

Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of Teaching Audit Committee on 07/07/16

Title of Programme

MPhil Archaeology

Brief note about nature of change: minor updates to text

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

Detail of change

Master of Philosophy in Archaeology

(See also the general notice at the commencement of these regulations.)

Within the Division of Social Sciences, the course shall be administered by the ~~Committee for the~~ School of Archaeology. The regulations made are as follows:

1. Candidates for admission must apply to the ~~Committee for the~~ School of Archaeology. They will be required to produce evidence of their appropriate qualifications for the proposed course including their suitable proficiency in relevant ancient or modern languages.
2. Candidates must follow for six terms a course of instruction in Archaeology.
3. The registration of candidates will lapse from the Register of M.Phil. students on the

last day of the Trinity Full Term in the academic year after that in which their name is first entered in it, unless the committee decides otherwise.

4. All candidates are required:

- (a) to satisfy the examiners in a Qualifying Examination identical with that for the degree of Master of Studies in Archaeology and comprising three subjects governed by regulations 5-9 for that degree, in the Trinity Full Term of the academic year in which their name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. ~~students except that under regulation 5(c) of that degree a 10,000 word dissertation may not normally be offered, and in its place of a second subject should be offered selected from Schedules B-D, examined by two pre-set essays.~~ In the case of failure in one part of the Qualifying Examination, the candidate will have the same rights of resubmission as for the Master of Studies and, if successful, will be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies but will not be permitted to proceed to the second year of the M.Phil. Candidates whose work in the Qualifying Examination is judged by the examiners to be of the standard required for the degree of M.St in Archaeology, but not of the standard required to proceed to the second year of the M.Phil. in Archaeology, will be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies in Archaeology;
- (b) to deliver to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on the Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term in the academic year after that in which their name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students, a thesis of not more than 25,000 words (excluding bibliography and any descriptive catalogue or other factual matter, but including notes and appendices) on the subject approved in accordance with regulations 6 and 10 below;
- (c) to present themselves for written examination in accordance with regulation 5 below in the Trinity Full Term of the academic year after that in which their name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students;
- (d) to present themselves for an oral examination as required by the examiners.

5. The written examination in the second year of study shall comprise one further subject chosen from Schedules A-D for the Master of Studies in Archaeology and which is normally taught in Michaelmas Term of the second year. [Candidates who offered a subject from Schedule C or D in the Qualifying Examination may not normally offer another subject from the same schedule.] The subjects will be examined by two pre-set essays (each of 5,000 words), except that further subjects from Schedule A in the M.St in Archaeology may also be examined by a written paper, ~~and those from Schedule A of the M.St in Classical Archaeology will only be examined by written paper.~~

6. The choice of subjects for ~~thesis and~~ examination and the thesis title must be approved

by the candidate's supervisor and by the ~~committee~~School of Archaeology Graduate Studies Committee, having regard to the candidate's previous experience and to the availability of teaching.

7. Candidates will be expected to show sufficient general knowledge of the appropriate history and geography for a proper understanding of their subjects.

8. The subject for examination and the chosen method of examination must be submitted for approval by the ~~committee~~School of Archaeology Graduate Studies Committee in time for its meeting in eighth week of the Trinity Full Term of the academic year in which the candidate's name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students. Notice of the subject must be given to the Registrar no later than Friday of the eighth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

9. Where options are examined by pre-set essays (as specified in 5 above), candidates will ~~normally select~~propose essay topics ~~from a list offered by~~in consultation with their supervisors ~~s~~or relevant course provider. The proposed essay titles, countersigned by the supervisor, must be submitted for approval ~~to of~~ the Chair of Examiners by no later than noon on Friday of the seventh week of the ~~Hilary Full Term~~term in which the instruction for that subject is given~~preceding the examinations~~. Candidates must ~~submit~~deliver to the Examination Schools two copies of their essays by not later than noon on ~~Friday~~Monday of the ~~sixth~~first week of ~~Trinity Full Term, to the Examination Schools~~the term following that in which instruction for that subject was given. Essays must be ~~typed or~~typed or printed and should bear the candidate's examination number but not his or her name. Any illustrations must be included in both copies.

10. The proposed thesis title must be submitted for approval by the committee in time for its meeting in the eighth week of the Trinity Full Term of the year in which the candidate's name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students.

11. Candidates are advised that adequate reading knowledge of an appropriate language or languages (other than English) may be necessary to reach the standard required by the examiners.

12. Candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis with the Examination Schools. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the Sackler Library or the Balfour Library, as directed by the examiners. Such candidates will be required to complete a form stating whether they give permission for their thesis to be consulted.

13. Candidates whose work in the Final Examination is judged by the Examiners not to be of the standard required for the degree of M.Phil. in Archaeology but whose work in the Qualifying Examination nevertheless reached the standard required for the degree of M.St

in Archaeology, may be offered the option of resitting the M.Phil. Examination under the General Regulations § 2, cl. 4, or of being granted permission to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies in Archaeology.

14. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

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