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 Theology and Religion

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

Location of change


Effective date

For all students submitting theses from MT 2019

Detail of change

Amend clause 4 (cit. ref. 1.15-1.17) 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, or 100,000 for the D.Phil., excluding only the bibliography in both cases. The faculty board is prepared to consider an application for a relaxation of this limit in special circumstances.

All candidates must submit an abstract of the thesis, of between 1,000 and 1,500 words for an M.Litt., and between 1,500 and 2,500 for a D.Phil., prepared by the candidate. 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. One copy of each abstract prepared at the time of the examination should be included in the examiners' copies of the thesis. Copies of both abstracts shall be included in the copy of the thesis which shall be deposited in the Bodleian Library. In addition one loose copy of the 300 word abstract, printed on a single page, must be submitted together with the Library copy.
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.