

HDB(25)02

Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Renaming of Ancient and Near Eastern Studies and Ancient and Near Eastern Studies and Egyptology degrees to Assyriology and Egyptology

Effective date

For students starting from

- the degree **MT2025**
- FHS from **2026-27**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsitfoamiddeaststud&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

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^{1.1}1. The Board of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies will be responsible for the Examinations for the following Honour Schools:

^{1.2}Arabic,
Assyriology,

^{1.3}Chinese,

- ^{1.4} Egyptology,
^{1.5} ~~Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies,~~
^{1.6} Hebrew,
^{1.7} Japanese,
^{1.8} Jewish Studies,
^{1.9} Persian,
^{1.10} Sanskrit,
^{1.11} Turkish

^{1.12} 2. The Board of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies will be responsible for the Examinations for the above Honour Schools (main subject) in combination with a subsidiary language or, in the cases of Assyriology or Egyptology or ~~Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~ only, with Archaeology and Anthropology. The specific permitted main subject and subsidiary language combinations are given in the table at the end of these regulations.

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^{1.15} 5. Candidates taking Assyriology or Egyptology or ~~Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~ must take either a subsidiary language or Archaeology and Anthropology as specified below.

(...)

Main Subjects

Arabic

(...)

Arabic with a subsidiary language

(...)

Assyriology

Candidates must take ten papers as set out in (a) and (b) below:

(a) Candidates must take the following papers

1. Akkadian: Translation Paper
2. Akkadian: Prepared Texts
3. Akkadian: Text Edition Essay: 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 for examination in the following academic year. Candidates may instead propose their own Special Option, which must be approved by the Board of the Faculty by Friday of 0th week of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's final year.
5. Selected Mesopotamian artefacts together with essay questions on material culture.
6. A General Paper on Assyriology.
7. A dissertation on a topic to be approved by the Board of the Faculty, of a different character from the topic chosen for paper 4 (the topic will typically relate to the main

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subject but could relate to the subsidiary language or Archaeology and Anthropology or to an area of overlap).

(b) Candidates must take the following papers

Either

Three papers from one of the approved subsidiary languages as listed in the Table at the end of these regulations. The papers required for each subsidiary language are listed below under the relevant subsidiary language.

Or

1. The Nature of Archaeological and Anthropological Enquiry

2. One further Archaeology paper from the list published in the course handbook

3. One further Anthropology paper from the list published in the course handbook.

Chinese

(...)

Chinese with a subsidiary language

(...)

~~Egyptology, and Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (language track)~~

~~¹⁻⁵³ Candidates must take both a first language and a second language.~~

~~¹⁻⁵⁴ Candidates must take either Egyptian (Honour School in Egyptology or Honour School in Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies) or Akkadian (Honour School in Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies) as a first language.~~

~~¹⁻⁵⁵ Candidates must take one of the approved languages as a second language, as listed in the Table at the end of these regulations.~~

~~¹⁻⁵⁶ Candidates must take ten papers as set out in (a), (b) and (c) below:~~

~~¹⁻⁵⁷ (a) Candidates must take all of the following papers in the first language:~~

~~¹⁻⁵⁸ 1. Translation Paper~~

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~~¹⁻⁵⁹ 2. Prepared Texts~~

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~~¹⁻⁶⁰ 3. Text Edition Essay: a submitted essay (take home paper).~~

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~~¹⁻⁶¹ (b) Candidates must take the following papers:~~

~~¹⁻⁶² 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 by Friday of 0th week of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's final year.~~

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~~¹⁻⁶³ 5. Selected Egyptian and/or Ancient Near Eastern artefacts together with essay questions on material culture.~~

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~~¹⁻⁶⁴ 6. A General Paper on either Ancient Near Eastern Studies or Egyptology.~~

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^{1.65} 7. A dissertation on a topic to be approved by the Subject Group, of a different character from the topic chosen for paper 4 (the topic will typically relate to the first language but could relate to the second language or Archaeology and Anthropology or to an area of overlap).

^{1.66} Instead of paper 4 candidates offering Egyptian as first language may optionally choose to substitute:-

^{1.67} 8. Egyptian Art and Architecture. Selection of this paper is subject to approval by the Subject Group.

^{1.68} (c) Candidates must take three papers for their second language. The papers required for the second language are listed below under the relevant subsidiary language.

~~Egyptology, and Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Archaeology and Anthropology track)~~

^{1.69} Candidates must take papers 1–7 (or 8) as given for Egyptology, and Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (language track) above and the following three papers:-

1. ^{1.70} The Nature of Archaeological and Anthropological Enquiry
2. ^{1.71} One further Archaeology paper from the list published in the course handbook
3. ^{1.72} One further Anthropology paper from the list published in the course handbook.

Egyptology

Candidates must take ten papers as set out in (a) and (b) below:

(a) Candidates must take the following papers

1. Egyptian: Translation Paper
2. Egyptian: Prepared Texts
3. Egyptian: Text Edition Essay: a submitted essay (take-home paper).
4. Either

(i) A Special Option, to be chosen from a list of topics published at the beginning of Michaelmas Term each year for examination in the following academic year. Candidates may instead propose their own Special Option, which must be approved by the Board of the Faculty by Friday of 0th week of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's final year.

Or

(ii) Egyptian Art and Architecture. Selection of this paper is subject to approval by the Subject Group.

5. Selected Egyptian artefacts together with essay questions on material culture.
6. A General Paper on Egyptology.

7. A dissertation on a topic to be approved by the Board of the Faculty, of a different character from the topic chosen for paper 4 (the topic will typically relate to the main

subject but could relate to the subsidiary language or Archaeology and Anthropology or to an area of overlap).

(b) Candidates must take the following papers

Either

Three papers from one of the approved subsidiary languages as listed in the Table at the end of these regulations. The papers required for each subsidiary language are listed below under the relevant subsidiary language.

Or

1. The Nature of Archaeological and Anthropological Enquiry

2. One further Archaeology paper from the list published in the course handbook

3. One further Anthropology paper from the list published in the course handbook.

(...)

Subsidiary Languages

Akkadian

^{1.144} Candidates must take the following papers:

1. ^{1.145} Akkadian as subsidiary language: Translation paper
2. ^{1.146} Akkadian as subsidiary language: Prepared texts
3. ^{1.147} Akkadian as subsidiary language: Text edition essay: a submitted essay (take-home paper)

^{1.148} Instead of either paper 2 or paper 3, candidates may take one of papers 4, 5, or 6 as specified for ~~Assyriology~~ ~~Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~ above. Any such substitution will be subject to the approval of the ~~Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~ Subject Group.

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Egyptian

^{1.192} Candidates must take the following papers:

1. ^{1.193} Egyptian as subsidiary language: Translation paper
2. ^{1.194} Egyptian as subsidiary language: Prepared texts
3. ^{1.195} Egyptian as subsidiary language: Text edition essay: a submitted essay (take-home paper)

^{1.196} Instead of either paper 2 or paper 3, candidates may take one of papers 4, 5, 6, or 8 as specified for ~~Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~ as given above. Any such substitution will be subject to the approval of the ~~Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~ Subject Group.

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Hebrew

^{1.197} Candidates taking Arabic, Persian or Turkish may offer *either* (a) Biblical and Rabbinic or (b) Medieval or (c) Modern Hebrew. Candidates taking Assyriology or Egyptology may offer only Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew.

Table of permitted combinations

^{1.257} Main subject	^{.258} Language options
(...)	(...)
<u>Assyriology</u>	<u>Arabic</u>
	<u>Aramaic and Syriac</u>
	<u>Early Iranian</u>
	<u>Egyptian</u>
	<u>Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic)</u>
	<u>Hittite</u>
	<u>Sumerian</u>
(...)	(...)
^{1.273} Egyptology ^{1.274} and ^{1.275} Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (with Egyptian as first language)	^{1.276} Akkadian
	^{1.277} Arabic
	^{1.278} Aramaic and Syriac
	^{1.279} Early Iranian
	^{1.280} Coptic
	^{1.281} Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew
	^{1.282} Demotic
^{1.283} Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (with Akkadian as first language)	^{1.284} Arabic
	^{1.285} Aramaic and Syriac
	^{1.286} Early Iranian
	^{1.287} Egyptian
	^{1.288} Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew
	^{1.289} Hittite
	^{1.290} Sumerian

Explanatory Notes

Major changes approved by Education Committee on 7 May 2024. Undergraduate degrees of *Egyptology*, *Ancient and Near Eastern Studies* and *Egyptology* renamed to adopt the terms

Assyriology and Egyptology in course titles, in order to clarify information to applicants and to streamline the application process.