

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD
<p>Title of Programme</p> <p>Master of Studies in Syriac Studies</p>
<p>Brief note about nature of change: Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree.</p>
<p>Effective date:</p> <p>For students starting from MT 2015</p> <p>For first examination from 2015-16</p>
<p>Location of change: <i>Examination Regulations</i> 2014, page 606.</p>
<p>Detail of change: Please see attached.</p>
<p>Explanatory Notes</p> <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.

Syriac Studies

1. Candidates must satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies before admission to the course that they possess the necessary qualification in the Syriac language to profit by the course.
2. Every candidate must follow for at least three terms a course of study in Syriac Studies.
3. *Syllabus* There will be four Units: Each unit is examined by a written paper.

Unit (i) Essay questions on the history, literature, and culture of the Syriac Churches.

Units (ii), (iii) and (iv) Passages for translation and comment, and essay questions on prescribed texts in Syriac, with special reference to *three* of the following subjects (a passage, or passages, for unprepared translation may also be set):

- (1) Biblical versions;
- (2) Exegetical literature;
- (3) Early poetry;
- (4) Liturgy;
- (5) Historical literature;
- (6) Secular literature;
- (7) Monastic literature;
- (8) Hagiography;
- (9) Translations of Greek patristic texts;
- (10) Theological texts;
- (11) Any other subject approved by the Board.

4. 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.~~
5. ~~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.

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

Teaching for the course may not be available in every year. Applicants for admission will be advised of this.