

| HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD | |
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| Title of Programme | Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies – Modern Middle Eastern Studies |
| Brief note about nature of change: | Amendments to administrative procedures for the degrees and tidying up the regulations. |
| 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 511-513.</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. |

(iii) Modern Middle Eastern Studies

A. Qualifying Examination

Every candidate must pass a qualifying examination not later than the end of the second term from the commencement of the course. A candidate with an intermediate level of proficiency (the equivalent of 2-3 years of study) in Arabic, Persian or Turkish may offer respectively Advanced Arabic, Advanced Persian or Advanced Turkish. A candidate with native fluency or who has satisfied the examiners in the Second Public Examination in Arabic or Persian or Turkish or Hebrew, or has passed a similar examination in another university, must offer a different language for examination. The examination will consist of two papers:

- (i) A language examination in Arabic or Advanced Arabic or Hebrew or Persian or Advanced Persian or Turkish or Advanced Turkish, (subject to the availability of teaching), based on grammar knowledge and reading comprehension.
- (ii) A general methodological paper on the Middle East in the twentieth century.

Entries must be made on the appropriate form, obtainable from the University Offices, by Friday in the second week of Hilary Full Term following the candidate's admission.

~~Candidates who fail the Qualifying Examination may at the discretion of the board be allowed to retake it in the first week after the following Full Trinity Term.~~

B. Final Examination ~~It is strongly recommended that candidates for the Final Examination should, in the course of the Long Vacation preceding the year in which they propose to take the examination, attend a recognised language course in an appropriate Middle Eastern country.~~

1. All candidates must offer

(a) one language paper in Arabic or Hebrew or Persian or Turkish, subject to the availability of teaching, based on knowledge of grammar, translation from the Oriental language to English, and reading comprehension or, for candidates who offered Advanced Arabic, Advanced Persian or Advanced Turkish for the Qualifying Examination, one language paper in Arabic, Persian or Turkish respectively based on prose composition, translation from the Oriental language to English, and reading comprehension;

(b) a thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a subject to be approved by the board¹³;

(c) three papers ~~from (1)–(16) from a list of options published in the course handbook.~~ ~~provided that instead of one of these papers, a~~ candidate may offer a paper on a subject not included ~~i~~on the list ~~below~~, with the approval of the board.

~~(1) History of the Middle East, 1860–1970.~~

~~(2) Politics of the Middle East.~~

~~(3) Social anthropology of the Middle East.~~

~~(4) International Relations of the Middle East.~~

- ~~(5) Iranian History from the Constitutional to the Islamic Revolution, 1905–1979.~~
- ~~(6) History of Turkey, 1908–80.~~
- ~~(7) History and Politics of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 1979–2005.~~
- ~~(8) Mass Media and the Middle East~~
- ~~(9) Politics of the Maghreb.~~
- ~~(10) The Maghreb since 1830.~~
- ~~(11) Israel: History, Politics and Society.~~
- ~~(12) The Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa.~~
- ~~(13) Islam in the West.~~
- ~~(14) Contemporary Islamic Ethics.~~
- ~~(15) Political Islam, Islamism and Modern Islamic Movements.~~
- ~~(16) Modern Turkish Literature: Texts and Contexts.~~
- ~~(17) History from below in the Middle East and North Africa.~~
- ~~(18) The Arab-Israeli Conflict~~

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.

2. All applications for approval must reach the ~~Secretary, Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies,~~ [Senior Academic Administrator](#), Oriental Institute, on or before the Monday in the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.