

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Studies in in British and European History, from 1500 to the present (part-time)
Brief note about nature of change:	These changes provide for online submission of coursework and clarify the conditions under which options may be taken, and examined, from other graduate programmes.
Effective date	For students starting from MT 2016 For first examination from 2017-18
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> online, Master of Studies in in British and European History, from 1500 to the present (part-time) (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/mosibaeh-f1500ttp-p-time/)
Detail of change	<p>1.1 The regulations of the Board of the Faculty of History are as follows:</p> <p>1.21. Candidates for this degree must follow for at least six terms a course of instruction and directed research and must, upon entering the examination, produce from their society a certificate to that effect.</p> <p>1.32. Candidates must attend such lectures, seminars and classes as their supervisor shall determine. In addition to the formally examined programme elements described below, each candidate will be expected to attend and complete in-course requirements for a series of skills and specialist options based on a schedule to be published from year to year by the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee. The candidate's individual programme, agreed with her/his supervisor, will be subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the programme convenor, by Friday of Week One of each year's Michaelmas Term; subsequent changes must be agreed by the Director of Graduate Studies not later than Friday of Week Three of the following Hilary Term. Class teachers will report to the Chair of Examiners on the candidate's attendance and participation, and, where appropriate, test results, not later than Monday of Week Nine of the Term in which the classes were held.</p> <p>1.43. The final examination for candidates in British and European History, <u>from 1500 to the present</u>, shall comprise (i) one annotated bibliography and one dissertation proposal, (ii) one</p>

extended essay based on an Advanced Option submitted in year one of the programme, (iii) one extended essay based on the programme's theory component, and (iv) a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words submitted in year two of the programme.

^{1.5}I. During the Michaelmas Term of the first year each candidate will attend a series of classes on sources and resources. The sources and resources component will be assessed by an annotated bibliography and a dissertation proposal of between 800 and 1,000 words. ~~Two copies of the~~ The annotated bibliography and the proposal, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford uploaded to the Assignments section of the British and European History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week One of Hilary Term. The bibliography and the proposal should be accompanied by a declaration that they are the candidate's own work. These elements are assessed on a pass/fail basis only, and candidates who fail one of these elements will be given the opportunity to submit a revised version in the course of their first year on the programme.

^{1.6}II. In the Hilary Term of the first year candidates must choose one Advanced Option, either from the joint Advanced Options for the Master of Studies and the Master of Philosophy in British and European History, from 1500 to the present, or from the Advanced Options for one of the Faculty of History's other Master's programmes. The choice of Advanced Option will depend on the candidate's training objectives or dissertation project. Details of available Advanced Options are published on ~~the programme pages in WebLearn handbooks~~ WebLearn. Approval of ~~the an~~ Advanced Option choice from the joint Advanced Options for the Master of Studies and the Master of Philosophy in British and European History, from 1500 to the present must be obtained from the programme convenor and Director of Graduate Studies by Friday of Week Six of Michaelmas Term. ~~The request for approval must be sent to the History Graduate Office. On recommendation from the candidate's supervisor, the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the programme convenor, may approve relevant taught papers from Master's programmes offered by faculties other than History, provided that the respective faculty's Graduate Studies Committee is satisfied that the candidate has an adequate background in the subject. Candidates wishing to take an Advanced paper from another programme offered by the History Faculty, and exceptionally, by other Faculties, may do so with the permission of the Programme Convenor, the person responsible for the delivery of the requested option/advanced paper, the candidate's supervisor, and the Director of Graduate Studies. Such candidates will be assessed according to the regulations with respect to the form of assessment and deadlines governing that option (i.e. the regulations of the programme under which the Advanced paper is offered), but the modes of assessment and deadlines for the other course elements of the programme for which the candidate is registered will remain in force.~~ This part of the programme

will be assessed by one extended essay of between 6,500 and 7,500 words. ~~Two copies of the essay, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the *M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present*, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford-~~ The essay must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the British and European History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week One of the candidate's first Trinity Term. This essay should reflect skills and understanding the candidate has developed by following the approved choice of Advanced Option paper. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work. *Teaching may not be available for all the Advanced Options each year, and restrictions may be imposed on the combination of Advanced Options that may be taken in a particular year.*

^{1.7}III. During the Michaelmas Term of the second year each candidate will attend core classes on historical theory and methodological approaches. The core classes will be assessed by an extended essay of between 4,000 and 5,000 words. ~~Two copies of the essay, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the *M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present*, The essay must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the British and European History WebLearn site~~ must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by 12 noon on Monday of Week Two of Hilary Term in the second year. The essay should be accompanied by a declaration that it is the candidate's own work.

^{1.8}IV. Each candidate must prepare a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a topic in his or her chosen subject area. The dissertation must include a short abstract which concisely summarises in about 300 words its scope and principal arguments. This abstract is not included in the dissertation word limit. ~~Two copies of the dissertation, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the *M.St. in British and European History, from 1500 to the present*, must be submitted to the Examination Schools~~ The dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the British and European History WebLearn site by 12 noon of Monday of Week Eight of their second Trinity Term. The dissertation should be accompanied by a declaration that it is the candidate's own work. Material submitted under I, II, and III may be complementary to the dissertation project but must not form a significant part of the dissertation itself.

^{1.9}4. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.

^{1.10}5. A candidate who fails the examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the initial attempt.

Explanatory Notes

These changes provide for online submission of coursework and clarify the conditions under which options may be taken, and examined, from other graduate programmes.

Online submission was provisionally approved by the History Faculty Board at its meeting in Week 3 of Trinity Term 2016, pending discussion at History Graduate Studies Committee in Week 4 of Trinity Term, which approved the measure. Online submission has been consistently recommended by external examiners, and is supported by students; our expectation is that it will be administratively more straightforward than paper-based submission, that it will allow speedier despatch of materials to externals and that it will permit additional benefits, such as automatic checking for word-length and plagiarism.

The freedom to take options from other courses has long been a feature of some of the Faculty's PGT programmes (notably in Economic and Social History and History of Science, Medicine and Technology). The Faculty would like to extend this opportunity to students taking other PGT courses. A recommendation to that effect was approved at History GSC in Week 4 of Hilary Term 2016 and approved at the subsequent meeting of the History Board in Week 8 of Hilary Term 2016. We believe that there will be sufficient administrative resources in the soon-to-be-established History Academic Office to support these two initiatives.