

## Humanities Divisional Board

### Title of Programme

Master of Studies in English

### Brief note about nature of change:

Change to method of submission and essay minimum word limit

### Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination in 2017-18

### Location of change

*Examination Regulations 2016* (<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mostudinengl/>)

### Detail of change

1.11 In Michaelmas Term candidates will be required to submit an essay of ~~56~~,000-7,000 words on the special option taken under C in that term; to be formatted and submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook, not later than noon on Thursday of the tenth week of Michaelmas Term. In Hilary Term, candidates will be required to submit the following:

1.121. An essay of ~~56~~,000-7,000 words on a topic related to the special option taken under C in that term, to be ~~submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford~~ formatted and submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook, not later than noon on Monday of the tenth week of Hilary Term.

1.132. An essay of ~~56~~,000-7,000 words on a topic related to an option taken under B (in either term), to be ~~submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford~~ formatted and submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook, not later than noon on Thursday of the tenth week of Hilary Term.

<sup>1.17</sup>Not later than noon on Monday of the eighth week of Trinity Term, candidates must ~~deliver to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford two copies of~~ submit a dissertation (10,000-11,000 words) on a subject related to their course of study. The dissertation must be formatted and submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook. The dissertation must be presented in proper scholarly form. Candidates must gain approval of the topic of their dissertation by writing to the Chair of the M.St./M.Phil. Examiners, care of the English Graduate Studies Office, by Friday of the sixth week of Hilary Term, providing an outline of the topic of not more than 200 words.

### **Explanatory Notes**

The English Faculty, after consulting with students, intends to move to electronic submission of MSt essays and dissertation. The minimum word limit for B and C course essays is to be changed from 5,000 to 6,000 words. The latter change is made in response to concerns that the previous range (5,000 - 7,000) was too broad, and not in line with the range given for the dissertation (10,000-11,000).