

HDB(24)12

**Humanities Divisional Board**

**Approved by Education Development Panel on 14 May 2024**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

MSt in Celtic Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Updating of regulations following transfer of administering department

**Effective date**

For students starting from HDB(24)11 T2024

and

For first examination from 2023-24

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosinceltstud&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

**Detail of change**

~~1.1~~ 1. All candidates shall be required at the time of admission to satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages (if necessary, by written test) that they possess the appropriate qualifications for the proposed course, including suitable proficiency in relevant languages. Normally the course will be restricted to candidates who have taken a first degree in a relevant subject area.

1.2. All candidates must follow a course of instruction in Celtic Studies at Oxford for a period of three terms.

All candidates must follow a course of instruction in Celtic Studies at Oxford for a period of six terms, full-time. In order to pass the degree, a student must pass all its assessed components and attend compulsory language classes in one Celtic language that had not previously been acquired to a high level.

unless the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages in exceptional circumstances shall permit an extension of time, and they shall, when they enter their names for the examination, be required to produce from their society a certificate stating that they are following the course of instruction for the period prescribed.

1.3. Candidates shall be required:

1.4 (a) to offer themselves for written examination as defined below.

~~1.5 (b) to offer themselves for viva voce examination at the time appointed by the examiners.~~

1.6 4. The subjects and papers of the examination shall be as follows:

1.7 (a) *Either*

1.8 (1) Two papers, one on each of two subjects selected from the following:

1.9 (i) Historical and comparative Celtic linguistics.

1.10 (ii) Irish literature up to the Cromwellian wars ~~(4(b) for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies).~~

1.11 (iii) Welsh literature up to the Reformation ~~(4(c) for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies).~~

1.12 *Or*

1.13 (2) Two papers as follows:

1.14 (i) One paper on a subject selected from those described in section (a) (1) above.

1.15 (ii) One paper on a Special Subject to be chosen from the list given in the course handbook. in section 4(d) of the regulations for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies. Candidates are allowed to offer a Special Subject of their own devising provided that it is similar in character and scope to those listed for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies and that it is approved under the arrangements set out in section 7 of the regulations for that M.Phil. (Candidates shall, however, seek approval for their choice of Special Subject, whether it involves a title of their devising or not, by application to the Modern Languages Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford, by the end of the fourth week of their first term as a student for the examination).

The papers will be examined by one essay each; the two essays must be submitted by noon on Tuesday of Week 8, Hilary term.

~~1.16(b) A dissertation of approximately 8,000 words and not more than 10,000 words, to be submitted by noon on Tuesday of Week 7 of Trinity term. on a topic approved by the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages or by a person or persons to whom the board may delegate the function of giving such approval. Candidates shall seek approval (by application to the Modern Languages Graduate Office, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford) for the proposed topic of their dissertation by the end of the fourth week of their second term as a student for the examination.~~

The examiners may examine any candidate viva voce.

A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in the examination may enter again for the examination as outlined in the General Regulations for the Degree of Master of Studies.

~~1.17 The dissertation must be the work of the candidate alone and aid from others must be limited to prior discussion as to the subject and advice on presentation. It must be presented in proper scholarly form. A copy, typed in double spacing on quarto or A4 paper, must be submitted using the University approved online assessment platform, not later than Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken.~~

~~1.18 5. Other arrangements for the above papers and subjects shall be as specified for the M.Phil. in Celtic Studies.~~

### **Explanatory Notes**

Update the regulations to what is required by the course. The MSt was taught by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages and is now one of the Humanities Interdisciplinary masters'. There have been no students on the course since the transfer of administration, but the regulations are very much out of date and need updating to reflect current teaching, to replace incorrect information, to remove redundant information, and to remove any cross-reference to the MPhil in Celtic Studies.