Title of Programme
MPhil Oriental Studies – Ottoman Turkish Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree.

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2015
For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change: Examination Regulations 2014, pages 516-517.

Detail of change: Please see attached.

Explanatory Notes

These changes reflect some administrative procedural changes and also tidy-up the current regulations:

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.
(viii) Ottoman Turkish Studies

A. Qualifying Examination Every candidate will be required, unless exempted by the Oriental Studies Board, to pass a qualifying examination in Ottoman Turkish not later than the end of the third term after that in which his or her name has been placed on the register.

B. Final Examination Every candidate will be required to offer the following four papers and a thesis of not more than 30,000 words.

(1) Essay questions on Ottoman history and institutions, 1453-1699.

(2) Ottoman historical texts. (Set texts will be reported to the Faculty Board’s second meeting of Michaelmas Full Term in the second year of the course.)

(3) Ottoman texts in modern transcription and post-1928 Ottomanising texts.

(4) Ottoman documents: Ottoman Documents, ed. Repp (copies are available from the Oriental Institute). Teaching for the course may not be available in every year: applicants for admission will only be accepted if teaching is available.