

Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, History and Modern Languages Tripos

Oral C exam, MML/HML Part II, 2021/22

Mitigation for impact of Covid-19 crisis

Following the approval of this for the 2020-21 cohort it has been noted that all students in the YA cohort of 2021/22 have suffered even more severe disruption to their Year Abroad and this has had direct impact on their preparations for the Oral C examination. To mitigate for this, it is proposed that the 2021 Oral exam be adjusted as follows:

1. Registration for the oral exam will be **optional** and **online**.
2. Students opting to take the exam will be marked in the normal way, but the mark will **not count** towards classing.
3. A date for registration for the exam will be set and announced separately. Students will be able to **opt out up to 15 September** and registrations will be amended accordingly. (Students unable to take the exam on the day, for example for medical reasons, will follow the usual arrangements for such cases.)
4. Students will be able to **change the language** for the oral exam **up to 15 September**.
5. Students awarded a mark of 70 or above will receive a grade of **distinction** in the oral exam and this will be indicated on their transcript and on the class list in the usual way.
6. If possible, an indicator of proficiency or distinction will appear on the degree certificate.
7. For **MML**, the weighting of the other language papers (C1 – Translation, C2 – Text and culture) will remain as they are at present in the calculation of aggregate or average marks. The aggregate total points used for calculating the average will therefore be reduced by 60 (e.g. 600 to 540, or 500 to 440). (C1 and C2 will carry marginal extra weight, particularly in the borderline category of 'M', where a preponderance of papers in a higher class permits discussion of single cases at the Part II final meeting.)
8. For **HML**, the language Unit (originally worth 100 marks out of 500, or out of 400 for students who did not undertake the YAP) will be reduced by 30 marks. (C1 and C2 will carry some extra weight, particularly in the borderline category of 'M', where a preponderance of papers in a higher class permits discussion of single cases at the Part II final meeting.)

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