

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Associate Head of Education 5 July 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Degrees of Master of Philosophy in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Corrections to previous notices HDB(24)34 published on 18 July 2024. Corrected text highlighted in yellow.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

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

Detail of change

(ix) Islamic Studies and History

(...)

^{1.124}B. *Final Examination*

^{1.125}The Final Examination shall consist of the following five papers (1-5).

^{1.126}(1) A written language examination in Arabic, or Persian, or Turkish or Ottoman Turkish, or any other language approved by the Faculty Board. This written examination will take place at the end of Trinity term of the second year.

^{1.127}(2) Islamic Studies and History: Candidates are required to submit a paper consisting of two essays of not more than 2,500 words in length (excluding bibliography but including footnotes). The question paper will be published by the examiners by Monday of the week before noughth week ~~noughth~~ minus one week of Michaelmas Term of the second year. The paper must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of the following week, week nought week of Michaelmas term of the second year.

Explanatory Notes

Incorrect text published in notice HDB(24)34 of 18 July 2024. Text of citation 1.127 should read:

^{1.127}(2) Islamic Studies and History: Candidates are required to submit a paper consisting of two essays of not more than 2,500 words in length (excluding bibliography but including footnotes). The question paper will be published by the examiners by Monday of the week before noughth week of Michaelmas Term of the second year. The paper must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of the following week, noughth week of Michaelmas term of the second year.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Education Committee 14 May 2024

Degrees of Master of Philosophy in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Corrections to previous notices HDB(24)26 published on 6 June 2024. Corrected text highlighted in yellow.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2023-24

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

Detail of change

(vii) Islamic Art and Architecture

^{1.98}A. *Qualifying Examination*

^{1.99}Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in a ~~Qualifying Examination~~ written language examination in Arabic, Persian, Turkish, or another language approved by the Faculty Board, not later than the end of the Trinity term of the first year. The examination will include:

¹⁻¹⁰⁰~~(a) a written examination: History of Islamic Art and Architecture, c.550-c.1900.~~

¹⁻¹⁰¹~~(b) a written language examination in Arabic, Persian, Turkish, or another language approved by the Faculty Board.~~

^{1.102}B. *Final Examination*

~~1.103~~ 1. All candidates must complete:

~~1.104~~ (a) ~~A paper on Approaches to Islamic Art and Architecture to be selected by the candidate in consultation with the candidate's supervisor. This paper will be examined by an extended essay of between 5,000 and 6,000 words. A written examination: History of Islamic Art and Architecture. This examination will take place at the end of the first year.~~

~~1.105~~ (b) A written language examination in Arabic or Persian or Turkish or another language approved by the Faculty Board.

~~1.106~~ (c) ~~Prepared Texts in Arabic or Persian or Turkish or another language approved by the Faculty Board. This is a written examination paper.~~

An option paper to be selected by the candidate in consultation with the candidate's supervisor. This paper will be examined either as a written examination paper at the end of Trinity Term of Year 2 or by means of a take-home research paper of up to 5,000 words, depending on the option taken and specified in the Course Handbook.

~~1.107~~ (d) A portfolio, containing reports on the practical work completed during the course (according to the schedule given in the Course Handbook).

~~1.108~~ (e) A thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a subject to be approved by the Faculty Board.

~~1.109~~ 2. ~~Candidates must submit the extended essay in (a) above not later than noon on the Monday of 0th week of Michaelmas term of the second year.~~

For options assessed by means of a take-home research paper, the question paper will be published by the examiners by 12 noon on Thursday of eighth week of the term in which the option is taught, and the essay must be submitted by 12 noon on Thursday of the following week.

~~1.110~~ 3. ~~Candidates must submit the portfolio in (d) above not later than 12 noon on Monday Tuesday of second week of Trinity term of the second year.~~

~~1.111~~ 4. ~~Candidates must submit the thesis in (e) above not later than 12 noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity term of the second year.~~

Explanatory Notes

Incorrect text published in notice HDB(24)26 of 6 June 2024. Text of citation 1.104 should read:

A written examination: History of Islamic Art and Architecture. This examination will take place at the **end** of the first year.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 10 September 2024

Title of Programme

Honour Schools in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Correction in a reference to the name of a degree title which has changed.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2023**

and

For first examination from **TT2025**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

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

Detail of change

^{1.36}Candidates must take the following papers:

^{1.37}(a) Papers 1-6 **and** 10 as given for Arabic ~~and Islamic Studies~~ above.

Explanatory Notes

This is a very minor change, correcting a reference to the name of a degree which was updated in a notice in the Gazette of 20 October 2022. The change is being made for accuracy purposes.

HDB(25)02

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Education Committee 7 May 2024

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

A

^{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.

(...)

^{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

Commented [FR1]: I've suggested this here and for Egyptology, since it occurs for subsidiary Akkadian, Egyptian and Hittite

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.~~

Commented [FR2]: Current Regulations, also updated for 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)-

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^{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.

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^{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.

(...)

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.

(...)

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	^{1.276} Akkadian
^{1.274} and	^{1.277} Arabic
^{1.275} Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (with Egyptian as first language)	^{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.

HDB(25)19

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by [Associate Head of Education/ Quality Assurance Committee] on [date]

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour Schools in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Introducing Literary and Classical Hindi and subsidiary languages.

Effective date

For students starting from FHS MT25

and

For first examination from **2026-27**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

Subsidiary Languages

(...)

Hindi

Candidates may offer either (a) Elementary Hindi or (b) Literary Hindi or (c) Classical Hindi.

(a) Elementary Hindi:

~~1.211~~ Candidates must take the following papers:-

1.212 1. Hindi unprepared translation

1.213 2. Hindi prepared texts

1.214 3. Questions on Hindi language and literature

(b) Literary Hindi

1. Literary Hindi unprepared translation

2. Literary Hindi prepared texts

3. Literary Hindi: questions on language and literature

(c) Classical Hindi

1. Classical Hindi unprepared translation and text commentary:

2. Braj Bhāṣā prepared texts with questions on language and literature;

3. Avadhī, Sant Bhāṣā, Rekhtā and other prepared texts with questions on language and literature.

Explanatory Notes

Undergraduate students studying Sanskrit can already take Hindi as a subsidiary language. Since it is not specified whether modern or classical, Hindi is currently offered according to the interest and level of students taking it. However, since there is one exam code for Hindi, we are not prepared for a scenario in which two students with different interest would like to take two different options in the same year. Teaching for each proposed course is already in place.

While “Hindi” has normally been offered as subsidiary at beginner level, students who joined their BA with an existing command of Hindi might be interested in offering “Literary Hindi” or “Classical Hindi”. Studying Hindi at beginner level will be renamed as “Elementary Hindi”.

Learning Classical Hindi has the benefit of accessing a rich archive of understudied sources that are embedded in Sanskrit learning.

Learning Literary Hindi opens up the rich archive of modern Hindi literature that from the late nineteenth century has often fashioned itself after Sanskrit and has built up its vocabulary with tatsamas or tatsama neologisms.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Education Committee 7 May 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examinations 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 **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2023-24

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

Detail of change

(...)

A

^{1.1}1. The examination in these schools shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

^{1.2}2. A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination when they shall have satisfied the Moderators in all the papers associated with one of the languages specified in the regulations.

^{1.3}3. Candidates must offer all subjects at one examination provided that: (i) in languages for which four papers are required, a candidate who fails in one or two papers may offer those

subjects at one subsequent examination, and a candidate who fails three or four papers must offer all four subjects at one subsequent examination; and (ii) in languages for which three papers are required, a candidate who fails in one paper may offer that subject at one subsequent examination, and a candidate who fails two or three papers must offer all three subjects at one subsequent examination.

^{1.4}4. In the case of candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in all the papers at a single examination, the Moderators may award a distinction to those of special merit.

B

^{1.5}The awards which may be offered will be in Arabic, Assyriology, Chinese, Egyptology and ~~Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian, Sanskrit, and Turkish.

Arabic

^{1.6}Candidates will be required to offer three written examinations (papers (i), (ii), and (iv) below), plus an oral/aural examination as specified under (iii) below.

^{1.7}(i) Translation and precis into English.

^{1.8}(ii) Comprehension, composition, and grammar.

^{1.9}(iii) Oral/aural examination

^{1.10}(iv) Islamic history and culture.

(...)

Assyriology

Candidates offering Assyriology are required to offer four written examinations:

(i) Akkadian texts

(ii) Akkadian grammar and unprepared translation.

(iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

(iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

Chinese

(...)

Egyptology

Candidates offering Egyptology are required to offer four written examinations:

(i) Egyptian texts

(ii) Egyptian grammar and unprepared translation.

(iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

(iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

~~Egyptology, and Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~

~~1-15~~ Candidates offering Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies are required to offer four written examinations

~~1-16~~ For the examination in Egyptology:-

~~1-17~~ (i) Egyptian texts

~~1-18~~ (ii) Egyptian grammar and unprepared translation.

~~1-19~~ (iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

~~1-20~~ (iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

~~1-21~~ For the examination in Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies:-

~~1-22~~ Either (i) Akkadian texts; *and*

~~1-23~~ (ii) Akkadian grammar and unprepared translation.

~~1-24~~ Or (i) Egyptian texts; *and*

~~1-25~~ — (ii) Egyptian grammar and unprepared translation.

~~1-26~~ (iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

~~1-27~~ (iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

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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.

Humanities Divisional Board

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

Title of Programme/

Degrees of Master of Philosophy in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

MPhil Buddhist Studies

- Amendment to assessment mode for two papers.
- Inclusion of thesis deadline.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024-25*

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2025

For first examination from:

- Year 1 students **2025-26**
- Year 2 students **2026-27**

Detail of change

(...)

(xii) Buddhist Studies

^{1.154}A. *Qualifying examination*

^{1.155}Each candidate must pass a Qualifying Examination not later than the end of the Trinity term of the first year. The examination will consist of two papers:

- ^{1.156}(i) A written examination in the chosen primary Buddhist Language selected from a list published in the course handbook.

~~1.157 (ii) A written examination on basic aspects of Buddhist thought and history. Four essays, each of up to 3000 words in length, on basic aspects of Buddhist thought and history. Essay questions will be released at the start of Trinity term in Year 1 and submission will be due fourteen days from release.~~

~~1.158~~

~~1.159~~ **B. Final Examination**

~~1.160~~ All candidates must complete:

~~1.161 (i) an advanced language paper consisting of a translation from seen and unseen texts in the chosen primary Buddhist Language, to be assessed by a written examination.~~

~~1.162 (ii) a thesis of not more than 20,000 words on a subject approved by the Board. The thesis must be submitted by noon on Thursday of Week 4 of Trinity Term in Year 2.~~

~~1.163 (iii) a paper on Approaches to the study of Buddhism, to be assessed by written examination. Approaches to the study of Buddhism, to be assessed by three essays, each of up to 3000 words in length. Essay questions will be released at the start of Trinity term in Year 2 and submission will be due fourteen days from release.~~

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Explanatory Notes

This retains unseen examinations for core language components of the degree but allows students to write essays displaying their subject knowledge and analytical skills in greater depth for the core discursive components of the degree. Student feedback repeatedly indicates that they would rather have essays than exams for the discursive courses; exams tend to elicit rote learning rather than analytical exploration, and this has shown up in weaker students trying rote learning the lecture slides (and getting fail marks), rather than engaging in a discussion; students tend to be mature and English is not their first language, who are disadvantaged by timed exams.

The number of essays is the same as what is currently expected in a written examination.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Education Development Panel on 14 May 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

MSt in Celtic Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Corrections to previous notices HDB(24)12 published on 23 May 2024. Corrected text highlighted in yellow.

Effective date

For students starting from HDB(24)11 T2024

and

For first examination from **2023-24**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

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

Detail of change

^{1.1}~~1.~~ All candidates shall be required at the time of admission to satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages (if necessary, by written test) that they possess the appropriate qualifications for the proposed course, including suitable proficiency in relevant languages. Normally the course will be restricted to candidates who have taken a first degree in a relevant subject area.

^{1.2}2. All candidates must follow a course of instruction in Celtic Studies at Oxford for a period of three terms.

All candidates must follow a course of instruction in Celtic Studies at Oxford for a period of six terms, full time. In order to pass the degree, a student must pass all its assessed components and attend compulsory language classes in one Celtic language that had not previously been acquired to a high level.

~~unless the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages in exceptional circumstances shall permit an extension of time, and they shall, when they enter their names for the examination, be required to produce from their society a certificate stating that they are following the course of instruction for the period prescribed.~~

^{1.3}3. Candidates shall be required:

^{1.4}(a) to offer themselves for written examination as defined below.

~~^{1.5}(b) to offer themselves for viva voce examination at the time appointed by the examiners.~~

^{1.6}4. The subjects and papers of the examination shall be as follows:

^{1.7}(a) *Either*

^{1.8}(1) Two papers, one on each of two subjects selected from the following:

^{1.9}(i) Historical and comparative Celtic linguistics.

^{1.10}(ii) Irish literature up to the Cromwellian wars ~~(4(b) for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies).~~

^{1.11}(iii) Welsh literature up to the Reformation ~~(4(c) for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies).~~

^{1.12}*Or*

^{1.13}(2) Two papers as follows:

^{1.14}(i) One paper on a subject selected from those described in section (a) (1) above.

^{1.15}(ii) One paper on a Special Subject to be chosen from the list given in the course handbook. ~~in section 4(d) of the regulations for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies. Candidates are allowed to offer a Special Subject of their own devising provided that it is similar in character and scope to those listed for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies and that it is approved under the arrangements set out in section 7 of the regulations for that M.Phil. (Candidates shall, however, seek approval for their choice of Special Subject, whether it involves a title of their devising or not, by application to the Modern Languages Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford, by the end of the fourth week of their first term as a student for the examination).~~

The papers will be examined by one essay each; the two essays must be submitted by noon on Tuesday of Week 8, Hilary term.

^{1.16}(b) A dissertation of approximately 8,000 words and not more than 10,000 words, to be submitted by noon on Tuesday of Week 7 of Trinity term. ~~on a topic approved by the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages or by a person or persons to whom the board may delegate the function of giving such approval. Candidates shall seek approval (by application to the Modern Languages Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford) for the proposed topic of their dissertation by the end of the fourth week of their second term as a student for the examination.~~

The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the examination may enter again for the examination as outlined in the General Regulations for the Degree of Master of Studies.

~~^{1.17}The dissertation must be the work of the candidate alone and aid from others must be limited to prior discussion as to the subject and advice on presentation. It must be presented in proper scholarly form. A copy, typed in double spacing on quarto or A4 paper, must be submitted using the University approved online assessment platform, not later than Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken.~~

~~^{1.18}5. Other arrangements for the above papers and subjects shall be as specified for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies.~~

Explanatory Notes

Incorrect text published in notice HDB(24)12 of 23 May 2024. Text of citation 1.2 should read:

^{1.2}2. All candidates must follow a course of instruction in Celtic Studies at Oxford for a period of three terms.

With no subsequent text to that paragraph

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by Associate Head of Education on [date]****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Research Degrees in Classics

Brief note about nature of change:

On course change: Correction of material required for submission for Confirmation of Status to reflect current practice

Effective dateFor students starting from **MT2019**

and

For first examination from **2019-20****Location of change**In *Examination Regulations* 2023-24

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

Detail of change

^{1.6}3. *Confirmation of D.Phil. status*

^{1.7}Candidates must submit the documents detailed in the Divisional regulations, above.

^{1.8}Candidates are required to submit a ~~single essay of between 5,000 and 10,000 words in length, which should be close in content to a chapter or part of a chapter of the proposed thesis~~ fully worked chapter or section of a chapter of the thesis, of approximately 10,000 words in length.

^{1.9}In Languages and Literature candidates will also be required to provide evidence of reading competence in German and a second modern language by the time of confirmation. Further details on the modern language policy are set out in the Faculty's D.Phil handbook.

Explanatory Notes

At the GSC meeting of Michaelmas 2018, the Faculty agreed that Confirmation of Status submitted written work should be around 10,000 word; this has been practice since, but the regulations were not amended accordingly at the time. This information has been made available to students in course handbooks from 2019-20

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Classics and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to assessment modes

Effective date

For students starting from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsocandmodelang&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Detail of change

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^{1.7}Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.

(...)

~~^{4.11}Oral Examination:~~ as specified for the Honour School of Modern Languages.

^{1.12}In every case where, under the regulations for the school, candidates have any choice between one or more papers or subjects, every candidate shall give notice to the Registrar not later than the Friday in the fourth week of Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination of all the papers and subjects being so offered.

^{1.13} Candidates offering two papers both of which involve the study of the same author or authors, may not make the same text or texts the principal subject of an answer in both the papers.

^{1.14} All candidates must offer eight subjects as specified below and may also offer an additional ninth subject.

Modern Languages: as specified for Papers I, IIA, and IIB in the regulations for the Honour School Examination for Modern Languages, including oral examination

^{1.15} 1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.

^{1.16} 2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.

^{1.17} 3. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII.

^{1.18} 4. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers IV, V, IX, X, XI, XII.

Explanatory Notes

Changes to assessment modes reflecting those made in the main school of the BA in Modern Languages (Gazette notice HDB(24)49

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Associate Head (Education) on 30 May 2025, and by the Humanities Interdisciplinary Programmes Committee on 21 May 2025.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

MSc Digital Scholarship

Brief note about nature of change:

A change to bring the text of the regulations in line with actual practice, and to add a maximum word count for the dissertation.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2023/24

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

Detail of change

^{1.16}V. For the *Dissertation*:

^{1.17}*Either*

^{1.18}i. A dissertation of 10,000-12,000 words,

^{1.19}*or*

^{1.20}ii. A dissertation of ~~at least~~ 8,000-10,000 words accompanied by a ~~practical component~~ digital asset, as described in the Course Handbook, appropriate to the topic of the dissertation.

^{1.21}The dissertation must be submitted by noon on Thursday of Week 15 in Trinity term.

~~^{1.22}Candidates wishing to opt for V(ii) must apply to their supervisor and to the Course Director for permission to do so according to the procedure in the Course Handbook.~~

Explanatory Notes

The 'practical component' mentioned in the current regulations does not occur in practice, and therefore this change brings the regulations into line with actual practice. Additionally, the committee would like to take the opportunity to specify a maximum word count so as to provide a range. This change was considered and approved by Humanities Interdisciplinary Programmes Committee on 21 May 2025.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Faculty of History in September 2024, and by the Associate Head (Education) on 14 June 2025.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Science by Coursework in Economic and Social History

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor amendments to provide clarification and certainty relating to course titles, submission lengths, and when specific exam conditions apply.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024/25

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

Detail of change

^{1.5}Every candidate must pass a qualifying test. The test shall consist of two courses on

- ^{1.6}(1) Methodological introduction to research in the social sciences and history – **What Happened and Why**

...

^{1.14}or (ii) a second advanced paper selected from Schedule I or from any additional list of papers for the M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History approved by the

Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of History and published in the definitive list of Advanced Papers as set out in Schedule I.

For I and II, the assessment requirements for the individual papers set out in Schedule I ('Advanced Papers for M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History') and Schedule II below will be determined by the Faculty of History and specified in the course handbook. The assessment will take the form either of a timed written examination, or the submission of one essay of ~~8,000~~ 10,000 words, or the submission of two essays of 5,000 words each. The essay must be the work of the candidate alone. The candidate must not consult any other person, including their supervisor, in any way concerning the method of handling the themes chosen. The themes chosen by the candidate must be submitted for approval by the Course Tutor of that Advanced Paper by the examination entry date. The finished essays must be submitted by noon on Monday of Week 9 of Trinity Full Term.

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^{1.17}3. In an invigilated examination, ~~the~~ the examiners will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators in examinations' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty wishes to provide certainty to students, and so agreed the following minor amendments.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Faculty of History in September 2024, and by the Associate Head (Education) on 14 June 2025.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Science by Coursework in Economic and Social History

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor amendments to provide clarification and certainty relating to course titles, submission lengths, and when specific exam conditions apply.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

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

Detail of change

^{1.5}Every candidate must pass a qualifying test. The test shall consist of two courses on

- ^{1.6}(1) Methodological introduction to research in the social sciences and history – **What Happened and Why**

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^{1.14}or (ii) a second advanced paper selected from Schedule I or from any additional list of papers for the M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History approved by the

Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of History and published in the definitive list of Advanced Papers as set out in Schedule I.

For I and II, the assessment requirements for the individual papers set out in Schedule I ('Advanced Papers for M.Phil. and M.Sc. in Economic and Social History') and Schedule II below will be determined by the Faculty of History and specified in the course handbook. The assessment will take the form either of a timed written examination, or the submission of one essay of ~~8,000~~ 10,000 words, or the submission of two essays of 5,000 words each. The essay must be the work of the candidate alone. The candidate must not consult any other person, including their supervisor, in any way concerning the method of handling the themes chosen. The themes chosen by the candidate must be submitted for approval by the Course Tutor of that Advanced Paper by the examination entry date. The finished essays must be submitted by noon on Monday of Week 9 of Trinity Full Term.

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^{1.17}3. In an invigilated examination, ~~the~~ the examiners will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators in examinations' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty wishes to provide certainty to students, and so agreed the following minor amendments.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in English and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to assessment modes

Effective date

For students starting from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

^{1.8}*Part 1: A Modern Language*

^{1.9}Each candidate shall offer the following two subjects in the modern language:

^{1.10}(1) Language papers (~~one paper of three hours and two papers each of one and a half hours including certification of attendance and participation in oral classes, as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages~~). As as specified for papers I, IIA, and IIB in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages.

^{1.11}(2) Literature papers (~~two papers, each of three hours~~). As as specified for papers III and IV in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages.

Explanatory Notes

Changes to assessment modes reflecting those made in the main school of the BA in Modern Languages (Gazette notice HDB(24)41
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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on [date]

Title of Programme

Honour School of English Language and Literature

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of scope of exam

Effective date

For students starting from **FHS MT25**

and

For first examination from **2026-27**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

(...)

1.43 2. *Medieval English and Related Literatures 1066-1550*

1.44 A paper on a specified genre or theme. The paper shall be examined by a written examination of three hours' duration, in which candidates shall write two essays of equal weighting. Across the paper as a whole, candidates must demonstrate (a) knowledge of literature **in English** written before 1350; and (b) knowledge of writing in insular or

European languages other than English, which are expected to have been studied in translation.

1.45 The genre or theme for the paper shall be published in the Handbook for the Honour School of English Language and Literature by noughth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the first year of study for the Honour School. The specified genre or theme may be subject to periodic review.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

This change is a clarification of the scope of part of this exam. Currently the regs say that candidates must demonstrate “some knowledge of *earlier literature*”, but the intention is that this knowledge must include “literature *in English*”.

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 Global and Imperial History

Brief note about nature of change:

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

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024/25

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

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.6}In Hilary Term, candidates will take one Advanced Option. Details of available Advanced Options are published in the course handbook. Approval of an Advanced Option choice must be obtained from the programme convenor and the Director of Graduate Studies by Thursday of Week 4 of Michaelmas Term. The Advanced Option essay must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by 12 noon on **Monday Thursday** of Week 9 of Hilary Term. The essay should reflect the skills and understanding acquired by the candidate through attending the Advanced Option classes. It may complement – but may not share significant content with – the dissertation.

(...)

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. This is a temporary solution so there is alignment between the MSt in History and the MSt in Global History.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 13 June 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Philosophy in History

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 **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

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

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.7} II. In Hilary Term of the first year candidates must choose one Option course, normally from the Options for the Master of Studies in History. This Option course will be assessed by one essay of 6,000-7,000 words to be submitted by 12 noon on **Friday Thursday of Week Ten Nine** of Hilary Term of the candidate's first year.

^{1.8} III. In Hilary Term of the second year candidates must choose one Option course, normally from the Options for the Master of Studies in History. This Option course will be assessed by one essay of 6,000-7,000 words to be submitted by 12 noon on **Friday Thursday of Week Ten Nine** of Hilary Term of the candidate's second year.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

Aligning the submission deadline for the option papers with the other MSt courses 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.

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

(...)

^{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.

(...)

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.

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Studies in History (Part-Time)

Brief note about nature of change:

Change in assessment deadline

Effective dateFor students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **2024-25****Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosinhist-p-t&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.7} II. In Hilary Term of the first year 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, 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 of Week Ten of Hilary Term~~ Tuesday of Week 1 of Trinity Term of the first year. 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.

Explanatory Notes

Allow more time for submission for candidates studying part-time

HDB(25)20

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on [date]

Title of Programme

Honour School of History

Brief note about nature of change:

Correction of contradictory information, and deletion of superfluous text

Effective date

For students starting from **FHS MT24**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-25*

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

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.83}3. The examination shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of History, which will specify rules and procedures respecting the examination, and will define the lists of specific papers from which candidates will choose within the various subjects described below. These lists will be published by the beginning of Trinity Term prior to candidates beginning their studies for the Honour School.

~~1.9~~4. The Board shall issue annually the Handbook for the Honour School of History by Monday of first week of the first Michaelmas Full Term of candidates' work for the Honour School.

1.105. The Board will categorise each of the papers in the History of the British Isles and European & World History in both the Preliminary Examination and the Honour School as falling into one of three chronological groups: Early, Middle and Late.

(...)

1.18The History of the British Isles is taken to include the history of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and of other territories in so far as they are specifically connected with the History of Britain.

~~1.19~~Candidates will be examined by means of a three-hour written examination.

1.20B2. European & World History: any one from a list of Outline and Theme papers defined by the Faculty Board. No candidate may offer a period similar to one offered when passing the Preliminary Examination. Illegal combinations will be specified by the Board.

1.21B3. Further Subject: any one from a list of subjects defined by the Faculty Board, to be studied with reference to primary sources. Illegal combinations of Further and Special Subject will be specified by the Board.

1.22B4. Special Subjects: any one from a list of subjects defined by the Faculty Board, to be studied with reference to primary sources.

1.23Candidates will be examined by means of a ~~three-hour~~ written examination, and an essay to be submitted by no later than noon on Thursday of nough week of Hilary term in the final year of the Final Honour School. The essay is to be uploaded to the University approved online platform.

1.24B5. Disciplines of History

(...)

~~1.37~~5. Every candidate must submit the title proposed together with a typed synopsis of the thesis topic and proposed method of investigation (no more than 250 words) and the written approval of their College History Tutor to the Chair of the Examiners for the Honour School of History, the History Faculty, George Street, Oxford, not earlier than the beginning of Trinity Full Term in the first year of the Final Honour School and not later than the Friday of sixth week of Michaelmas Term in the final year of the Final Honour School. If no notification is received from the Chair of Examiners by the first Monday of Hilary Full Term of the final year, the title shall be deemed to be approved. Any subsequent changes to title require formal application to the Chair of Examiners by the Friday of Week 4 of the Hilary Term of the final year and subsequent approval.

~~1.38~~6. Theses should nor

mally include an investigation of relevant printed or unprinted primary historical sources, and must include proper footnotes and a bibliography. They must be the work of the author alone. In all cases, the candidate's tutor or thesis adviser shall discuss with the candidate the field of study, the sources available, and the methods of presentation. Candidates shall be expected to have had a formal meeting or meetings with their College History Tutor, and, if necessary, an additional meeting or meetings with a specialised thesis adviser in the Trinity Term of their second year, as well as a second formal meeting or meetings with their thesis adviser in the Michaelmas Term of their final year, prior to submitting the title of their thesis. While writing the thesis, candidates are permitted to have further advisory sessions at which bibliographical, structural, and other problems can be discussed. The total time spent in all meetings with the College History Tutor and/or the specialised thesis adviser must not exceed five hours. A first draft of the thesis may be commented on, but not corrected in matters of detail and presentation, by the thesis adviser.

(...)

^{1.44}ii. The choice of text must be approved by the submission to the Chair of the FHS in History, with the support of a supervisor, of a 250-word outline of the text and its context, and specifying its length. This submission must be made by Friday of noughth week of the Michaelmas Term of the candidate's final year, but candidates are advised to seek permission well before this. The Chair must consult appropriate colleagues before approving the project: they will need to be satisfied that it provides scope for displaying appropriate levels of knowledge and expertise.

(...)

^{1.58}4. Every candidate intending to offer an optional thesis except as defined in regulation B6 sub-clause 3(a) above must submit the title proposed together with the written approval of a thesis adviser or College History Tutor to the Chair of the Examiners for the Honour School of History, the History Faculty, George Street, Oxford, not earlier than the beginning of Trinity Full Term in the year preceding that in which the candidate takes the examination and not later than Friday of the first week of the following Hilary Full Term. The Chair shall decide whether or not to approve the title, consulting the Faculty Board if so desired, and shall advise the candidate as soon as possible.

Explanatory Notes

The current exam regulations present a contradiction in what is expected for the examination of Special Subjects. Section A.7 specifies current assessment structure:

^{1.16}7. Each candidate shall offer six subjects, as follows. Subjects 2, 3, 5 and part of 4 will be assessed by timed written examinations taken in candidates'

final Trinity Term. Subjects 1, 6 and part of 4 will be examined by submitted written work subject to procedures described below.

Paragraph B.4 only references the written examination and this is now being rectified.

Other text deleted is information in the examination conventions and handbook, where it belongs as per EPS' guidelines on content of regulations.

The Faculty did not approve changing the Friday submissions deadline for the thesis.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Education Committee on: 2 September 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of History and Economics

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of permitted thesis subject and of submission deadlines depending on subject

Effective date

For students starting **FHS** from **MT23**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2022-23

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsohistandecon&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.21}B8. A Thesis from Original Research

Candidates must submit a thesis in either History, Economic History, or Economics, as part of the fulfilment of their final examination.

Candidates submitting a thesis in History or Economic History shall observe an upper word limit of 12,000 words (including footnotes, but excluding bibliography and any appendices for which permission has been obtained from the Chair of Examiners) and shall submit the thesis by noon on Friday of week 8 of Hilary Term. Candidates submitting a thesis in Economics shall observe an upper word limit of 15,000 words (including footnotes, but excluding bibliography

and any appendices for which permission has been obtained from the Chair of Examiners) and shall submit the thesis by noon on Thursday of week 0 of Trinity Term.

^{1.22} Regulation B6 of the Honour School of History shall apply with the following modifications:

~~^{1.23} Sub-clause 1 For 'Candidates must submit a thesis as part of the fulfilment of their final examination' read 'Candidates must submit a thesis—normally, but not necessarily in economic history—as part of the fulfilment of their final examination'.~~

^{1.24} Sub-clause 2 For 'Theses shall normally be written during the Hilary Term of the final year' read 'Theses shall normally be written during the Michaelmas and/or Hilary Term of the final year'.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

Major change approved by Education Committee

Allow students to choose to write a thesis in History, or History and Economics, or Economics, and for submission deadlines to be aligned to those set by the more relevant department.

HDB(24)52

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of History and English

Brief note about nature of change:

Extension of deadline to dissertation

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

B

(...)

2. History and English papers

(...)

^{1.25}The lists of Further and Special Subjects and of Outline and Theme papers in the History of the British Isles and European & World History available for the following year will be

published by the History Faculty Board in fourth week of the Hilary Term prior to candidates beginning their studies for the Honour School.

^{1.26}(vii) One compulsory interdisciplinary dissertation, which shall be examined by an extended essay of not more than 12,000 words, including notes and source material but excluding bibliography.

^{1.27}Candidates must submit to the Chair of Examiners for the Joint School of History and English, care of the History Faculty Office, not later than 5pm on Friday of the sixth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination, a title and abstract of not more than 200 words detailing the proposed dissertation topic.

^{1.28}The candidate must submit the dissertation to the Chair of Examiners for the Joint School of History and English, via the University approved online assessment platform by noon on ~~Friday of Week 8~~ Tuesday of Week 9 of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. A ~~certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate's own work, and that the candidate has read the History Faculty and English Language and Literature Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be included with the submission (see the introductory regulations for 'submitted work' for the Honour School of History and English).~~

Explanatory Notes

A significant majority of History and English students take the paper on Shakespeare and submit their Shakespeare portfolios on Monday of week 2 of Hilary Term. This cuts into the time available for them to work on their dissertations. The ELL students also submit a dissertation but their deadline is Tuesday of week 9 of Hilary Term. It is therefore requested that the submission deadline for the Compulsory Interdisciplinary Dissertation (an assessment unique to the joint degree of History and English) be moved in line with the ELL dissertation. A vested interest survey was carried out among the History and English students and they are unanimously in favour of this change.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of History and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to assessment modes

Effective date

For students starting from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsohandmodelang&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Detail of change

B

^{1.10} Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.
(...)

^{1.14} ~~Oral Examination:~~ as specified for the Honour School of Modern Languages.

Modern Languages papers: The regulations for these subjects shall be those specified for the Honour School of Modern Languages

Explanatory Notes

Changes to assessment modes reflecting those made in the main school of the BA in Modern Languages (Gazette notice HDB(24)49

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in History and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to assessment modes

Effective date

For students starting from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

B

^{1.3} Candidates are required to offer History and any one of the languages that may be offered in the Honour School of Modern Languages. The examination shall be in two parts, as follows:

^{1.4} Part 1

^{1.5} Each candidate shall offer the following two subjects in the language:

- ^{1.6} 1. ~~Language papers (one paper of three hours and two papers each of one and a half hours including certification of attendance and participation in oral classes, as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages).~~

~~1.7~~ As as specified for papers I, IIA, and IIB in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages.

~~1.8~~ 2. *Literature papers* ~~(two papers, each of three hours).~~

~~1.9~~ As specified for papers III and IV in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages.

Explanatory Notes

Changes to assessment modes reflecting those made in the main school of the BA in Modern Languages (Gazette notice HDB(24)41

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 7 July 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of History of Art

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to options list in Paper 5

Effective date

For students starting from **MT23**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.49} V. *Special Subject in Art History*, consisting of

^{1.50} (a) a paper including compulsory passages and/or images for comment; (b) an extended essay.

^{1.51} Any one of the Special Subjects listed below, as specified for the Honour School of History:

~~^{1.52} 1. Painting and Culture in Ming China.~~

^{1.53} ~~2~~ 1. Politics, Art and Culture in the Italian Renaissance: Venice and Florence, c.1475-1525.

^{1.54} ~~3~~ 2. The Dutch Golden Age: 1618-1672.

^{1.55} ~~4~~ 3. English Architecture 1660-1720.

^{1.56} ~~5~~ 4. Art and its Public in France 1815-67.

^{1.57} ~~6~~ 5. Pop and the Art of the Sixties.

6. Art and Politics: Class and Power in Chinese Art

7. Art and the Invention of Race.

8. Art & the Anthropocene: Imagining, Taming and Transforming the Environment, ca. 1000-1450

^{1.58} Depending on the availability of teaching resources in the different Faculties, not all of the options listed under II, III, IV and V will be available to all candidates in every year. Candidates should refer to the course handbook for details about availability and registration for individual options.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

Change to list of available options in Paper 5. It is an on-course change for students starting their final year, however students start studying for Paper 5 in year 3.

Faculty's published material is clear that options may change from year to year, so there are no CMA implications.

The number of options is increasing, therefore it is of advantage to the students.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by [Associate Head (Education) on 8 July 2025

Title of Programme

Preliminary Examination in History of Art

Brief note about nature of change:

Removal of superfluous information

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=peihistofart&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

A

^{1.1}The Preliminary Examination in History of Art shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of History. The subjects of the examination, the syllabus, and the number of papers shall be as prescribed by regulation from time to time by the Board of the Faculty of History.

B

~~1.2~~ The History Faculty Board shall issue annually the Handbook for the Preliminary Examination in History of Art by Monday of eighth week of Michaelmas Term for the academic year ahead.

1.3 Each candidate shall offer four papers as follows:

- 1.4 I. *Introduction to the History of Art*

1.5 Candidates will be examined by ~~three-hour~~ unseen written examination.

- 1.6 II. *Challenging Antiquities*

1.7 Candidates will be examined by ~~three-hour~~ unseen written examination.

- 1.8 III. *Art, Design, Architecture: Meaning and Interpretation*

- 1.9 Candidates will be examined by ~~three-hour~~ unseen written examination.

- 1.10 IV. *Objects, Images and Buildings in Oxford*

1.11 Candidates will be examined by a 5,000 word ~~extended~~ essay, including footnotes but excluding bibliography. A candidate may propose to study any object, but this object must be approved by the appointed extended essay adviser, and the Preliminary Extended Essay Co-ordinator. ~~Approval will depend on the object's accessibility and the availability of source material and curatorial expertise. Candidates will have no more than the equivalent of five one-hour meetings with their assigned extended essay advisor. A first draft of the extended essay may be commented on by the extended essay adviser during one of these meetings. Candidates must submit the title of the extended essay to the Chair of Examiners, Preliminary Examination in History of Art, Department of History of Art, Littlegate House, St. Ebbes, Oxford, by midday on Monday of the fifth week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. Any subsequent changes to subject require formal application to the Chair of Examiners not later than noon on Monday of second week of the Trinity term preceding the examination and subsequent approval. Minor changes to title or subtitle do not need to be submitted. Essays should conform to the standards of academic presentation prescribed in the course handbook. Essays must be submitted using the University approved assessment platform not later than by noon on Monday of sixth week of the Trinity Term of the candidate's first year in the academic year in which the candidate is presenting himself or herself for examination. Each essay must be accompanied by a formal declaration from the candidate that the essay is his or her own work. The University's regulations on *Late Entries* will apply.~~

1.12 The Examiners may award a distinction in the examination to any candidate, according to the published classification conventions.

1.13 Candidates who fail one or two of papers I, II, III, or IV above may resit only that paper or papers at a subsequent examination. Candidates who fail three of papers I, II, III, or IV above will be asked to resit all papers, including the one they passed, unless the paper they passed is the essay, in which case they will resit only the three written examination papers. Candidates who fail all four of papers I, II, III, and IV will be required to resit all four at a subsequent examination. In the case of failure to reach the required standard in the Preliminary Extended Essay, candidates must resubmit the essay by Monday of

noughth week of Michaelmas Term of the second year. ~~Candidates are entitled to one further meeting with their extended essay adviser.~~

Explanatory Notes

Tidying up text by removing superfluous information that belongs in course information, and adjusting language, as per EPS' guidelines.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Head (Education) on 29 May 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Degrees of Master of Philosophy in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

(vi) Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman Period.

Amendment to assessment mode and minor change to chronological bracket of final examination.

Location of change

In examination regulations 2024/25

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

Effective date

For students starting from **MT25**

For first examination from 2025-26

Detail of change

(vi) Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman Period

^{1.93} A. Qualifying Examination

^{1.94} Candidates must pass a Qualifying Examination, in the form of a written examination, in Jewish Studies not later than the end of the Trinity term of the first year unless exempted by the Board of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

^{1.95} B. Final Examination

^{1.96} Every candidate shall submit a thesis of not more than 30,000 words and complete four written examinations. The written examinations shall consist of one paper on Jewish literature, history, and institution from 200 BC to AD425 and three further papers from a list

~~published in the course handbook.~~ Every candidate shall submit a thesis of not more than 30,000 words and complete two submitted essays (3,000 words each) for each of four papers: one paper on Jewish literature, history, and institution from 300 BCE to 638 CE and three further papers from a list published in the course handbook.

~~1.97~~

Explanatory Notes

To adjust the chronological framework more accurately to the period of the degree (from the Ptolemaic to the Talmudic periods) to reflect teaching practices.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Associate Head (Education) on 29 May 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies in Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman Period

Brief note about nature of change:

Amendment to assessment mode; deletion of list of options; deletion of admissions information

Location of change

In examination regulations 2024/25:

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

Effective date

For students starting from **MT25**

For first examination from 2025-26

Detail of change

~~1.1 Before admission to the course, candidates must satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies that they possess the necessary qualification in the Hebrew language to profit by the course. Those wishing to take options (e) or (f) must show evidence of their knowledge of Greek.~~

1.2 Every candidate must follow for at least three terms a course of study in Jewish Studies in the Graeco-Roman Period.

1.3 *Syllabus*

1.4 There will be four Units. Each unit is examined by a ~~written paper~~ two submitted essays (3,000 words each).

1.5 Unit (i) Essay questions on Jewish history and institutions from ~~200~~ 300 BCE to ~~135~~ 200 CE.

~~1.6~~ Units (ii), (iii) and (iv) Prescribed texts. Select one paper for each unit from the following: list provided in the course handbook.

~~1.7~~ (a) Dead Sea scrolls

~~1.8~~ (b) Mishnah

~~1.9~~ (c) Midrash

~~1.10~~ (d) Targum

~~1.11~~ (e) Septuagint

~~1.12~~ (f) Hellenistic Jewish literature

~~1.13~~ (g) Any other subject approved by the Board.

~~1.14~~ 4. Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of Week 7 of Michaelmas Term.

~~1.15~~ 5. Candidates may be required to attend a viva.

~~1.16~~ *Teaching for some options may not be available in every year. Applicants for admission will be advised of this.*

Explanatory Notes

The aim of the changes are:

- a) To adjust the chronological framework more accurately to the period of the degree (from the Ptolemaic to the Mishnaic periods) to reflect teaching practices.
- b) To reconfigure the mode of examination from an exam to written essays, a more appropriate assessment mode, since it requires the student to engage more deeply with the material.
- c) Deleting admissions information
- d) Deleting list of options

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Chair of the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 7 May 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Philosophy in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Brief note about nature of change:

This is a minor change to bring the regulations in line with actual practice due to differing timelines between the Master of Philosophy in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics and the Master of Science in Digital Scholarship.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2027**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

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

Detail of change

- ^{1.17}(x) Any other subject which, from time to time, the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics at its own discretion may consider suitable. Candidates wishing to take the Methods Paper offered as part of the MSci in Digital Scholarship programme may do so with the permission of the programme convenor, the person(s) responsible for the delivery of the requested Option paper, the student's general supervisor, and the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics. Such candidates will be assessed according to the regulations with respect to the form of assessment **and deadlines**

governing that Option, with assessment to be submitted by Thursday of Week 7 in Hilary term.

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty has an agreement with Digital Scholarship for up to two MPhil students to take the Research Methods paper from the MSci Digital Scholarship. It has been identified that such students will have to submit work for one of the Research Methods papers before officially entered for their exams (the Digital Scholarship exam entry is in Michaelmas and the Linguistics exam entry is in Hilary term).

It is now planned that Digital Scholarship will now offer a paper for Linguistics Students only, submitted and marked after the deadline for Linguistics. This change therefore amends the regulations to note that although the form of the assessments will be the same, the deadlines may differ.

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Humanities Divisional Board

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

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Addition of a new paper, B7 Comparative Linguistics, to the set of B papers in Linguistics.

Effective date

For students starting **FHS** from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2026-27**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics

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

Detail of change

^{1.1} Candidates offering Linguistics papers in any Honour School must conform to the General Regulations below, and to those for their particular school, as specified elsewhere.

Subjects in Linguistics

^{1.2} ~~The subjects in Linguistics are specified below. Paper A will be examined by take-home paper, to be completed over a one-week period following the release of essay questions. The mode of assessment for B1-6 and F will be specified in the Faculty Handbook.~~

^{1.3} A General Linguistics

^{1.4} B1 Phonetics and Phonology

^{1.5} B2 Syntax

^{1.6} B3 Semantics and Pragmatics

^{1.7} B4 Psycholinguistics

^{1.8} B5 Sociolinguistics

^{1.9} B6 Historical Linguistics

B7 Comparative Linguistics and Philology:

i. Romance Philology and Linguistics

^{1.10} C Linguistic Project

^{1.11} D Thesis in Linguistics

^{1.12} E1 Linguistic Studies I (=Paper IV of the Honour School of Modern Languages)

^{1.13} E2 Linguistic Studies II (=Paper V of the Honour School of Modern Languages)

^{1.14} F A Special Subject in Linguistics

^{1.15} *Paper A. General Linguistics, ~~New Format~~*

^{1.16} Candidates will be required to show knowledge of key ideas in linguistics, and awareness of their application in given areas of linguistics and of their impact on the way linguistics as a discipline has developed.

Paper A will be examined by submission of a 'take-home' paper to be completed over a period of one week following the release of essay questions.

Paper B3 will be examined by an online written examination, to be completed within 72 hours following the release of essay questions.

Papers B1, B2, B4, B6, E1, and E2 are examined by a written examination.

For Paper B1, candidates must also offer either:

i. a Phonetics Transcription aural test

or

ii. a Laboratory Report of a Phonetics experiment.

B7 papers are assessed by an essay or portfolio of essays of between 6,000 and 9,000 words, to be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Tuesday of week four of Trinity term in the year of the examination.

The mode of assessment for the F papers will be specified in the course handbook.

(...)

^{1.24} One complete draft of the Linguistic Project may be read and commented on by the supervisor.

^{1.25} ~~The Linguistic Project must be typed in double spacing on A4 paper. All quotations, whether direct or indirect, from primary or secondary sources must be explicitly acknowledged. The use of unacknowledged quotations will be penalized. The word count is exclusive of the footnotes and the bibliography. Extensive textual material may be~~

Commented [ES1]: I am still not clear whether students can take: i) only one from a list of B7, OR ii) any number and they will each count towards the total B papers they will have to take

Commented [VA2R1]: Thank you, Erica! Let us get back to you after Thursday, as we have our USC meeting.

Commented [VA3R1]: USC have decided that we do not want to impose any restriction on the number of B7s that a student can take—given that, in practice, we do not expect a student to be able to take more than one (as knowledge of particular languages will be a requirement). I think this wording, therefore, can be maintained. If and when we have more instantiations of the paper, then I suggest we just modify like this: "must take one of B7i, B7ii, ...", and then we indicate the list of instantiations below.

Commented [ES4R1]: I have changed the wording to simplify and avoid confusion. Hope it's ok

placed in an appendix and need not be included in the word limit. An abstract or summary need not be included.

^{1.26} *Thesis in Linguistics*

^{1.27} 1. Candidates may offer a Thesis, subject to the following provisions:

(...)

^{1.34} 3. No thesis shall be ineligible because it has been submitted, in whole or in part, for any scholarship or prize in this university.

^{1.35} 4. Candidates shall present a one-page summary of the arguments at the beginning of their thesis. Theses shall be in the range 10,000-12,000 words (~~exclusive of the footnotes, the bibliography, any appendices, and summary~~). No person or body shall have authority to permit the limit of 12,000 words to be exceeded, except that, in the case of a commentary on a text, and at the discretion of the Chair of the Examiners, any substantial quoting of that text need not be included in the word limit. The examiners will not take account of such parts of an essay as are beyond these limits. There must be a select bibliography, listing all primary and secondary sources cited in the thesis, and full details must be given of all citations at the end of the thesis. All theses must be typed in double-spacing on A4 paper. One copy must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform, and a copy must be retained by the candidate.

^{1.36} 5. ~~The candidate shall submit the thesis, identified by the candidate's examination number only, not later than noon on Friday of the week before the Trinity Full Term of the examination, to the University approved online assessment platform. The thesis must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on Thursday of the week before the Trinity Term of the examination.~~

^{1.37} *Special Subjects in Linguistics*

^{1.38} ~~Special Subjects available in Linguistics will be published in the Gazette and on-line by the beginning of the fifth week of the Trinity Term preceding the year of examination. Candidates in the Joint Schools involving Linguistics may offer any of the special subjects for paper XII in the Honour School of Modern Languages, provided they are marked with the Linguistics identifier L.~~

^{1.39} ~~The method of assessment for each subject will be published in the Gazette and on-line by the beginning of the fifth week of the Trinity Term preceding the year of examination, according to the following key:~~

- ~~^{1.40} A: Three-hour unseen written paper. N.B. For the option paper in Phonetics and Phonology, candidates must also offer either a 30 minute Phonetics Transcription aural test or a Laboratory Report of a Phonetics experiment.~~
- ~~^{1.41} B: An essay or portfolio of essays (the number of essays required to be shown in parentheses) aggregating to approximately 6,000 words and not exceeding 8,000 words, to be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Friday of the ninth week of Hilary Term in the year of the examination, together with a statement certifying that the essay(s) are the candidate's own work and that they have not already been submitted, either wholly or substantially, for a degree in this university or elsewhere.~~

- ^{1.42} C: An essay or portfolio of essays (the number of essays required to be shown in parentheses) aggregating to approximately 6,000 words and not exceeding 8,000 words written as answers to an examination paper to be collected from the Examination Schools, and signed for by candidates, on the Friday of the fifth week of the Hilary Term before the examination. Completed essay(s) should be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Friday of the ninth week of Hilary Term in the year of the examination, together with a statement certifying that the essay(s) are the candidate's own work and that they have not already been submitted, either wholly or substantially, for a degree in this university or elsewhere.

General Regulations

^{1.43} Candidates in the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics may offer ~~paper~~ Paper E1 or E2 only with the agreement of the Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics.

^{1.44} No candidate may offer more than one special subject F. Candidates may not be permitted to offer certain special subjects in combination with certain other subjects, or may be permitted to do so only on condition that in the papers on the other subjects they will not be permitted to answer certain questions.

Regulations for Particular Honour Schools

^{1.45} *Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics*

^{1.46} Candidates may take at most five subjects in Linguistics. All candidates must take eight subjects in total. Candidates may only take subjects in Psychology if they offer Psychology Parts I and II.

^{1.47} Candidates may take no more than one paper from group F.

^{1.48} All candidates in Linguistics must take ~~paper~~ Paper A.

^{1.49} Candidates who take **two** subjects in Linguistics must take ~~paper~~ Paper A and one of ~~papers~~ Papers B1–~~B6~~ B7.

^{1.50} Candidates who take **three** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) ~~paper~~ Paper A, (2) one of ~~papers~~ Papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) one of ~~papers~~ Papers B1–~~6~~ B7, C, D, F.

^{1.51} Candidates who take **four** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) ~~paper~~ Paper A, (2) one of ~~papers~~ Papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) two of ~~papers~~ Papers B1–~~6~~ B7, C or D, E1 or E2, F.

^{1.52} Candidates who take **five** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) ~~paper~~ Paper A, (2) one of ~~papers~~ Papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) three of ~~papers~~ Papers B1–~~6~~ B7, C, D, E1 or E2, F.

Explanatory Notes

- Introduction of new B7 paper in comparative linguistics intended to be able to host, in the future, versions in other language families; for 2025-26 there is only one paper within B7, *Romance Philology and Linguistics*.
- Inclusion of assessment modes for papers in regulations and tidying up text relating to this. Assessment modes have not changed from what is published in the handbook; this exercise is for the sake of adding clarity for students.
- Tidying up and deletion of superfluous text as per EPS' guidance, and out of date text.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Medical Sciences divisional officer on 12 June 2025

Approved by Humanities Associate Head (Education) on 23 June 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Update to the PPL regulations following the course restructure.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*:

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2024.

For first examination from 2026-27. (Start of FHS 2025/26).

Detail of change

(...)

~~1.46 Candidates may take at most five subjects in Linguistics. All candidates must take eight subjects in total. Candidates may only take subjects in Psychology if they offer Psychology Parts I A and II-B. Psychology Part A counts as two subjects and Part B consists of six subjects.~~

1.47 Candidates on the BA in Psychology and Linguistics strand or the BA in Philosophy and Linguistics strand may take at most five subjects in Linguistics.

1.48 Candidates on the BA in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics strand or the MSci in Psychology and Linguistics strand may take at most four subjects in Linguistics.

1.49 Candidates on the MSci in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics strand may take at most three subjects in Linguistics.

~~1.47~~ 1.50 Candidates may take no more than one paper from group F.

~~1.48~~ 1.51 All candidates in Linguistics must take paper A.

~~1.49~~ 1.52 Candidates who take **two** subjects in Linguistics must take paper A and one of papers B1–B6.

~~1.50~~ 1.53 Candidates who take **three** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) paper A, (2) one of papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) one of papers B1-6, C, D, F.

~~1.51~~ 1.54 Candidates who take **four** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) paper A, (2) one of papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) two of papers B1-6, C or D, E1 or E2, F.

~~1.52~~ 1.55 Candidates who take **five** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) paper A, (2) one of papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) three of papers B1-6, C, D, E1 or E2, F.

Explanatory Notes

With the introduction of the MSci programme the PPL regulations needed clarification regarding the maximum number of papers in Linguistics that could be taken given the Psychology paper requirements across Part A and B. It was clearer to list the strands.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Associate Head (Education) on 29 May 2025

Honour School of Literae Humaniores

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to mode of assessment for an option paper; updating of allowed paper combinations

Effective date

For students starting:

- Degree course: **MT2023**
- FHS: **TT2025**

and

For first examination from **2026/27**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2022-23

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsoflitehuma&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.140, 1.146, 1.154, 1.165, 1.181 and 1.184 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

(...)

^{1.135}503: *Historiography*

^{1.136}One of the following (**see Note 1 above**):

^{1.137}(a) Greek and Latin version

^{1.138}(b) Greek only version

^{1.139}(c) Latin only version

^{1.140}This subject may not be combined with 504, 507 ~~or~~ 519 or 553.

^{1.141}504: *Lyric Poetry*

1.142 One of the following (**see Note 1 above**):

1.143 (a) Greek and Latin version

1.144 (b) Greek only version

1.145 (c) Latin only version

1.146 This subject may not be combined with 503, 507 ~~or~~ 519 or 553.

1.147 505: *Early Greek Hexameter Poetry*

1.148 506: *Greek Tragedy*

1.149 507: *Comedy*

1.150 One of the following (**see Note 1 above**):

1.151 (a) Greek and Latin version

1.152 (b) Greek only version

1.153 (c) Latin only version

1.154 This subject may not be combined with 503, 504 ~~or~~ 519 or 553.

1.155 508: *Hellenistic Poetry*

1.156 509: *Cicero the Orator*

1.157 510: *Ovid*

1.158 511: *Latin Didactic*

1.159 512: *Neronian Literature*.

1.160 513: *Euripides, Orestes: papyri, manuscripts, text*

1.161 515: *Catullus: manuscripts, text, interpretation*

1.162 This subject may not be combined with 524.

1.163 517: *Byzantine Literature*

1.164 518: *Modern Greek Poetry*

1.165 519: *The Reception of Classical Literature in Poetry in English since 1900*. This subject may not be combined with 503, 504, 507 or 553.

(...)

V. Philology and Linguistics

1.180 *Course I and Course II*: Candidates may offer *one* or *two* of subjects 551-554, and may if they wish offer subject 598 as well. They may also offer subject 598 as their sole Philology and Linguistics subject.

1.181 Each of subjects 551, 552 and 554 will be examined in one written examination. paper (3 hours). Paper 533 will be examined by an essay of up to 4,000 words; essay topics will be released on Monday of Week 6 of Hilary Term and essays must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by 12 noon on Monday of Week 10 of Hilary term

1.182 551: *Greek Historical Linguistics*

1.183 552: *Latin Historical Linguistics*

^{1.184}553: *General Linguistics and Comparative Philology*. This subject may not be combined with 503, 504, 507 or 519.

^{1.185}554: *Comparative Philology: Indo-European, Greek and Latin*

^{1.186}This subject may not be offered by any candidate who offered the Special Subject *Historical Linguistics and Comparative Philology* in Honour Moderations in Classics or in the Preliminary Examination in Classics.

^{1.187}598: *Thesis in Philology and Linguistics*

^{1.188}Any candidate may offer a thesis in Philology and Linguistics in accordance with the Regulation on Theses below. This subject may not be combined with any of 199, 499, 599, or 699.

Explanatory Notes

This subject is being resurrected and assessed with essay submission instead of a 3-hour written exam.

Students have been informed and they have only just started their FHS in TT25.

This is a minor change as it meets the following criteria:

1. The change can be readily and practically implemented by the Faculty; it is the re-introduction of an option paper
2. The change does not conflict with existing policy;
3. There is no detriment to on-course students: options available to them are increased;
4. There are no CMA implications

Humanities Divisional Board

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

Title of Programme

Research Degrees in Medieval & Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of expectations for milestone submission.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

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

Detail of change

1.1 1. *Admission as a Probationer Research Student*

1.2 Candidates may apply for admission as Probationer Research Student, or directly to DPhil status, on a full-time or part-time basis. In assessing applications from candidates seeking to undertake a research degree through part-time study, the Graduate Studies Committees of the Board of the Faculty of Medieval & Modern Languages shall have regard to evidence that the candidate can meet the following attendance requirements for their period of part-time study: attendance for a minimum of thirty days of university-based work each year, normally coinciding with the full terms of the academic year, to be arranged with the agreement of their supervisor, for the period that their names remain on the Register of Graduate Students unless individually dispensed by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medieval & Modern Languages. During a candidate's probationary period the

attendance arrangements must take account of relevant induction and training events scheduled by the Faculty.

1.3.2. Transfer to M.Litt. and D.Phil. status

1.4 Candidates must give notice of intention to apply for transfer in writing to the Modern Languages Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford, by the end of the fourth week of the third term before they seek entry to D.Phil. status, giving the title of the proposed thesis. By Friday of the sixth week they shall submit an application form together with:

1.5 (i) one electronic copy, or three typed copies, of a statement (not more than 1,000 words) of the title of the proposed thesis and of the manner in which the subject will be treated, and of the way in which the proposed treatment relates to existing work relevant to the chosen topic, the statement to include a provisional scheme of the contents of the chosen topic, and

1.6 (ii) one electronic copy, or two typed copies of a piece of written work normally not more than about 10,000 words long.

1.7 (iii) The application for transfer of status shall be submitted to the Modern Languages Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford.

Full-time candidates must apply for transfer to M.Litt and D.Phil. status by Friday of the sixth week of their third term as a Probationer Research Student.

Part-time candidates must apply for transfer to M.Litt and D.Phil. status by Friday of the sixth week of their sixth term as a Probationer Research Student.

Candidates shall submit an online application form together with:

- (i) One electronic copy of a detailed outline (not more than 1,000 words) of the proposed thesis subject and of the manner in which it will be treated, including a provisional list of chapters and their proposed coverage;
- (ii) One electronic copy of a piece of written work normally not more than about 10,000 words long, including footnotes but excluding bibliography, being on the topic of the proposed thesis (usually an early draft of a chapter of the thesis); if the submitted work is not a draft chapter, then the candidate should provide an explanation of the written work's relationship to the thesis;
- (iii) Students need to have completed the University's online research integrity training before applying for transfer of status.

1.8.3. Confirmation of D.Phil. status

1.9 (i) Each applicant for confirmation of D.Phil. status must submit one electronic copy, or two typed copies of a piece of written work of 15,000 words in length (except where text is accompanied by graphs or statistical material), being a draft of a chapter or chapters of the thesis (excluding the introductory or concluding chapters and any section submitted for the first transfer examination). The student shall show on a provisional list of the contents of the thesis the place he or she plans for the draft chapter(s). Each applicant must also submit, at the time of application, one electronic copy, or three typed copies of a statement (of not more than 1,000 words) of the title of the proposed thesis and of the manner in which the subject will be

~~treated, and of work achieved on other parts of the thesis and work remaining to be done.~~

~~1.10 (ii) The application for confirmation of D.Phil. status shall be submitted to the Modern Languages Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford.~~

Full-time candidates must apply for confirmation of D.Phil. status by Friday of the eighth week of their sixth term after admission as a Probationer Research Student.

Part-time candidates must apply for confirmation of D.Phil. status by Friday of the eighth week of their twelfth term after admission as a Probationer Research Student.

Candidates shall submit an online application form together with:

- (i) One electronic copy of a statement (of not more than 1,000 words) giving the title of the proposed thesis, providing a list of chapters, and explaining how the subject will be treated and how much work remains to be done (including a proposed timeframe for completion). Students are also required to indicate the intended place of the submitted work in the thesis as a whole.
- (ii) One electronic copy of a piece of written work of 15,000 words in length (except where text is accompanied by graphs or statistical material), including footnotes but excluding bibliography, being a draft of a chapter or chapters of the thesis (excluding the introductory or concluding chapters and any section submitted for the first transfer examination).

~~1.11~~ 4. *Theses*

~~1.12~~ Theses submitted for the Degree of M.Litt. should not exceed 50,000 words and those submitted for the Degree of D.Phil. should not exceed 80,000 words, excluding the bibliography and any text that is being edited but including notes, glossary, appendices, etc. Leave to exceed these limits will be given only in exceptional cases. Any application for permission to exceed the limit should be submitted with a detailed explanation and statement of the amount of excess length requested, and with a covering letter from the supervisor. Application must be made immediately it seems clear that authorisation to exceed the limit will be sought and normally not later than six months before the intended date of submission of the thesis.

~~1.13~~ Every candidate who is editing a text must also state the length of the text being edited.

~~1.14~~ In addition to the arrangements for an abstract of the thesis set out in the Education Committee's regulations above, a fuller abstract of the thesis, ~~which shall not normally exceed 1,500 words for the M.Litt. and 2,500 words for the D.Phil.~~ ~~prepared by the student is required; the abstracts are not included in the thesis word count.~~ A copy of the fuller abstract must be included with the electronic copy of the thesis. The two abstracts are not included in the word count. ~~which, if the application for leave to supplicate for the degree is successful, the candidate must submit to the Oxford Research Archive (ORA).~~

Explanatory Notes

Tidying of text; clarification of expectations for submission of Transfer and Confirmation milestones, timelines and requirements.
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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of language regarding written examinations; changes to papers available

Effective date

For students starting **FHS** from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2026-27**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

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

Detail of change

B

(…)

^{1.27} **1. Combinations of Papers**

(…)

^{1.95} The mode of assessment of each paper and detailed examination arrangements will be as set out in the Course Handbook. Papers I, II, III, IV and V will normally be examined by a ~~three-hour~~ in-person ~~unseen~~ written ~~paper~~ examination; papers VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, ~~and XI and XIIA~~

will normally be examined by an ~~unseen online paper-written examination taken over a five-hour period~~; and papers XIIB, XIIC, XIII and XIV will be examined ~~as outlined below~~ by coursework submission.

(...)

~~1.311~~ Czech (with Slovak):

~~1.312~~ Any three of the following:

~~1.313~~ (1) Comenius

~~1.314~~ (2) Bridel

~~1.315~~ (3) Světlá

~~1.316~~ (4) Zeyer

~~1.317~~ (5) Benešová

~~1.318~~ (6) Nezval

~~1.319~~ (7) Vančura

~~1.320~~ (8) Hostovský

~~1.321~~ (9) Fuks

~~1.322~~ (10) Vostrá

~~1.323~~ (11) Hodrová

~~1.324~~ (12) Hůlová

~~1.325~~ (13) Král

~~1.326~~ (14) Záborský

~~1.327~~ (15) Timrava

~~1.328~~ (16) Johanides

~~1.329~~ (17) Vilíkovský

~~1.330~~ (18) Haugová

Any two from the following:

(1) Czech Baroque

(2) Early Slovak Realist Fiction

(3) Vítězslav Nezval

4) Ján Johanides

(5) Daniela Hodrová

(6) Jana Huráňov

(...)

1.379 Four of the following prescribed texts. Candidates must show knowledge of AT LEAST ONE text from EACH list below. Candidates must also demonstrate knowledge of theory from the Portuguese-speaking world.

1.380 African list:

1.381 (1) Mia Couto, *O último voo do flamingo*

~~1.382 (2) Chó do Guri, *A perversa*~~

(2) Djina Surrealismo no Quotidiano

1.383 (3) Pepetela, *A gloriosa família*

1.384 (4) Odete Semedo, *Entre o ser e o amar*

1.385 Brazilian list:

1.386 (1) Mário de Andrade, *Macunaíma and Modernist manifestos*

~~1.387 (2) Machado de Assis, *Memórias Póstumas de Brás Cubas*~~

(2) Adolfo Caminha *O Bom Crioulo*

1.388 (3) Conceição Evaristo, *Ponciá Vicêncio and Poemas da Recordação*

1.389 (4) Clarice Lispector, *A hora da estrela*

1.390 Portuguese list:

1.391 (1) Djaimilia Pereira de Almeida, *Luanda, Lisboa, Paraíso*

1.392 (2) Lídia Jorge, *A costa dos murmúrios*

1.393 (3) Fernando Pessoa, *Mensagem and Modernist manifestos*

1.394 (4) Eça de Queirós, *Os Maias*

Explanatory Notes

- 1.95: Bringing text in line with University terminology.
- Czech (with Slovak): Both changes reduce the amount of teaching required for this paper and should ensure fewer single-student tutorials. The reduction to a selection of two authors brings Czech into line with other languages, allowing the papers to be easily taught in a single term of tutorials.
- Portuguese: Better integration with other texts, given theoretical/comparative dimension of this paper.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on [date]

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

On course changes: Clarification language regarding written examinations; changes to papers available; deletion of redundant text

Effective date

For students starting **FHS** from **MT23**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2023/24

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

Detail of change

B

(…)

1.27 1. Combinations of Papers

(…)

1.95 The mode of assessment of each paper and detailed examination arrangements will be as set out in the Course Handbook. Papers I, II, III, IV and V will normally be examined by a ~~three-hour~~

in-person ~~unseen~~ written ~~paper examination~~; papers VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, ~~and XI and XIIA~~ will normally be examined by an ~~unseen~~ online ~~paper-written examination~~ ~~taken over a five-hour period~~; and papers XIIB, XIIC, XIII and XIV will be examined ~~as outlined below~~ by coursework submission.

(...)

1.113 3. Paper XII Special Subjects

1.114 Candidates may offer only one Paper XII, with the following exceptions:

1.115 Candidates offering Spanish as a sole language or as one of two languages may offer two Paper XII Special Subjects in total, provided that one is either Modern Catalan or Modern Galician;

1.116 Candidates offering a Paper XII Special Subject in the second of two languages (Language B) may choose only a Special Subject bearing the appropriate language identifier.

~~**1.117** Candidates offering Spanish as a sole language or in combination with any language other than Portuguese may offer one of the following papers in Portuguese as a Paper XII Special Subject: Paper X, Paper XI, half of the period covered in Paper VII or Paper VIII~~

1.118 Instead of a Special Subject from the list for the year concerned, a candidate offering a sole language in the Honour School of Modern Languages may offer any one of papers B1-B6 of the Honour School of Modern Languages and Linguistics, subject to the agreement of the Director of Studies of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics. This option is not available to candidates offering two languages or to candidates for any joint school involving Modern Languages other than the Honour School of Modern Languages and Linguistics.

(...)

1.227 VIII. Topics in the period of literature (*French only*) or Period of literature (iii):

1.228 French: 1715 to the present.⁴

1.229 German: Modern German Literature (1770 to the present day): Texts, Contexts, and Issues.

1.230 Italian: Modern Italian Literature and Cinema (1750 ~~to the present~~ – Present Day) ~~and Cinema~~

1.231 Spanish: The literature of Spain and of Spanish America: 1811 to the present.

Explanatory Notes

- 1.95: Bringing text in line with University terminology
- Spanish: Deletion of a historical overhang predating the establishment of the sub-faculty of Portuguese.
- Italian: clarification of language re cinema into the 21C

Humanities Divisional Board

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

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Language simplification of names of Paper IV for Spanish and Portuguese.

Effective date

For students starting **FHS** from MT25

and

For first examination from **2026-27**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

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

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.173}Spanish:

^{1.174}The history of the Spanish language, to 1700.

^{1.175}Portuguese:

^{1.176}The history and varieties of the Portuguese language. Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the historical development from Latin to modern Portuguese in its different dialectal varieties, including Portuguese-based creoles, and knowledge of the basic principles of historical linguistics and dialectology, as applied to Portuguese. This paper will include commentaries on linguistic samples.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

Simplification of names of Paper IV for Spanish and Portuguese, to allow the paper to address teaching needs for Spanish Paper IV, now to be partly combined with Portuguese. This necessitates a common description of the paper. In practice, students will still be taught the same curriculum.

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 7 July 2025****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

FHS Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor changes to Spanish and Portuguese linguistics papers titles

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE

- Modern Languages and joint schools, MT23
- Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics, MT24

FHS from **MT25**

and

For first examination from 2026/27

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations* 2023-24

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

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.166}IV. Linguistic Studies I.

(...)

^{1.173}Spanish:

1.174 The history of the Spanish language to 1700.

1.175 Portuguese:

1.176 The history of the Portuguese language and varieties of Portuguese. Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the historical development from Latin to modern Portuguese in its different dialectal varieties, including Portuguese-based creoles, and knowledge of the basic principles of historical linguistics and dialectology, as applied to Portuguese. This paper will include commentaries on linguistic samples.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

Changes to reflect the broader range of content to be taught from 2025-26.

No CMA implications as new option name reflects both current and future content taught, and the paper is not specifically listed on either admission or faculty websites.

No changes are needed to any of the joint schools regulations

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to modes of assessment

Effective date

For students starting Prelims from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

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

Detail of change

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~~1-27~~ The assessment for papers I, II, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XII will normally take the form of a three-hour written paper as detailed in the Course Handbook. Paper III will be certified, except for Spanish and Italian, where candidates will be required to take a three-hour written paper. Paper IV will be examined via a three-hour written paper, except for Spanish and Italian, where candidates will be certified.

The assessment will normally take the form of:

- Papers I, IIA, and IIB: in-person written examination;
- Papers III and IV: on-line written examination;
- Sole Papers in French, German, Russian & Spanish will take the form of:

- o French: XI (certification), XII and XIII (online written examination)
- o German: XI (certification), XII, XIII (online written examination)
- o Russian: XI and XII (examined) XIII (online written examination)
- o Spanish: XI (certification), XII and XIII: (online written examination)

Candidates taking beginners' papers will be assessed as follows:

- Beginners' German
 - o German BI, BII/IIA & IIB: in-person written examination;
 - o German BIII: by certification
 - o German BIV: on-line written examination;
- Beginners' Russian:
 - o Russian BI, BII/IIA & IIB: in-person written examination;
 - o in-person written examination.

(...)

TABLE 18

1.83 German:

~~1.84 'Deutsche Gesellschaft und Kultur seit 1890.'~~ Reading comprehension (in German) on a passage which relates to the theme of the paper. One essay in German on a topic relating to the theme of the paper.

'Deutsche Gesellschaft und Kultur.' Reading comprehension (in German) on a passage which relates to the theme of the paper. One essay in German on a topic relating to the theme of the paper.

Explanatory Notes

- Certification does not adequately prepare candidates for the full run of papers at FHS.
- There is the need to address the imbalance between examined papers (2) and literature papers (1) which could potentially discriminate against candidates whose strength is in literature rather than language (likely having lacked the benefit of appropriate language teaching in school); a candidate who was strong on language was more likely to be awarded a Distinction-level mark than a candidate who was strong on literature.
- The current examination structure, allows, in some circumstances, students to obtain a Distinction-level mark in their Further Subjects based on just one examined paper; therefore having two papers examined brings a greater robustness to the process and brings the number of papers examined into line with the number of papers examined in a Joint School.
- German: Updating of prescribed topic for language course in the post A' Level course

Humanities Divisional Board

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

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Modern Languages and Linguistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Addition of a new paper, B7 Comparative Linguistics, to the set of B papers in Linguistics.

Effective date

For students starting **FHS** from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2023-24

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

Detail of change

(...)

1. The Year Abroad

^{1.9} Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below. In addition, every candidate shall be required to spend, after their matriculation, a year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate confirming that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their college or society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, **41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF**, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their college or society.

^{1.10} Candidates should during their year abroad undertake a programme of activity acceptable to their college or society. They will also be expected to carry out during this period such academic work as their college or Faculty may require. Candidates will agree with their College Tutor in advance of their year abroad an independent course of study to be followed during that period.

2. Modern Languages and Linguistics Papers

^{1.11} Candidates are required to take an oral examination in the language and eight papers, as follows below:

^{1.12} The regulations for these subjects shall be those specified in the regulations for the Honour School of Modern Languages or the special regulations for Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics.

- ^{1.13} 1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.
- ^{1.14} 2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.
- ^{1.15} 3. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII.
- ^{1.16} 4. Special regulations for Linguistics, ~~paper~~ Paper A
- ^{1.17} 5. Special regulations for Linguistics, one of ~~papers~~ Papers B1-~~B6~~ B7
- ^{1.18} 6. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper IV / Special regulations for Linguistics, E1
- ^{1.19} 7. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper V / Special regulations for Linguistics, E2
- ^{1.20} 8. One of the following:
 - ^{1.21} i. Honour School of Modern Languages, one of ~~papers~~ Papers IX, X, XI
 - ^{1.22} ii. Special regulations for Linguistics, one of ~~papers~~ Papers C, D, F or a second paper B1-~~B6~~ B7
 - ^{1.23} iii. A Special subject from the list provided for ~~paper~~ Paper XII in the FHS of Modern Languages
 - ^{1.24} iv. Dissertation (~~paper~~ Paper XIV of the Honour School of Modern Languages) on a topic in Linguistics or the language.

Explanatory Notes

Mirroring changes made to the Linguistics papers, as outlined in the Gazette Notice HDB(25)16.

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 7 July 2025****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Preliminary Examination in Music

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to format of assessment of one option

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations*

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

Effective date**For students starting from MT 2025****For first examination from 2025-26****Detail of change**

(...)

B

(...)

^{1.9}4. *Topics I* (in-person written exam)

^{1.10}5. *Options*

^{1.11}Candidates must choose two from the following:

^{1.12}a) *A musicological topic* (online written exam **and practical exam**)

^{1.13}b) *Extended Essay*, on a subject to be chosen in consultation with the candidate's tutor (coursework submission)

(...)

Explanatory Notes

Slight change to content of options within this group, dictating modification in assessment mode.

Minor change for future cohorts, easily implemented and it does not impact negatively on students. The mode of assessment has not been specifically linked to that paper advertised material, therefore no CMA implications

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Philosophy and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to assessment modes

Effective date

For students starting from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsopandmodelang&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Detail of change

B

^{1.7}Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.

(...)

Philosophy

^{1.15}Subjects as specified in **Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy**.

Modern Languages

1.16 The subjects in Modern Languages, specified below, are divided between Part I and Part II. The regulations for these subjects shall be those specified in the regulations for the Honour School of Modern Languages.

Explanatory Notes

Changes to assessment modes reflecting those made in the main school of the BA in Modern Languages (Gazette notice HDB(24)49

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in Philosophy and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to assessment modes

Effective date

For students starting from **MT24**

and

For first examination from **2024-25**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

^{1.22} ~~(2) Language papers (one paper of three hours and two papers each of one and a half hours including certification of attendance and participation in oral classes, as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages).~~

^{1.23} As as specified for Papers I, IIA, and IIB in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages.

^{1.24} ~~(3) Literature papers (two papers, each of three hours).~~

^{1.25} As as specified for Papers III and IV in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages.

Explanatory Notes

Changes to assessment modes reflecting those made in the main school of the BA in Modern Languages (Gazette notice HDB(24)41

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by the Associate Head (Education) on 13 June 2025****Title of Programme**

MSt in Philosophy of Physics

Brief note about nature of change:

Changing day of the week for submission.

Effective dateFor students starting from **MT25**For first examination from **2025-26****Location of change**In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25:<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosiphilophys&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>**Detail of change**

^{1.11}5. All assessments must be word-processed and submitted in electronic format to an online assessment submission platform. The Philosophy of Physics essays must be submitted by 10am on Wednesday of Week 0 immediately preceding Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. The Philosophy of Science essay must be submitted by 10am on **Friday Wednesday** of Week 9 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. The last essay (for Metaphysics and the Theory of Knowledge; Philosophy of Mind and Action; Philosophical Logic and the Philosophy of Language; or Philosophy of Mathematics) must be submitted by 10am on Monday of Week 10 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken.

Explanatory Notes

Changing the day of week for submission in line with EAF recommendation to avoid deadlines falling on Mondays or Fridays where possible.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 8 July 2025

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Slavonic Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Addition of Qualifying & resits information; removing superfluous information

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=mopinslavstud&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.1}1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the examiners in a Qualifying Examination identical with that for the M.St. in Slavonic Studies, in their first year in the academic year in which their names are first entered on the Register of M.Phil. Students, before proceeding to the final examination for the M.Phil. in the following their second year. Holders of the M.St. in Slavonic Studies are exempt from this Qualifying Examination.

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^{1.13}3. Each candidate will be required to present a thesis of approximately 20,000 words and not more than 25,000 words. ~~Candidates are required to register the subject area or title of their thesis with the Modern Languages Graduate Office by the end of the fourth~~

~~week of Hilary Term of their second year.~~ The subject of the thesis should fall within the area of Slavonic languages and literatures. The MPhil thesis should be submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook by noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity Term in the second year. Work submitted in the thesis for the Degree of M.Phil. may subsequently be incorporated in a thesis submitted for the Degree of D.Phil.

~~1.14~~ 4. Candidates must present themselves for oral examination unless dispensed by the examiners.

~~1.15~~ 5. Candidates will be expected to be able to read secondary literature in at least one European language other than English and the Slavonic languages, and may be required to demonstrate this ability. ~~Candidates will also be expected to attend a course of lectures on bibliographical, library, and archival resources in the field of Slavonic Studies.~~

~~1.16~~ 6. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify him for the Degree of M.Phil. but that nevertheless his or her work in the Qualifying Examination was of sufficient merit to qualify him or her for the Degree of M.St. in Slavonic Studies, the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. examination under the appropriate regulation or of being granted permission to supplicate for the Degree of Master of Studies.

An average of 65, i.e. the equivalent of a merit, is required in the first year MPhil Qualifying Examination for progression to the second year.

A candidate who achieves an average of at least 50 but less than 65 in the Qualifying Examination for the MPhil course may be given the option of being granted permission to supplicate for the Degree of Master of Studies. Should a candidate fail any element of the examination, that element may be re-submitted, or re-sat as applicable, once, and once only. For re-submissions, candidates may re-submit that element by noon on the final Monday of September following their first examination. Re-submitted work may be a reworked version of the original submission or a completely new submission. Written examinations may be re-sat the next time they are offered, normally in the year following first examination. The highest mark that may be awarded for re-sat papers or for re-submitted work is 50% (i.e. it is capped at the pass mark). Candidates who have failed any element of assessment shall not be eligible for the award of merit or distinction.

~~1.17~~ 7. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

Inclusion of clarification for qualifying examinations, as requested by EPS.

Inclusion of re-sits information that was missing.

Removing superfluous information.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 8 July 2025

Title of Programme

Master of Studies in Slavonic Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Addition of resits information; removing superfluous information

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=mosinslavstud&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.1}1. Candidates must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Slavonic Studies.

^{1.2}2. Each candidate will be required to take:

^{1.3}a) one language from Schedule 1 (A);

^{1.4}b) one subject from Schedule 2(B);

^{1.5}c) two further subjects from Schedules 2-7 of which not more than one may be from Schedule 2 (B and C).

~~1.6~~ The list of schedules will be available in the handbook for that year ~~and will be made available to incoming students by the Graduate Studies Office early in the Long Vacation.~~

(...)

~~1.21~~ 7. The subject of the thesis should fall within the areas of Slavonic languages and literatures. ~~Candidates are required to register the subject area or title of their thesis with the Modern Languages Graduate Office by the end of the fourth week of Hilary Term.~~ The thesis should be submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook by noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity Term. Work submitted in the form of an thesis for the Degree of M.St. may subsequently ~~be incorporated in a thesis submitted for the Degree of M.Phil., or~~ may be used as the basis for the piece of written work required for admission to the status of student for the Degrees of M.Litt. or D.Phil.

Should a candidate fail any element of the examination, that element may be re-submitted, or re-sat as applicable, once, and once only. For re-submissions, candidates may re-submit that element by noon on the final Monday of September following their first examination. Re-submitted work may be a reworked version of the original submission or a completely new submission. Written examinations may be re-sat the next time they are offered, normally in the year following first examination. The highest mark that may be awarded for re-sat papers or for re-submitted work is 50% (i.e. it is capped at the pass mark). Candidates who have failed any element of assessment shall not be eligible for the award of merit or distinction.

~~1.22~~ 8. ~~Candidates must present themselves for oral examination unless dispensed by the examiners.~~

Explanatory Notes

Inclusion of re-sits information that was missing.

Removing superfluous information.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Philosophy in Theology

Brief note about nature of change:

Change of mode of assessment of New Testament examinations

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

For first examination from **2024-25**

Detail of change

II. NEW TESTAMENT

^{1.22} A. Two take home papers, each comprising two essays of 3,000-5,000 words each, to be completed over a two-week period following the release of essay questions written examinations in of Trinity Term Year 1.

Explanatory Notes

The 'take-home' format to of assessment for this part of the course turned out not to permit sufficiently robust examination of advanced competence in Greek. The pace of development in the AI field is so rapid that the Faculty do not feel able to otherwise have confidence in the integrity and robustness of the examination. In 2023-24 there were also

concerns about potential collusion between candidates taking the same papers, which a written examination will mitigate against.

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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 27 June 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Research Degrees in Theology and Religion

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of deadlines, and on word count

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=rditheoandrel&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

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2. Transfer to M.Litt. or D. Phil. Status

Students are expected to pass Transfer by the end of their fourth term, or eighth term in the case of part-time candidates, from admission to PRS status.

^{1.2}All students admitted to Probationer Research Student (PRS) status will be required to submit an application to transfer to M.Litt. or D.Phil. status no later than six weeks before Transfer is due. ~~Monday of Week 0 in the candidate's third term (or Monday of Week 0 in the candidate's sixth term in the case of part-time students).~~ In exceptional cases the

Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee may permit the candidate to postpone submission; candidates seeking such postponement must apply to the Director of Graduate Studies for deferral of transfer of status well in advance, and no later than six weeks before Transfer is due. Monday of Week 5 of the candidate's second term (or the Monday of Week 5 of the candidate's fourth term in the case of part-time students).

3. Confirmation of D.Phil. status

Students are expected to pass Confirmation by the end of their eighth term, or sixteenth term in the case of part-time candidates, from admission to PRS status.

^{1.3} Application for confirmation of D.Phil. status, with endorsements by the candidate's college and supervisor, shall normally be presented no later than six weeks before Confirmation is due. by Monday of Week 0 in the seventh term after admission to the D.Phil. programme (or in the candidate's fourteenth term after transfer to full D.Phil. status in the case of part-time students) but must be presented no later than Monday of Week 5 in the eighth term (or in the candidate's sixteenth term in the case of part-time students). In exceptional cases the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee may permit the candidate to postpone submission by one term; candidates seeking such postponement should apply to the Committee through the Director of Graduate Studies well in advance, and no later than six weeks before Confirmation is due.

4. Theses

^{1.4} Theses submitted for the Degree of M.Litt. should not exceed 50,000 words, or 100,000 for the D.Phil., excluding only the bibliography in both cases, and excluding excluding only the abstracts and the bibliography in both cases. The faculty board is prepared to consider an application for a relaxation of this limit in special circumstances.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

There has been confusion amongst staff and student alike on submission deadlines for milestones, which we are seeking to clarify, pending a more thorough divisional review on submission v. achievement of milestone deadlines.

We clarify that the word count for the faculty-specific abstract does not count towards the thesis word count.

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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 16 July 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Research Degrees in Theology and Religion

Brief note about nature of change:

Correction of typo introduced in HDB(25)23

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=rditheoandreli&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

4. Theses

^{1.4}Theses submitted for the Degree of M.Litt. should not exceed 50,000 words, or 100,000 for the D.Phil., ~~excluding only the bibliography in both cases, and excluding~~ excluding only the abstracts and the bibliography in both cases. The faculty board is prepared to consider an application for a relaxation of this limit in special circumstances.

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Explanatory Notes

This change corrects a typo introduced in previous Gazette notice HDB(25)23.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on 16 August 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Postgraduate Diploma in Theology and Religion

Brief note about nature of change: removal of redundant text.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**For first examination from **2024-25**

Detail of change

1.15 Regulations concerning essays

~~1.16~~ In the Michaelmas Term of each year, the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion will publish a list of topics, from which candidates may choose to write either two short essays or one long essay in place of one of their chosen papers. A supplementary list of topics for part-time students may be published in Week 4 of the Trinity Term of their first year. The topics offered may vary from year to year and will be related to the research interests of the teachers concerned. In certain years when part-time students have expressed an intention to write either two short essays or one long essay in place of one of their chosen papers for examination in the following year, a further list will be published in Trinity Term.

1.17 Candidates may choose to submit either two short essays or one long essay in place of an exam for one of their chosen papers; information on restriction on topics and methodology is published in the course handbook. The candidate is advised to have an initial discussion about their submitted work with their supervisor regarding the proposed field of study, the sources

~~available, and the method of presentation. They should have further discussions with their supervisor during the preparation of the essay. Their supervisor may read and comment on drafts of the essay(s).~~

1.18 Essays must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by 12 noon on the Friday of the first week of Trinity Term (or noon on the Friday of the first week of the candidate's second Trinity Term in the case of part-time students). ~~Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work.~~

Explanatory Notes

Elimination of redundant text that is more appropriately to be found in the course handbook.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Associate Head (Education) on 30 May 2025, and by the Humanities Interdisciplinary Programmes Committee on 21 May 2025.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

MSt Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

A change to simplify the process by which candidates may take optional courses not otherwise offered on the programme, and to remove other text in the regulations to better represent actual practice.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024/2025

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

Detail of change

^{1.1}1. Every candidate must follow, for at least three terms, a course of instruction in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. ~~Candidates will, when they enter for the examination, be required to produce from their society a certificate that they are following such a course.~~

^{1.2}2. ~~Candidates are required to present themselves for viva voce examination if summoned by the examiners.~~

^{1.3}~~3. Syllabus:~~

^{1.4}~~Candidates must offer A and B below, two options from A C, and a dissertation (D B).~~

^{1.5}~~A. Feminist Theory~~

^{1.6}~~B. Approaches to Feminist Research~~

^{1.7}~~C. Options. Candidates must follow two of a range of option courses from a list published in course information, and approved by the Steering Committee for Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Candidates must follow two option courses, one in Michaelmas Term, and one in Hilary Term. These will normally be options offered by the MSt Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Candidates wishing to take an Option from another Masters programme, may do so with the permission of the programme convenor, the Chair of Examiners, and the department responsible for the delivery of the requested option paper. Such candidates will still be assessed according to the regulations with respect to the form of assessment and deadlines governing the MSt Women's, Gender, Sexuality Studies.~~

^{1.8}~~D. B. A dissertation of 10,000-12,000 words. The subject matter of the dissertation may be related to that of either or both of the two pieces of written work submitted for the Options courses, but material deployed in such pieces of work may not be repeated in the dissertation.~~

^{1.9}~~4. In the case of A C candidates will be examined by the submission of written work. The essays submitted under A C should be of 6,000-7,000 words. The first piece of written work under A C must be submitted not later than noon on Thursday of Week 8 of Hilary Term; the second piece of written work under A C must be submitted not later than noon on Thursday of Week 1 of Trinity Term. Students must also include in the same documents a brief abstract of no more than 300 words outlining the rationale and the approach of the option essays; this will not be included in the essay word count.~~

^{1.10}~~5. In the case of B D, the dissertation must be submitted not later than noon on Thursday of Week 8 of Trinity Term. Students must also include in the same document a brief abstract (no more than 500 words) outlining the rationale and approach of the thesis; this will not be included in the essay word count.~~

^{1.11}~~6. In order to pass the degree, a student must pass all its assessed components. A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the examination may enter again for the examination as outlined in the General Regulations for the Degree of Master of Studies by Coursework.~~

Explanatory Notes

These changes are intended to simplify the process by which students on this interdisciplinary course may enter for options courses on other programmes, which currently often requires dispensations from Education Committee. This amended process

will more clearly permit the selection of options courses not otherwise offered on the MSt WGSS, whilst still providing for approval from the course's convenors and examiners.

Sections A and B which are being removed are seminars and not examined papers, and so should not be included in the examination regulations for the course. Similarly, the viva voce examination option was not used, and therefore the text should be removed to clarify student expectations.