

## Humanities Divisional Board

**Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 2 October 2019**

Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

**Brief note about nature of change:** Change to mode of submission

### Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2018 (<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/piahsinclphil/>)

### Effective date

**For students starting from MT2017 (part C from MT2019)**

**For first examination from 2019-20**

### Detail of change

New text underlined; deletions crossed through:

**[1.128]** No essay shall exceed a word limit of 5,000 words, which includes all notes and appendices, but not the bibliography. The word count should be indicated on the front of the essay. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. ~~All essays must be typed in double spacing on one side of quarto or A4 paper, with footnotes rather than endnotes.~~ Candidates should avoid any substantial repetition of material between examination scripts and examination essays. The topic for a Philosophy examination essay in a given subject can be any question set for the most recent examination of that subject in Honour Schools with Philosophy, with the exception of questions which consist of multiple passages for comment (as in the commentary questions in Plato: Republic (115) and Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics (116)) or of questions of a mathematical or logical nature which do not permit of an essay-type answer (as in all questions on Philosophical Logic (127)). Candidates may apply for approval of other essay topics by writing to the Director of Undergraduate Studies ~~Chair of the Board,~~ c/o The Undergraduate Studies Administrator, Philosophy Centre, Radcliffe Humanities Building,

Woodstock Road, giving the title they propose, together with an explanation of the subject in about 100 words and enclosing a letter from their tutor attesting to the suitability of this topic for the candidate. This application may be made by e-mail. Any such application must be received no later than Friday of the sixth week of the Hilary Term preceding the Part C examination for which the essay is to be submitted. Late applications will not be considered. Any such application shall be accepted or rejected by the Board within two weeks of its being received.

[1.129] Each essay shall be the candidate's own work, though it should show knowledge of relevant literature in the subject and may include passages of quotation or paraphrase so long as these passages are clearly indicated as such and the source properly attributed. The candidate may discuss a first draft of the essay with his or her tutor for that subject. The amount of assistance the tutor may give shall be limited to what can be provided in one of the candidate's tutorials for their study of that subject. Each essay will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that the essay is their own work. ~~For each essay the candidate shall sign a statement to the effect that the essay is his or her own work and the tutor shall also sign a statement confirming that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this is so. These statements shall be placed in a sealed envelope bearing the candidate's examination number and the name of the subject for which the essay has been written, and presented with two copies of each essay. Each copy of an essay shall be identified only by the candidate's examination number and bear the name of the Philosophy subject for which the essay is being submitted and must be submitted not later than noon on Friday of the first week of the Trinity Full Term of the examination to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, addressed to the Chair of the Examiners for Part C of the Final Honour School appropriate to the candidate.~~

In the event that any candidate is taking a paper for which no previous examination paper exists, or any paper (such as Philosophical Logic (127)) for which no questions on the examination are appropriate as essay topics, the Examiners shall publish, by Friday of the fourth week of the Hilary Full Term preceding the Part C examination, a list of essay titles which candidates taking the appropriate paper may offer for their extended essay.

The front of the thesis should state the candidate's school, the subject for which the essay is being submitted, and the candidate's candidate number. Every candidate shall submit the essay, together with their declaration, not later than noon on Friday of the first week of the Trinity Full Term of the examination. The thesis should be uploaded as a PDF file to the Assignments section of the Philosophy WebLearn site.

### **Explanatory note**

This changes the method of submission of extended essays for work in Philosophy in part

C of the degrees with Mathematics, with Physics, and with Computer Science, with work to be submitted electronically rather than in hard copy.