Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 19 March 2019

Master of Philosophy in Greek and/or Roman History

Brief note about nature of change: Clarification of word count rules and assessment requirements

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019
For first examination in 2020-21

Location of change

In Examination Regulations (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mopigaorromahist/)

Detail of change

New text underlined, deletions struck-through:

1.1. Every candidate must follow, for at least six terms, a course of instruction in Greek and/or Roman History. Candidates will, when they enter for the examination, be required to produce from their society a certificate that they are following such a course.

1.2. Candidates may satisfy the Examiners in not more than three options in the first year of their course.

1.3.3.

1.4(a) In the case of options in languages, Schedule A below, candidates will be examined by written examination. Candidates taking options A (iii)-(vi) may bring a dictionary for their use in the examination. Any candidate taking either of options A (i) or A (ii) whose native language is not English may bring a bilingual (native language-English) dictionary for use in the examination.
For options in topics and techniques, Schedules B and C below, unless otherwise stated below, candidates will be required to pre-submit two essays of not more than 5,000 words in length, which between them display knowledge of more than a narrow range of the topic covered by the course. (The essay word limit excludes the bibliography, any text that is being edited or annotated, any translation of that text, and any descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but includes quotations, notes and appendices.)

For the Graduate Seminars, Schedule E below, candidates will be required to pre-submit one essay of not more than 5,000 words, based on a presentation to the Seminar, and one essay of not more than 5,000 words, based on other work done in connection with the Seminar. (The essay word limit excludes the bibliography, any text that is being edited or annotated, any translations of that text, and any descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but includes quotations, notes and appendices.)

The word limits for presubmitted essays and for dissertations exclude the bibliography and certain other categories as adumbrated in the MSt/MPhil course handbook, which is to be consulted for further guidance.

Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help with and to discuss drafts of essays.

(i) Greek Numismatics
(ii) Roman Numismatics
(iii) Greek Epigraphy
(iv) The Epigraphy of the Roman World
(v) Documentary Papyrology. Candidates taking this option will produce an edition of a documentary papyrus and one essay of not more than 5,000 words in length. These should be submitted in accordance with the arrangements set out in 2(e) above.

(vi) Roman Law

A dissertation of not more than 25,000 words on a subject to be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History. (The dissertation word limit excludes the bibliography, any text that is being edited or annotated, any translation of that text, and any descriptive catalogue or similar factual matter, but includes quotations, notes and appendices.)
Explanatory Notes

Text on word count rules revised for greater clarity; readers will be referred to the course handbook for more detailed guidance. Regulations on Documentary Papyrology revised to make clear than unlike other List B and C options, this option is not assessed by 2 x 5,000-word essays but by a single 5,000-word essay and an edition of a text.