

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of Egyptian and Near Eastern Studies subject group on 24 January 2020

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Deletion of outdated instructions, shortening lengths of titles and removal of information that can be placed elsewhere to allow year-on-year flexibility

Location of change

Examination Regulations 2018/19

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsoforiestud&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2018&term=1>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020

and

For first examination from TT 2021

Detail of change

~~1.73 **Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies**~~

~~1.74 **Either, for Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies with a subsidiary language**~~

~~1.75 The languages which may be offered shall be:~~

~~1.76 As first language: Akkadian or Egyptian~~

~~1.77 One of the following as second language (which must be different from the first language):~~

1.78 Akkadian

1.79 Early Iranian

1.80 Egyptian

1.81 Coptic

1.82 Hittite

1.83 Sumerian

1.84 (teaching for some languages may not be available every year)

1.85 Candidates will be required to offer the following papers:

- 1.86 1. Translation paper (first language).
- 1.87 2. Translation paper (second language).
- 1.88 3., 4. Literary and historical topics including prepared translation from first language.
- 1.89 5., 6. Literary and historical topics including prepared translation from second language.

1.90 For papers 4 and 6, in each case four passages from a list of prescribed texts will be set for examination by essay. For each paper, candidates must present a translation of and essay on one passage. Papers should be typed and provided with proper scholarly apparatus. The passages for paper 4 will be published at 10 a.m. on Monday of Week 1 in Full Term in the term in which the final examination is to be offered, and must be handed in to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford no later than 12 noon on Monday of Week 2. A signed statement that the essay is the candidate's own work should be submitted separately in a sealed envelope bearing his or her candidate number, to the Chair of examiners (forms are available from the Faculty Office, Oriental Institute). The passages for paper 6 will be published at 10 a.m. on Monday of Week 3 in Full Term in the term in which the final examination is to be offered, and must be handed in to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford no later than 12 noon on Monday of Week 4. Essays should not exceed 3,500 words. A signed statement that the essay is the candidate's own work should be submitted separately in a sealed envelope bearing his or her candidate number, to the Chair of examiners (forms are available from the Faculty Office, Oriental Institute). Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the papers.

1.91 Candidates offering one of the following as the second language in the above papers follow the regulations for 'Subsidiary Languages' in the Honour School of Oriental Studies:

1.92 Arabic

1.93 Aramaic and Syriac

1.94 Classics (in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies)

~~1.95 Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic)~~

~~1.96 and Early Iranian.~~

~~1.97 Candidates offering Classics as a subsidiary language in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies must offer in place of papers 2, 5 and 6 three subjects in Classics according to the conditions specified in the syllabus for that School.~~

- ~~• 1.98 7. A field of concentration to be chosen from a list of topics published at the beginning of Michaelmas Term each year by the Oriental Studies Faculty Board for examination in the following academic year. Candidates may propose their own field of concentration. The choice must be approved by the Board in each case.~~
- ~~• 1.99 8. Selected Egyptian and/or Ancient Near Eastern artefacts together with essay questions on material culture.~~
- ~~• 1.100 9. General paper, including questions on Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies today.~~
- ~~• 1.101 10. A dissertation on a topic to be approved by the Faculty Board, of a different character from that chosen for paper 7.3~~
- ~~• 1.102 11. Egyptian art and architecture. This paper is optional and may be taken in substitution for 7. or 10. above. Selection of this paper is subject to approval by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.~~
- ~~• 1.103 **Or, for Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies with Archaeology and Anthropology**, candidates will be required to offer papers 1, 3-4, and 7-10 above, and the following papers:~~
- ~~• 1.104 12. The nature of archaeological and anthropological enquiry.~~
- ~~• 1.105 13. Urbanisation and change in complex societies: comparative approaches or From Hunting and Gathering to States and Empires in South-West Asia.~~
- ~~• 1.106 14. Social analysis and interpretation or Cultural representations, beliefs and practices.~~

~~1.107 All candidates will be required to undertake a course of practical work, including laboratory work.~~

~~1.108 Candidates will be assessed, at the end of the sixth term from matriculation, on their practical ability, under the provisions for Honour Moderations in Archaeology and Anthropology.~~

~~1.109 Candidates will be required to take part in approved fieldwork as an integral part of their course. The fieldwork requirement will normally have been discharged before the Long Vacation of six terms from matriculation.~~

Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Candidates must offer both a first language and *either* a second language *or* Archaeology and Anthropology.

As first language: Akkadian or Egyptian

As second language, which must be different from the first language (note that teaching for some of these languages may not be available every year):

Akkadian

Arabic

Aramaic and Syriac

Early Iranian

Egyptian

Coptic

Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic)

Hittite

Sumerian

(Classics may also be offered as a second language, but in that case candidates must transfer to the joint School of Classics and Oriental Studies and the Examination Regulations for that school will apply.)

Candidates will be required to offer the following papers in the first language:

1. Translation Paper (first language).
2. Prepared Texts (first language).
3. Text Edition Essay (first language): a submitted essay (take-home paper).
4. A Special Option, to be chosen from a list of topics published at the beginning of Michaelmas Term each year by the Subject Group for examination in the following academic year. Candidates may instead propose their own Special Option, which must be approved by the Subject Group.
5. Selected Egyptian and/or Ancient Near Eastern artefacts together with essay questions on material culture.
6. A General Paper on either Ancient Near Eastern Studies or Egyptology.
7. A dissertation on a topic to be approved by the Subject Group, of a different character from the topic chosen for paper 7 (the topic will typically relate to the first language but could relate to the second language or to an area of overlap between the two).

Instead of either paper 5 or paper 7 candidates may optionally choose to substitute:

8. Egyptian art and architecture. Selection of this paper is subject to approval by the Subject Group.

In addition, candidates will be required to offer three more papers, according to the second language or equivalent which the candidate is to offer:

Candidates offering Coptic, Hittite, or Sumerian as the second language will be required to offer papers 1–7 (or 8) above and the following three papers in the second language:

1. Translation Paper (second language).

2. Prepared Texts (second language).
3. Text Edition Essay (second language): a submitted essay (take-home paper).

Candidates offering Arabic, Aramaic and Syriac, Early Iranian, or Hebrew as the second language will be required to offer papers 1–7 (or 8) above and three papers according to the regulations for those languages as second languages in the Honour School of Oriental Studies.

(Candidates offering Classics as a subsidiary language in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies will be required to offer papers 1–7 (or 8) above and three subjects in Classics according to the conditions specified in the Course Handbook for that School.)

Candidates offering Archaeology and Anthropology instead of a second language will be required to offer papers 1–7 (or 8) above and three further papers as follows:

1. The Nature of Archaeological and Anthropological Enquiry.
2. **Either** Urbanism and Society **or** From Hunting and Gathering to States and Empires in South-West Asia (but note that teaching for the latter paper may not be available every year).
3. **Either** Social Analysis and Interpretation **or** Cultural Representations, Beliefs, and Practices.

Note: Candidates offering Archaeology and Anthropology will additionally be required to undertake a course of practical work, including laboratory work; they will be assessed, at the end of the sixth term from matriculation, on their practical ability, under the provisions for Honour Moderations in Archaeology and Anthropology. They will also be required to take part in approved fieldwork as an integral part of their course; the fieldwork requirement will normally have been discharged before the Long Vacation of six terms from matriculation.

Explanatory Notes

The existing FHS Regs are hard to follow principally because two kinds of information (i. regarding the possible combinations of subjects, and ii. regarding the papers to be taken in various circumstances) are intermingled. The two types of information have been separated into two distinct sections. Material not relevant to exam regulations has been removed and will be communicated in the annual student handbook. Shorter paper titles have been used and different formulation for the Schools paper and the take-home paper.