

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

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Social Sciences Board

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Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Modern South Asian Studies

Brief note about nature of change: clarification of the requirements of the programme.

Effective date

For all MPhil students from Michaelmas term 2022

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (2021-22):

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

Details of Change:

Amend citation 1.2 and 1.18 as follows:

^{1.1}1. The course shall be under the supervision of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee. The Course Director(s) will, where possible, rotate between members of the Faculty of Oriental Studies and the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies.

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

^{1.3}*First year examinations*

^{1.4}3. During the first year, candidates for the MPhil complete the following:

^{1.5}(a) Core Course in Modern South Asian Studies

^{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.

^{1.7}(b) Research Methods

^{1.8}Candidates will complete one of the following two courses in Research Methods:

^{1.9}(i) Research Methods for Area Studies: Candidates will submit a 2,500 word maximum take-home test 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 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 essay on Historical Methods or Literature and Language to be set by Monday of Week 4 of Hilary Term and submitted by 12 noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term.

^{1.11}(c) either a language or non-language track:

^{1.12}(i) Language track

^{1.13}Candidates 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.

^{1.14}Candidates will also be required to satisfy the examiners in one option paper from a list approved by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee. The list of options and methods of assessment will be published by the Course Director(s) in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year. The availability of options in any one year will depend on teaching resources and the level of student interest. Students should select this paper in consultation with their supervisor. With special permission of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee, candidates may choose a paper offered by another relevant Master's degree in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment for such options.

^{1.15}(ii) Non-language track

^{1.16}Candidates will choose two option papers from a list approved by the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee. The list of options and methods of assessment will be published by the Course Director(s) in the Course Handbook at the beginning of each academic year. The availability of options in any one year will depend on teaching resources and the level of student interest. Students should select two of these papers in consultation with their supervisor. Native speakers or advanced learners may substitute one option paper with an appropriate advanced language option (further details are provided in the Course Handbook). With special permission of the Modern South Asian Studies Teaching Committee, candidates may choose papers offered by other relevant Master's degrees in the University, subject also to permission by the relevant Graduate Studies Committee. Candidates will take the standard assessment for such options.

^{1.17}4. Each of the items of written work detailed above must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by the times and days specified for each paper. Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work.

^{1.18}5. 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.

Explanatory Notes

Clarification of the requirements of the programme.