

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

Research Degrees in History

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/rdegrinhist/> as amended by the Gazette notice of 25 July 2019.

Effective date

For all students submitting theses from MT 2019

Detail of change

Amend clause 4 (cit. ref. 1.21-1.23) as indicated, new text underlined, deleted text struck through.

4. *Theses*

Theses submitted for the Degree of M.Litt. should not exceed 50,000 words and those submitted for the Degree of D.Phil. should not exceed 100,000 words, including all notes, appendices, any source material being edited, and all other parts of the thesis whatsoever, excluding only the bibliography and abstract; any thesis exceeding these limits is liable to be rejected on that ground. Any application for permission to exceed the limit should be submitted with a detailed explanation and statement of the amount of excess length requested, and with a covering letter from the supervisor. Applications should be made as soon as possible and may not be made later than the last day of the fifth week of the term before that in which application is made for appointment of examiners. The presentation and footnotes should comply with the requirements specified in the Regulations of the Education Committee for the degrees of M.Litt. and D.Phil. and follow the Conventions for the presentation of essays, dissertations and theses of the Faculty of History.

All candidates must submit with their thesis an abstract of the thesis, which shall not normally exceed 1,500 words for the M.Litt. or 2,500 words for the D. Phil., prepared by the student. This is in addition to the requirement to submit an abstract of not more than 300 words in length required by the Education Committee's regulations. Copies of both abstracts shall be bound into the copy of the thesis which shall be deposited in the Bodleian Library. ~~One loose copy of the 300 words abstract, printed on a single page, must be submitted together with the Library copy to the Examination Schools.~~

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.