

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies - Egyptology
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 from 2015-16</p>
Location of change	<i>Examination Regulations 2014, pages 510-511.</i>
Detail of change:	Please see attached.
Explanatory Notes	<p><i>These changes reflect some administrative procedural changes and also tidy-up the current regulations:</i></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.

(ii) Egyptology This course covers topics relating to dynastic, Graeco-Roman, and Christian Egypt.

A. *Qualifying Examination* Each candidate will be required, unless exempted by the Oriental Studies Board, to pass a qualifying examination in Egyptian and/or Coptic not later than the end of the third term after he or she is admitted. Candidates offering options relating to the Graeco-Roman period may be required to pass a qualifying examination in Greek.

B. *Final Examination*

1. Syllabus A: A candidate who has a first degree in Egyptology or equivalent qualification must offer Section I, *three* papers from Section II, and a thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a subject to be approved by the board.¹³

2. Syllabus B: All other candidates must offer Section I, *two* papers from Section II, Section III, and a thesis of not more than 20,000 words on a subject to be approved by the board. ¹³

3. All applications for approval of options must reach the ~~Secretary, Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies~~ Senior Academic Administrator, Oriental Institute, on or before Monday in the ~~sixth~~ second week of ~~Trinity Full Michaelmas Term~~ in ~~the academic year preceding that in which of~~ the examination ~~is to be taken~~. For options under Section II applicants must include a detailed definition of the topics offered and a list of primary sources, to be countersigned by their supervisors.

Section I

4. For the Final Examination the following papers will be set:

(i) A general paper on Egyptology. Questions will be set on method, theory, bibliography, and the history of Egyptology. Candidates will be expected to answer some questions outside the areas of their fields of specialisation.

(ii) Unprepared translation from Egyptian texts.

Passages may be set for translation from texts of all periods from the end of the Old Kingdom to the Conquest of Alexander. Texts of other periods may be set with the permission of the board.

Section II

~~H. Two (for candidates under 2 above, Syllabus B) or three (for candidates under 1 above, Syllabus A) papers in a~~ special field selected from ~~a~~ the list ~~below, published in the course handbook~~ of which one will be on an appropriate category of primary source material.

~~Since all~~ Some special fields may not be available ~~in every year~~ every year, candidates ~~must confirm with the Graduate Studies Committee of the Oriental Studies Board that the field they intend to offer is available by the end of the second term after they are admitted. Some related fields (e.g. demotic with Greek papyrology) may be combined with the permission of the board.~~

~~The following fields will normally be available:~~

~~Ancient Egyptian Art and Architecture Archaeology Christian Egypt Demotic Egyptian grammar Graeco-Roman hieroglyphic texts Greek papyrology Hieratic texts Egyptian literary or religious texts Periods of history, from the early dynastic to the Byzantine.~~

Candidates for Syllabus A will be examined by unit (i), (ii) and (iii).
Candidates for Syllabus B will be examined by unit (i) and (ii). The examination units are as follows:

(i) *Take-home examination.* One paper in the special field will be set as a take-home examination. The answer or answers for this examination should be typed and presented in proper scholarly form. Candidates will be informed as to which paper is to be examined as a take-home on Friday of eighth week of the Hilary Term preceding the Final examination; conventions for the setting of the paper will be released at the same time. The question paper for the take-home examination will be ~~distributed~~ published to candidates in the Oriental Institute at ~~10~~ 9 a.m. on Monday of first week in Full Term in the term in which the final examination is to be offered. Candidates will be contacted with details on how to collect or access the question paper. The completed examination must be handed in to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford no later than 12 noon on Monday of second week. The completed paper should not exceed 5,000 words in length. If candidates for a different degree are taking the same subject and are to be examined in a three-hour examination, MPhil candidates may instead take that examination. Applications to take the three-hour examination should be submitted to the faculty board by Friday of the first week in Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the final examination.

(ii) *Assessed essays.* For a second topic in the special field, candidates will be required to presubmit two essays of not more than 5,000 words each, which between them display command of more than a narrow range of the topic. Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help and to discuss drafts of essays. Such essays (two printed copies) must be delivered in a parcel bearing the words 'Essays presubmitted for the M.Phil. in Egyptology' to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG by noon on the Thursday of the sixth week of Trinity Term in which the examination is to be taken.

(iii) *Examination paper* (Syllabus A only). One three-hour examination on an area within the special field. ~~The subject of this examination is to be presented to the faculty board by Friday of the first week of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the final examination.~~

Section III.

Prescribed texts in Middle and Late Egyptian (two papers). ~~† Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term~~ ~~he list of texts to be offered will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting in Michaelmas Term in the second year of the course~~ and subsequently published in the Course Handbook.