General Regulations for the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Letters, Master of Science by Research

These changes introduce a requirement that candidates whose thesis is referred must provide, at re-submission, a separate report indicating the specific changes made to the revised thesis; the word length of which has been decided by divisions.

The changes also reduce the maximum period permitted for revision of referred theses for the Master of Letters and the Master of Science by Research from four terms to three.

With effect from October 2013

In Examination Regulations 2012.

Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

1. On p. 842, in l. 10, delete the semi-colon as shown and insert new text (underlined):

‘(ii) that the board should offer the candidate a choice between (a) reference of the thesis back to him or her in order that he or she may revise it for re-examination for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and (b) leave to supplicate for the Degree of Master of Letters or of Master of Science, as appropriate, on the basis that the thesis has not reached the standard required for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy but has nevertheless reached that required for the Degree of Master of Letters or of Master of Science. If the board adopts this recommendation, and the student chooses to revise the thesis for re-examination for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the student shall retain the status and obligations of a Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy and shall be permitted to apply again for the appointment of examiners, in accordance with the procedure laid down in this sub-section, not later than the seventh term after that in which the board gave permission so to reapply. If such permission shall have been given by a board during a vacation, it shall be deemed to have been given in the term preceding that vacation. Accompanying the revised thesis at re-submission should be a separate report indicating the specific changes made. For students in the Humanities, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences Divisions and the Department for Continuing Education, the word limit for the accompanying report shall be 1000 words; for students in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division, the word limit shall be 2000 words.’
Regulations for the Degree of Master of Letters

2. On p. 819, in l. 33, delete struck-through text as shown and insert new text (underlined):

‘(ii) that the board should refer the thesis back to the student in order that he or she may revise it for re-examination. If the examiners so recommend they shall annex to their report to the board a statement (for transmission to the student) setting out the respects in which the thesis falls below the standard required for the degree. If the board adopts this recommendation the student shall retain the status and obligations of a Student for the Degree of Master of Letters, and may apply again for the appointment of examiners, in accordance with the procedure laid down in this subsection, not later than the fourth third term after that in which the board gave permission so to reapply. If such permission shall have been given by a board during a vacation, it shall be deemed to have been given in the term preceding that vacation; On re-submission of the thesis, students should submit a separate report indicating the specific changes made. The word limit for the accompanying report shall be 1000 words;’

Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science (by Research)

3. On p. 828, in l. 40, delete struck-through text as shown and insert new text (underlined):

‘(ii) that the board should refer the thesis back to the student in order that he or she may revise it for re-examination. If the examiners so recommend they shall annex to their report to the board a statement (for transmission to the student) setting out the respects in which the thesis falls below the standard required for the degree. If the board adopts this recommendation the student shall retain the status and obligations of a Student for the Degree of Master of Science, and may apply again for the appointment of examiners, in accordance with the procedure laid down in this subsection, not later than the fourth third term after that in which the board gave permission so to reapply. If such permission shall have been given by a board during a vacation, it shall be deemed to have been given in the term preceding that vacation; On re-submission of the thesis, students should submit a separate report indicating the specific changes made. For students in the Medical Sciences Division and the Department for Continuing Education, the word limit for the accompanying report shall be 1000 words; for students in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division, the word limit shall be 2000 words;’