HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

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Changes in the regulations governing the Master of Philosophy and Master of Studies in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

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Approved on behalf of the Humanities Divisional Board on 13 March 2012.

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(1) Master of Philosophy in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology

Brief note about nature of the change(s): Clarification of means of assessment

With effect from 1 October 2013 (for first examination in 2014)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 516, ll. 7-8, delete ‘Any other subject…consider suitable.’ and substitute ‘Any one option from those offered as C options for the M.St. in English Language.’

2 Ibid., p.516, after l. 8, insert ‘(xi) Any other subject which, from time to time, the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics at its own discretion may consider suitable.’

3 Ibid., p.516, delete ll. 21-34 and substitute:

‘(b) An essay of between 5,000 and 7,500 words (these limits to exclude symbols and diacritics, figures, the bibliography, appendices consisting of a catalogue of data, questionnaire, or other research instrument used to gather data, any extensive text which is specifically the object of a commentary or linguistic analysis, and any translation of that text, but include quotations and footnotes). For all B papers except for B(ix) and B(x), the essay (in two typewritten copies) must be sent in a parcel bearing the words ‘Essay for the M.St./M.Phil. in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology’ to the Chair of Examiners for the Degree of M.St./M.Phil in General Linguistics, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. Work for paper B(ix) is submitted as specified in the regulations for the M.Sc. in Computer Science, and work for papers under B(x) is submitted as specified in the regulations for the M.St. in English Language.

(c) A written report of between 5,000 and 7,500 words on the design and execution of an original research project (these limits exclude symbols and diacritics, figures, the bibliography, appendices consisting of a catalogue of data, questionnaire, or other research instrument used to gather data, any extensive text which is specifically the object of a commentary or linguistic analysis, and any translation of that text, but include quotations and footnotes). The research report (in two typewritten copies) must be sent in a parcel bearing the words ‘Written work for the M.St./M.Phil. in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology’ to the Chair of Examiners for the Degree of M.St./M.Phil. in General Linguistics, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford.’.
(2) Master of Studies in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology

Brief note about nature of the change(s): Clarification of means of assessment

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 614, ll. 5-6, delete ‘Any other subject…consider suitable.’ and substitute ‘Any one option from those offered as C options for the M.St. in English Language.’.

2 Ibid., p.614, l. 7, insert ‘(xi) Any other subject which, from time to time, the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics at its own discretion may consider suitable.’.

3 Ibid., p.614, delete ll. 19-30 and substitute:

‘Or (b) An essay of between 5,000 and 7,500 words (these limits to exclude symbols and diacritics, figures, the bibliography, appendices consisting of a catalogue of data, questionnaire, or other research instrument used to gather data, any extensive text which is specifically the object of a commentary or linguistic analysis, and any translation of that text, but include quotations and footnotes). For all B papers except for B(ix) and B(x), the essay (in two typewritten copies) must be sent in a parcel bearing the words ‘Essay for the M.St./M.Phil. in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology’ to the Chair of Examiners for the Degree of M.St./M.Phil in General Linguistics, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. Work for paper B(ix) is submitted as specified in the regulations for the M.Sc. in Computer Science, and work for papers under B(x) is submitted as specified in the regulations for the M.St. in English Language.

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Explanatory note

(i) These changes (a) clarify what will and will not be included in the word count for assessed work; (b) include provision for students to take options from the new MSt in English Language, to be offered by the Faculty of English from October 2012.

(ii) Vested interests: students in the current first year of the MPhil have all given their approval to the change.

(iii) There are no resource implications.