

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved at the meetings of: GSC 09.05.2022 and Faculty Board 13.06.2022

Title of Programme: Master of Philosophy in Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change: removal of Viva Voce; removal of the self-devised special subject to be replaced by a third special subject, and a change to the date of submission of the third special subject; the addition that a candidate will not be awarded the degree with a fail in any component.

Location of change: In *Examination Regulations 2021-22*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopinmodelang&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2022

For first examination from 2022-2023

Detail of change

[1.4] 2. All candidates shall be required:

~~[1.5] —(a) To offer A, B, C, D, and E as defined in 3 below.~~

[1.6] ~~(b) To present themselves for viva voce examination at the time appointed by the examiners.~~

[...]

[1.19] (C, D, and E) Three Special Subjects

[1.20] ~~(i) and (ii)~~ Candidates must select ~~two~~ three Special Subjects from those listed in the 'Graduate Studies in Modern Languages' handbook associated with the programme which they are following; candidates may select a special subject from a different programme with approval

from their supervisor; ~~(iii) the third Special Subject must be of the candidate's own devising, worked out under supervisory guidance.~~

[1.21] Candidates will normally offer ~~two~~ three Special Subjects from the same language and area, or from different areas in the same language. The Comparative Literature Programme will contain Special Subjects from two different languages, or one at least of the special subjects (C, D, and E) is comparative in scope

[1.22] Approval of Special Subjects C, D, and E ~~(i) and (ii)~~ must be sought, by application to the Modern Language Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford by the end of the fourth week of Michaelmas Term of the first year. Approval of ~~Special Subject (iii) and~~ the proposed title of the Dissertation must be sought, by application to the Modern Language Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford by the end of the fourth week of Hilary Term of the second year.

[1.23] ~~The Special Subjects must have the written support of the candidate's supervisor and be approved by or on behalf of the Medieval and Modern Languages Faculty Board.~~

~~A proposal for a Special Subject of the candidate's own devising shall be accompanied by a statement (of approximately 100 words) of the character and scope of the subject proposed.~~

[...]

[1.26] Students are required to submit work for assessment on all four of the non- dissertation components (A, C, D, and E). Of these four, the component gaining the lowest passing mark will be discounted in the final assessment. A fail mark must always be included in the final assessment. No candidate who has failed any of the components (A, B, C, D, and E) will be awarded the degree in that examination.

[1.27] The Special Subject should be formatted and submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook. The special subject for Michaelmas Term should be submitted by noon on Thursday of Week 10 of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's first year. The special subject for Hilary Term should be submitted by noon on Thursday of Week 10 of Hilary Term of the candidate's first year. The third ~~self-devised~~ special subject should be submitted by noon on Thursday of Week 10 ~~Week 4~~ of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's second year.

Explanatory Notes

The Viva Voce examination has been removed for all candidates; the self-devised special subject has been removed to be replaced by a third special subject, which will be submitted by noon on Thursday of Week 10 of Michaelmas Term of the candidate's

second year. The addition that a candidate will not be awarded the degree with a fail in any component.