Change(s) in the regulations governing the Honour School of Literae Humaniores and associated Joint Schools: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Classics

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Subject to approval on behalf of the divisional board, which is now sought, and by Education Committee, the following changes in regulations have been made:

Humanities Divisional Board

Honour Schools of Literae Humaniores; Classics and English; Classics and Modern Languages; and Classics and Oriental Studies

Brief note on nature of proposed changes
Removal of lower word limit for extended essays

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2012)

In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 187, l. 19; p. 190, l. 21; p. 194, l. 7; p. 199, ll. 18-19; p. 306, l. 39; p. 307, l. 26; p. 309, l. 4; p. 310, l. 27; p. 312, l. 44; and p. 313, l. 37, delete “5,000-6,000 words” and substitute “up to 6,000 words”.

Explanatory note
(i) Provide a rationale for the changes.
(ii) Confirm that there are no vested interests i.e. that current students will not be affected by the changes, or provide written confirmation (email) from students that they are content with the proposed changes.
(iii) Indicate whether there are any resource implications, e.g. if it is being proposed to add a new option, who will teach it, and will this be an additional teaching requirement over and above existing teaching offered by the faculty.

(i) This change is being made because there is no agreed penalty for essays shorter than 5,000 words, and because the Classics Faculty believes that (granted an upper limit) quality rather than length is what matters.

(ii) There are no vested interests.
(iii) There are no resource implications.