

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Philosophy in Greek and/or Roman History
Brief note about nature of change:	Option changes; submission deadline changes
Effective date:	For students starting in Michaelmas 2015 For first examination from 2015-16
Location of change	<i>Examination Regulations 2014, p.484 l 16 – p.487 l.2</i>
Detail of change	See attached.
Explanatory Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MSt and MPhil degrees in Ancient History, Classical Languages & Literature and Classical Archaeology offer students the possibility of taking an option from one of the other Master's syllabuses or proposing a special subject in another discipline. The wording of the regulations is being changed to clarify the position regarding (a) which bodies are responsible for approving such cross-disciplinary options and (b) which regulations on the submission of pre-submitted essays apply when students choose an option from the syllabus of another degree. • Roman Law is being moved to List B of the syllabus as this more accurately reflects the technical nature of the option. • Submission deadline in Trinity Term moved one day earlier to allow more time for administration and marking of pre-submitted work.

Master of Philosophy in Greek and/or Roman History

(See also the general notice at the beginning of these regulations.)

1. Every candidate must follow, for at least six terms, a course of instruction in Greek and/or Roman History. Candidates will, when they enter for the examination, be required to produce from their society a certificate that they are following such a course.
2. Candidates may satisfy the Examiners in not more than three options in the Trinity Term of the first year of their course.

3. (a) In the case of options in languages, Schedule A below, candidates will be examined by written examination. Candidates taking options A (iii)-(vi) may bring a dictionary for their use in the examination. Any candidate taking either of options A (i) or A (ii) whose native language is not English may bring a bilingual (native language-English) dictionary for use in the examination.

(b) For options in topics and techniques, Schedules B and C below, candidates will be required to pre-submit two essays of not more than 5,000 words in length, which between them display knowledge of more than a narrow range of the topic covered by the course. (The essay word limit excludes the bibliography, any text that is being edited or annotated, any translation of that text, and any descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but includes quotations, notes and appendices.)

(c) For the Graduate Seminars, Schedule E below, candidates will be required to pre-submit one essay of not more than 5,000 words, based on a presentation to the Seminar, and one essay of not more than 5,000 words, based on other work done in connection with the Seminar. (The essay word limit excludes the bibliography, any text that is being edited or annotated, any translations of that text, and any descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but includes quotations, notes and appendices.)

Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help with and to discuss drafts of essays. Such essays (two typewritten or printed copies) must be sent in a parcel bearing the words 'Essays presubmitted for the M.Phil. in Greek and/or Roman History' to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, OX1 4BG by noon on the ~~Thursday-Wednesday~~ Thursday of ~~the sixth~~ Week 6 of the Trinity Term in which the examination is to be taken.

4. *Oral Examination*-. Candidates are required to present themselves for oral examination if summoned by the examiners.
5. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate, while not of sufficient merit to qualify for the degree of M.Phil., is nevertheless of sufficient merit to qualify for the degree of Master of Studies in Greek and/or Roman History, the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. (as provided under the appropriate regulation) or of being granted leave to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies.

6. *Syllabus*

Candidates must offer (1) an option from A below, (2) an option from B below (3) an option from B or C below, (4) a dissertation as described in D below, and must take, in the first year of their course, (5) one of the Graduate Seminars in Ancient History as described in E below. The option from A must be (i) or (ii), unless a candidate is dispensed from this requirement by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

Not all options may be available in any given year.

A

- (i) Intermediate Greek, as prescribed for the Master of Studies in Greek and/or Roman History. Paper A(ii)
- (ii) Intermediate Latin, as prescribed for the Master of Studies in Greek and/or Roman History, Paper A(iv).
- (iii) French
- (iv) German

- (v) Italian
- (vi) Any other language which the candidate has satisfied the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History is relevant to their other papers including any dissertation.

B

- (i) Greek Numismatics
- (ii) Roman Numismatics
- (iii) Greek Epigraphy
- (iv) The Epigraphy of the Roman World
- (v) Documentary Papyrology
- (vi) Roman Law
- (vii) Any of the following papers on the B list of the M.St. in Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature: B1-4; B7. Presubmitted essays offered under this option will be subject to the normal regulations for the submission of presubmitted essays in the M.Phil. in Greek and/or Roman History.
- (viii) Any of the papers from Schedule B of the M.St. in Classical Archaeology. Presubmitted essays offered under this option will be subject to the normal regulations for the submission of presubmitted essays in the M.Phil. in Greek and/or Roman History.
- (ix) Any other subject approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.
- ~~(vi) Any of the following papers on the B list of the M.St. in Greek and/or Latin Language and Literature: (i) (iv); (vii)~~
- ~~(vii) Any of the papers from Schedule B of the M.St. in Classical Archaeology~~
- ~~(viii) Any other subject approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.~~

C

- (i) Greek history to c.650 BCE
- (ii) Greek history to c.650-479 BCE
- (iii) Greek history to c.479-336 BCE
- (iv) Athenian democracy in the Classical age
- (v) Alexander and his successors 336-301 BCE
- (vi) The Hellenistic world 301-c.100 BCE
- (vii) Rome and the Mediterranean world 241-146 BCE
- (viii) Roman history 146-46 BCE
- (ix) Cicero
- (x) Roman history 46 BCE -54 CE
- (xi) Roman history 54-138 CE
- (xii) Roman history 138-312 CE
- (xiii) The ecology, agriculture and settlement history of the ancient Mediterranean world
- (xiv) The economy of the Roman Empire
- (xv) The provinces of the Roman Empire
- (xvi) Greek and/or Roman religion
- (xvii) Gender and sexuality in the Greek and/or Roman world
- (xviii) Greek and/or Latin historiography
- ~~(xix) Roman law~~
- (xix) The Church in the Roman Empire from the beginnings to 312 CE
- ~~(xxi) The world of Augustine~~
- ~~(xxii) The City of Rome. This course is run in collaboration with the British School at Rome, and involves attendance at the residential course organised by the School annually in Rome; only those accepted by the School may take the option.~~
- ~~(xxiii) British School at Athens taught course (title and topic vary from time to time). This option is run in collaboration with the British School at Athens,~~

and involves attendance at the residential course organised by the School in even-numbered years in Athens; only those accepted by the School may take the option.

(~~xxiii~~) Any other subject approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

D

A dissertation of not more than 25,000 words on a subject to be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History. (The dissertation word limit excludes the bibliography, any text that is being edited or annotated, any translation of that text, and any descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but includes quotations, notes and appendices.)

The dissertation (two typewritten or printed copies) must be sent in a parcel bearing the words 'Dissertation for the M.Phil. in Greek and/or Roman History' to The Chair of ~~the~~ Examiners, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, to arrive no later than noon on the ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday of ~~the sixth week~~ Week 6 of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken.

E

Graduate Seminars

- (i) Greece and the East
- (ii) Rome and the West

These working seminars, organised by members of the faculty in areas of current interest to them, run fortnightly in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. The topics of the Seminars will vary from time to time. Details are announced in the Graduate handbook for the Degrees of M.St. and M.Phil. in Greek and/or Roman History.

7. All options, including the dissertation, require the approval of the candidate's supervisor and the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History, having regard to the candidate's previous experience, the range covered by the chosen options, and the availability of teaching and examining resources. Options under B (vii), (viii), (ix) and C (xxiii) in disciplines other than Ancient History require the approval of both the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History and the Graduate Studies Committee responsible for the discipline concerned. The options must be submitted for approval not later than the Friday of ~~the fifth week~~ Week 5 of Michaelmas Term in the candidate's first academic year. Candidates will not normally be allowed to be examined in languages of which they are native speakers or which they have previously studied in taught courses for more than two years.