

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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme

MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies

Brief note about nature of change: revision of programme

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosbcicontchinstud/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

Delete citation reference 1.1 – 1.21 and replace with the following:

1. The Course shall be under the supervision of the Chinese Studies Committee. The Course Director will, where possible, rotate between members of the Faculty of Oriental Studies and the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies.

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

3. Candidates will present themselves for a three-hour written examination on the core course Study of Contemporary China in Week 0 of Hilary Term.

4. Candidates will choose two option papers from a list approved by the Chinese Studies Committee. This list, including details of the assessment method, will be published in the Course Handbook by the Course Director and distributed to students by no later than Friday of week 0 of Michaelmas Term. Students should select two of these papers in

consultation with their supervisor. With special permission of the Chinese Studies Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment papers for such options.

5. Candidates will complete a course in Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum practical exercise in the collection and analysis of qualitative data not later than 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term; a take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term; and a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal not later than 12 noon Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term.

6. Candidates will complete a 12,000 word thesis (including all notes and references but excluding the bibliography). The title of the thesis must be approved by the Course Director not later than 12 noon on Friday of week 1 of Hilary Term in the academic year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be submitted by 12 noon of the weekday on or nearest to 1 September in the year in which the examination is taken. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

7. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work. Two printed copies of each of the items of written work detailed above, and, in addition an electronic copy on a memory stick or CD, must be delivered to the Examination Schools, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified for each paper. Successful candidates will be required to deposit a hard copy of the thesis in the Bodleian Library.

8. Students wishing to transfer from the MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies to the MPhil in Modern Chinese Studies must apply to the Course Director no later than noon on Friday of week 8 of Michaelmas Term. Permission to change programme will only be granted for students who have satisfactorily passed any formative language assessments agreed by the Course Committee and published in the Course Handbook.

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

10. Candidates who fail any item of coursework for Research Methods for Area Studies will be permitted to resubmit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark(s), on a date to be specified by the Chair of Examiners. Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers or the thesis will be permitted to retake the examination paper(s) or resubmit the thesis on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the first attempt.

Oxford 1+1 MBA programme

Candidates registered on the Oxford 1+1 MBA programme will follow an additional two or three month bridging programme at the end of their third term of the combined programme.

Each candidate will be appointed an academic advisor from the Saïd Business School to plan an individual course of study which will include as a minimum, the following three compulsory elements:

(i) Attendance of one of the summer elective programmes offered for the Master of

Business Administration to be published by the MBA Director before the first Monday of the preceding term. Candidates would be required to undertake all assessments and receive feedback, but would not obtain credit towards the MBA. Candidates are not permitted to subsequently undertake the same elective as part of the MBA programme the following year.

(ii) A formatively assessed assignment of no more than 5,000 words (including all prefatory matter and appendices) supervised by the Saïd Business School academic advisor, which will relate the Master's degree learning to an appropriate area of the MBA programme. Candidates would also be required to present a work plan related to this assignment to the 1+1 programme class.

(iii) Attendance of the MBA pre-course as described in the joining instructions for the MBA class, unless granted exemption by the MBA Committee on the grounds of prior formal study or work experience.'

Explanatory Notes

The PGT programmes in Area Studies for Japan, China, South Asia and the Middle East in the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies and the Faculty of Oriental Studies have been revised to provide a single MSc and MPhil in each area. This change represents revisions to the current MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies to incorporate elements of the discontinued MSt Chinese Studies and to bring the programme into line with the other MSc programmes in Area Studies.