

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	MPhil Oriental Studies – Traditional East Asia
Brief note about nature of change:	Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree and tidying up the regulations.
Effective date	<p>For students starting from MT 2014</p> <p>For first examination from 2015-16</p>
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> 2014, p.522
Detail of change	<p>(xiii) Traditional East Asia: Classical, Medieval, and Early Modern</p> <p><i>A. Qualifying Examination</i> Every candidate will be required, unless exempted by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, to satisfy the examiners in an examination, to be known as the Qualifying Examination for the M.Phil in Traditional East Asia: Classical, Medieval, and Early Modern, not later than the end of the third term after that in which the candidate's name is first entered on the Register of M.Phil Students. All candidates must offer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A language examination in modern Chinese or modern Japanese or modern Korean 2. A language examination in classical Chinese or classical Japanese or middle Korean 3. A written examination in Traditional East Asia 4. Three submitted essays on Traditional East Asia. The essays, which must be of not more than 2,500 words each, must be written by the candidate, one in each of the three terms of the first year, and must be chosen by the candidate to represent the candidate's best written performance in that term. Each essay must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 noon on the Friday of ninth week of the term in which the paper is taught. <p><i>B. Final Examination</i></p> <p>This shall be taken in the Trinity Term of the academic year following that in which the</p>

candidate's name is first entered on the Register of M.Phil Students or, with the approval of the faculty board, in a subsequent year. All candidates must offer:

1. Prescribed texts in one of the following: (i) Classical Chinese; (ii) Classical Japanese; (iii) Middle Korean; (iv) Classical Chinese and Classical Japanese; (v) Classical Chinese and Middle Korean. This is a written examination paper.
2. Research Bibliography and Methodology on one of the following: (i) China; (ii) Japan; (iii) Korea. This paper will be set as a take-home examination. The answer or answers should be typed and presented in proper scholarly form. The question paper will be ~~distributed~~ published to candidates ~~in the Oriental Institute~~ at 10 a.m. on ~~Monday~~ Tuesday of ~~eight~~ ninth week of the Trinity Term in which the Final Examination is to be taken. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the questions. The completed examination must ~~be handed in~~ be submitted to the Examination Schools no later than ~~12 noon~~ 5pm on Friday of the same week.
3. Thesis. Candidates must submit a thesis of not be more than 30,000 words on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with his or her supervisor and approved by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies. The thesis should be submitted to Examination Schools by 12 noon Friday of week 6 of the Trinity Term of the final examinations.*
4. ~~Candidates may be required to attend a viva.~~ The examiners will ~~also~~ examine every candidate by viva voce unless excused.

*See general regulations for theses and special regulations for theses in Oriental Studies

Explanatory Notes

- 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) All options removed from the examination regulations to the course handbooks. However, subject groups must finalise their options for the following-year by early Trinity Term the year before to ensure that the list of available options is available in the course handbooks in time for the start of the academic year.
- 3) To streamline the dissertation deadline to three deadlines, 12 noon Friday of Wk 2, 4 or 6 of Trinity Term. Each degree should choose one of the deadlines. There are currently 5 different deadlines.
- 4) Amend phrasing on viva requirements to 'Candidates may be required to attend a viva'. This means that unless informed 2-3 days beforehand, candidates can assume that they are not required to attend a viva.
- 5) Removal of information on dissertation submission to the general regulations rather than under individual degrees so that information is only available at one place.