Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee

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Research Degrees in Medieval & Modern Languages

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/rdimandmodelang/ 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. 1.38-1.41) 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 80,000 words, excluding the bibliography and any text that is being edited but including notes, glossary, appendices, etc. Leave to exceed these limits will be given only in exceptional cases. 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. Application must be made immediately it seems clear that authorisation to exceed the limit will be sought and normally not later than six months before the intended date of submission of the thesis.

Every candidate who is editing a text must also state the length of the text being edited.

In addition to the arrangements for an abstract of the thesis set out in the Education

Committee's regulations above, a fuller abstract of the thesis (which shall not normally exceed 1,500 words for the M.Litt. and 2,500 words for the D.Phil.) prepared by the student is required. A copy of the fuller abstract must be bound into the copy of the thesis which, if the application for leave to supplicate for the degree is successful, will be deposited in the Bodleian Library. ~~The fuller abstract may be bound into the two examiners' copies of the thesis if the candidate so desires.~~

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.