

## Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 12 September 2018

### Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies in Philosophy

### Brief note about nature of change:

1. Removal of reference to award of distinction
2. Change to mark obtainable for a resit

### Location of change

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

### Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018.

For first examination from 2018-19.

### Detail of change

~~1.6 6. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

1.7 7. Candidates who fail up to two essays will be permitted to resubmit those essays; a resubmitted essay may be on a new topic, and may be on a new subject, provided that the distribution requirement is met. Candidates who choose to resubmit one or two failed essays must do so by 10 a.m. on Wednesday of noughth week of the following Michaelmas Term where the failed essay or essays had been submitted during the first year of the degree, or by Wednesday of noughth week of the following Hilary Term where the essay or essays had been submitted in noughth week of Michaelmas Term. Candidates who fail three or more essays will be permitted to resubmit work for the failed elements of the examination during the following academic year. Candidates need only resubmit work for those elements of the examination that they failed. No resubmitted essay can receive a mark of more than ~~50~~ 60. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners a second time in any part of the examination may not re-submit work for any part of the examination on any subsequent occasion.

### Explanatory Notes

This change removes reference to the award of distinction, as this has been moved to the general regulations. The change also confirms the new maximum mark obtainable for a resit, which has 50 as the minimum pass mark under the new marking scheme introduced

by Education Committee in 2017-18.