Humanities Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of [date]

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Master of Studies in Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:
Amendment to description of the ‘method’ options

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2016 (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosinmodelang/)

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2017
For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

(A) Either

(i) Literary Theory. All candidates must attend such lectures, seminars, and classes as their 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 between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length. Candidates must submit three typed copies of their essay 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 words ‘Literary Theory, submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements of the M.St. in Modern Languages’.

Or

(ii) History of Ideas in Germany from the Eighteenth to the Twentieth Centuries. All candidates must attend such lectures, seminars, and classes as their 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 between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length.
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 words 'History of Ideas in
Germany, submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements of the M.St. in Modern
Languages'.

Or

(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 the 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. 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 M.St. 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.

Or

(iv) A methodological essay of between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length on a topic or
issue related to one of the candidate's Special Subjects or dissertation. It might consist, for
example, of a theoretical discussion of the candidate's approach to the material being
studied, or a detailed analysis of existing approaches. If candidates choose this option, they
will also be expected to attend a set of seminars in (i) or (ii) above, or a set of tutorials in
(iii), and to make a presentation. Candidates must submit three 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 words 'Essay on Method, submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements of the M.St.
in Modern Languages'.

(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.

**Explanatory Notes**

The descriptions/titles of the various 'method' options for the MSt course have been re-developed.