

Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee

Approved in principle at the meeting of Research Degrees Panel on 26 February 2019 with exact wording approved by the chair on 5 September 2019

Regulations for the Degrees of Master of Philosophy in Law and Master of Philosophy in Socio-Legal Research

Brief note about nature of change: introduction of electronic submission of theses as official submission copy

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/rftdomopilamopis-legarese/> as amended by the Gazette notice of 25 July 2019.

Effective date

For all students submitting theses from MT 2019

Detail of change

Amend clauses 18-21 and 25 (cit. ref. 1.18-1.21, 1.29) as indicated, new text underlined, deleted text struck through.

Submission requirements for the MPhil in Law

~~18. Candidates must submit two copies of the thesis to the Examination Schools by noon on 1st August (or by noon on the preceding Friday, if 1st August falls on a weekend). This must be accompanied by a statement as to what part, if any, of the thesis has already been accepted, or is being concurrently submitted, for any degree in this University or elsewhere; and a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work, except where otherwise indicated.~~

18. Candidates must upload a copy of their thesis to the Research Thesis Digital Submission (RTDS) application by noon on 1st August (or by noon on the preceding Friday, if 1st August falls on a weekend). This must include a statement as to what part, if any, of the thesis has already been accepted, or is being concurrently submitted, for any degree in this University or elsewhere; and a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work.

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Submission requirements for the MPhil in Socio-Legal Research

~~19. Candidates must submit two copies of the thesis to the Examination Schools by noon on the second Friday in September, together with a statement as to what part, if any, of the thesis has already been accepted, or is being concurrently submitted, for any degree in this University or elsewhere; and a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work, except where otherwise indicated.~~

19. Candidates must upload a copy of their thesis to RTDS by noon on the second Friday in September. This must include a statement as to what part, if any, of the thesis has already been accepted, or is being concurrently submitted, for any degree in this University or elsewhere; and a statement that the thesis is the candidate's own work, except where otherwise indicated.

Examination of theses

20. The examiners shall consider the thesis excluding any part which has already been accepted, or is being concurrently submitted, for any degree in this University or elsewhere.

~~21. If a thesis exceeds the permitted length, the board concerned may decline to appoint examiners or to forward the thesis to examiners already appointed, and may return it to the candidate for revision. If the examiners find that a thesis which has been forwarded to them exceeds the permitted length, they should report the fact to the relevant board and await further instructions before proceeding with the examination.~~

21. If a thesis exceeds the permitted length, the board concerned may decline to appoint examiners or to forward the thesis to examiners already appointed, and may require the candidate to submit a revised thesis. If the examiners find that a thesis which has been forwarded to them exceeds the permitted length, they should report the fact to the relevant board and await further instructions before proceeding with the examination.

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~~25. Candidates who wish to re-submit for the Degree after referral must submit a further application for appointment of examiners and two copies of the revised thesis. The procedures for the first submission will apply, except that the deadline for both submission of the thesis and the application for appointment of examiners will be the final day of the candidate's fourth term.~~

25. Candidates who wish to re-submit for the Degree after referral must submit a further application for appointment of examiners and a revised copy of the thesis via RTDS. The procedures for the first submission will apply, except that the deadline for both submission of the thesis and the application for appointment of examiners will be the final day of the candidate's fourth term.

Explanatory Notes

At its meeting in Hilary term 2019, Research Degrees Panel agreed that all research degrees theses should be submitted electronically rather than in hard copy with effect from all students submitting for examination for the first time in Michaelmas term 2019 or later. These regulation changes bring into effect that decision.