

Humanities Divisional Board

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Master of Studies in Greek and/or Roman History

Brief note about nature of change: Wording of the Regulations revised in several places to eliminate unnecessary information which is available elsewhere.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022/23*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosigaorromahist&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Effective date

For students starting from MT2023

And

For first examination from 2023/24

Detail of change

1. Every candidate must follow, for at least three terms, a course of instruction in Greek and/or Roman History.

^{1,2}2. *Syllabus.* Candidates must offer (1) an option from A below, (2) an option from B or C below, and (3) a dissertation as described in D below. In addition, all candidates must attend and participate in either the “Greece and the East” or the “Rome and the West” graduate seminar, although this will not be a subject of examination.

3. All options, including the dissertation, require the approval of the candidate's supervisor and the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

^{4,3}(a) In the case of options in languages, Schedule A below, candidates will be examined by written examination. Candidates taking options A (v)–(viii) may bring a

~~dictionary for their use in the examination. Any candidate taking options A (i)-(iv) whose native language is not English may bring a bilingual (native language-English) dictionary for use in the examination.~~

~~^{1.4}(b) 4. For options in topics and techniques, Schedules B and C below, unless otherwise stated below, candidates will be required to pre-submit Unless otherwise stated below, options from Lists B and C will be assessed by two essays of not more than 5,000 words in length, which between them display knowledge of more than a narrow range of the topic covered by the course.~~

Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help with and to discuss drafts of essays.

The essays must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform, by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of the Trinity Term in which the examination is to be taken.

~~^{1.5}(c) 5. The word limits for presubmitted essays and for dissertations exclude the bibliography and certain other categories of material as described adumbrated in the MSt/MPhil course handbook, which is to be consulted for further guidance.~~

~~^{1.6}(d) Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help with and to discuss drafts of essays. Such essays (typewritten) must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform, by noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of the Trinity Term in which the examination is to be taken.~~

~~^{1.7}3. 6. *Oral Examination.* Candidates are required to present themselves for oral examination if summoned by the examiners.~~

~~^{1.8}4. *Syllabus*~~

~~^{1.9}Candidates must offer (1) an option from A below, (2) an option from B or C below, and (3) a dissertation as described in D below. The option from A must be (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv), unless a candidate is dispensed from this requirement by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History. In addition, all candidates must attend and participate in one of the Graduate Seminars in Ancient History as described in E below, although this will not be a subject of examination.~~

A

Candidates must offer *one* of the following. They must offer one of A (i)-(iv), unless individually dispensed from this requirement by the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History.

Each option will be assessed in one written paper.

Any candidate taking options A (i)-(iv) whose first language is not English may bring a bilingual (first language-English) dictionary for use in the examination. Candidates taking options A (v)-(viii) may bring a dictionary (language of examination – English) for their use in the examination.

Candidates will not normally be allowed to be examined in their first languages or which they have previously studied in taught courses for more than two years.

^{1.10}(i) *Elementary Greek*. There will be one three-hour paper, consisting of passages of Greek which will test knowledge of Attic grammar and competence in translation from Greek into English.

^{1.11}(ii) *Intermediate Greek*. There will be one three-hour paper comprising passages for translation from prescribed texts and a passage for unseen translation. A detailed specification and prescribed texts for the paper will be published in the MSt/MPhil course handbook not later than Monday of Week 0 of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination. Alternative texts for translation under this head may be offered by agreement with the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

^{1.12}(iii) *Elementary Latin*. There will be one three-hour paper, consisting of passages of Latin which will test knowledge of classical Latin grammar and competence in translation from Latin into English.

^{1.13}(iv) *Intermediate Latin*. There will be one three-hour paper comprising passages for translation from prescribed texts and a passage for unseen translation. A detailed specification and prescribed texts for the paper will be published in the MSt/MPhil course handbook not later than Monday of Week 0 of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination. Alternative texts for translation under this head may be offered by agreement with the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

^{1.14}(v) French

^{1.15}(vi) German

^{1.16}(vii) Italian

^{1.17}(viii) Any other language which the candidate has satisfied the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History is relevant to their other papers including any dissertation any part of the work which they propose to submit.

B

^{1.18}(i) Greek Numismatics.

^{1.19}(ii) Roman Numismatics.

^{1.20}(iii) Greek Epigraphy.

^{1.21}(iv) The epigraphy of the Roman World.

^{1.22}(v) Documentary papyrology. Candidates taking this option will produce an edition of a documentary papyrus and one essay of not more than 5,000 words in length. These should be submitted in accordance with the arrangements set out in 2(d) 4. above.

^{1.23}(vi) Roman Law.

^{1.24}(vii) Any of the following papers on the B list of One of options B1-4 and B7 in the M.St. in Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature, subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History and the Graduate Studies Committee in Classical Languages and Literature: B1-4; B7. Presubmitted essays offered under this option will be subject to the normal regulations for the submission of presubmitted essays in the M.St. in Greek and/or Roman History.

^{1.25}(viii) Any of the papers An option from Schedule B of the M.St. in Classical Archaeology, subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History and the Graduate Studies Committee in Archaeology. Presubmitted essays offered under this option will be subject to the normal regulations for the submission of presubmitted essays in the M.St. in Greek and/or Roman History.

^{1.26}(ix) Any other subject approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.

C

An option on a historical topic. A list of available options will appear in the Handbook issued in Week 0 of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.

In addition to the options set out in the Handbook, candidates may offer an option on any other historical topic relating to the Ancient Greek and Roman World of their choice, subject to the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee in Ancient History.

- ~~1.27 (i) Greek history to c.650 BCE~~
- ~~1.28 (ii) Greek history c.650-479 BCE~~
- ~~1.29 (iii) Greek history 479-336 BCE~~
- ~~1.30 (iv) Athenian democracy in the Classical age~~
- ~~1.34 (v) Alexander and his successors 336-301 BCE~~
- ~~1.32 (vi) The Hellenistic world 301-c.100 BCE~~
- ~~1.33 (vii) The Achaemenid Empire~~
- ~~1.34 (viii) Pre-Roman Italy~~
- ~~1.35 (ix) Carthage and the Phoenician Mediterranean~~
- ~~1.36 (x) Rome and the Mediterranean World 241-146 BCE~~
- ~~1.37 (xi) Roman history 146-46 BCE~~
- ~~1.38 (xii) Cicero~~
- ~~1.39 (xiii) Roman history 46 BCE – 54 CE~~
- ~~1.40 (xiv) Roman history 54-138 CE~~
- ~~1.41 (xv) Roman history 138-312 CE~~
- ~~1.42 (xvi) The ecology, agriculture, and settlement history of the ancient Mediterranean world~~
- ~~1.43 (xvii) The economy of the pre-Roman Mediterranean~~
- ~~1.44 (xviii) The economy of the Roman Empire~~
- ~~1.45 (xix) The provinces of the Roman Empire~~
- ~~1.46 (xx) Greek and/or Roman religion~~
- ~~1.47 (xxi) Gender and sexuality in the Greek and/or Roman world~~
- ~~1.48 (xxii) Varieties of enslavement and unfreedom in the ancient Mediterranean~~
- ~~1.49 (xxiii) Community movements, Mediterranean colonizations and colonialisms~~
- ~~1.50 (xxiv) Greek and/or Latin historiography~~
- ~~1.51 (xxv) The Church in the Roman Empire from the beginnings to 312 CE~~
- ~~1.52 (xxvi) The world of Augustine~~
- ~~1.53 (xxvii) The City of Rome. This course is run in collaboration with the British School at Rome, and involves attendance at the residential course organised by the School annually in Rome; only those accepted by the School may take the option.~~
- ~~1.54 (xxviii) Writing Greek and Roman history after Antiquity~~
- ~~1.55 (xxix) Any other subject approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.~~

D

~~1.56 A dissertation of not more than 10,000 words on a subject to be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History.~~

~~1.57 The dissertation (typewritten) must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform, no later than noon on the Wednesday of Week 6 of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken.~~

E

~~1.58 *Graduate Seminars*~~

~~1.59 (i) Greece and the East~~

~~1.60 (ii) Rome and the West~~

~~1.61 These working seminars, organised by members of the faculty in areas of current interest to them, run fortnightly in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. The topics of the Seminars will vary from time to time.~~

~~1.62 5. All options, including the dissertation, require the approval of the candidate's supervisor and the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History, having regard to~~

the candidate's previous experience, the range covered by the chosen options and the availability of teaching and examining resources. Options under B (vii), (viii), (ix) and C (xxix) in disciplines other than Ancient History require the approval of both the Graduate Studies Committee for Ancient History and the Graduate Studies Committee responsible for the discipline concerned. The options must be submitted for approval not later than the Friday of Week 5 of the Michaelmas Term in the academic year in which the candidate intends to be examined. Candidates will not normally be allowed to be examined in languages of which they are native speakers or which they have previously studied in taught courses for more than two years.

Explanatory Notes

The wording of the regulations is being revised in several places to eliminate details which are provided elsewhere in the course handbook, Examination Conventions etc