

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies – Modern Jewish Studies
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 513-514.</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.

(v) Modern Jewish Studies

A. *Qualifying Examination* Candidates must pass a qualifying examination in Modern Hebrew or Yiddish 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. The examination will consist of a language examination in Hebrew based on grammar knowledge and reading comprehension. ~~Candidates who fail the Qualifying Examination may be allowed to retake that part in Trinity Term of the first year of the course.~~ Candidates, who will submit a take-home essay in their first year of the course to partially fulfil the requirements of (b) in the Final Examination, must enter for this paper in their first year. Marks will not be moderated for Final Examination take-home essays taken in the first year of the course until the end of the second year of the course. ~~Any failed Final Examination papers may be retaken on one occasion only, at the same time in the following academic year.~~

B. *Final Examination* All candidates must offer

(a) one language paper in Modern Hebrew or Yiddish based on grammar knowledge, reading comprehension, and translation into English, at a level equivalent to Intermediate or higher.

(b) Four papers ~~from the following list~~ [from a list published in the course handbook](#).

Candidates will present themselves for take-home essay examination. Essay examination will consist of the submission of two essays of not more than 2,500 words each for each of the four papers chosen, which must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 noon on the Friday of eighth week of the term following that in which the paper was taught. ~~Candidates will collect the~~ essay topics ~~from the Oriental Institute Faculty Office~~ [will be published](#), on ~~the~~ Friday of eighth week of the term in which the paper is taught. [Candidates will be contacted with details on how to collect or access the question paper.](#) When a paper assessed by take-home essay is taught in the first year of the course, candidates must enter for the paper in the first year. Candidates proposing to offer a paper not included in the list ~~below~~ must obtain the permission of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies. All applications for approval must be sent to the ~~Secretary of the Board~~ [Senior Academic Administrator](#) on or before the Monday in the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

- ~~1. Modern Jewish History.~~
- ~~2. Modern Judaism: Arguments for Change.~~
- ~~3. Modern Jewish thought.~~
- ~~4. Modern Hebrew Literature.~~
- ~~5. Israel: History, Politics, Society.~~
- ~~6. The Holocaust: from History to Memory.~~
- ~~7. Jewish Literature in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.~~
- ~~8. Modern Yiddish Literature.~~

Teaching for some options may not be available in every year. Applicants for admission will be advised whether teaching will be available in the options of their choice. Prescribed texts will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Full Term in the first year of the course.

C. *Thesis* A candidate shall submit a thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a topic selected in consultation with his or her supervisor and approved by the faculty Board.¹³ ~~Any failed Final Examination papers or thesis may be retaken on one occasion only, at the same time in the following academic year.~~