

Humanities Divisional Board

Title of Programme

Master of Studies in English

Brief note about nature of change: Making the B course compulsory

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* online

Detail of change

^{1.8} Candidates must take A and B and ~~four other~~two Special Option subjects from C: ~~two one~~ in Michaelmas Term ~~(of which one at least must be a Special Option)~~ and two one in Hilary Term ~~(of which one at least must be a Special Option)~~. They must also offer a dissertation. Courses under A will be divided according to chronological period and candidates must take the course appropriate to their period of specialisation.

^{1.9} Candidates will be required to attend the lectures and classes prescribed by the Faculty Board for the courses they have chosen, and undertake such written work, exercises or presentations for those courses as the course tutors shall prescribe.

^{1.10} *Essays*

^{1.11} In Michaelmas Term candidates will be required to submit an essay of 5,000-7,000 words on ~~a topic related to one of~~ the special options taken under C in that term; two copies of the essay must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on Thursday of the

tenth week of Michaelmas Term. In Hilary Term, candidates will be required to submit the following:

- ^{1.12}1. An essay of 5,000-7,000 words on a topic related to ~~one of~~ the special options taken under C in that term, to be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on Monday of the tenth week of Hilary Term.
- ^{1.13}2. An essay of 5,000-7,000 words on a topic related ~~either~~ to an option taken under B (in either term) ~~or to a second special option taken under C in that term~~, to be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on Thursday of the tenth week of Hilary Term.

Explanatory Notes

The academic rationale for the change is that the B-course is the most distinctive aspect of MSt provision in English, and the Faculty would like to foreground that fact to applicants and to the students once they get here. Further down the line, it is hoped that an Editorial Centre within the Faculty will be established, and making the B-course a core part of the MSt provision across all the strands is one step in that direction.