

<b>HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD</b>	
<b>Title of Programme</b>	Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies – Modern Chinese Studies
<b>Brief note about nature of change:</b>	Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree.
<b>Effective date</b>	<p><b>For students starting from MT 2015</b></p> <p><b>For first examination from 2015-16</b></p>
<b>Location of change:</b>	<i>Examination Regulations 2014, pages 518-520.</i>
<b>Detail of change:</b>	Please see attached.
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><i>These changes reflect some administrative procedural changes and also tidy-up the current regulations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>6) Amending phrasing on viva requirements to ‘Candidates may be required to attend a viva’.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

## (x) Modern Chinese Studies

Candidates in Modern Chinese Studies must follow EITHER Track A (Social Science) OR Track B (Humanities) throughout the entire course. Candidates are required to spend a period of at least three months on an approved course of language study in China or Taiwan after the qualifying examination at the end of the Trinity Term of the first year, and before the start of the Hilary Term of the second year.

A. *Qualifying Examination* The examination shall take place not later than the end of the third term from the candidate's admission to the programme. ~~Full details of the Qualifying Examination will be provided in the examination conventions, which will be made available to the candidates from the eighth week of the first term of the candidate's admission.~~

Candidates who fail one or more parts of the Qualifying Examination may be allowed to retake that part or parts once at the end of the Long Vacation of the first year of the course, except for *Study of ~~Modern~~ Contemporary China* which may be retaken at the end of Trinity Term of the first year of the course. Candidates who fail the Final Examination elective paper taken with the Qualifying Examination in the first year of the course may be allowed to retake that part with the remainder of the Final Examination papers offered at the end of the second year of the course. The Qualifying Examination shall consist of three parts for Track A and two parts for Track B, as follows:

(1) ~~Study of Modern China~~ *Study of Contemporary China* Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction on modern China. Candidates will present themselves for examination in the core course *Study of ~~Modern~~ Contemporary China* at the beginning of Hilary Term of the first year.

(2) *Modern Chinese language (written and oral)* All candidates must offer one written and one oral Chinese examination. Candidates will be examined in Chinese I or Chinese II. Those who have followed the Chinese II course will not be permitted to enter for the Chinese I examination. Candidates shall present themselves for examination in Chinese language at the end of Trinity Term of the first year.

(3) *Research Methods for Area Studies* (Track A only) All candidates are required to undertake an assessment in research methods for Asian studies, which is a series of assignments and/or unseen written examinations as ~~specified~~ published in the course handbook. by the Oriental Studies Faculty Board. The forms of assessment, and the dates and times of submission, where applicable, ~~will be notified to candidates by not later than Friday of noughth week of Michaelmas Full Term.~~ will be published in the course handbook.

Candidates shall also be required to offer one Final Examination Elective Paper at the end of Trinity Term of the first year (see below).

B. *Final Examination* No candidate can pass the Final Examination unless he or she has already passed all parts of the first-year Qualifying Examination. The examination shall take place not later than the end of the third term of the second year from the candidate's admission to the M.Phil. degree programme, with the exception of the first of the two elective papers that shall be taken at the end of the first year of the programme. ~~Full details of the examination will be provided in the examination conventions that will be made available to the candidates in the second term of the second year of the course. (see A. above).~~ In order to

pass the degree all parts of the Final Examination must be passed. ~~A candidate who fails the Final Examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion in the following year and only have to retake those parts of the examination that were failed.~~ The Final Examination shall consist of:

(1) *Thesis* The thesis will not be more than 20,000 words on a subject approved by the Oriental Studies Faculty Board. ~~13 Applications for approval of the thesis subject must reach the Secretary, Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oriental Institute, on or before Monday of nought week of Hilary Term in the second year of the course. Two typewritten or word-processed copies of the thesis must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by Noon of Monday of the second week of Trinity Term of the second year from the candidate's admission to the programme. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the Bodleian Library, and to sign a form stating whether they give permission for it to be consulted.~~

(2) *Two Elective papers* Candidates will be required to choose two elective papers offered as option courses under the M.Phil. or M.Sc. in Modern Contemporary Chinese Studies or under another Master's (M.Phil., M.Sc. or M.St.) degree programme in the University. The latter must be approved by the Board. The first elective paper will be taken at the end of the first year of the course, while the second paper will be taken at the end of the second year of the course. A list of papers approved for this purpose by the Oriental Studies Faculty Board will be available from the Course Director. The paper elected in the second year may not be the same as that taken in the first year. The examiners may, at their discretion, either require candidates to sit the standard examination paper for these elective papers, or offer a paper set specifically for students on the M.Phil. in Modern Chinese Studies.

(3) *Modern Chinese language (written and oral)* Candidates will be required to take the written examination and an oral examination at the end of the Trinity Term of their final year. Candidates will be examined in Chinese I or Chinese II. Those who have followed the Chinese II course will not be permitted to enter for the Chinese I examination.

(4) *Modern China Humanities* (Track B only) Candidates will be required to take a final written examination in the study of Modern China.

~~The examiners may examine any candidate viva-voce.~~

~~The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the final examination, but not in the qualifying examination.~~