

HDB(25)12

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 13 June 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Philosophy in History

Brief note about nature of change:

Aligning the submission deadline for the option papers with the others in the MSt in History.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mophilinhist>

Detail of change

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1.7 II. In Hilary Term of the first year candidates must choose one Option course, normally from the Options for the Master of Studies in History. This Option course will be assessed by one essay of 6,000-7,000 words to be submitted by 12 noon on **Friday Thursday of Week Ten Nine** of Hilary Term of the candidate's first year.

1.8 III. In Hilary Term of the second year candidates must choose one Option course, normally from the Options for the Master of Studies in History. This Option course will be assessed by one essay of 6,000-7,000 words to be submitted by 12 noon on **Friday Thursday of Week Ten Nine** of Hilary Term of the candidate's second year.

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Explanatory Notes

Aligning the submission deadline for the option papers with the other MSt courses in History. The day of the week of submission has been changed for only one of the assessment components and not for all of them so as to keep this alignment until other changes are made to the MSt and MPhil History from 2026-27; some option papers are shared between these courses. Currently, these two courses have a different submission deadline for these papers, which led to several issues last year. Despite clear guidance in the handbooks, confusion among students and tutors resulted in two cases needing escalation to EdC for resolution.