

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Studies in British and European History, from 1500 to the present (part-time)
Brief note about nature of change:	New programme of study.
Effective date	For students starting from Michaelmas Term 2015 For first examination from 2016-17
Location of change	New Regulation. [In <i>Examination Regulations</i> 2014, insert after p.522, l.43.]
Detail of change	Full version attached.
Explanatory Notes	These new Regulations present the course sequence on the part-time pilot of this master's programme. Overall programme content and course requirements to be covered by the candidates for this mode of study are the same as that for the full-time mode of study.

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The regulations of the Board of the Faculty of History are as follows:

1. Candidates for this degree must follow for at least six terms a course of instruction and directed research and must, upon entering the examination, produce from their society a certificate to that effect.
2. Candidates must attend such lectures, seminars and classes as their supervisor shall determine. In addition to the formally examined programme elements described below, each candidate will be expected to attend and complete in-course requirements for a series of skills and specialist options based on a schedule to be published from year to year by the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee. The candidate's individual programme, agreed with her/his supervisor, will be subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the programme convenor, by Friday of Week One of each year's Michaelmas Term; subsequent changes must be agreed by the Director of Graduate Studies not later than Friday of Week Three of the following Hilary Term. Class teachers will report to the Chair of Examiners on the candidate's attendance and participation, and, where appropriate, test results, not later than Monday of Week Nine of the Term in which the classes were held.
3. The final examination for candidates in British and European History, *from 1500 to the present*, shall comprise (i) one annotated bibliography and one dissertation proposal, (ii) one extended essay based on an Advanced Option submitted in year one of the programme, (iii) one extended essay based on the programme's theory component, and (iv) a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words submitted in year two of the programme.

I. During the Michaelmas Term of the first year each candidate will attend a series of classes on sources and resources. The sources and resources component will be assessed by an annotated bibliography and a dissertation proposal of between 800 and 1,000 words. Two copies of the annotated bibliography and the proposal, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the *M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present*, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by 12 noon on Monday of Week One of Hilary Term. These elements are assessed on a pass/fail basis only, and candidates who fail one of these elements will be given the opportunity to submit a revised version in the course of their first year on the programme.

II. In the Hilary Term of the first year candidates must choose one Advanced Option, either from the joint Advanced Options for the Master of Studies and the Master of Philosophy in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, or from the Advanced Options for one of the Faculty of History's other Master's programmes. The choice of Advanced Option will depend on the candidate's training objectives or dissertation project. Details of available Advanced Options are published on the programme pages in WebLearn handbooks. Approval of the Advanced Option choice must be obtained from the programme convenor and Director of Graduate Studies by Friday of Week Six of Michaelmas Term. The request for approval must be sent to the History Graduate Office. On recommendation from the candidate's supervisor, the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the programme convenor, may approve relevant taught papers from Master's programmes offered by faculties other than History, provided that the respective faculty's Graduate Studies Committee is satisfied that the candidate has an adequate background in the subject. This part of the programme will be assessed by one extended essay of between 6,500 and 7,500 words. Two copies of the essay, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the *M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present*, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by 12 noon on Monday of Week One of the candidate's first Trinity Term. This essay should reflect skills and understanding the candidate has developed by following the approved choice of Advanced Option paper. *Teaching may not be available for all the Advanced Options each year, and restrictions may be imposed on the combination of Advanced Options that may be*

taken in a particular year.

III. During the Michaelmas Term of the second year each candidate will attend core classes on historical theory and methodological approaches. The core classes will be assessed by an extended essay of between 4,000 and 5,000 words. Two copies of the essay, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by 12 noon on Monday of Week Two of Hilary Term in the second year.

IV. Each candidate must prepare a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a topic in his or her chosen subject area. The dissertation must include a short abstract which concisely summarises in about 300 words its scope and principal arguments. Two copies of the dissertation, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the *M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present*, must be submitted to the Examination Schools by 12 noon of Monday of Week Eight of their second Trinity Term. Material submitted under I, II, and III may be complementary to the dissertation project but must not form a significant part of the dissertation itself.

4. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.
5. A candidate who fails the examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the initial attempt.