Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 11 July 2018

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: 1) Introduction of online submission 2) Removal of obsolete information

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2018
For first examination in 2019-20

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2017 (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/piahsinclphil/)

Detail of change
1.95 Every thesis shall be the candidate's own work. A candidate's tutor may, however, discuss with the candidate the field of study, the sources available, and the method of presentation; the tutor may also read and comment on drafts. The amount of assistance the tutor may give is equivalent to the teaching of a normal paper. Every candidate shall sign a certificate to the effect that the thesis is his or her own work and the tutor shall countersign the certificate confirming, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that this is so. This certificate shall be placed in a sealed envelope bearing the candidate's examination number presented together with the thesis. No thesis shall be accepted which has already been submitted for a degree of this or any other university, and the certificate shall also state that the thesis has not been so submitted. Each thesis will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that the thesis has the same title as that previously approved by the Faculty Board, that it is
their own work, and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Philosophy, or another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. No thesis shall, however, be ineligible because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this university.

1.97.3. Length and format

1.98 No thesis shall exceed 15,000 words, the limit to include all notes and appendices but not including the bibliography; no person or body shall have authority to permit any excess, except that in Literae Humaniores, in a thesis consisting in commentary on a text, quotation from the text will not be counted towards the word limit. The word count should be indicated at the front of the thesis. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. All theses must be typed in double spacing on one side of quarto or A4 paper with any notes and references at the foot of each page. Two copies of the thesis shall be submitted to the examiners. The front of the thesis should state the candidate’s school and candidate number.

1.99.4. Submission of thesis

1.100 Every candidate shall submit the thesis, identified by the candidate’s examination number only, not later than noon on Friday of the week before the Trinity Full Term of the examination to the Examination Schools, Oxford, addressed to the Chair of the Examiners in the candidate’s honour school. Every candidate shall submit the thesis, together with their declaration, not later than noon on Friday of the Week before 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.

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1.137 Philosophy and Theology

1.138 Candidates are required to take (i) subject 107, (ii) one of the subjects 101, 115, and 116, and (iii) either subject 102 or subject 103. In addition to these three, they may take one or two further subjects in Philosophy, depending upon whether they take five or four or three subjects in all in Theology. Further subjects in Philosophy must be chosen in conformity with the General Regulations.

See SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE HONOUR SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY.

1.139 Candidates taking subject 199 who wish to write their thesis during the Long Vacation may submit titles for approval before noon on Friday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term in the year preceding the examination, and approval will be notified before the end of that term.

Explanatory Notes

1) Online submission of the thesis is being introduced for all Honour Schools including Philosophy.
2) This change removes information already contained in the Special Regulations for the Honour School of Philosophy and Theology, as there is no need for the information to appear in both sets of regulations. The removed information is therefore replaced with a reference to the Special Regulations for the Honour School of Philosophy and Theology.