HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Changes in special regulations governing the MSt in Philosophy: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

Master of Studies (MSt) in Philosophy

Brief note about the nature of the change: Reduction of the number of assessed essay numbers.

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

In Examination Regulations, 2013, p. 666, l. 1, delete “five” and substitute “four”.

Ibid, p. 666, ll. 2-4, delete “Each essay will be assigned to a subject, with no more than two essays assigned to any one subject.”

Ibid, p. 666, ll. 6-7, delete “The remaining two essays may be assigned to subjects” and substitute “The one remaining essay may be assigned to a subject.”

Ibid, p. 666, l. 8, delete “Course” and substitute “Graduate Student.”

Ibid, p. 666, l. 20, delete “one essay is due in noughth week of Hilary Term and”

Ibid, p. 666, l. 21, delete “Term. The final” and substitute “Term and”

Ibid, p. 666, l. 25, delete “Course” and substitute “Graduate Student”

Explanatory Note

(i) This change reduces the number of MSt essays from five to four. This change is being proposed in line with the proposed reduction of the number of BPhil essays from seven to six. This will still allow the number of required MSt assessments to be completed within one academic year, as originally envisaged when the new BPhil/MSt assessment structure was designed for introduction in October 2012.

(ii) The change will be applicable from the academic year 2014-2015 onwards for new MSt students enrolling in October 2014 or BPhil students enrolled in October 2014 who fail or withdraw from the BPhil but have passed the requirements of the MSt. The assessment structure for current MSt and BPhil in Philosophy students will not be affected.

(iii) Resource implications: As there is a reduction in the number of assessments (from five to four essays) and a reduction in the number of assessment registration and submission points (from three to two), there is a slight reduction in workload for staff in the Faculty of Philosophy, students’ colleges and the Examination Schools.