

Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Philosophy in Slavonic Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Small changes to the wording of the regulations to reflect the removal and movement of papers from and between schedules.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019-20* <https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/mopinslavstud/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting in MT 2020; for first examination in TT 2022.

Detail of change

~~1.1 The regulations made by the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages are as follows:~~

~~1.2~~ 1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the examiners in a Qualifying Examination identical with that for the M.St. in Slavonic Studies, in the academic year in which their names are first entered on the Register of M.Phil. Students, before proceeding to the final examination for the M.Phil. in the following year. Holders of the M.St. in Slavonic Studies are exempt from this Qualifying Examination.

~~1.3~~ 2. In the final examination for the M.Phil. each candidate will be required to take two subjects from the Schedules listed in A - C, ~~for the M.St.~~, excluding the thesis in Schedule 2v. ~~Candidates must take at least one subject from Schedule 2 i-iv, if they have not already done so for the M.St. or for the Qualifying Examination.~~ Candidates may not repeat subjects which they have taken for the M.St. or for the Qualifying Examination, nor take subjects more than one subject from Schedules from which they have already taken two subjects for the M.St. or for the Qualifying Examination. Candidates may not take subjects which they have already studied in a first degree course. The list of options in each

Schedule will be available in the handbook for that year.

A.

Schedule 1 – Unseen translation

B.

Schedule 2 – Methodology

C.

Schedule 3 – Slavonic Philology in Context

Schedule 4 – The History of a chosen language

Schedule 5 – The Structure and Present State of a chosen language

Schedule 6 – Russian Literature, Culture and History

Schedule 7 - Central European Literature, Culture and History

1.4 3. Each candidate will be required to present a thesis of approximately 20,000 words and not more than 25,000 words. Candidates are required to register the subject area or title of their thesis with the Modern Languages Graduate Office by the end of the fourth week of Hilary Term of their second year. The subject of the thesis should fall within the area of Slavonic languages and literatures. The MPhil thesis should be submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook by noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity Term in the second year. Work submitted in the thesis for the Degree of M.Phil. may subsequently be incorporated in a thesis submitted for the Degree of D.Phil.

1.5 4. Candidates must present themselves for oral examination unless dispensed by the examiners.

1.6 5. Candidates will be expected to be able to read secondary literature in at least one European language other than English and the Slavonic languages, and may be required to demonstrate this ability. Candidates will also be expected to attend a course of lectures on bibliographical, library, and archival resources in the field of Slavonic Studies.

1.7 6. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify him for the Degree of M.Phil. but that nevertheless his or her work in the Qualifying Examination was of sufficient merit to qualify him or her for the Degree of M.St. in Slavonic Studies, the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. examination under the appropriate regulation or of being granted permission to supplicate for the Degree of Master of Studies.

1.8 7. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

The changes to the examination regulations reflect changes to the schedules and papers for the MSt/MPhil in Slavonic Studies. These changes were made to capitalise on recent staff changes and new scholarly expertise in important areas of Slavonic Studies, and to strengthen the character of the course as a Master's degree in Slavonic languages and literature with emphasis on their cultural, historical and areal context. The changes also guarantee that the course offerings make best use of available teaching, while retaining a unique combination of specialist language tuition with methodological training, and wide subject choice.