

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Final Honour School in Oriental Studies
Brief note about nature of change:	Amendments to administrative procedures for the degrees and tidying up the regulations.
Effective date:	<p>For all students on course from Michaelmas Term 2015</p> <p>For first examination from 2015-16</p>
Location of change	<p>[1] <i>Examination Regulations 2014</i>, pages 345-347</p> <p>[2] <i>Ibid.</i>, page 357</p>
Detail of change:	<p>[1] Please see attached.</p> <p>[2] l.31, delete 'Additional' and substitute 'Subsidiary'.</p>
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. 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.

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1. The main subjects of the examination in the Honour School of Oriental Studies shall be Arabic, Chinese, Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Hebrew, Japanese, Jewish Studies, Persian, Sanskrit, and Turkish, together with such other subjects as may be determined by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.
2. Every candidate in the examination shall be required to offer one of the main subjects listed above: candidates offering one of the above languages shall also be required to show an adequate knowledge of the literature and history of the civilization concerned, and candidates offering a history subject listed above shall also be required to show an adequate knowledge of the language concerned.
3. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this school unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.
4. In the Class List issued by the examiners in the Honour School of Oriental Studies the main subject and (where appropriate) ~~additional~~-subsidiary language offered by each candidate who obtains Honours shall be indicated.
5. Any candidate whose name has been placed in the Class List, upon the result of the examination in any one of the subjects mentioned in clause 1, shall be permitted to offer himself or herself for examination in any other of the subjects mentioned in the same clause at the examination in either the next year or the next year but one, provided always that he or she has not exceeded six terms from the date on which he or she first obtained Honours in a Final Honour School, and provided that no such candidate shall offer any of the main subjects already offered by him or her in the School of Oriental Studies.
6. The examination in this school shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, which shall make regulations concerning it subject always to the preceding clauses of this sub-section.

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Candidates, except in the case of Arabic, proposing to offer a Special Subject not included in the lists below must obtain the approval of the board both for their subject and for the treatises or documents (if any) which they propose to offer with it.

Except in the case of Arabic, Chinese and Japanese, if the candidate so desires and the board thinks it appropriate, such a Special Subject may be examined in the form of a dissertation.

[All dissertation titles must be approved by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies. Applications for approval must be made by Monday Wk 0 of Hilary Term in the year of the exams.](#)

For the submission of all dissertations, ~~two copies~~ two typewritten copies and an electronic copy in PDF format in a memory stick or CD, of the dissertation and a signed declaration form certifying that the dissertation is the candidate's own work must be sent to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Oriental Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than 12 noon on Friday of the tenth week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. The dissertation must not bear the candidate's name, but only the examination number. ~~A signed statement that the dissertation is the candidate's own work should be submitted separately in a sealed envelope, to the Chair of Examiners (forms are available from the Faculty Office, Oriental Institute). Theses~~ Dissertations previously submitted for the Honour School of Oriental Studies may be resubmitted. No dissertationthesis will be accepted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. ~~It is recommended that~~ The dissertation shall not exceed 15,000 words.

All applications for approval by the board must be sent to the Secretary of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oriental Institute, on ~~or before the Monday in the second week of the Michaelmas~~

~~Full Term preceding the examination,~~ the date published in the course handbook and must be accompanied by two copies of a list of the treatises or documents (if any) offered.

All candidates must give notice, on their examination entry forms, of their Special Subjects and choice of books or subjects, where alternatives exist, to the Registrar on or before the Friday in the fourth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination. The notice must specify the subject so offered, and, if a subject specially approved by the board, also the treatises or original documents (if any) which it has approved.

~~Any~~ eCandidates may be examined viva voce.

The editions of texts specified in the course handbooks are the ones which will be used for the reproduction of material for examination purposes, not necessarily the ones which provide the most useful material for the study of the texts concerned.

For those papers where a selection of unspecified texts is to be examined, the selection of texts will be reported to the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the board at its first meeting in Hilary Term for the examination in the ~~next academic year~~ year of the examination, and copies of the lists of selected texts will be available for candidates not later than Friday of the third week of the same term in the course handbook.

Oral examinations for Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew (Course II) Japanese, Persian, and Turkish will be held in the week before Trinity Full Term in the year in which the Honour School examination is taken.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS

The subjects of the school are arranged below in two sections: (i) main subjects; (ii) ~~additional~~ subsidiary languages. Within each section subjects are listed in alphabetical order as follows:

[See [Table 22](#)]

Main Subjects

Arabic

Chinese

Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Hebrew

Japanese

Jewish Studies

Persian

Sanskrit

Turkish

~~Additional~~ Subsidiary Languages

Akkadian

Arabic

Aramaic and Syriac

Armenian

Chinese

Coptic

Persian

Prakrit

Sanskrit

Sumerian

Egyptology

Hebrew

Hindi

Hittite

Japanese

Korean

Old Iranian

Pali

Tibetan

Turkish

In addition, candidates may offer Classics either as a main subject or as an ~~additional~~ subsidiary language in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies.

Candidates offering Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian or Turkish as their main subject *may* offer an ~~additional~~ subsidiary language as specified below; candidates offering Sanskrit *must* offer an ~~additional~~ subsidiary language as specified below; and candidates offering Egyptology and

Ancient Near Eastern Studies *must* offer either ~~an additional~~ a subsidiary language or Archaeology and Anthropology as specified below.

Candidates offering Arabic or Turkish or Persian as their main subject will be required to spend a period of at least one academic year on an approved course of language study in the Middle East.

Candidates offering Chinese or Japanese as their main subject are required to spend a period of at least one academic year on an approved course of language study in East Asia.

Candidates offering Hebrew shall take one of the following courses:

Course I: Candidates will be examined in accordance with the regulations set out below.

Course II: Candidates will be examined in accordance with the regulations set out below. Candidates offering Hebrew **Course II** as their main subject will be required to spend a period of at least one academic year on an approved course of study in Israel.

~~Candidates taking Turkish or Persian with Islamic Art and Archaeology will also be required to participate in one or more approved projects of fieldwork or museum-based study normally to be completed in year 2 in a country within the historic Dār al-Islām.~~

References to Classics in the following Regulations are to the syllabus in Classics for the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies.