

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Officer Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (17/09/2019)**

**Master of Philosophy in Russian and East European Studies**

**Brief note about nature of change:**

1. Change to a core paper title;
2. Amendment to the resit arrangements of the extended essay;
3. Minor factual corrections to text

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2019*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/mopiraeasteurostud/administratorview/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2019**

**For first (qualifying) examination from 2019-20**

**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation 1.6 as follows:

<sup>1.6</sup> Candidates will also be required to submit one extended essay on ~~Twentieth Century Russian, Soviet and East European History~~ History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century of 4,500 words, excluding bibliography. Two copies of the extended essay should be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by 12 Noon on Monday in the fifth week of Hilary Term in the first year of the course. An electronic copy should also be submitted to the programme by the same deadline. The essay must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

2. Amend citation 1.8 as follows:

**[For students starting from MT 2019: *Research Methods for Area Studies*:** Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum take-home test in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of

Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a ~~one-week~~ take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term. Two printed copies of each of the items of written work described above must be submitted to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MPhil in Russian and East European Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. An electronic copy should also be submitted to the programme by the same deadline. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work.】

3. Amend citation 1.9 as follows:

<sup>1.9</sup> *Language Requirement.* All candidates will be required to pass a Russian language qualifying exam ~~on the region, which is in Russian~~. The specific arrangements for the provision and methods of assessment of language training are governed by the Examination Conventions and Notes of Guidance of the year of matriculation of the candidates.

4. Amend citation 1.10 as follows:

<sup>1.10</sup> Candidates who pass these qualifying papers and the extended essay may proceed to the second year of the course and take the final examination at the end of the second year. **[For students starting from MT 2019:** Candidates who fail the research methods course overall will be permitted to re-submit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark, on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners. **】**~~Candidates who fail one or more of the [For students starting from MT 2019: other ] examination papers or the extended essay may, by permission of the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee, proceed to the second year of the course and re-sit the failed papers on one subsequent occasion during the final examination. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of [For students starting from MT 2019: merit or ] distinction.~~

**[For students starting before MT 2019:** candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers or the extended essay may, by permission of the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee, proceed to the second year of the course and re-sit the failed papers on one subsequent occasion during the final examination. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of distinction. ]

**[For students starting from MT 2019:** Candidates who fail the extended essay will be required to re-submit by 12 noon on Monday of week one of Trinity Term of the same year. Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers may, by permission of the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee, proceed to the second year of the course and re-sit the failed papers on one subsequent occasion during the final examination. ]

## Explanatory Notes

1. Change to a core paper title: The paper title 'Twentieth Century Russian, Soviet and East European History' was amended to 'History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century' and published in the *Gazette* in the edition 03/12/2015. A subsequent change to the regulations published in the edition 19/07/2018 reverted the title of this paper back to 'Twentieth Century Russian' by mistake wef students starting in MT2018. This notice corrects the paper title for students starting from MT 2019. The course was advertised to incoming students as 'History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century'.

2. Amendment to the resit arrangements of the extended essay to allow students to retake their extended essay in the same academic year.