~(xi)~~ (x) Tibetan and Himalayan Studies. A candidate who fails any part or parts of the Qualifying Examination for these four courses may retake such part or parts during Trinity Term of the first year of study except where stated otherwise in the particular regulations for individual courses.

(...)

^{1.91}(v) **Modern Jewish Studies**

^{1.92}A. Qualifying Examination

^{1.93}Candidates must pass a qualifying examination in ~~Modern~~ Hebrew or Yiddish not later than the end of the Hilary term of the first year unless exempted by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies. The examination will consist of a language examination in Hebrew based on grammar knowledge and

reading comprehension.

(...)

^{1.97}(a) one language paper in Modern Hebrew or Yiddish based on grammar knowledge, reading comprehension, and translation into English, at a level equivalent to Intermediate or higher.

Explanatory Notes

Major change to MPhil in Modern Jewish Studies, now renamed and expanded to MPhil in Jewish Studies; this is a specialised strand within the overarching 'umbrella' of the MPhil in Oriental Studies.

In 2015-16 the regulations for the MSt in Jewish Studies were revised in order that the MSt in Modern Jewish Studies be subsumed into the programme and a single MSt course offered covering all periods of Jewish Studies. With effect from Michaelmas Term 2019 the Faculty of Oriental Studies are making changes so the MPhil in Modern Jewish Studies follow suit, such that it is renamed *MPhil in Jewish Studies*. The renamed MPhil in Jewish Studies will be a two-year version of the current MSt in Jewish Studies: 4 options; language; 30,000 word thesis. Faculty, Divisional and Education Committees approvals have been received for the changes.