

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Studies in Oriental Studies
Brief note about nature of change:	Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree.
Effective date	<p>For students starting from MT 2015</p> <p>For first examination from 2015-16</p>
Location of change:	<i>Examination Regulations</i> 2014, page 596.
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

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. The Board will not permit students to be admitted to the course if an M.St. in a particular subject under the aegis of the Board is considered more appropriate.
2. Candidates shall be required to attend for at least three terms such lecture courses and participate in such seminars as their supervisor shall specify.
3. *Syllabus*

There will be four Units:

- 1) Unit (i) Candidates shall submit either (A) two typed copies each of two essays of between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length, or (B) two typed copies of a ~~dissertation~~ thesis (excluding bibliography) of between 12,000 and 15,000 words in length (excluding bibliography).

Option (A) may be any two of the following:

- a. what might become part of a thesis for the M.Litt or D.Phil;
- b. an essay on the theoretical issues raised by the subject which the candidate is proposing for the thesis;
- c. an essay on a topic relevant to the subject of the thesis;
- d. a discussion of the historical and literary background or of the source material which is relevant to the proposed subject.

Option (B) should be equivalent to a substantial draft chapter or chapters of a proposed thesis for the M.Litt or the D.Phil.

The essays or ~~dissertation~~ thesis must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, M.St in Oriental Studies, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than 12 noon on Friday of fourth week of Trinity Term.

Units (ii) and (iii) Two three-hour examination papers, which may be any combination of language or non-language papers. When the elective papers are shared with another degree, the regulations for the paper follow that of the home degree.

Unit (iv) A prescribed essay, prepared in proper scholarly form, on research methods and materials relating to the area of study chosen under (i) above, of between 5,000 and 7,000 words. The topic of the essay will be set at the conclusion of the two examination papers Units (i) and (ii). The essay must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, M.St in Oriental Studies, Examination Schools not later than seven days from the date on which the topic was set.

1. Candidates must submit titles for their written work (Unit (i) of the examination, above) and subjects for the two examinations (Units (ii) and (iii) of the examination, above) to the Faculty office by ~~Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term~~Monday of Week 0 of Hilary Term. ~~These will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Term.~~
2. ~~Candidates must submit titles for their written work (Unit (i) of the examination, above) and subjects for the two examinations (Units (ii) and (iii) of the examination, above) to the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term. These will be reported to the Faculty Board's second meeting of Michaelmas Term.~~
3. 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.~~
4. All work submitted to the Chair of Examiners must be in typewritten form. Two copies must be submitted, securely sealed and addressed. An electronic copy of the thesis or essays for unit (i), must be submitted in PDF format in a memory stick or CD with the hard copies of the thesis. 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.
5. ~~Every candidate will be examined by oral examination unless he or she shall have been individually excused by the examiners.~~
6. Candidates may be required to attend a viva.