

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of TAC on 19 September 2017

Title of Programme

MPhil Modern South Asian Studies

Brief note about nature of change: changes to clarify language assessment and re-sit arrangements

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mopimodesoutasiastud/administratorview/> as amended by *Gazette* of 21/09/17

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.11 as follows:

‘(ii) Qualitative and Historical Methods: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word ~~take-home~~ essay on Historical Methods to be set by ~~Friday~~ Monday of Week 45 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.’

2. Amend citation reference 1.12 as follows:

‘(iii) Qualitative Methods, Literature and Language: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word ~~take-home~~ essay on Literature and Language to be set by ~~Friday~~ Monday of Week 45 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.’

3. Amend citation reference 1.15 as follows:

~~'Candidates will complete an intensive language course in Hindi or a substitute core language as specified in the Course Handbook (teaching for some languages may not be available every year), (Beginners or Advanced), Brajhasha and Old Hindi Texts I, or a substitute core language, based on knowledge of grammar, translation and reading comprehension (teaching for some languages may not be available every year) to be assessed by a series of written tests and essays as specified by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee, and a three-hour written examination at the end of Trinity term of the first year. The forms of assessment, and dates and times of submission, where applicable, will be notified to students no later than Friday of Week 0 of Michaelmas Term.'~~

4. Amend citation reference 1.18 as follows:

'Candidates will choose three option papers from a list approved by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee each of which will be assessed by one three-hour written examination in Trinity Term. This list will be published by the Course Director(s) in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year. The availability of options in any one year will depend on teaching resources and the level of student interest. Students should select three of these papers in consultation with their supervisor. Native speakers or advanced learners may substitute one option paper with an appropriate advanced language option (further details are provided in the Course Handbook)~~as described for the final year examination of the MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies~~. With special permission of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment for such options.'

5. Amend citation reference 1.20 as follows:

~~'5. To be permitted to progress to the second year of the MPhil course all candidates must pass the two core course essays, all elements of the research methods course overall, and for students following the language track, the language examination. A candidate who fails any element of 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. A candidate who fails either of the core course essays or the language examination paper will be permitted to re-submit the essay(s) or re-sit the paper on one further occasion, normally at the beginning of the September preceding the second year.'~~

6. Amend citation reference 1.24 as follows:

~~'7. Candidates will complete a course in Advanced Research Methods. Candidates will be required to make an oral presentation and to submit coursework materials as set out in the Course Handbook.'~~

7. Amend citation reference 1.27 as follows:

~~'(i) Candidates will complete an the intensive language course commenced in the first year,~~

progressing to an advanced level, in Hindi or a substitute core language as specified in the Course Handbook (teaching for some languages may not be available every year), ~~(Advanced), Hindi and Urdu, Literary Hindi, Literary Hindi and Urdu, Bengali, Braj, Bhasha & Old Hindi Texts II, Sanskrit, Tibetan or Persian,~~ based on knowledge of grammar, translation, and reading comprehension and literary context, ~~(teaching for some languages may not be available every year)~~ to be assessed by a three-hour written examination at the end of Trinity Term.'

8. Amend citation reference 1.30 as follows:

'(ii) Candidates will choose two option papers from a list approved by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee each of which will be assessed by one three-hour written examinations in Trinity Term. This list will be published by the Course Director(s) in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year.'

9. Amend citation reference 1.33 as follows:

'10. Candidates will complete a 30,000 word maximum thesis ~~(including all notes and references but excluding the bibliography)~~ full details of what is included in the word count are provided in the Course Handbook. The title of the thesis must be approved by the Course Director(s) by 12 noon on Monday of Week 3 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 4 in Trinity Term. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.'

Explanatory Notes

Changes to refer students to handbook for list of available languages, change to make Advanced Research Methods formative assessment, changes to clarify re-sits arrangements for research methods, changes to set dates for methods assessment and minor text updates.