

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Master of Science by Coursework in Archaeology

Brief note about nature of change: Introduction of a degree in 'MSc in Archaeology'

Location of change

New degree to be introduced to regulations from the 2020/21 academic year.

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020

For first examination from 2020-21

Detail of change

1. Insert new regulations as follows:

Master of Science by Coursework in Archaeology

1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Archaeology.

2. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Archaeology for three terms.

3. Candidates will complete a course in Archaeological Principles: Data and Theory and will submit a portfolio consisting of the work candidates carry out for and during their classes, including a research proposal of no more than 300 words based on their initial ideas for their dissertation. The portfolio will be submitted by noon on Wednesday of week 0 of Hilary Term. The portfolio will be marked pass/fail only.

4. Candidates will present themselves for a three-hour written examination on a course from List A from any stream as set out in the Course Handbook at the beginning of Hilary term.

5. Candidates will submit two pre-set essays (each of no more than 5,000 words) by noon on Tuesday of week 0 of Trinity term for a course from List B in the same stream as the written

examination in clause 4, as set out in the Course Handbook.

6. Candidates will submit two pre-set essays (each of no more than 5,000 words) by noon on Tuesday of week 2 of Trinity term for a second course from one of the following (taking into account any requirements for combinations of courses set out in the Course Handbook):

- i) a course offered and available from List B in any stream, or
- ii) an option offered and available from Schedule B in the MSt in Classical Archaeology, or
- iii) a subject offered and available in the MSc in Archaeological Science, unless the module under clause 5 is a subject offered in the MSc in Archaeological Science.

Candidates will propose the pre-set essay topics under clauses 5 and 6 in consultation with the relevant course tutor and their supervisor (if they are different). The four essay titles must be submitted for approval by the Chair of Examiners by noon on Friday of week 8 of Hilary term.

7. Candidates will complete a dissertation of no more than 15,000 words (excluding bibliography and descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but including notes and appendices) on a topic agreed with their supervisor. The topic of the dissertation must be clearly distinct from the topics covered by pre-set essays submitted by the candidate under clauses 5 and 6. The title of the dissertation must be submitted for approval by the Chair of Examiners by 12 noon on Friday of week 6 of Hilary term. The dissertation must be submitted by the last Wednesday of August in the year in which the examination is taken.

8. Candidates must upload their Archaeological Principles' portfolio, four pre-set essays, and dissertation to the Assignments section of the course WebLearn site by the specified deadlines. Each individual piece of written work must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

9. Candidates must present themselves for an oral examination if required by the examiners.

10. In the case of failure of the Archaeological Principles' portfolio, candidates will have the opportunity to resubmit a revised portfolio within three weeks of publication of the fail, on a date to be specified by the Chair of Examiners. Candidates who fail the written examination, any of the pre-set essays, or the dissertation will be permitted to re-sit the examination, or resubmit the pre-set essay(s) and/or dissertation, on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.

Explanatory Notes

A new degree in MSc in Archaeology will be introduced with effect from entry in October 2020 and will replace the MSt and MPhil in Archaeology (please see separate notices in the Gazette for the discontinuation of these regulations)