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HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Title of Programme

Master of Studies in US History

Brief note about nature of change:

This change provides for online submission of coursework.

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* online

Detail of change

1.6 ~~Two copies of the two essays, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the Master of Studies in US History, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford~~ The two essays must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the US History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week Nine of Hilary Term. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work. The essays should reflect skills and understanding the candidate has acquired through attending the Advanced Option classes, one of them may complement but must not share significant content with the dissertation, and the essays are also expected to be distinct from each other in period or issues covered.

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1.9 ~~Two copies of the dissertation, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the Master of Studies in US History, must be submitted to the Examination Schools~~ The dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the US History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week Six of Trinity Term. The candidate will be required to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work.

Explanatory Notes

These changes provide for online submission of coursework. Online submission was provisionally approved by the History Faculty Board at its meeting in Week 3 of Trinity Term 2016, pending discussion at History Graduate Studies Committee in Week 4 of Trinity Term, which approved the measure. Online submission has been consistently recommended by external examiners, and is

supported by students; our expectation is that it will be administratively more straightforward than paper-based submission, that it will allow speedier despatch of materials to externals and that it will permit additional benefits, such as automatic checking for word-length and plagiarism.