

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies – Classical Indian Religion
Brief note about nature of change:	Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree.
Effective date	<p>For students starting from MT 2015</p> <p>For first examination in 2015-16</p>
Location of change	<i>Examination Regulations 2014, page 513, ll. 9-30.</i>
Detail of change:	See attached.
Explanatory Notes	<p>These changes reflect some administrative procedural changes and also tidy-up the current regulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Take-home papers will be released on Weblearn rather than collected from the Faculty Office. Information on where the paper will be released will 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 are removed from the examination regulations to the course handbooks. Options will be finalised by the start of Trinity Term in the year preceding the start of the course to ensure that the list of available options is in the course handbooks in good time. 4) The phrase ‘Students are recommended to attend a language course abroad’ (or similar) is being removed from the examination regulations and put included in course handbooks. 5) The dissertation submission date is to be streamlined to three (rather than five) deadlines, noon on Friday of Wk 2, 4 or 6 of Trinity Term. 6) Amending phrasing on viva requirements to ‘Candidates may be required to attend a viva’. 7) Moving certain information (e.g. dissertation submission) to the general regulations rather than under individual degrees so that information is only available at one place.

(iv) Classical Indian Religion

A. *Qualifying Examination* Candidates must pass a qualifying examination in Sanskrit not later than the end of the second term of the academic year in which the candidate's name is first entered on the register of M.Phil. students unless exempted by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

B. *Final Examination* Candidates will be required to offer the following four papers, but a candidate may submit a thesis of not more than 20,000 words on a subject approved by the board¹³ instead of Paper (iv).

(i)-(a) Unprepared translation from epic and commentarial Sanskrit. [This written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.](#)

[\(ii\) and \(iii\)\(b\) Translation from the set books in two of the sections, as published in the Course Handbook. Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term. Lists of set texts will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Full Term in the second year of the course. This written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.](#)

In Papers (ii) and (iii), [each of which is assessed by a three-hour examination,](#) candidates will be expected to show background knowledge of relevant social and political history. Emphasis will be laid on the study of primary sources, which may, however, be read in translation.

(iv) Approaches to the study of Indian religion: Candidates will be asked to give a critical appreciation of the contributions of different disciplines (theology, anthropology, philology etc.) and to discuss the application of various theoretical approaches (e.g. evolutionism, diffusionism, dialectical materialism, phenomenology, structuralism) to the subject. [This written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.](#)