

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Final Honour School in Oriental Studies – Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies
Brief note about nature of change:	Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree.
Effective date:	<p>For all students on course from Michaelmas Term 2015</p> <p>For first examination from 2015-16</p>
Location of change	<i>Examination Regulations 2014, pages 350-351.</i>
Detail of change:	Please see attached.
Explanatory Notes	<p><i>Changes are to reflect some administrative procedural changes and tidying up the current regulations:</i></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 have been removed from the examination regulations to the course handbooks. 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.

Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Either, for Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies with a subsidiary language

The languages which may be offered shall be:

As first language: Akkadian or Egyptian

~~Candidates offering o~~One of the following as second language (which must be different from the first language):

Akkadian

Egyptian

Coptic

Hittite (may not be available every year)

Sumerian

will be required to offer the following papers:

1. Translation paper (first language).
2. Translation paper (second language).
- 3, 4. Literary and historical topics including prepared translation from first language.
- 5, 6. Literary and historical topics including prepared translation from second language. For papers 4 and 6, in each case four passages from a list of prescribed texts will be set for examination by essay. For each paper, candidates must present a translation of and essay on one passage. Papers should be typed and provided with proper scholarly apparatus. The passages for paper 4 will be ~~assigned in the Oriental Institute~~ published at 10 a.m. on Monday of ~~first week~~ Week 1 in Full Term in the term in which the final examination is to be offered, and must be handed in to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford no later than 12 noon on Monday of ~~second week~~ Week 2. A signed statement that the essay is the candidate's own work should be submitted separately in a sealed envelope bearing his or her candidate number, to the Chair of examiners (forms are available from the Faculty Office, Oriental Institute). The passages for paper 6 will be ~~assigned in the Oriental Institute~~ published at 10 a.m. on Monday of ~~third week~~ Week 3 in Full Term in the term in which the final examination is to be offered, and must be handed in to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford no later than 12 noon on Monday of ~~fourth week~~ Week 4. Essays should not exceed 3,500 words. A signed statement that the essay is the candidate's own work should be submitted separately in a sealed envelope bearing his or her candidate number, to the Chair of examiners (forms are available from the Faculty Office, Oriental Institute). Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the papers.

Candidates offering one of the following as the second language in the above papers follow the regulations for 'Additional Subsidiary Languages' in the Honour School of Oriental Studies: Arabic, Aramaic and Syriac, Classics (in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies), Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic) and Old Iranian. Candidates offering Classics as ~~an Additional subsidiary L~~ anguage in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies must offer in place of papers 2, 5 and 6 three subjects in Classics according to the conditions specified in the syllabus for that School.

7. A field of concentration to be chosen from a list of topics published at the beginning of Michaelmas Term each year by the Oriental Studies Faculty Board for examination in the following academic year. Candidates may propose their own field of concentration. The choice must be approved by the Board in each case.
8. Selected Egyptian and/or Ancient Near Eastern artefacts together with essay questions on material culture.
9. General paper, including questions on Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies today.
10. A dissertation on a topic to be approved by the Faculty Board, of a different character from that chosen for paper 7. *
11. Egyptian art and architecture. This paper is optional and may be taken in substitution for 7. or 10. above. Selection of this paper is subject to approval by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

Or, for Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies with Archaeology and Anthropology, candidates will be required to offer papers 1, 3-4, and 7-10 above, **and** the following papers:

12. Anthropological theory and archaeological enquiry.

13. Urbanisation and change in complex societies: comparative approaches **or** From Hunting and Gathering to States and Empires in South-West Asia.

14. Social analysis and interpretation **or** Cultural representations, beliefs and practices.

All candidates will be required to undertake a course of practical work, including laboratory work. Candidates will be assessed, at the end of the sixth term from matriculation, on their practical ability, under the provisions for Honour Moderations in Archaeology and Anthropology.

Candidates will be required to take part in approved fieldwork as an integral part of their course. The fieldwork requirement will normally have been discharged before the Long Vacation of six terms from matriculation.

[*Refer to Section B, Special Regulations for the Honour School of Oriental Studies](#)