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Change in the regulations governing the Master of Philosophy in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Master of Philosophy in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology

Brief note about nature of the change: examinations to be sat the end of the first, rather than the second, year.

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

In *Examination Regulations*, 2013, p. 537, l. 33, after ‘4.’ insert: ‘Paper A must be taken at the end of the first year of study. In addition, a student may take one other module for assessment in the first year, where there are good reasons for doing so. Marks will be moderated by the board of examiners for the relevant year, and then be released as final. A candidate who fails paper A or another module taken in the first year will have the option of sitting the same module(s) again at the end of the second year; modules retaken in the second year shall be subject to the cap on marks for re-examined options (paragraph 11 below).’.

Explanatory note

The rationale is to ensure that MPhil students acquire core knowledge in their first year and to spread assessment more evenly throughout the course.