

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

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Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme

MSt Archaeology

Brief note about nature of change: minor updates to text

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

Detail of change

Master of Studies in Archaeology

1. 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:
2. 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.~~
3. Candidates must follow for three terms a course of instruction in Archaeology.
4. The registration of candidates will lapse on the last day of the Trinity Full Term in the academic year of their admission, unless it shall have been extended by the committee.

5. The written examination shall comprise three subjects: Not more than one subject of the three selected may normally be taken from either one of Schedule C or D.

- (a) one subject selected from Schedule A below to be ~~examined by~~ sat as a written paper ~~exam in Trinity Term of the academic year of their admission~~;
- (b) one further subject selected from Schedules B–D, to be examined by two pre-set essays (each of 5,000 words). ~~These subjects~~ Candidates will propose essay topics in consultation with their supervisor or relevant course provider. The proposed essay titles, countersigned by the supervisor, must be examined-submitted for approval of the Chair of Examiners by no later than noon on Friday of the seventh week of the term in which the instruction for that subject is given. Candidates must deliver to the Examination Schools two pre-set copies of their essays (each of 5,000 words) except that further subjects from Schedule A of the M.St. in Classical Archaeology will only by not later than noon on Monday of the first week of the term following that in which the instruction for that subject was given. Essays must be examined by written paper 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.
- (c) a dissertation of not more than 10,000 words (excluding bibliography and descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but including notes and appendices) the subject to be selected from Schedules A–D.
- The ~~topic title~~ of the dissertation must be approved by the candidate's supervisor and by the School of Archaeology's ~~Committee for~~ Graduate Studies Committee. The ~~topic title~~ of the dissertation must be clearly distinct from the pre-set essay titles. The dissertation must be the work of the candidate alone, and aid from others must be limited to prior discussion of the subject, bibliographic advice, help with access to study material and advice on presentation. The dissertation must be a new piece of work, substantially different from any dissertation previously submitted by the candidate for a degree of this or another university. When the dissertation is submitted, it must be accompanied by a statement, signed by the candidate, confirming that these conditions have been met. The proposed title of the dissertation, countersigned by the supervisor, must be submitted for approval by the committee by noon on the Tuesday of the eighth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination. Two copies typed or printed (the second may be a photocopy) in double spacing on one side only of A4 paper and bound simply or filed securely, must be delivered in a parcel bearing the words 'Dissertation for the M.St. in Archaeology' to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on the Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term and should bear the candidate's examination number but not his or her name. Candidates will be required to deposit one

copy of the dissertation with the Examination Schools.

Schedule A: Core Papers

Ancient Maritime Societies

Archaeological Method and Theory

Archaeology of AEurasia

Environmental Archaeology

European Prehistory from the Mesolithic to the Bronze Age

Europe in the Early Middle Ages A.D. 400-900

Landscape Archaeology and Spatial Technology

Transformation of the Celtic World 500 BC-A.D. 100

Visual Cultures of the Ancient World

Not all Core Papers may be available in any given year.

SCHEDULE B: OPTIONS

Archaeology of Colonialism

Archaeology of Early Anglo-Saxon England

Archaeology of Late Anglo-Saxon England

Archaeology and Geographical Information Systems

Archaeology and Material Culture

Archaeology of Southern African Hunter-gatherers

Body and Adornment Material Culture of Later Medieval Britain, A.D. 1000-1500

Chinese Archaeology

City, country and economy in the Late Roman Empire (fourth-seventh centuries A.D.)

Coinage and Society in Anglo-Saxon England

Cultural Heritage and Law: History

Farming and States in Sub-Saharan Africa

Formation of the Islamic World

Hunter-gatherers in World Perspective

Maritime Archaeology up to A.D. 1000

Methods and Techniques in Maritime Archaeology

Object Analysis and Research Methods

Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Europe

Palaeolithic Archaeology

Palaeolithic Asia

Practical Archaeobotany

Regional studies in Australian and Pacific prehistory

Topics in Aegean Prehistory

Not all Options may be available in any given year.

SCHEDULE C: ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Any subject offered and available in the M.St. in Archaeological Science.

SCHEDULE D: CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Any subject offered and available from Schedule B in the M.St. in Classical Archaeology.

Candidates may apply for other subjects, to be taken under Schedule B, to be approved by the committee, which shall define their scope and inform both the candidate and the examiners of this definition in writing. ~~Not all course options may be available in any given year.~~

6. Candidates will be expected to show a general knowledge of ~~the appropriate~~ history and geography, ~~so far as they are concerned with~~ appropriate to their subjects.

7. Candidates must present themselves for an oral examination ~~as if~~ required by the examiners.

8. The subjects to be offered by the candidates and their ~~chosen~~ method of examination, duly approved by their supervisors, must be submitted for approval to the ~~committee~~ School of Archaeology's Graduate Studies Committee in time for its meeting in eighth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination. Notice of options to be offered by candidates must be given to the Registrar not later than Friday of the eighth week of that same term.

9. Where options are examined by pre-set essays as specified in 5 (b) above, candidates

will ~~normally select essay agree~~ topics ~~from a list offered by~~ in consultation with their ~~supervisor~~ relevant course convenor. The proposed essay titles, countersigned by the supervisor, must be submitted for approval to the Chair of Examiners by noon on Friday of the seventh week of the Hilary Full Term preceding the examinations. Candidates must submit two copies of their essays by not later than noon on Monday of the second week of Trinity Full Term to the Examination Schools. Essays must be ~~typed or~~ printed.

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

11. In the case of failure in just one part of the examination, the candidate will be permitted to retake that part of the examination on one further occasion, not later than one year after the initial attempt. Written papers would be retaken the following year.

Explanatory Notes

Minor updates to text