

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies
Brief note about nature of change:	New subject option
Effective date	<p>For students starting from MT 2016</p> <p>For first examination from 2016-17</p>
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> online
<p>^{1.1}(See also the general notice at the commencement of these regulations.)</p> <p>^{1.2}The regulations made by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ^{1.3}1. Every candidate must present himself or herself for a written examination in one of the following subjects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ^{1.4}(i) Cuneiform Studies. ○ ^{1.5}(ii) Egyptology (including Graeco-Roman and Christian Egypt). ○ ^{1.6}(iii) Modern Middle Eastern Studies. ○ ^{1.7}(iv) Classical Indian Religion. ○ ^{1.8}(v) Modern Jewish Studies. ○ ^{1.9}(vi) Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman Period. ○ ^{1.10}(vii) Islamic Art and Archaeology. ○ ^{1.11}(viii) Ottoman Turkish Studies. ○ ^{1.12}(ix) Islamic Studies and History. ○ ^{1.13}(x) Modern Chinese Studies. ○ ^{1.14}(xi) Tibetan and Himalayan Studies. ○ ^{1.15}(xii) Modern South Asian Studies. 	

- o ^{1.16}(xiii) Traditional East Asia: Classical, Medieval, and Early-Modern.

^{1.17}[For students starting from MT 2015: (xiv) Buddhist Studies.]

(xv) Eastern Christian Studies

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Candidates will be admitted to take the examination as defined below in a specific year. In exceptional circumstances candidates may be allowed to take an examination later than one to which they were admitted. Permission for this must be sought from the faculty board not later than Monday of the week before the first week of the Trinity Term in which the examination was to have been taken. The application must have the support of the candidate's college and be accompanied by a statement from the supervisor.

- I. Every candidate shall be required
 - o (a) to present himself or herself for a written examination, as prescribed below;
 - o (b) to present a thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a subject approved by the faculty boards. Theses should be presented not later than noon on the Friday of the second week of the Trinity Term in which the examination is taken. Successful candidates may be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the Bodleian;6
 - o (c) to present himself or herself for a viva voce examination, unless individually dispensed by the examiners.
- II. The written examination shall consist of four papers:
 - o (1) A general paper on the development of doctrine and the history of the Church in the Christian East to AD717.
 - o (2), (3), (4) Three papers on one of the following options.
 - A. Greek
 - (i) The philosophical background of the Greek Fathers.7
 - (ii) The history of the Church in the Byzantine Empire, AD 717-886.7
 - (iii) Byzantine ecclesiastical texts.7

The three papers will include passages for comment as well as

general questions relating to the set texts.

▪ B. Armenian with Greek

- (i) Armenian historical texts.7
- (ii) Armenian theological and ecclesiastical texts.7
- (iii) A translation paper from Greek ecclesiastical texts.
Passages for translation will be set from unspecified texts and
set texts.7

Papers (i) and (ii) will include passages for translation and
comment as well as general questions relating to the set texts.

▪ C. Syriac with Greek

- (i) Syriac historical texts.7
- (ii) Syriac theological texts.7
- (iii) as Paper B (iii) above.

Papers (i) and (ii) will include passages for translation and
comment as well as general questions relating to the set texts.

▪ Teaching in all three options (Greek, Armenian with Greek, Syriac
with Greek) may not be available every year, and applicants for
admission will be advised whether teaching will be available in
the option of their choice.

- Note. Candidates with sufficient knowledge of Greek may offer Paper A
(i) in place of Paper B (iii)/C (iii). Except in the case of Papers A (i) and B
(iii)/C (iii), and subject to the approval of the faculty boards, a candidate
may offer texts — or, in the case of Paper A (ii), a period of Greek
church history — other than those specified in the regulations.

- III. The examiners may award a Distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

The course is now under the sole ownership of the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies. From being a degree jointly owned by Oriental Studies and the Faculty of Theology and Religion, with a separate entry in the Exam Regulations, it becomes a subject option under the MPhil Oriental Studies. The regulations remain unchanged apart from the removal of a reference to joint ownership with the Faculty of Theology and Religion.