Humanities Division Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion

Approved at the meeting of 15 June 2017

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies in Study of Religions

Brief note about nature of change: Change to submission dates for dissertation topic and essay titles

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2016-17 (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17 (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosistudofreli/)

Detail of change

New text underlined, deleted text struck-through

1.2A 10,000-15,000 word dissertation must be offered. All candidates must normally make a written application for approval of the topic no later than Monday of noughth week of Hilary Term no later

than Monday of fifth week in Hilary Term. The application should be submitted to the Faculty of Theology and Religion for consideration by the Theology and Religion Graduate Studies Committee. In cases where there is some uncertainty about the acceptability of the proposal, candidates are asked to submit their applications earlier if possible. All applications should be accompanied by a recommendation from the candidate's supervisor. Two copies of the dissertation must be sent to the Chair of Examiners for the Degree of M.St in the Study of Religions, c/o the Examination Schools, High

Street, Oxford before the end of eighth week of Trinity Term in the year of examination.

^{1.3}Titles for the two shorter essays must normally be submitted to the Faculty of Theology and Religion no later than Monday of noughth week of Hilary Term no later than Monday of fifth week in Hilary

<u>Term</u> for consideration by the Graduate Studies Committee. Two copies of the essays must be submitted to the Examination Schools by the Friday before the beginning of Trinity Term in the year in which the examination is taken. Decisions on the suitability of titles for both dissertation and essays will be taken in consultation with the Chair of Examiners for that year.

Explanatory Notes

The regulations for the MSt in Study of Religions previously required candidates to make a written application for approval of the dissertation topic and short essay titles by Monday of noughth week of Hilary term. It was agreed that they be permitted to apply as late as possible in Hilary term taking into consideration the need for the proposals to be reviewed and approved, and any necessary amendments made, and that they be asked to submit their applications instead by the later date of Monday of fifth week of Hilary term. It was noted that a later deadline would enable the submission process to take place at a less pressured time of year.