

Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

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Social Sciences Board

Approved by Officer's Action on behalf of the SSD Quality Assurance Committee on 12 August 2022

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Modern South Asian Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor amendment to assessment.

Effective date

Michaelmas 2022

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (academic year):

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

Details of Change:

Amend citations 1.2, 1.6, 1.7, 1.13, 1.18 and 1.25 as follows:

^{1.2}2. Each candidate will be required to follow a **full-time** course of instruction in Modern South Asian Studies for three terms.

^{1.6}The course will be assessed by one **take-home** 5,000 word maximum essay. Essay questions will be issued on Monday of Week 1 of Michaelmas Term and should be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 1 of Trinity Term.

^{1.9}(i) Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum **take-home test submitted assignment** in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word

maximum take-home test in quantitative analysis to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

1.¹⁰(ii) Qualitative Research Methods in Humanities: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum ~~take-home test~~ submitted assignment in qualitative methods to be set on Monday of Week 8 and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Michaelmas Term; and a 2,500 word submitted essay on ~~Historical Methods or Literature and Language~~ qualitative methods in literature, language and history to be set by Monday of Week 4 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

1.¹³Candidates will complete an intensive language course in Hindi or a substitute core language as specified in the Course Handbook (teaching for some languages may not be available every year), based on knowledge of grammar, translation and reading comprehension to be assessed by a ~~three-hour~~ written examination at the end of Trinity term of the first year (further details of the assessments will be published in the Course Handbook).

1.¹⁸⁵. To be permitted to progress to the second year of the MPhil course all candidates must pass the core course essay, the research methods course overall, and for students following the language track, the language examination. A candidate who fails the research methods course overall will be permitted to re-submit a new submission for the failed piece(s) of work within four weeks of publication of the failed mark, on a date specified by the Chair of Examiners. A candidate who fails the core course essay or the language examination paper will be permitted to re-submit the essay or re-sit the paper on one further occasion, normally at the beginning of the September preceding the second year.

1.²⁵(i) Candidates will complete the intensive language course commenced in the first year progressing to an advanced level, in Hindi or a substitute core language as specified in the Course Handbook (teaching for some languages may not be available every year), based on knowledge of grammar, translation, reading comprehension and literary context, to be assessed by a ~~three-hour~~ written examination at the end of Trinity Term (further details of the assessments will be published in the Course Handbook).

Explanatory Notes

Changes to use consistent assessment terminology (removal of take home test) per Education Committee Circular 4 LC 2022.

Removal of examination length from regulation.