

Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Quality Assurance Committee on 19 June 2023

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Classical Archaeology

Brief note about nature of change:

Simplification of regulations.

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas 2023

For first examination from 2023/24

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23, Master of Philosophy in Classical Archaeology* (ox.ac.uk)

Details of Change:

Amend citations and re-number as follows:

^{1.1}~~1.~~ Within the Division of Social Sciences, the course shall be administered by the School of Archaeology under the supervision of its Graduate Studies Committee. ~~The regulations made are as follows:~~

~~^{1.2}1. Candidates for admission must apply to the School of Archaeology. They will be required to produce evidence of their appropriate qualifications for the proposed course, including their suitable proficiency in relevant ancient or modern languages.~~

~~^{1.3}2. Candidates must follow for six terms~~ Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction in Classical Archaeology on a full-time basis across six terms.

~~^{1.4}3. The registration of candidates shall lapse from the Register of M.Phil. students on the last day of Trinity Term in the academic year after that in which their name is first entered~~

~~in it, unless the committee decides otherwise.~~ The normal assessment requirements comprise the following:

^[new citation] **Year 1 (Qualifying Examination)**

^[new citation] (a) To satisfy the examiners in a Qualifying Examination identical to the degree of Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology (with the exception that MPhil candidates may not offer a dissertation in lieu of two pre-set essays as per clause 5 of those regulations).

^[new citation] **Year 2 (Final Examination)**

^[new citation] (a) Two pre-set essays (each of not more than 5,000 words) for a module selected from options listed under Schedule B-C in the course handbook for that year. Candidates who offered a subject from Schedule C-D in their first year may not normally offer another subject from Schedule C-D in their second year. Candidates must upload pre-set essays to the University approved online assessment platform no later than noon on **Monday of week 0** of the term following that in which the instruction for that subject was given; *and*

^[new citation] (b) A thesis of not more than 25,000 words. The thesis must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform no later than noon on the **Friday of week 6 of Trinity Term** of the second year of the degree programme.

^[new citation] (c) Assessment by an oral examination as required by the examiners at the end of Trinity Term of the second year of the degree programme.

^[new citation] 4. In the case of failure in one part of the Qualifying Examination, the candidate will have the same rights of resubmission as for the MSt in Classical Archaeology and, if successful, will be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of MSt in Classical Archaeology but will not be permitted to proceed to the second year of the MPhil in Classical Archaeology.

^[new citation] 5. Candidates who achieve an overall mark of 60 or above in the Qualifying Examination will be permitted to proceed to the second year of the MPhil in Classical Archaeology. Candidates who receive an overall mark of 50–59 in the MPhil Qualifying Examination will not be permitted to proceed to the second year of the MPhil, but will be awarded an MSt in Classical Archaeology.

~~¹⁻⁵4. All candidates are required:~~

~~¹⁻⁶(a) to satisfy the examiners in a Qualifying Examination identical with that for the degree of Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology and governed by regulations 5–9 for that degree, in the Trinity Full Term of the academic year in which their name is first entered on the Register of M.Phil. students except that under regulation 5(b) of that degree a dissertation of not more than 10,000 words may not normally be offered in place of one of the subject options (examined by two pre-set essays). In the case of failure in one part of the qualifying examination, the candidate will have the same rights of resubmission as for the M.St in Classical Archaeology and, if successful, will be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of M.St in Classical Archaeology but will not be permitted to proceed to the second year of the M.Phil. in Classical Archaeology.~~

~~Candidates whose work in the Qualifying Examination is judged by the examiners to be of the standard required for the degree of M.St. in Classical Archaeology but not of the standard required to proceed to the second year of the M.Phil. in Classical Archaeology, will be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology;~~

~~^{1.7}(b) to upload to the University approved online assessment platform no later than noon on the Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Full Term in the academic year after that in which their name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. Students, a thesis¹ of not more than 25,000 words (excluding bibliography and any descriptive catalogue or other factual matter, but including notes and appendices) on the subject approved in accordance with regulations 6 and 10 below; the thesis should bear the candidate's examination number but not their name;~~

~~^{1.8}(c) to offer a further subject chosen from Schedules B-C for the Master of Studies in Classical Archaeology to be examined by two pre-set essays each of not more than 5,000 words. [Candidates who offered a subject from Schedule C in the qualifying examination may not normally offer another subject from Schedule C];~~

~~^{1.9}(d) to present themselves for an oral examination as required by the examiners.~~

~~^{1.10}5. The choice of subjects for thesis and pre-set essays must be approved by the candidate's supervisor and by the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Archaeology, having regard to the candidate's previous experience and to the availability of teaching.~~

~~^{1.11}6. Candidates will be expected to show sufficient general knowledge of Ancient History and Geography for a proper understanding of their periods and subjects.~~

~~^{1.12}7. The period or subject for examination must be submitted for approval by the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Archaeology, by noon of Friday of seventh week of the Trinity Full Term of the academic year in which the candidate's name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students. Notice of the subject to be offered by candidates must be given to the Registrar (via Student Self Service) not later than Friday of the eighth week that same term.~~

~~^{1.13}8. Where options are being examined by pre-set essays (as specified in 4(c) above), candidates will propose essay topics in consultation with their supervisor or relevant course provider. The proposed essay titles, countersigned by the supervisor, must be submitted for approval to the Chair of Examiners by no later than noon on Friday of the eighth week of the term in which the instruction for that subject is given. Candidates must upload their essays to the University approved online assessment platform by no later than noon on the Monday of week 0 of the term following that in which the instruction for that subject was given. Essays must bear the candidate's examination number but not their name.~~

~~^{1.14}With respect to pre-set essays and theses, only the file submitted via the University approved online assessment platform constitutes a valid submission, no concomitant~~

~~hard copy submission may be submitted for any purpose. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating that it is the candidate's own work.~~

~~1.159. The proposed thesis title must be submitted for approval by the committee in time for its meeting in the eighth week of the Trinity Term of the year in which the candidate's name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students. The finalised thesis title must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners by no later than noon on Friday of the eighth week in Hilary Term in the academic year after that in which their name is first entered on the Register for M.Phil. students.~~

~~1.1610. Candidates are advised that adequate reading knowledge of an appropriate language or languages (other than English) may be necessary to reach the standard required by the examiners.~~

1.17 **116**. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the **Oxford University Research Archive (ORA)**, Sackler Library. Such candidates will be required to complete a form stating whether they give permission for their thesis to be consulted.

~~1.1812. In the case of failure in just one part of the final examination, the candidate will be permitted to retake that part of the examination on one further occasion, not later than one year after the initial attempt. Written papers would be retaken the following year. A candidate who is not judged to have reached the standard required for the degree of Master of Philosophy in Classical Archaeology but whose examinations fulfil the requirements of the M.St in Classical Archaeology may be granted permission to supplicate for the degree of M.St in Classical Archaeology.~~

~~1.191. See the general regulation concerning the preparation and dispatch of theses. Candidates are reminded (i) that the copy of the thesis deposited in the Sackler Library shall be the one containing the original illustrations, and (ii) that work submitted for the Degree of M.Phil. may be subsequently incorporated in a thesis submitted for the Degree of D.Phil.~~

Explanatory Notes