

**Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division**

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 03/06/16**

**Title of Programme**

Bachelor of Civil Law / Magister Juris

**Brief note about nature of change:** change to require electronic submission of assessed work

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2016**

**For first examination from 2016-17**

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

**Detail of change**

**SCHEDULE B**

**Dissertations**

Candidates for the BCL and M.Jur. may offer a dissertation, which must be written in English and must not exceed 12,500 words and should not normally be less than 10,000 words (including notes, but excluding tables of cases or other legal sources) on a subject to be proposed by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor, and approved by the Graduate Studies Committee in Law. The dissertation shall be wholly or substantially the result of work undertaken whilst registered for the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law or Magister Juris. In deciding whether to give approval, the committee shall take into account the suitability of the subject matter and availability of appropriate supervision.

Candidates should submit the proposed title of the dissertation and a synopsis of its scope in not more than 500 words not later than Monday of Week Minus One of Michaelmas Full Term to the board's Director of Graduate Studies (Taught Courses) who shall, when the topic and supervisor have been confirmed by or on behalf of the board's Committee for Graduate Studies, communicate that information to the Chair of the Examiners for the BCL and M.Jur.

Supervisors or others are permitted to give bibliographical help and to discuss drafts. Every candidate offering a dissertation is entitled to six sessions of supervision, each of approximately one hour, not counting meetings to settle the shape of the dissertation before it was approved.

The examiners must judge the extent to which the dissertation affords evidence of significant analytical ability on the part of the candidate. The required format for this dissertation is the common format prescribed for all law theses, which is printed in the Faculty of Law's Graduate Student's Handbook.

#### *Submission*

The dissertation must be submitted electronically by ~~No later than~~ noon on Friday of the fifth week of Trinity Full Term. On submitting the dissertation, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to submit the dissertation. ~~two copies of your dissertation must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG. The package must be clearly marked 'Dissertation for BCL/M.Jur.'. In order to ensure anonymity, the dissertation must bear your examination number. Neither your name nor the name of your college must appear. You must include with the thesis (i) a signed statement that, except where otherwise indicated, the thesis is entirely your own work, and (ii) a second statement indicating which part or parts of the dissertation have formed or will form part of a submission in accordance with the requirements of another course at this or another university. To ensure anonymity these statements must be placed in a sealed envelope.~~ The examiners shall exclude from consideration any part of your the dissertation which is not your the candidate's own work or which has been or will be submitted to satisfy the requirements of another course, and the examiners shall have power to require you the candidate to produce for their inspection the work so submitted or to be submitted.

#### **SCHEDULE C**

Candidates offering Jurisprudence and Political Theory will be examined in that subject by the submission of three essays. Essay questions will be published by the Board of

Examiners on the morning of the Friday of the eighth week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the questions. The examiners shall offer a choice of six topics from which candidates shall be required to select three. The total length of the three essays submitted shall be not less than 5,000 words, nor more than 8,000. The essays shall be wholly or substantially the result of work undertaken whilst registered for the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law or Magister Juris. Two copies of each essay must be submitted electronically ~~must be delivered to the Chair of the BCL/M.Jur. Examiners, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG~~, by noon on the Friday preceding the beginning of the Trinity Full Term in which the examination is to be taken. On submitting the essays, candidates will also be required to submit an online declaration of authorship. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the question, and submit the essay. ~~The essays must bear the candidate's examination number, but not his or her name or the name of his or her college. Every candidate shall sign a Declaration of Authorship to the effect that the essays are his or her own work. Candidates shall further state the total number of words used in their essays. This Declaration of Authorship shall be presented together with the essays. To ensure anonymity the Declaration of Authorship must be placed in a sealed envelope.~~

#### **Explanatory Notes**

Change to require electronic submission of assessed work.