Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
DPhil in Archaeology

Brief note about nature of change: amendments to the special regulations for Archaeology governing the assessment for transfer and confirmation of status

Effective date
From 1 October 2012

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2011

Detail of change

1. P.903, l.50, after 'must' insert 'make an oral presentation of their work, and'.

2. P.904, delete II.14-28 and substitute:

   'The status of student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall be confirmed by the committee under the provisions of Sect. viii, § 4, cl. 1. Candidates should normally apply for confirmation of status by week five of their seventh term after admission as a research student. Candidates must make an oral presentation of their work, and submit a research outline, of approximately 1,000 words, a table of contents indicating how much work has been done on each section of the thesis to date, and a draft chapter or chapters of the thesis of no more than 10,000 words. The committee will appoint two assessors who will consider the applications and will normally interview candidates. A student whose first application is unsuccessful may be given one further opportunity to apply, following the procedures laid down,
normally within one term of the original application, and may apply for an extension of time for one term if this is necessary for the purpose of making the application.

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<td>Clause 1: represents the inclusion of the requirement that all students are now to make an oral presentation of their work at a ‘Presentation Day’, which is due to take place in Michaelmas Term (but others will be scheduled throughout the academic year), and are attended by candidates and supervisors.</td>
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<td>Clause 2: all candidates, as above for clause 1, are required to give an oral presentation at a departmental ‘Presentation Day’. The department now requires all DPhil candidates to undergo the same process for Confirmation of Status irrespective of whether or not they have completed an MPhil previously, either at Oxford or elsewhere.</td>
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