

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

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved by officer's action on 10/06/2022**

**Title of Programme**

Master of Philosophy in Russian and East European Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** changes to reflect current assessment practice.

**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=mopiraeasteurostud&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

**Details of Change:**

Amend citations 1.1, 1.2 and 1.5, 1.6, 1.8, 1.10 and 1.11 and re-number as follows:

## **Master of Philosophy in Russian and East European Studies**

<sup>1.1</sup>The regulations made by the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee are as follows:

**All candidates will be required to follow a course of instruction in Russian and East European Studies for six terms.**

### *First year examinations*

<sup>1.2</sup>Candidates will be required to sit written examinations on two compulsory papers, to be taken in ~~the eighth week of~~ Trinity Full Term at the end of the first year of the course:

<sup>1.3</sup>1. An examination paper on *Contemporary Russian and East European Studies Part 1*.

<sup>1.4</sup>2. An examination paper on *Contemporary Russian and East European Studies Part 2*.

<sup>1.5</sup>Candidates will also be required to submit one extended essay on History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century of 5,000 words, excluding bibliography. The extended essay should be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by 12 Noon on Monday in the first week of Hilary Term in the first year of the course. ~~The essay must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.~~

<sup>1.6</sup>*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 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. Each of the items of written work described above must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform. ~~Each submission must be accompanied by a declaration indicating it is the candidate's own work.~~

<sup>1.7</sup>*Language Requirement*. All candidates will be required to pass a Russian language qualifying exam. The specific arrangements for the provision and methods of assessment of language training are governed by the Examination Conventions and Notes of Guidance of the year of matriculation of the candidates.

<sup>1.8</sup>Candidates who pass these qualifying papers and the extended essay may proceed to the second year of the course and take the final examination at the end of the second year. Candidates who fail 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. Candidates who fail the extended essay will be required to re-submit by 12 noon on Monday of week one of Trinity Term of the same year. Candidates who fail one or more of the examination papers may, by permission of the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee, proceed to the second year of the **programme** ~~course~~ and re-sit the failed papers on one subsequent occasion during the final examination.

### *Final Examination*

<sup>1.9</sup>The final examination shall consist of:

<sup>1.10</sup>(a) a thesis of at least 25,000 words but not more than 30,000 words on a subject approved by the Management Committee for Russian and East European Studies, to be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by 12 Noon on Monday in the fourth week of Trinity Term in **the second year of the programme** ~~which the final examination is taken~~. The thesis must be accompanied by a statement

that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

<sup>1.11</sup>(b) two subjects (optional courses) chosen from a list, which is approved annually by the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee. The selection of subjects has to be approved by the Russian and East European Studies Management Committee in Trinity Term, Year 1. ~~A candidate who fails the Final Examination may enter again, on one subsequent occasion, usually in Trinity Term, provided that this is still within the twelve terms of his or her registration.~~

**Explanatory Notes**

Changes to reflect current assessment practice.