

Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change: clarification of submission date for Arabic Special Subject essays in Hilary Term; removal of redundant and confusing table of subsidiary language options.

Location of change

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsoforiestud&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2022

And

For first examination from 2023

Detail of change

Main Subjects

1.29 Arabic

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1.40 Notes:

1.41 (i) Candidates for all Special Subjects will be examined by means of a timed paper, and by means of an extended essay, which shall not exceed 6,000 words (including footnotes but excluding bibliography), and shall be on a topic or theme selected by the candidate from a question paper published by the examiners on the Friday of the fourth week of Michaelmas Term in the year of examination. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the question paper. Essays should be typed in double-spacing and should conform to the standards of academic presentation prescribed in the 'Guidelines for writers of Theses' in the course handbook. Essays shall normally be written during the Michaelmas Term in the year of examination and must be submitted not later than 12 noon on the Friday ~~before the beginning of~~ nought week of Hilary Full

Term of the year of examination. Each essay must be accompanied by a formal declaration confirming that the essay is the candidate's own work. The University's regulations on Late Submission of Work will apply.

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1.314 Main Subjects	1.312 Subsidiary Languages	-
1.313 Arabic	1.314 Akkadian	1.315 Egyptology
1.316 Chinese	1.317 Arabic	1.318 Hebrew
1.319 Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies	1.320 Aramaic and Syriac	1.321 Hindi
1.322 Hebrew	1.323 Armenian	1.324 Hittite
1.325 Japanese	1.326 Chinese	1.327 Japanese
1.328 Jewish Studies	1.329 Coptic	1.330 Korean
1.331 Persian	1.332 Persian	1.333 Early Iranian
1.334 Sanskrit	1.335 Prakrit	1.336 Pali
1.337 Turkish	1.338 Sanskrit	1.339 Tibetan
-	1.340 Sumerian	1.341 Turkish

Explanatory Notes

Regarding the submission date wording for Arabic Special Subject: the current wording has caused confusion among students and paper setters, which resulted in a wrong submission date being communicated to students. The new wording is explicit and will remove doubt about the submission date

Regarding the table of subsidiary language options: the current table is inaccurate and misleading. The information about subsidiary languages is available in the admissions pages and with the change to degree titles this table will be redundant.