

Humanities Divisional Board

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

Brief note about nature of change:Major changes to the assessment structure of the *MPhil Islamic Art and Architecture***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=domopitfoamiddeaststud&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 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

Major changes as approved by Education Committee:

- (i) move one paper (*History of Islamic Art and Architecture*) from Qualifying Examination to Final Examination, and,
- (ii) replace two papers (*Approaches to Islamic Art and Architecture* and *Prepared Texts*) in the Final Examination with a single option paper.