

HDB(23)30

**Humanities Divisional Board**

**Approved at the Faculty Board meeting of 9 June 2022;**

**MPhil Classical Indian Religion approved by Education Committee 6 February 2023**

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

**Brief note about nature of change:**

MPhil in Classical Indian Religion: making the thesis a mandatory part of the assessments

**Re-submission of notice HDB(23)01** as two notices are needed for each degree regulation.

**Location of change**

*n Examination Regulations 2022-23*

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

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT2023**

And

**For first examination from 2024/25**

**Detail of change**

**(iv) Classical Indian Religion**

<sup>1.73</sup>A. *Qualifying Examination*

1.74 Each candidate will be required, unless exempted by the Board of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, to pass a Qualifying Examination, in the form of a written examination, in Sanskrit not later than the end of the Trinity term of the first year of the course.

1.75 **B. Final Examination**

~~1.76 Candidates will be required to offer the following written examination papers, but a candidate may submit a thesis of not more than 20,000 words on a subject approved by the Subject Group Board instead of Paper (iv).~~

The Final Examination shall consist of the following three papers (1-3)

1.77 (i) (1) Unprepared translation from epic and commentarial Sanskrit and Translation from the set books in two of the sections.

1.78 (ii) (2) History of Indian Religions I

1.79 (iii) (3) History of Indian Religions II

1.80 In Papers (ii) (2) and (iii) (3), each of which is assessed by examination, candidates will be expected to show background knowledge of relevant social and political history. Emphasis will be laid on the study of primary sources, which may, however, be read in translation.

~~1.81 (iv) Approaches to the study of Indian religion.~~

(4) A thesis of [25,000]<sup>1</sup> words on a subject approved by the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Faculty Board.

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**Explanatory Notes**

MPhil in Classical Indian Religion: Current regulations for the MPhil in Classical Indian Religion state that the thesis is optional. This is out of line with the University Awards Framework, itself aligned with The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

<sup>1</sup> The number of words is indicative and yet to be finalised by the Faculty. Other MPhil programmes in the Faculty are of lengths between 20,000 and 30,000 words.