

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Honour School of Oriental Studies
Brief note about nature of change:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Amendments to administrative procedures for the degrees and tidying up the regulations. 2) Change of syllabus to allow one extra option. 3) Include Sanskrit as a subsidiary language.
Effective date	<p>For students starting from MT 2011</p> <p>For first examination from 2015-16</p>
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> 2014, page 349, line 35 to page 350, line 15 and page 360, line 42-43.
Detail of change	Please see attached regulations. Change 1: Chinese. Change 2: Sanskrit
Explanatory Notes	<p>i) Changes are to reflect some administrative procedural changes and tidying up the current regulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Take-home papers will be released on Weblearn rather than collect from the Faculty Office. Information on where the paper will be released should be included in the setting conventions. Students do not have to come to the Oriental Institute to collect their papers. 2) Candidates must submit an electronic copy of the dissertation in Word or PDF in a memory stick or CD-Rom. The memory stick and CD-Rom must be included with the hard copies of the dissertations. 3) All options removed from the examination regulations to the course handbooks. However, subject groups are encouraged to finalise their options for the following-year by early Trinity Term before the start of the students' third/second year. USC has agreed that option approvals should be made in late Trinity Term in the second year (for four year degrees) and first years (for three year degrees) (except Arabic) to ensure good academic planning way before the start of the next academic year. Students can change options by emailing Ellen Moilanen who will then inform the course coordinators and option tutors. 4) Standardise the wording in the examination regulations: 'thesis' to 'dissertation', 'spoken' to

'oral', 'additional language' to 'subsidiary language'.

5) Removing some information like dissertation submission to the general regulations rather than under individual degrees so that information is only available at one place.

ii) Change of syllabus to allow one extra option

Students are only allowed to choose one option with the current syllabus. The one option is taught over two years and students sit three papers related to the option. The revised syllabus will allow students to choose two options. Students will have one exam paper for each option and an extended essay based on one of the two chosen options. The system of two one-year options will increase choice for students.

(iii) Include Sanskrit as a subsidiary language

This is change allows students doing Chinese to study Sanskrit as a subsidiary language. Sanskrit will be a good option for a subsidiary language for students who are interested in researching further into Buddhist texts.

(iv) Approval has been received from all students on course.

Change 1: Chinese

1.117 Chinese

1.118 The Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies shall issue the handbook for the Honour School of Oriental Studies (Chinese and Chinese with a subsidiary language) no later than the Monday of first week of the ~~Hilary-Michaelmas~~ full-term prior to the year in which candidates shall sit their Final Honour School examinations. The handbook shall include, amongst other information, course details, lists of set texts and regulations regarding the submission of dissertations and long-essays.

~~1.119 All candidates must have fulfilled attendance requirements (as set out in the handbook) on a designated course at Peking University, unless given exemption by the Board of the Faculty.~~

1.120 *Either, for Chinese only,*

1.121 The following papers will be set:

1.122 1. Modern Chinese I.

1.123 2. Modern Chinese II.

1.124 3. Oral. { HYPERLINK "http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/hsoforiestud/administratorview/" \l "d.en.175252" \o "Root » UAS Home » Examination Regulations » 2014-15 » Honour School of Oriental Studies » Administrator View : 1" }²

1.125 4. Classical I.

1.126 5. Classical II.

1.127 6. Modern China.

1.128 7. Dissertation on a subject approved by the Board of the Faculty.*

1.129 8. Special Option I: Texts and Essays

~~1.130 The subjects available together with the relevant texts will be set out in the handbook for the year prior to year of the examinations.~~

~~1.131~~ 9. Special Option II: Texts and Essays

~~1.132 These will be in the same area as that chosen under 8.~~

1.133 ~~9~~10. Special Option III: Extended Essay

1.134 This will be in the same area as that chosen ~~under 8 and 9 in Special Options I or II~~ or Linguistics (if available).

The options for Special Option I and II together with the relevant texts will be set out in the handbook for the year prior to the year of the examinations.

^{1.135} **Or Chinese with a subsidiary language**, Papers 1-7 above and papers 11, 12 and 13 below in Japanese, Korean or Tibetan or Sanskrit as in the regulations for Sanskrit as a subsidiary language.

^{1.136} 11. Japanese, Korean or Tibetan Texts (Subsidiary).

^{1.137} 12. Japanese, Korean or Tibetan History and Culture (Subsidiary).

^{1.138} 13. Japanese, Korean or Tibetan Language (Subsidiary).

*Refer to Section B, Special Regulations for the Honour School of Oriental Studies

Change 2: Sanskrit

^{1.464} **Sanskrit** (for candidates offering Classics (in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies) and Chinese (in the Honour School of Oriental Studies) as main subject.)

^{1.465} The following papers will be set:

^{1.466} 1. Sanskrit unprepared translation.

^{1.467} 2. Questions on Sanskrit language and literature.

^{1.468} 3. Prepared texts.