

## Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 16 January 2018

## Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Bachelor of Philosophy

## Brief note about nature of change:

Later deadline for choosing subject

## Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/bachofphil/studentview/>)

## Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018.

For first examination from 2019-20.

## Detail of change

<sup>1.6</sup>3. Topics for the essays will be chosen by the candidates. Candidates may offer up to two essays on at most one subject not included in the list of approved subjects in the Graduate Student Handbook, provided that the distribution requirement above is met. Candidates wishing to offer an essay or essays on a subject not on the prescribed list must seek approval for the proposed subject from the Graduate Studies Committee in Philosophy *as soon as they decide they would like to offer it*, and in any case no later than Friday of ~~the fifth week of the~~ Week 5 of Trinity Term of the first year of their studies ~~for registration for essays 3 and 4, and Friday of Week 5 of Michaelmas Term of their second year of study for reistration for essays 5 and 6~~. Any such application must be supported by the relevant B.Phil Course Coordinator. Where a subject is approved by the Graduate Studies Committee in Philosophy, the Committee will assign it to one of Groups 1-3.

## Explanatory Notes

The change allows students a whole extra term (over the summer break) to decide what they would like to submit their final two essays on, and to see if they need to apply for special permission to submit essays on philosophy subjects not mentioned in the yearly list of approved subjects. This proposal was made by a student representative and supported by the student body (the student representative had requested students' feedback on the proposal via email) and was endorsed by the 16 November 2017 Philosophy Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee.