

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 11 July 2018****Title of Programme**

Master of Philosophy in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Clarification**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2017* (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosilaandbyzastud/>)**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2018****For first examination from 2019-20****Detail of change**

New text underlined, deletions struck-through:

1.12II. and III. Language and Literature (teaching in Greek, Latin, Slavonic, Armenian, Syriac, and Arabic will normally be available)

1.13These papers are taught over three terms in classes, with reference to a selection of texts and/or extracts from texts which may vary from year to year according to the interests of candidates. Examination is by two three-hour papers: (candidates are permitted the use of relevant bilingual dictionaries, which will be provided by the faculty)

1.14(a) translation, and

1.15(b) set texts (with passages for translation and comment).

1.16Candidates who are embarking on the study of one of the above languages will normally be expected to take both examinations in that language, but the Committee for Byzantine Studies may in special circumstances permit them to substitute another paper for one of these examination

papers, taken at the end of the candidate's first year. Candidates taking a second language in their second year are only required to enter for examination in a single paper-, which must be the Language Paper and not the Literature Paper.

1.17 IV. Auxiliary Discipline(s):

1.18 *Either*

1.19 (a) any two of the following: epigraphy, palaeography, numismatics, sigillography

1.20 *or*

1.21 (b) papyrology: Greek, Coptic or Arabic

1.22 *or*

1.23 (c) artefact studies: one of ceramics, metalware, ivories, codices, carved marbles.

1.24 Paper IV will be taught by lectures/classes/tutorials. Examination will be by a three-hour paper, except for papyrology which is assessed by two 5,000-word essays on distinct aspects of the subject. The essays for papyrology are to be submitted by Monday of Week 9 of Trinity Term.

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~~1.38 5. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

1.39 ~~65.~~ If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate, while not of sufficient merit to qualify for the degree of Master of Philosophy, is nevertheless of sufficient merit to qualify for the degree of M.St. in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. (as provided by the appropriate regulation) or of being granted leave to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies.

Explanatory Notes

The intention of the Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Board has always been for the second language in the second year to be assessed by the Language Paper only, however the previous wording of this regulation left a degree of ambiguity, which this change is intended to correct.

The change also removes reference to the award of distinction, as the latter has been moved to the general regulations.