

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of TAC on 19 September 2017**

**Title of Programme**

MPhil Modern Chinese Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** changes to clarify re-sit arrangements and rename a course

**Location of change**

Amendment to regulations published in the Gazette of 20 July

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2017**

**For first examination from 2018-19**

**Detail of change**

1. Amend clause 6 as follows:

'6. Candidates will complete *either*:

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.

*Or:*

~~Qualitative Methods and Modern Chinese~~ Humanities: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum individual research proposal by 12 noon on Thursday of week 6 of Trinity Term and also present themselves for a three-hour written examination in the study of

## Modern China at the end of Trinity Term.

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 MPhil in Modern Chinese Studies, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford at the times and days specified for each paper.'

### 2. Amend clause 7 as follows:

'7. Candidates will be required to pass ~~each of the~~ core course examination, language examination and ~~the research methods assessments~~ either the Research Methods for Area Studies course overall, or the research proposal and the written examination for the Modern China Humanities course to be allowed to progress to the second and final year. Candidates who fail ~~any item of coursework for research methods~~ the Research Methods for Area Studies course overall 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 have failed to pass either element of the Modern China Humanities course or any of the other components will be given the opportunity to retake the component(s) before the commencement of the next academic year. Candidates who fail the option paper will be required to re-sit and pass the failed paper when next offered the following year.'

### 3. Amend clause 12 as follows:

'12. Candidates will complete a 20,000 word thesis (including all footnotes and appendices ~~notes and references~~ but excluding the table of contents, abstract and the bibliography of cited works). The title of the thesis must be approved by the Course Director by 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 on Tuesday of week 2 in Trinity Term. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.'

## **Explanatory Notes**

Change to clarify re-sit arrangements and to rename a research methods course and changes to clarify word limit