

| HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD | |
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| Title of Programme | Master of Studies in Japanese Studies |
| Brief note about nature of change: | Amendments to administrative procedures for the degrees and tidying up the regulations. |
| Effective date | For students starting from MT 2015 For first examination from 2015-16 |
| Location of change: | In <i>Examination Regulations 2014</i> , page 578. |
| 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. |

Japanese Studies

1. Before admission to the course, candidates must *either* have taken Japanese in the Oxford Honour School of Oriental Studies *or* have taken a comparable degree from another university, *or* must satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies that they possess the necessary qualifications in the Japanese language to profit by the course.
2. Every candidate must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Japanese Studies with reference to one of the following subjects:

(i) Japanese Linguistics

(ii) Modern Japanese Literature

(iii) Classical Japanese Literature

(iv) another subject at the discretion of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

The availability of subjects in a given year will be subject to the availability of teaching.

3. *Syllabus* There will be four Units:

Unit (i) Context and Background. The examination will be by two take-home exercises, each comprising an essay of not more than 2,500 words on topics to be issued by the Oriental Institute Faculty Office, related directly to the course of instruction each candidate has followed. The exercises will be set not later than noon on Friday on each of Week 6 of Michaelmas Full Term and Week 6 of Hilary Full Term. At the same time as issuing each exercise, the Faculty Office will announce the date by which it is to be submitted, which shall be at least fourteen days later. The Two copies of each typewritten essays must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, M.St in Japanese Studies, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. 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.

Unit (ii) Texts, to be examined by written examination.

Unit (iii) Theory and Methodology, to be examined by written examination.

Unit (iv) A ~~dissertation~~ thesis of not more than 15,000 words (excluding bibliography), on a topic selected in consultation with the candidate's supervisor and approved by the Faculty Board. Applications for such approval should be submitted to the Faculty office by ~~Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term~~ Monday of Week 0 of Hilary Term and will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Term. Two typewritten copies and an electronic copy in PDF format in a memory stick or CD, of the thesis must be submitted to the Chairman of the Examiners, name of degree, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG. not later than 12 noon on Friday of fourth week of Trinity Term.

Candidates must include a signed declaration sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners that the work is the candidate's own.

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5. Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term ~~and will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Term.~~
- ~~6. All work submitted to the Chair of Examiners must be in typewritten form. Two copies must be submitted, securely sealed and addressed. The work must bear the candidate's examination number (but not the candidate's name, which must be concealed). Candidates must include a signed declaration sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners that the work is the candidate's own.~~
7. Every candidate will be examined by oral examination unless he or she shall have

been individually excused by the examiners. Candidates may be required to attend a viva.