

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

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Title of Programme

MSt Modern Jewish Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendments to administrative procedures for the degrees and tidying up the regulations.

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2015

For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2014, page 590.

Detail of change

Modern Jewish Studies

1. Before admission to the course, candidates must satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies that they possess the necessary qualification in the Hebrew or Yiddish languages to profit by the course.
2. Every candidate must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Modern Jewish Studies.
3. *Syllabus* There will be four Units:

Unit (i) Passages for translation and comment and essay questions on prescribed texts in Hebrew or Yiddish. This paper will be examined by a three-hour written examination.

Units (ii) and (iii) Two papers options from the following list a list published in the course handbook, to be examined either by written examination or by take-home essay examination:

~~(a) Hebrew literature 1888-1948.~~

~~(b) The literature of the State of Israel.~~

~~(c) Jewish literature of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.~~

~~(d) Major trends in Jewish religion and thought since 1789.~~

- ~~(e) Modern Jewish History.~~
- ~~(f) Israel: History, Politics and Society.~~
- ~~(g) Yiddish literature and culture.~~
- ~~(h) The Holocaust: from History to Memory.~~
- ~~(i) Modern Jewish politics.~~
- ~~(j) Any other subject approved by the Board.~~

~~For Papers will to be options~~ examined by two take-home essays, candidates are required to write an essay of not more than 2,500 words each. Candidates will be notified of the essay topics on the Friday of eighth week of the term in which the paper is taught. Essays must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 noon on the Friday of ninth week of the term following that in which the paper was taught.

Unit (iv) A dissertation-thesis of not more than 15,000 words (excluding bibliography) on a topic selected in consultation with the candidate's supervisor and approved by the Faculty Board. Applications for such approval should be submitted to the Faculty office by Monday of ninth week of Hilary Term. Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term and will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Term. Two typewritten copies and an electronic copy in PDF format in a memory stick or CD Two copies of the dissertation must be submitted, to the Chair of Examiners, M.St in Modern Jewish Studies (Oriental Studies), Examination Schools, by 12 noon on Friday of sixth week of Trinity Full Term.

1. Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term ~~and will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Term.~~
2. All work submitted to the Chair of Examiners must be in typewritten form. Two copies must be submitted, securely sealed and addressed. The work must bear the candidate's examination number (but not the candidate's name, which must be concealed). Candidates must include a signed declaration sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners that the work is the candidate's own.
- ~~3. Every candidate will be examined by oral examination unless he or she shall have been individually excused by the examiners.~~
3. Candidates may be required to attend a viva.

Teaching for some options may not be available in every year. Applicants for admission will be advised of this.

Explanatory Notes

Changes are to reflect some administrative procedural changes and tidying up the current regulations:

- 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 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.
- 4) Remove the phrase 'Students are recommended to attend a language course abroad' or similar phrasing from the examination regulations and put the phrasing in the course handbooks.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Removing some information like dissertation submission to the general regulations rather than under individual degrees so that information is only available at one place.