

Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee

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Research Degrees in Physical Sciences

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/rdinphysscie/>

Effective date

For all students submitting theses from MT 2019

Detail of change

Amend clause 4 (cit. ref. 1.7-1.17) as indicated, new text underlined, deleted text struck through.

4. Theses

(a) Longer abstracts: Earth Sciences, Chemistry, and Engineering

~~Candidates for the Degrees of M.Sc. and D.Phil. in Earth Sciences must submit with their theses, in addition to the abstracts of them required of all candidates of up to 300 words, three copies of a longer abstract of not more than 1,500 words for the M.Sc. and 2,500 for the D.Phil., one copy of which shall 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.~~

Candidates for the Degrees of M.Sc. and D.Phil. in Earth Sciences must submit with their theses, in addition to the abstract required of up to 300 words, a longer abstract of not more than 1,500 words for the M.Sc. and 2,500 for the D.Phil., which shall 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.

~~Candidates for the Degrees of M.Sc. and D.Phil. in *Chemistry* or *Engineering* may if they wish submit with their theses, in addition to the abstract of them required of all candidates, a longer abstract of not more than 1,500 words for the M.Sc. and 2,500 for the D.Phil.. Should such an abstract be submitted, a copy of it 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 other two copies of the thesis if candidates so desire.~~

Candidates for the Degrees of M.Sc. and D.Phil. in *Chemistry* or *Engineering* may if they wish submit with their theses, in addition to the abstract required of all candidates, a longer abstract of not more than 1,500 words for the M.Sc. and 2,500 for the D.Phil.. Should such an abstract be submitted, a copy of it 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.

(b) Word limits

Theses submitted by candidates in *Materials* shall not exceed 25,000 words for the M.Sc. and 40,000 words for the D.Phil., A4 size, double-spaced, but there is no limit on references, diagrams, tables, photographs, computer programmes, etc.

Theses submitted by candidates for the Degree of D.Phil. in *Physics* (except *Theoretical Physics*) must not exceed 250 pages, A4 size, double spaced in normal-size type (elite), the total to *include* all references, diagrams, tables, etc.

The text of theses submitted for the degree of D.Phil. in *Theoretical Physics* must not exceed 150 pages as defined above.

Theses submitted by candidates for the Degree of M.Sc. in *Physics* must not exceed 150 pages as defined above.

~~Theses submitted by candidates in *Engineering Science* must not exceed 250 pages for the Degree of D.Phil. or 200 pages for the Degree of M.Sc. They should be double spaced on A4 paper, in normal size type (Times New Roman, 12 point), the total to *include* all references, diagrams, tables, appendices, etc.~~

Theses submitted by candidates in *Engineering Science* must not exceed 250 pages for the Degree of D.Phil. or 200 pages for the Degree of M.Sc. They should be double spaced, A4 size, in normal size type (Times New Roman, 12 point), the total to *include* all references, diagrams, tables, appendices, etc.

The text of theses submitted for the Degree of D.Phil. in *Earth Sciences* must not exceed 250 pages as defined above, but there is no limit on diagrams, tables, etc.

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.