Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change:
Further changes to section iii, Modern Middle Eastern Studies, over and above those sent on 10 March 2021; simplification of languages and language levels available to candidates.

Location of change
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopinoriestud&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2021
[And]
For first examination from 2021/22
(iii) Modern Middle Eastern Studies

A. Qualifying Examination

Every candidate must pass a qualifying examination not later than the end of the second term by the end of the first year. A candidate with an intermediate level of proficiency (the equivalent of 2-3 years of study) in Arabic, Persian or Turkish may offer respectively Advanced Arabic, Advanced Persian or Advanced Turkish. A candidate with native fluency or who has satisfied the examiners in the Second Public Examination in Arabic or Persian or Turkish or Hebrew, or has passed a similar examination in another university, must offer a different language for examination. The examination will consist of two papers:

(i) A language examination in Arabic, Persian, Hebrew or Turkish at a suitable level or Intermediate Arabic or Advanced Arabic or Hebrew or Persian or Advanced Persian or Turkish or Advanced Turkish, (subject to the availability of teaching), based on grammar knowledge and reading comprehension.

(ii) A general methodological qualitative research methods paper on the Middle East in the twentieth century in Modern Middle Eastern Studies.

B. Final Examination

1. All candidates must offer

   (a) one language paper in either Arabic, or Hebrew, or Persian or Turkish at the appropriate level (subject to the availability of teaching), based on knowledge of grammar, translation from the Oriental studied language to English, and reading comprehension

   (b) a thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a subject to be approved by the board;

   (c) three papers from a list of options published in the course handbook. A candidate may offer a paper on a subject not included on the list, with the approval of the board.

Teaching for some options may not be available in every year. Applicants for admission will be advised whether teaching will be available in the options of their choice.
1.78.2. All applications for special subjects requiring the approval of the board must reach the Senior Academic Administrator, Oriental Institute, on or before the Monday in the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term of the second year.

Explanatory Notes

The languages on offer and the levels at which they are offered have been improved to allow flexibility where necessary, to allow us make changes to the naming of language levels in exam papers and to accurately reflect the breadth of Middle Eastern languages. Removal of information which is already available in the annual handbook make these regulations easier to read and manage.