HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Academic Committee

Changes in the regulations governing the MPhil in Oriental Studies (xi) Modern Chinese Studies qualifying examination and final examination (xiv) Modern Chinese Art qualifying examination and final examination: communication from the Oriental Studies Board

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Subject to approval on behalf of the divisional board, which is now sought, and by Education Committee, the following changes in special regulations have been made:

Humanities Board

(1) MPhil in Oriental Studies (xi) Modern Chinese Studies

Brief note about the nature of the changes

Qualifying examination.

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2012)

1  In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 567, l. 2, before ‘Candidates are required to spend’, insert:

‘Candidates in Modern Chinese Studies must follow EITHER Track A (Social Science) or Track B (Humanities) throughout the entire course.’.

2  Ibid., ll. 11-12, delete ‘on the appropriate form’.

3  Ibid., l. 19, after ‘three parts’ insert ‘for Track A and two parts for Track B’.

4  Ibid., l. 20, delete ‘General paper on’ and substitute ‘Study of’.

5  Ibid., ll. 21-22, delete ‘in Modern Chinese Studies for three terms.’ and substitute ‘on modern China.’.

6  Ibid., l. 25, delete ‘Two Chinese language papers (one written, one oral)’ and substitute ‘Modern Chinese language (written and oral)’.

7  Ibid., l. 26, after ‘Chinese’ delete ‘paper’ and substitute ‘examination’.

8  Ibid., ll. 26-30, delete ‘The oral paper will consist of…and a Chinese vocabulary test.’ and substitute ‘Candidates will be examined at either elementary or intermediary level. Those who have followed the intermediate level course will not be permitted to enter for the elementary level examination.’.

9  Ibid., l. 31, delete ‘two’.

10  Ibid., delete ‘papers’.

11  Ibid., l. 33, after ‘Studies’ insert ‘(Track A only)’.
(2) MPhil in Oriental Studies (xi) Modern Chinese Studies

Brief note about the nature of the changes

Final examination.

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 567, ll. 49-50, delete ‘make their entries...by Friday of noughth’ and substitute ‘complete their entry form for the Final Examination by Friday of first’.

2. *Ibid.*, p. 568, ll. 2-5, delete ‘that should be entered…the candidate’s admission to the course.’ and substitute ‘(see I. above)’.

3. *Ibid.*, l. 5, delete ‘the three’.

4. *Ibid.*, ll. 8-11, delete ‘Such a candidate…re-take that part of the examination.’.

5. *Ibid.*, l.12, delete ‘three parts, as follows’.

6. *Ibid.*, l.26, delete ‘Candidates must elect two examination papers offered as part of’ and substitute ‘Candidates will be required to choose two elective papers offered as option courses under the M.Phil or M.Sc. in Modern Chinese Studies or under’.

7. *Ibid.*, l.27, after ‘University’ insert: ‘.’.

8. *Ibid.*, ll.28-30, delete ‘Candidates must choose…degree programme in the University.’.

9. *Ibid.*, l.30, after ‘University’ insert: ‘The latter must be approved by the Board.’.


11. *Ibid.*, l.31, delete ‘must’ and substitute ‘will’.

12. *Ibid.*, ll.34-36, delete ‘Students are free to elect …filling out the examination entry form.’ and substitute ‘The paper elected in the second year may not be the same as that taken in the first year.’.


14. *Ibid.*, l.40, delete ‘Two Chinese language papers (one oral, one written)’ and substitute ‘Modern Chinese language (written and oral)’.
15 *Ibid.*, ll.41-46, delete ‘The Oral examination will consist…of the third term of the final year.’ and substitute ‘Candidates will be required to take an oral and the written examination at the end of the Trinity Term of their final year. Candidates will be examined at either elementary or intermediary level. Those who have followed the intermediate level course will not be permitted to enter for the elementary level examination.’.

16 *Ibid.*, l.46, after ‘final year.’ insert on a new line:

‘(4) Modern China (Track B only)

Candidates will be required to take a final written examination in the study of Modern China.’.

17 *Ibid.*, l.46, insert a line break before ‘The examiners may examine…’.

(3) MPhil in Oriental Studies (xiv) Modern Chinese Art

Brief note on nature of the changes

Qualifying examination.

With effect from 1 October 2011

1 In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, delete from p. 570, l.41 to p. 571, l. 22.

(4) MPhil in Oriental Studies (xiv) Modern Chinese Art final examination

With effect from 1 October 2012

1 In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 570, delete l.40


3 *Ibid.*, p. 554, delete l.47 and re-number (xv) as (xiv)


5 *Ibid.*, l.39, delete ‘and (xiv)’.

6 *Ibid.*, l.41, delete ‘(xv)’ and substitute ‘(xiv)’.

7 *Ibid.*, p.572, l.9, delete ‘(xv)’ and substitute ‘(xiv)’.

Explanatory note

These changes remove the Modern Chinese Art track, and streamline the Modern Chinese Studies degree into two tracks that are Humanities- and Social Sciences- based. The existing Modern Chinese Studies track already teaches students from both Divisions and the changes do not introduce any new options, courses or additional teaching from outside the faculty. Modern Chinese Art options will be available under (xi) Modern Chinese Studies and so there will be no need for an additional degree programme.

The changes to these degree programmes also necessitate changes to the introductory regulations for MPhil in Oriental Studies, as above.