

<b>HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD</b>	
<b>Title of Programme</b>	Master of Studies in Jewish Studies
<b>Brief note about nature of change:</b>	[1] syllabus revisions and [2] amendments to administrative procedures.
<b>Effective date</b>	<b>For students starting from MT 2015</b> <b>For first examination from 2015-16</b>
<b>Location of change</b>	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> 2014, page 579, l.11ff.
<b>Detail of change:</b>	Please see attached.
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	<p><b>[1]</b> The change to the syllabus is being made in order to bring the MSt Jewish Studies into line with the faculty's other MSt degrees, following the review of these degrees carried out two years ago. This degree was not included in that review, and it is now being arranged accordingly. The revised degree now has 4 units. The syllabus B option of the revised degree has one unit extra to compensate for the absence of the thesis.</p> <p><b>[2]</b> The following changes reflect some administrative procedural changes and also tidy-up the current regulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 conventions.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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.

# Jewish Studies

1. Before admission to the course, candidates must satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies that they possess the necessary qualifications to profit by the course.
2. Every candidate must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Jewish Studies.
3. There will be two tracks, Syllabus A and Syllabus B:
4. *Syllabus A:*

Unit (i) Three terms of *either* Biblical Hebrew, *or* Modern Hebrew, *or* Yiddish. Written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.

Unit (ii) Two options, ~~One~~ option, to be taken in Michaelmas Term and one option to be taken in Hilary Term.

~~Unit (iii) One option, to be taken in Hilary Term.~~

Unit (~~iii~~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 Monday of ~~noughth-week~~Week 0 of Hilary 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 sixth week of Trinity Term. 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.

*Syllabus B:*

Unit (i) Three terms of *either* Biblical Hebrew, *or* Modern Hebrew, *or* Yiddish. Written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.

Unit (ii) ~~Two~~Four options, to be taken in Michaelmas Term, Hilary Term or Trinity Term. Options examined by essay must be taken in Michaelmas or Hilary Term.

~~5. Unit (iii) Two options, to be taken in Hilary Term or Trinity Term.~~

6. A list of options for units (ii) ~~and (iii)~~ will be published in the Course Handbook. The method of examination will be either by three-hour written examination held at the end of Trinity Term or by essay examination. The method of examination of each option will be determined in advance and will be published in the course handbook. The essay topics will be published on the Friday of ~~eighth-week~~Week 8 of the term in which the option is taught. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the question paper. The essay examination will consist of two essays of not more than 2,500 words each for *Syllabus A* and not more than ~~3,500~~3,000 words

each for *Syllabus B*. Two type-written copies of each essay must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by 12 noon on the Friday of ~~noughth~~ ~~week~~ Week 0 of the term following that in which the option was taught. 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. Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of ~~seventh~~ ~~week~~ Week 7 of Michaelmas term ~~and will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Term.~~
8. Candidates may be required to attend a viva.