

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 8 July 2025

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Slavonic Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Addition of Qualifying & resits information; removing superfluous information

Effective date

For students starting from **MT25**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopinslavstud&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.1}1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the examiners in a Qualifying Examination identical with that for the M.St. in Slavonic Studies, in their first year ~~in the academic year in which their names are first entered on the Register of M.Phil. Students~~, before proceeding to the final examination for the M.Phil. in ~~the following~~ their second year. Holders of the M.St. in Slavonic Studies are exempt from this Qualifying Examination.

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^{1.13}3. Each candidate will be required to present a thesis of approximately 20,000 words and not more than 25,000 words. ~~Candidates are required to register the subject area or title of their thesis with the Modern Languages Graduate Office by the end of the fourth~~

~~week of Hilary Term of their second year.~~ The subject of the thesis should fall within the area of Slavonic languages and literatures. The MPhil thesis should be submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook by noon on Thursday of sixth week of Trinity Term in the second year. Work submitted in the thesis for the Degree of M.Phil. may subsequently be incorporated in a thesis submitted for the Degree of D.Phil.

~~1.14~~ 4. Candidates must present themselves for oral examination unless dispensed by the examiners.

1.15 5. Candidates will be expected to be able to read secondary literature in at least one European language other than English and the Slavonic languages, and may be required to demonstrate this ability. ~~Candidates will also be expected to attend a course of lectures on bibliographical, library, and archival resources in the field of Slavonic Studies.~~

~~1.16~~ 6. If it is the opinion of the examiners that the work done by a candidate is not of sufficient merit to qualify him for the Degree of M.Phil. but that nevertheless his or her work in the Qualifying Examination was of sufficient merit to qualify him or her for the Degree of M.St. in Slavonic Studies, the candidate shall be given the option of resitting the M.Phil. examination under the appropriate regulation or of being granted permission to supplicate for the Degree of Master of Studies.

An average of 65, i.e. the equivalent of a merit, is required in the first year MPhil Qualifying Examination for progression to the second year.

A candidate who achieves an average of at least 50 but less than 65 in the Qualifying Examination for the MPhil course may be given the option of being granted permission to supplicate for the Degree of Master of Studies. Should a candidate fail any element of the examination, that element may be re-submitted, or re-sat as applicable, once, and once only. For re-submissions, candidates may re-submit that element by noon on the final Monday of September following their first examination. Re-submitted work may be a reworked version of the original submission or a completely new submission. Written examinations may be re-sat the next time they are offered, normally in the year following first examination. The highest mark that may be awarded for re-sat papers or for re-submitted work is 50% (i.e. it is capped at the pass mark). Candidates who have failed any element of assessment shall not be eligible for the award of merit or distinction.

~~1.17~~ 7. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

Explanatory Notes

Inclusion of clarification for qualifying examinations, as requested by EPS.

Inclusion of re-sits information that was missing.

Removing superfluous information.