Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
MSc / MPhil Modern Japanese Studies

Brief note about nature of change:
Remove requirement to produce dissertation at end of 1st year as part of MPhil qualifying test, and establish clearer progression routes from MPhil to DPhil.

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2014
For first examination from 2014-15

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2013

Detail of change

1. P752, l.43 – P753, l.27

1. Candidates will be required to present themselves for examination EITHER in a compulsory paper in Japanese Language; and in two optional subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration; OR in three optional subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration.

Candidates taking the examination in Japanese Language will also be required to undertake a series of written tests and essays as specified by the MSc/MPhil Programme in Modern Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students...
not later than Friday of noughth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

2. In addition, all candidates will be required to undertake the following assessment:

   (i) Research Methods for Area Studies: a series of assignments and/or an unseen written examination as specified by the MSc/MPhil Programme in Modern Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by not later than Friday of noughth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

   (ii) One 10,000 word dissertation: the title of the dissertation must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies by not later than 12 noon on Friday of fourth week of Hilary Full Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The dissertation must be submitted by not later than 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken. The dissertation must be accompanied by a statement that the dissertation is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

Two typewritten or word processed copies of the dissertation must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.Sc. in Modern Japanese Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the dissertation in the Bodleian Library.

3. Candidates who fail one or more of the elements of the final examination will be permitted to resubmit the relevant work or retake the examination paper or papers, as applicable, on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.

4. Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any part of the examination.

5. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

6. In consultation with their supervisor and the Director of Graduate Studies, candidates may apply to change to the MPhil in Modern Japanese Studies degree no later than Friday of week 9 of Hilary Term.

2. P563, l.40 – P565 l.37

1. Candidates will be required to present themselves for examination EITHER in a compulsory paper in Japanese Language; and in two optional subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration; OR in three optional subjects at the end of Trinity Term in the year of registration.

2. Candidates taking the examination in Japanese Language will also be required to undertake a series of written tests and essays as specified by the MSc/MPhil Programme in Modern Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by not later than Friday of noughth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

In addition, all candidates will be required to undertake:
3. Research Methods for Area Studies: a series of assignments and/or an unseen written examination as specified by the MSc/MPhil Programme in Modern Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by not later than Friday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

4. Candidates who pass these papers will proceed to the second year of the course and take the final examinations at the end of the second year. Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers may, by permission of the MSc/MPhil in Japanese Studies Examination Board, proceed to the second year of the course and resit the failed papers during the final examination. Candidates who fail any item of coursework may, at the discretion of the MSc/MPhil in Japanese Studies Examination Board, be allowed to revise and resubmit that work no later than the Friday of sixth week of the Trinity Term in the academic year in which they begin the course.

5. In consultation with their supervisor and the Director of Graduate Studies, candidates may apply to change to the MSc in Modern Japanese Studies degree no later than Friday of week 9 of Hilary Term of their first year.

Schedule

The structure of the first year of the course is as follows:

Either Mode A

1. (a) Compulsory core course in Japanese Language
2. (b) Research Methods for Area Studies
3. (c) Optional papers: Candidates must choose two optional papers from a list published annually and distributed to students by Friday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

Or Mode B

1. (a) Research Methods for Area Studies
2. (b) Optional papers: Candidates must choose three optional papers from a list published annually and distributed to students by Friday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

Final examination

6. No candidate shall enter the final examination unless he or she has already passed all the elements of the first year examination, save that the MSc/MPhil in Japanese Studies Examination Board may permit any candidates who has failed one or more of these elements to resit the papers at the same time as the final examination. In the final examination, every candidate must offer:

   (a) a thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a subject approved by the Director of Graduate Studies not later than fourth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the year in which the examination is to be taken, to be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by not later than 12 noon on Friday of the third week of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is
the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

Two typewritten or word processed copies of the dissertation must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MSc/MPhil in Modern Japanese Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified.

Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the Bodleian Library.

(b) Advanced Research Methods: a series of assignments and/or an unseen written examination as specified by the MSc/MPhil Programme in Modern Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by Friday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

(c) Either Mode A

(i) A compulsory paper in Advanced Japanese Language for candidates successfully passing the compulsory core course in Japanese at Upper Intermediate Level in the first year examinations, or for candidates successfully passing the compulsory core course in Japanese at Advanced Level in the first year examinations, a compulsory paper in Upper Advanced Japanese Language. Candidates taking the examination in Japanese language at either Advanced Level or Upper Advanced Level will also be required to undertake a series of written tests and essays as specified by the MSc/MPhil Programme in Modern Japanese Studies Committee. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students by Friday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

(ii) One optional paper chosen from a list published annually and distributed to students by Friday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Full Term, and taken at the end of Trinity Term of the second year of the course.

Or Mode B

(i) Two optional papers chosen from a list published annually and distributed to students by Friday of noughtth week of Michaelmas Full Term, and taken at the end of Trinity Term of the second year of the course.

7. Candidates may be required to attend an oral examination on any part of the examination.

8. Candidates who fail one or more of the elements of the final examination will be permitted to resubmit the relevant work or retake the examination paper or papers, as applicable, on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.
9. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

**Explanatory Notes**

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