

## Humanities Divisional Board

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### Master of Philosophy in Greek and/or Roman History

#### Brief note about nature of change:

Wording of the Regulations revised in several places to eliminate unnecessary information which is available elsewhere.

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*

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

#### Effective date

**For students starting from MT2023**

And

**For first examination from 2023/24**

#### Detail of change

<sup>1.1</sup>1. Every candidate must follow, for at least six terms, a course of instruction in Greek and/or Roman History.

<sup>2.</sup> *Syllabus.* Candidates must offer (1) an option from List A, (2) an option from List B (3) an option from either of Lists B and C, (4) a dissertation as described in D below, and (5) either the "Greece and the East" or the "Rome and the West" seminar as described in E below.

*Not all options may be available in any given year.*

<sup>1.2</sup>~~2.~~ <sup>3.</sup> Candidates must take one of the seminars in List E in their first year, and may offer up to two further options satisfy the Examiners in not more than three options in the first year of their course.

<sup>1.3</sup>~~3.~~

~~<sup>1.4</sup>(a) In the case of options in languages, Schedule A below, candidates will be examined by written examination. Candidates taking options A (iii)-(vi) may bring a dictionary for their use in the examination. Any candidate taking either of options A (i) or A (ii) whose native language is not English may bring a bilingual (native language-English) dictionary for use in the examination.~~

4. All options, including the dissertation, require the approval of the candidate's supervisor and the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

~~<sup>1.5</sup>(b) 5. Unless otherwise stated below, options under Lists B, C and E will be assessed by For options in topics and techniques, Schedules B and C below, unless otherwise stated below, candidates will be required to pre-submit two presubmitted essays of not more than 5,000 words in length, which between them display knowledge of more than a narrow range of the topic covered by the course.~~

Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help with and to discuss drafts of essays.

~~<sup>1.6</sup>(c) For the Graduate Seminars, Schedule E below, candidates will be required to pre-submit one essay of not more than 5,000 words, based on a presentation to the Seminar, and one essay of not more than 5,000 words, based on other work done in connection with the Seminar.~~

6. Candidates offering options from Lists B or C in their first year must upload their essays to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of Trinity Term in the first year of the course. Candidates offering options from Lists B or in C in their second year must upload their essays to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Wednesday of Week 1 of Trinity Term in the second year of the course.

~~<sup>1.7</sup>(d) 7. The word limits for presubmitted essays and for dissertations exclude the bibliography and certain other categories of material as described adumbrated in the MSt/MPhil course handbook, which is to be consulted for further guidance.~~

~~<sup>1.8</sup>(e) Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help with and to discuss drafts of essays.~~

<sup>1.9</sup>4. 8. Oral Examination. Candidates are required to present themselves for oral examination if summoned by the examiners.

<sup>1.10</sup>5-9. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate, while not of sufficient merit to qualify for the degree of M.Phil., is nevertheless of sufficient merit to qualify for the degree of Master of Studies in Greek and/or Roman History, the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. (as provided under the appropriate regulation) or of being granted leave to supplicate for the degree of Master of Studies.

#### <sup>1.11</sup>6. Syllabus

~~<sup>1.12</sup>Candidates must offer (1) an option from A below, (2) an option from B below (3) an option from B or C below, (4) a dissertation as described in D below, and must take, in the first year of their course, (5) one of the Graduate Seminars in Ancient History as described in E below. The option from A must be (i) or (ii), unless a candidate is dispensed from this requirement by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.~~

~~<sup>1.13</sup>Not all options may be available in any given year.~~

#### <sup>1.14</sup>**A**

Candidates must offer one of the following. They must offer either A (i) or A (ii), unless individually dispensed from this requirement by the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History.

Each option will be assessed in one written paper.

Any candidate taking options A (i)-(ii) whose first language is not English may bring a bilingual (first language-English) dictionary for use in the examination. Candidates taking options A (iii)-(vi) may bring a dictionary (language of examination – English) for their use in the examination.

Candidates will not normally be allowed to be examined in their first language or which they have previously studied in taught courses for more than two years.

1.15 (i) ~~Intermediate Greek, as prescribed for the Master of Studies in Greek and/or Roman History, Paper A(ii)~~

1.16 (ii) ~~Intermediate Latin, as prescribed for the Master of Studies in Greek and/or Roman History, Paper A(iv).~~

1.17 (iii) French

1.18 (iv) German

1.19 (v) Italian

1.20 (vi) Any other language which the candidate has satisfied the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History is relevant to ~~their other papers including any dissertation~~ any part of the work which they propose to submit.

1.21 **B**

1.22 (i) Greek Numismatics

1.23 (ii) Roman Numismatics

1.24 (iii) Greek Epigraphy

1.25 (iv) The Epigraphy of the Roman World

1.26 (v) Documentary Papyrology. Candidates taking this option will produce an edition of a documentary papyrus and one essay of not more than 5,000 words in length. These should be submitted in accordance with the arrangements set out in 2(e) above.

1.27 (vi) Roman Law

1.28 (vii) ~~Any of the following papers on the B list of~~ One of options B1-4 and B7 in the M.St. in Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature, subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History and the Graduate Studies Committee in Classical Languages and Literature: B1-4; B7. Presubmitted essays offered under this option will be subject to the normal regulations for the submission of presubmitted essays in the M.Phil. in Greek and/or Roman History.

1.29 (viii) ~~Any of the papers~~ An option from Schedule B of the M.St. in Classical Archaeology, subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History and the Graduate Studies Committee in Archaeology. Presubmitted essays offered under this option will be subject to the normal regulations for the submission of presubmitted essays in the M.Phil. in Greek and/or Roman History.

1.30 (ix) Any other subject approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

1.31 **C**

Options on historical topics. A list of available options will appear in the Handbook issued in Week 0 of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.

Note: The option on “The City of Rome” is run in collaboration with the British School at Rome, and involves attendance at the residential course organised by the School; only those accepted by the School may take the option. Candidates wishing to offer this option should normally do so in their first year for timetabling reasons.

In addition to the options set out in the Handbook, candidates may offer an option on any other historical topic relating to the Ancient Greek and Roman World of their choice, subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History.

1.32 (i) ~~Greek history to c.650 BCE~~

1.33 (ii) ~~Greek history to c.650-479 BCE~~

1.34 (iii) ~~Greek history to c.479-336 BCE~~

1.35 (iv) ~~Athenian democracy in the Classical age~~

1.36 (v) ~~Alexander and his successors 336-301 BCE~~

- 1.37 (vi) The Hellenistic world 301-c.100 BCE
- 1.38 (vii) The Achaemenid Empire
- 1.39 (viii) Pre-Roman Italy.
- 1.40 (ix) Carthage and the Phoenician Mediterranean
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- 1.41 (x) Rome and the Mediterranean world 241-146 BCE
- 1.42 (xi) Roman history 146-46 BCE
- 1.43 (xii) Cicero
- 1.44 (xiii) Roman history 46 BCE-54 CE
- 1.45 (xiv) Roman history 54-138 CE
- 1.46 (xv) Roman history 138-312 CE
- 1.47 (xvi) The ecology, agriculture and settlement history of the ancient Mediterranean world
- 1.48 (xvii) The economy of the pre-Roman Mediterranean
- 1.49 (xviii) The economy of the Roman Empire
- 1.50 (xix) The provinces of the Roman Empire
- 1.51 (xx) Greek and/or Roman religion
- 1.52 (xxi) Gender and sexuality in the Greek and/or Roman world
- 1.53 (xxii) Varieties of enslavement and unfreedom in ancient Mediterranean
- 1.54 (xxiii) Community movements, Mediterranean colonizations and colonialisms
- 1.55 (xxiv) Greek and/or Latin historiography
- 1.56 (xxv) The Church in the Roman Empire from the beginnings to 312 CE.
- 1.57 (xxvi) The world of Augustine
- 1.58 (xxvii) The City of Rome. This course is run in collaboration with the British School at Rome, and involves attendance at the residential course organised by the School annually in Rome; only those accepted by the School may take the option.
- 1.59 (xxviii) Writing Greek and Roman history after Antiquity
- 1.60 (xxix) Any other subject approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History

1.61 **D**

1.62 A dissertation of not more than 25,000 words on a subject to be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History. The dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of Trinity Term in the final year of the course.

1.63 **E**

1.64 **Graduate Seminars**

Candidates will be required to attend and participate in one of the following graduate seminars, and to submit two presubmitted essays on topics relating to the seminar.

1.65 (i) Greece and the East

1.66 (ii) Rome and the West

Each essay must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of Trinity Term in the first year of the course.

1.67 ~~These working seminars, organised by members of the faculty in areas of current interest to them, run fortnightly in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. The topics of the Seminars will vary from time to time.~~

1.68 ~~7. All options, including the dissertation, require the approval of the candidate's supervisor and the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History, having regard to the candidate's previous experience, the range covered by the chosen options, and the availability of teaching and examining resources. Options under B (vii), (viii), (ix) and C (xxix) in disciplines other than Ancient History require the approval of both the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History and the Graduate Studies Committee responsible for the discipline concerned. The options must be submitted for approval not later than the Friday of Week 5 of Michaelmas Term in the candidate's first academic year. Candidates will not normally be allowed to be examined in languages of which they are native speakers or which they have previously studied in taught courses for more than two years.~~

1.69 **g.**

1.70 (a) ~~Each essay offered under Schedule E, Graduate Seminars must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of Trinity Term in the first year of the course.~~

~~<sup>4.71</sup>(b) Candidates may, if they wish, submit two essays on options from Schedules B or C by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of Trinity Term in the first year of the course. Otherwise, candidates must submit all essays on options from Schedules B and C by noon on the Wednesday of Week 1 of Trinity Term in the final year of the course. An electronic copy of all such essays must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform.~~

~~<sup>4.72</sup>(c) The dissertation (Schedule D) must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of Trinity Term in the final year of the course.~~

#### **Explanatory Notes**

The wording of the regulations is being revised in several places to eliminate details which are provided elsewhere in the course handbook, Examination Conventions etc.