HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Changes in the regulations governing the graduate programmes in English: communication from the Board of the Faculty of English Language and Literature

(1) Master of Philosophy in English Studies (Medieval Period)

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Revision of text and clearer procedural information.

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.535, l. 4, delete ‘Relevant options from other courses as specified in the list for the year concerned which will be published by the Graduate Studies Office before the beginning of MT.’ and substitute ‘Relevant options offered by other Faculties as agreed with the Course Convenors.’.

2 Ibid., l. 13, before ‘Two’ insert new paragraph: ‘Candidates must gain approval of the topic of their essays by writing to the Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners, care of the English Graduate Studies Office, by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Term or Hilary Term (depending on the term in which the course was offered).’.

3 Ibid., l. 13, delete ‘(c.15,000 words)’ and substitute ‘(not more than 15,000 words)’.

4 Ibid., l. 14, delete ‘Examination Schools, by’ and substitute ‘Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than’.

5 Ibid., l. 17, delete ‘Chair of the M.St./M.Phil. examiners’ and substitute ‘Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners’.

6 Ibid., l. 20, delete ‘Each candidate’s choice of subjects shall require the approval of the Chair of the M.St./M.Phil. examiners, care of the English Graduate Studies Office. Approval must be applied for on or before Saturday of the second week of Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.’

Explanatory note

(i) The changes ensure procedures are clear and consistent for PGT courses.
(ii) The changes reflect current procedures (as communicated in the graduate handbook), but will ensure the correct information is also available in the regulations.
(iii) There are no resource implications.
(2) Master of Studies in English

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Revision of text and clarification regarding failed elements.

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.628, l. 49, after ‘Term’ start new line.

2 Ibid., l. 50, delete ‘Chair of the M.St. Examiners, care of the English Faculty Office’ and substitute ‘Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners, care of the English Graduate Studies Office’.

3 Ibid., p. 629, l. 17, after ‘Schools’ insert ‘, High Street, Oxford,’.

4 Ibid., , delete ‘about’.

5 Ibid., l. 20, delete ‘Chair of the M.St. Examiners’ and substitute ‘Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners’.

6 Ibid., l. 23, before ‘Candidates’ insert ‘No candidate who has failed any of the above subjects will be awarded the degree in that examination.’

7 Ibid., l. 25, after ‘Vacation’ insert ‘A candidate may resubmit a paper on only one occasion.’

8 Ibid., l. 27, before ‘Graduate’ and insert: ‘English’.

9 Ibid., l. 29-30, delete ‘English (English and American Studies)’ and substitute ‘English and American Studies’.

10 Ibid., l. 31-32, delete ‘and B options’.

11 Ibid., l. 32, before ‘Graduate’ and insert: ‘English’.

12 Ibid., l. 34-35, delete ‘English (World Literatures in English)’ and substitute ‘World Literatures in English’.
(3) Master of Studies in English Language

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Revision of text and clarification regarding failed elements.

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.630, l. 23, delete ‘Chair of the M.St. Examiners, care of the English Faculty Office’ and substitute ‘Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners, care of the English Graduate Studies Office’.

2 Ibid., l. 34, after ‘Schools’ insert ‘, High Street, Oxford,’.

3 Ibid., l. 34, delete ‘about’.

4 Ibid., l. 37, delete ‘Chair of the M.St. Examiners’ and substitute ‘Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners’.

5 Ibid., l. 40, before ‘Candidates’ insert ‘No candidate who has failed any of the above subjects will be awarded the degree in that examination.’

6 Ibid., l. 42, after ‘Vacation’ insert ‘A candidate may resubmit a paper on only one occasion.’

Explanatory note (for Master of Studies in English and Master of Studies in English Language)
(i) The changes ensure procedures are clear and consistent for PGT courses, and also that there is sufficient information in the regulations regarding the implications for failing elements of the course.
(ii) The changes will not affect current students.
(iii) There are no resource implications.
(4) Doctor of Philosophy in English

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Update of Faculty specific DPhil regulations in line with University policy.

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.878, l. 17, delete ‘board’ and substitute ‘Board’.
2 Ibid., l. 18, delete ‘board’ and substitute ‘Board’.
3 Ibid., l. 19-21, delete ‘Students admitted prior to 1 OCTOBER 2009 should refer to Examination Regulations 2008. FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED FROM 1 OCTOBER 2009.’.
4 Ibid., l. 31, after ‘Graduate’ and insert: ‘Studies’.
5 Ibid., l. 43, delete ‘English Graduate Office. The Graduate Office’ and insert: ‘English Graduate Studies Office. The English Graduate Studies Office’.
6 Ibid., p. 879, l. 2, before ‘Graduate’ and insert: ‘English’.
7 Ibid., l. 9-15, delete ‘(vi) Candidates holding the status of M.Litt ... D.Phil status would be desirable, or not.’.
8 Ibid., p. 879, l. 17 – p. 880, l. 5, delete ‘For students admitted to the D.Phil. in English before 1 October 2010: ... For students admitted to the D.Phil. in English from 1 October 2010.’.
9 Ibid., p. 880, l. 8, delete ‘Faculty’s’.
10 Ibid., l. 8, after ‘Graduate’ and insert: ‘Studies’.
11 Ibid., l. 10, before ‘Graduate’ and insert: ‘English’.
12 Ibid., l. 19, delete ‘between 6,000 and’ and substitute ‘about’.
13 Ibid., l. 21, delete ‘Faculty’s Graduate Office. The English Graduate Office’ and insert: ‘Graduate Studies Office. The English Graduate Studies Office’.
14 Ibid., l. 34, delete ‘two terms of the first’ and substitute ‘one term of the original application. The candidate may be granted an extension of time for one term if this is necessary for the purposes of making the application’.
15 Ibid., l. 49, delete ‘board’s’ and substitute ‘English’.
16 Ibid., p. 881, l. 34, delete ‘4. Written Examination for the D.Phil. ... the qualifications shown in these regards by candidates.’.

Explanatory note

(i) A few elements of the Faculty specific regulations were out of line with both general University and Divisional Regulations, or were not relevant for current students.
(ii) The regulations will affect students starting the course in 2014.
(iii) There are no resource implications.