

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies
Brief note about nature of change:	Amendments to administrative procedures for the degrees.
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 507-508.</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.

Oriental Studies

(See also the general notice at the commencement of these regulations.)

The regulations made by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies are as follows:

1. Every candidate must present himself or herself for a written examination in one of the following subjects.

- (i) Cuneiform Studies.
- (ii) Egyptology (including Graeco-Roman and Christian Egypt).
- (iii) Modern Middle Eastern Studies.
- (iv) Classical Indian Religion.
- (v) Modern Jewish Studies.
- (vi) Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman Period.
- (vii) Islamic Art and Archaeology.
- (viii) Ottoman Turkish Studies.
- (ix) Islamic Studies and History.
- (x) Modern Chinese Studies.
- (xi) Tibetan and Himalayan Studies.
- (xii) Modern South Asian Studies.
- (xiii) Traditional East Asia: Classical, Medieval, and Early-Modern. **[From 1 October 2015: (xiv) Buddhist Studies.]**

2. Candidates for subject (i) must satisfy the Oriental Studies Board by the time of their qualifying examination that they possess a working knowledge of French and German; candidates for (ii) must satisfy the Oriental Studies Board by the time of their qualifying examination that they possess a working knowledge of French and German, and candidates who wish to offer Greek papyrology must possess a fluent knowledge of Greek; and for subject (v) candidates should possess a working knowledge of either Hebrew or Yiddish, and a relevant European language. For subject (viii) and the Turkish option in subject (ix) candidates should possess a sound reading knowledge of Modern Turkish or Arabic or Persian. For subject (x) Modern Chinese Studies, candidates will normally have a first degree in a discipline relevant to their elective subject. For subject (xiii) Traditional East Asia: Classical, Medieval, and Early Modern, candidates should possess a good proficiency (normally at least two years' study or equivalent) in modern Chinese, Japanese or Korean.

3. A candidate who fails any part or parts of the Qualifying Examination may retake such part or parts during the Long Vacation prior to the second year of the course, except in the cases of the M.Phil. in Classical Indian Religion, Modern Middle Eastern Studies, Modern Jewish Studies and Tibetan and Himalayan Studies. A candidate who fails any part or parts of the Qualifying Examination for these four courses may retake such part or parts during Trinity Term of the first year of study [except where stated otherwise in the particular regulations for individual courses in the following pages.](#)

4. A candidate who fails any part or parts of the Final Examination may retake such part or parts on one occasion in the following academic year.

35. Subject to such regulations as the board may hereinafter make, every candidate must offer a thesis¹¹ on a subject approved by the board (or by a person or persons to whom it may delegate the power of giving such approval), and as far as possible falling within the scope of the subject offered by the candidate in the examination. Applications for approval of the thesis subject must reach the 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. A title approval form is available on the Oriental Studies website. ~~The Two typewritten copies and an electronic copy in PDF format in a memory stick or CD, of the thesis~~ thesis should must be presented submitted to the Chairman of the Examiners, name of degree, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, not later than noon on the Friday of the second week of the Trinity Term in which the examination is taken except in (ii) and (xiv) below, in which the thesis should be presented not later than noon on the Friday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term in which the examination is taken; (v) and (xiii) below, in which the thesis should be presented by noon on Friday of 6th week of Trinity Term; (vii) below, in which the thesis should be presented not later than noon on the Monday of seventh week of Trinity Term in which the examination is taken; (x) below, in which the thesis should be presented not later than noon of Monday of the second week of Trinity Term in which the examination is taken; and (xiii) below, in which the thesis should be presented not later than noon of Friday of the fifth week of Trinity Term in which the examination is taken. The work must bear the candidates examination number (but not the candidates' name.) Candidates must include a signed declaration sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners that the work is the candidates own.

Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the Bodleian.

~~46. Every candidate will be examined viva voce in the subjects of the school unless he or she shall have been individually excused by the examiners. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce, except where stated otherwise in the particular regulations for individual courses in the following pages.~~

75. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.