

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Studies in in British and European History, from 1500 to the present
Brief note about nature of change:	These changes provide for online submission of coursework and clarify the conditions under which options may be taken, and examined, from other graduate programmes.
Effective date	For students starting from MT 2016 For first examination from 2016-17
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> online
Detail of change	<p>The regulations of the Board of the Faculty of History are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidates for this degree must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction and directed research and must, upon entering the examination, produce from their society a certificate to that effect. 2. Candidates must attend such lectures, seminars and classes as their supervisor shall determine. In addition to the formally examined programme elements described below, each candidate will be expected to attend and complete in-course requirements for a series of skills and specialist options based on a schedule to be published from year to year by the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee. The candidate's individual programme, agreed with her/his supervisor, will be subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the programme convenor, by Friday of Week One of Michaelmas Term; subsequent changes must be agreed by the Director of Graduate Studies not later than Friday of Week Three of Hilary Term. Class teachers will report to the Chair of Examiners on the candidate's attendance and participation, and, where appropriate, test results, not later than Monday of Week Nine of Hilary Term, except in the case of three-term language classes where the respective reporting deadline will be Monday of Week Nine of Trinity Term. ^{1.4}3. The final examination for candidates in British and European History shall comprise (i) one extended essay based on the programme's theory component, plus one annotated bibliography and one dissertation proposal, (ii) one extended essay based on an Advanced Option, and (iii) a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words. ^{1.5}4. During Michaelmas Term each candidate will attend core classes on historical theory and

methodological approaches as well as a series of classes on sources and resources. The core classes will be assessed by an extended essay of between 4,000 and 5,000 words, and the sources and resources component by an annotated bibliography and a dissertation proposal of between 800 and 1,000 words. ~~Two copies of the essay, annotated bibliography and proposal, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford~~ The essay, annotated bibliography and dissertation proposal must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the British and European History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week One of Hilary Term. The submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work. The assessment of the annotated bibliography and the dissertation proposal will be on a pass/fail basis only, and candidates who fail one of these elements will be given the opportunity to submit a revised version in the course of their programme.

^{1.6} II. In Hilary Term candidates must choose one Advanced Option, either from the joint Advanced Options for the Master of Studies and the Master of Philosophy in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, or from the Advanced Options for one of the Faculty of History's other Master's programmes. The choice of Advanced Option will depend on the candidate's training objectives or dissertation project. Details of available Advanced Options are published in course handbooks. Approval of ~~the an~~ an Advanced Option choice from the joint Advanced Options for the Master of Studies and the Master of Philosophy in British and European History, from 1500 to the present must be obtained from the programme convenor and Director of Graduate Studies by Friday of Week Six of Michaelmas Term. ~~The request for approval must be sent to the History Graduate Office. On recommendation from the candidate's supervisor, the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the programme convenor, may approve relevant taught papers from Master's programmes offered by faculties other than History, provided that the respective faculty's Graduate Studies Committee is satisfied that the candidate has an adequate background in the subject. Candidates wishing to take an Advanced paper from another programme offered by the History Faculty, and exceptionally, by other Faculties, may do so with the permission of the Programme Convenor, the person responsible for the delivery of the requested option/advanced paper, the candidate's supervisor and the Director of Graduate Studies. Such candidates will be assessed according to the regulations with respect to the form of assessment and deadlines governing that option (i.e. the regulations of the programme under which the Advanced paper is offered), but the modes of assessment and deadlines for the other course elements of the programme for which the candidate is registered will remain in force.~~ This part of the programme will be assessed by one extended essay of between 6,500 and 7,500 words. ~~Two copies of the essay, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford~~ The essay should be uploaded to the Assignments section of the British and European History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week Nine of Hilary Term. The submission of the essay will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work. This essay should reflect skills and understanding the candidate has developed by following the approved choice of Advanced Option paper. This essay may complement but must not share significant content with the essay submitted under I. above. *Teaching may not be available for all the Advanced Options each year, and restrictions may be imposed on the combination of Advanced Options that may be taken in a particular year.*

^{1.7} III. Each candidate must prepare a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a topic in

his or her chosen subject area. The dissertation must include a short abstract which concisely summarises in about 300 words its scope and principal arguments. This abstract is not included in the dissertation word limit. ~~Two copies of the dissertation, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, must be submitted to the Examination Schools~~ The dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the British and European History WebLearn site by 12 noon of Monday of Week Eight of Trinity Term and should be accompanied by a declaration that it is the candidate's own work. Material submitted under I and II may be summarised or substantially further developed in the dissertation, but no significant part of the dissertation should reproduce or paraphrase other work submitted for examination.

4. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.
5. A candidate who fails the examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the initial attempt.

Explanatory Notes

These changes provide for online submission of coursework and clarify the conditions under which options may be taken, and examined, from other graduate programmes.

Online submission was provisionally approved by the History Faculty Board at its meeting in Week 3 of Trinity Term 2016, pending discussion at History Graduate Studies Committee in Week 4 of Trinity Term, which approved the measure. Online submission has been consistently recommended by external examiners, and is supported by students; our expectation is that it will be administratively more straightforward than paper-based submission, that it will allow speedier despatch of materials to externals and that it will permit additional benefits, such as automatic checking for word-length and plagiarism.

The freedom to take options from other courses has long been a feature of some of the Faculty's PGT programmes (notably in Economic and Social History and History of Science, Medicine and Technology). The Faculty would like to extend this opportunity to students taking other PGT courses. A recommendation to that effect was approved at History GSC in Week 4 of Hilary Term 2016 and approved at the subsequent meeting of the History Board in Week 8 of Hilary Term 2016. We believe that there will be sufficient administrative resources in the soon-to-be-established History Academic Office to support these two initiatives.