

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Associate Head (Education) on 13 June 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Studies in History (Full-Time)

Brief note about nature of change:

Aligning the submission deadline for the option papers with the others in the MSt in History.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT25**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mostudinhist>

Detail of change

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^{1.7} II. In Hilary Term candidates must choose one Option course, normally from the Options for the Master of Studies in History. The choice of Option must be discussed with the candidate's supervisors and will depend on the candidate's training objectives or dissertation project. Candidates wishing to take an Option 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 paper, and their supervisor. 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 Option 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 essay of 6,000-7,000 words. The essay should be submitted by 12 noon on ~~Friday~~ Thursday of Week ~~Ten~~ Nine of Hilary Term. This essay should reflect skills and understanding that the candidate has developed by following the choice of Option paper. This essay may complement but must not share significant content with the essay submitted under I. above.

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Explanatory Notes

Aligning the submission deadline for the option papers with the others in the MSt in History. The day of the week of submission has been changed for only one of the assessment components and not for all of them so as to keep this alignment until other changes are made to the MSt and MPhil History from 2026-27; some option papers are shared between these courses. Currently, these two courses have a different submission deadline for these papers, which led to several issues last year. Despite clear guidance in the handbooks, confusion among students and tutors resulted in two cases needing escalation to EdC for resolution.