

**Humanities Divisional Board****Approved at the meeting of the Graduate Studies committee on Thursday 25 May****Approved by Humanities Associate Head of Education on 4 September 2023****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Master of Studies in Traditional China

**Brief note about nature of change:**

- Increase optionality for one of the examination elements and change in mode of assessment
- General review of text to clarify and remove superfluous information

**Location of change:**

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

**Effective date**

For students starting from MT 2023

[and]

For first examination from 2023-24

**Detail of change**

~~1. Before admission to the course, candidates must either have taken a degree in Chinese in the Honour School of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford or a comparable degree from another university, or must otherwise satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies that they possess the necessary qualifications in the Chinese language to profit by the course.~~

Candidates must follow a course of instruction in Chinese Studies at Oxford for a period of three terms, unless the Faculty Board in exceptional circumstances shall permit an extension of time.

~~1.2. Every candidate must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction in Chinese Studies.~~

~~1.3. *Syllabus* There will be four Units. Assessment will consist of four units.~~

Essays and thesis must be submitted to the University approved online assessment platform.

~~1.4. Unit (i) Prescribed texts, with special reference to a subject approved by the Board, to be selected from a list published by the Faculty in the course handbook.~~

This is a written examination paper. Candidates will be required to submit two 5,000 word maximum essays. The first essay will be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Michaelmas Term and the second essay will be submitted by 12 noon on Monday of week 9 of Hilary Term.

~~1.5. Unit (ii) Either Classical Chinese unprepared translation or Japanese or another Asian language approved by the Board. This is a written examination paper.~~  
Candidates taking the language examination will be required to complete a written examination appropriate to their level of language knowledge, as assessed at the start of the course. Candidates may choose a language other than Classical Chinese only if the Board is satisfied that they possess a good knowledge of Classical Chinese. Candidates who have taken Chinese in the Honour School of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford are required to take Japanese or another Asian language.

~~1.6. Unit (iii) Bibliography and techniques of sinology, with special reference to the subject chosen in Unit (i). Exercises will be set after examinations for Units (i) and (ii) have taken place. Each candidate will be assigned one or more exercises set on a topic directly relating to the course of instruction he/she has followed, and will be required to submit it a written answer to the Chair of which the Chair will announce, but Examiners by a date which shall, in any case, be not sooner than two days and not later than seven days examinations. Each essay must be~~

~~submitted to the University approved online assessment platform. Candidates must include a declaration that the work is the candidate's own.~~

~~1.66. Unit (iii) Bibliography and techniques of sinology. In Trinity term, candidates will be assigned an essay, to be of no more than 3,000 words, and will be required to submit it by a date not sooner than five days and not later than seven days following the release of the paper.~~

~~1.77. Unit (iv) A thesis of not more than 15,000 words (excluding bibliography) on a topic selected in consultation with the candidate's supervisor and approved by the Faculty Board. ~~Applications for such approval should be submitted to the Faculty office by Monday of Week 0 of Hilary Term.~~ The thesis must be submitted to the ~~University approved online assessment platform~~ not later than 12 noon on Friday of Week 4 of Trinity Term. ~~The work must bear the candidates' examination number (but not the candidates' name). Candidates must include a declaration that the work is the candidates own.~~~~

~~1.88. Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term.~~

~~1.99. Candidates may be required to attend a viva.~~

### **Explanatory Notes**

Unit (i) Prescribed Texts: this increases optionality for students who will be able to choose specialized subjects and participate in tutorials and seminars involving close readings of primary materials and secondary literature. This flexibility caters to students with diverse interests and varying levels of proficiency in classical Chinese and it is one wished for by former students.

Unit (ii) Language paper: clarification of requirements for exam papers.

Unit (iii) Tidying up and clarification of text; bringing the timings of 'take-home' paper in line with University requirement.

Other general tidying of text by removing information superfluous to examination regulations.