

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
<b>Approved by Humanities Education Development Panel 15 May 2018</b>	
<b>Title of Programme</b>	Honour School of English and Modern Languages
<b>Brief note about nature of change:</b>	Non-English language inclusion in dissertation
<b>Effective date</b>	For students starting from <b>MT 2016</b>  For first examination in <b>2018-19</b>
<b>Location of change</b>	Examination Regulations 2017 ( <a href="https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/hsoeandmodelang/">https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/hsoeandmodelang/</a> )
<b>Detail of change</b>	<p>New text underlined, deletions struck-through:</p> <p><sup>1.39</sup><i>Part IV</i></p> <p>9. <i>Dissertation</i> (an extended essay of not fewer than 7,000 and not more than 8,000 words in length). See in addition the regulations in 3. for 'Submitted work'.</p> <p><sup>1.40</sup>Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies and titles do not count towards the limit. Candidates may offer an extended essay in any subject area of English Language or Literature in English, <u>or may take a comparative approach combining English and their Modern Language</u>. <del>Candidates may refer to writing in foreign languages so long as the focus of the essay is on English language or literature in English. Candidates may discuss translations so long as the focus is on their significance in relation to English language or as part of literature in English.</del> Candidates should show such historical and/or contextual knowledge as is necessary for the profitable study of the topic concerned.</p>
<b>Explanatory Notes</b>	This change is introduced in order to permit EML candidates to take a fully comparative approach to the dissertation, without any limits on the proportion of non-English texts that may

be used. The change was requested by the Joint Standing Committee for the degree, and subsequently approved by the Faculty Board. This is a reversal of the change that was agreed in 2015-16 (Gazette 16 June 2016) taking effect for students starting in MT 2016. The Committee asked for this change to be made retroactively, effectively annulling the change made in 2015-16. Students were consulted via the faculty JCC, and all on-course students have been consulted.