Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies

Brief note about nature of change:
Clarification that the language option may not be offered every year depending upon resource availability by removing it from the regulations, to have the flexibility to offer language provision from potential sources external to the centre, minor change to the title of a core option

Effective date
1 October 2013

Location of change
In Online Regulations

Detail of change
1. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, sub-section 3i, before “Examination papers” delete “i.”.

2. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, sub-section 3, after “Course Director” insert “and will be published at
the beginning of each academic year”.

3. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, sub-section 3, after “Students are free to elect any” delete “one” and insert “two”.

4. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, sub-section 3, after “examination entry form.” insert “Candidates may, after special permission of the Contemporary Chinese Studies Management Committee, elect subjects outside this list. This may include papers offered in other relevant master’s degrees in the University, subject to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee as appropriate.”.

5. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, delete sub-section 3.ii.

6. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, sub-section 5.(ii), after “One 10,000 word dissertation: the title of the dissertation must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies not later than 12 noon on” delete “Wednesday of the ninth week of Michaelmas Term” and insert “Friday of the first week of Hilary Term”.

7. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, sub-section 8.(c), delete “With the permission of the language teaching staff at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, the student can elect an appropriate language option as one of the two optional papers.” and insert “Candidates may, after special permission of the Contemporary Chinese Studies Management Committee, elect subjects outside this list. This may include papers offered in other relevant master’s degrees in the University, subject to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee as appropriate.”.

8. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, delete sub-section 4.

9. In online regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/17-40_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_84), under section ‘[Until 1 October 2013: Modern] [From 1 October 2013: Contemporary] Chinese Studies’, renumber sub-section 5 as 4, sub-section 6 as 5, sub-section 7 as 6,
### Explanatory Notes

The current regulations include the option of students electing to take a modern Chinese language paper at the appropriate level, determined by the language teaching staff at the Faculty of Oriental Studies at the start of the academic year. However, at the existing levels of student numbers it has sometimes proved difficult to offer and resource the range of language provision needed, despite the clear pedagogic value. The Centre for Contemporary China Studies therefore wishes to include language as one option that might be offered in any given year, when the profile of the programme’s students and resourcing permits, but to make clear in their literature that not all options (including Chinese) will be available each year.

Clause 1: Tidying up of sub-section 3 as a result of the changes made in subsequent clauses.

Clause 2: Clarification that option papers available in a given year will be published in the course handbook.

Clause 3: Amendment to make clear that students should opt to take two papers from the approved list, rather than one, due to the removal of the language requirement.

Clause 4: This clause affords students the ability to select option modules offered externally to the centre, subject to receipt of the relevant approvals.

Clause 5: Removal of the section outlining the previously mandatory language option.

Clause 6: Changes to the date by which dissertation titles must be approved in order to allow the DGS more time to review the proposed titles.

Clause 7: Reiteration that students can elect to take option papers offered from outside the centre/elsewhere in the university, subject to the relevant approvals.

Clause 8: Removal of further information that is no longer necessary regarding language option papers.

Clause 9: Tidying up of numbering of sub-sections due to the removal of the section outlined in Clause 8.