

Humanities Divisional Board

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Master of Philosophy in History

Brief note about nature of change:

Major change to assessment structure for on-course students, interim changes for students who started their first year in MT2022 and their second year in MT2023

Effective date

For students starting from MT2022 **only (cohort 2022-24)**

and

For first examination from 2023-24

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

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

Detail of change

^{1.5}4. The final examination shall comprise (i) one extended essay based on the programme's core component, (ii) **and (iii) one two** extended **essay essays** based on **an two** Advanced **Option Options**, **(iii iv)** one extended essay based on a class on the writing of History, **(iv) one research methodology essay** and **(v iv)** a dissertation of not more than 30,000 words in the final year of the programme.

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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. This Option course will be assessed by one essay of 6,000-7,000 words to be submitted by 12 noon on Friday of Week Ten of Hilary Term of the candidate's first year.

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 of Week Ten of Hilary Term of the candidate's second year.

Candidates For II and III, candidates wishing to take an Option paper papers 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 of Week Ten of Hilary Term of the candidate's first year. This essay should reflect skills and understanding that the candidate has developed by following the choice of Option paper. This essay These essays may complement but must not share significant content with the essay submitted under I. above.

1.8 III. IV. In Trinity Term candidates take a class on 'Writing History' and finalise a proposal for their dissertation. The Writing History classes will be assessed by an extended essay of between 4,000 and 5,000 words. The essay may complement but must not share significant content with the essays submitted under I., and II. and III above. The essay should be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week Nine of Trinity Term of the candidate's first year.

4-9 IV. Candidates must prepare one methodological essay (of up to 7,000 words) and a seminar presentation for a class on 'Historical concepts and controversies', to be examined in Trinity Term of the candidate's second year. Students may choose a topic for their essay and presentation in an area proximate to their dissertation subject, but may not replicate any other material submitted for examination. The essay must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of first week of Trinity Term of the candidate's second year.

Explanatory Notes

As approved by Education Committee in November 2023: Interim structure for students starting first year in Michaelmas 2022, due to submit the first changed assessment in examination in 2024

- (i) No formal assessment for the *Research Master Class (Historical Concepts and Controversies)*
- (ii) Students to study for a further paper, to be chosen from a list of available options.