

Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies 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/mosinslavstud/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting in MT 2021; for first examination in TT 2022.

Detail of change

~~1.1~~ 1. Candidates must have taken *either* Russian (as sole language *or* as one of two languages) *or* Czech (with Slovak) in the Oxford Honour School of Modern Languages, *or* have taken a comparable degree in a Slavonic language from another university, *or* must satisfy the committee that they possess the necessary qualifications in a Slavonic language to profit by the course.

~~1.2~~ 2. 1. Candidates must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Slavonic Studies.

~~1.3~~ 3. Each candidate will be required to take one language from Schedule 1 and three subjects from Schedules 2-10. Each candidate will be required to take:

- a) one language from Schedule 1 (A);
- b) one subject from Schedule 2 (B);
- c) two further subjects from Schedules 2-7 of which not more than one may be from Schedule 2 (B and C).

The list of schedules will be available in the handbook for that year and will be made available to incoming students by the Graduate Studies Office early in the Long Vacation.

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~~ 4. Candidates may take no more than two subjects from any one Schedule. Candidates may not take subjects which they have already studied in a first degree course.

3. Candidates may not take subjects which they have already studied in a first degree course.

~~1.5~~~~4~~ 4. Candidates will be examined by written examination, unless otherwise specified in the handbook.

~~1.6~~~~5~~ 5. Options available from the M.St./M.Phil. in Modern Languages will be examined under the regulations for those courses.

~~1.7~~~~6~~ 6. In lieu of written examination in one subject a candidate may elect under Schedule 2 to submit an essay a thesis of 5,000 to 7,000 words on a subject of the candidate's choice.

~~1.8~~ 7. The subject of the essay thesis should fall within the areas of Slavonic languages and literatures. Candidates are required to register the subject area or title of their essay thesis with the Modern Languages Graduate Office by the end of the fourth week of Hilary Term. The essay thesis should be submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook by noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity Term. Work submitted in the form of an essay a thesis for the Degree of M.St. may subsequently be incorporated in a thesis submitted for the Degree of M.Phil., or may be used as the basis for the piece of written work required for admission to the status of student for the Degrees of M.Litt. or D.Phil.

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.