

Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Philosophy in Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Amendment to description of method options; and to submission dates

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mopinmodelang/>)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

~~1-9~~ (A) *Either*

~~1-10~~ (i) *Literary Theory*. All candidates must attend such lectures, seminars, and classes as the course convener shall determine. All candidates must present one seminar paper during their course, and submit a written essay based on some aspect of the work done for the seminar. This essay shall be written in English and must be of between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length, inclusive of a bibliography of works consulted. Candidates must submit three typed copies of the essay to the Head of Examinations and Assessments, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Thursday of tenth week of Hilary Term of their first year. Each copy must have a cover sheet giving the candidate's name, college, the title of the essay, the name of the candidate's supervisor, and the words 'Literary Theory', submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements of the M.Phil. in Modern Languages'.

~~1-11~~ *Or*

~~1-12~~ (ii) *History of Ideas in Germany from the Eighteenth to the Twentieth Centuries*. All candidates must attend such lectures, seminars, and classes as the course convener shall

determine. All candidates must present one seminar paper during their course, and submit a written essay based on some aspect of the work done for the seminar. This essay may be written in English or German and must be of between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length. Candidates must submit three typed copies of the essay to the Head of Examinations and Assessments, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Thursday of tenth week of Hilary Term of their first year. Each copy must have a cover sheet giving the candidate's name, college, the title of the essay, the name of the candidate's course convener, and the words '~~[Until 1 October 2014: Methods of Criticism and]~~ History of Ideas in Germany, submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements of the M.Phil. in Modern Languages'.

~~1-13~~ Or

~~1-14~~ (iii) Each candidate shall be required to offer either, (1) the History of the Book, or (2) Palaeography with Textual Criticism. Candidates will be examined on one or two essays on topics agreed by them with their course convener relating either to the history of the book (for (1)) or to palaeography with textual criticism (for (2)). The essay or essays should be between 5,000 and 7,000 words in total. Candidates must submit three typed copies to the Head of Examinations and Assessments, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Thursday of tenth week of Hilary Term of their first year. Each copy must have a cover sheet giving the candidate's name, college, the title of the essay, the name of the candidate's supervisor, and the words 'History of the Book/Palaeography with Textual Criticism [either/or], submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements of the Master of Philosophy in Modern Languages'. For (2), candidates will in addition be required to undertake a practical transcription test, made without reference to dictionaries or handbooks, on a short manuscript text selected by the course convener, who will also mark, sign, and date the candidate's work. The test should take place by the end of the fourth week of the Trinity Term in which the examination is to be taken. The mark should be sent by the course convener to the Modern Languages Graduate Office.

~~1-15~~ Or

(A) One of the following options:

- (i) Key Questions in Critical Thought
- (ii) Spaces of Comparison
- (iii) History of Ideas in Germany from the Eighteenth to the Twentieth Century
- (iv) Palaeography, History of the Book and Digital Humanities

The essay should be between 5,000 and 7,000 words in total.

Candidates must submit three typed copies to the Head of Examinations and Assessments, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Thursday of tenth week of Hilary Term.

Each copy must have a cover sheet giving the candidate's name, college, the title of the essay, the name of the candidate's supervisor, and the title of the 'method' option submitted.

~~1.16~~ The work submitted under (i) (ii) or (iv) must be written in English; the work submitted under ~~(ii)~~ (iii) may be written in English or German. ~~the work submitted under (iii) may be written in English or, subject to the approval of the Medieval and Modern Languages Faculty Board, in a language appropriate to the literature concerned.~~

1.18(B) A thesis, which may be written in English or, with the approval of the Medieval and Modern Languages Faculty Board, in the language appropriate to the literature concerned, of approximately 20,000 words and not more than 25,000 words, on a subject approved by the Board or by a person or persons to whom the Board may delegate this function. The subject of the thesis shall be related either to the fields of study represented by (A) (i), (ii) ~~or (iii)~~, (iii) or (iv) above or to one or more of the candidate's Special Subjects (C). When seeking approval for the subject of the thesis, every candidate shall submit with the proposed title a written statement of not more than 500 words explaining the scope of the topic and the manner in which it is proposed to treat it. Candidates are required to register the subject area or title of their dissertation with the Modern Languages Graduate Office by the end of the fourth week of Hilary Term of their second year. The thesis must be presented in proper scholarly form. Three copies typed in double-spacing on one side only of quarto or A4 paper, each copy bound or held firmly in a stiff cover, must be delivered to the Head of Examinations and Assessments, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on Thursday of the sixth week of Trinity Term of the second year.

~~1.28~~ The Special Subject essays shall be submitted to the Head of Examinations and Assessments, High Street, Oxford. ~~by noon on Thursday of the first week of Hilary Term. However, candidates are strongly advised to complete their essays for the first two Special Subjects by the end of Hilary Term of their first year. The special subject for Michaelmas Term should be submitted by noon on Thursday of the week ten of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's first year. The special subject for Hilary Term should be submitted by noon on Thursday of the week ten of Hilary Term of the candidate's first year. The self devised special subject should be submitted by noon on Thursday of week four of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's second year. Each copy must have a cover sheet giving the candidate's name, college, the title of the essay, the name of the candidate's supervisor, and the title of the 'method' option submitted.~~

Explanatory Notes

The titles/descriptions of the various 'method' options for the MPhil course have been re-developed, and the submission dates have been altered.