

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 11 June 2019

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies in Ancient Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change

Change to Essay Submission Deadline

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018* (<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mosinanciphil/>)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

New text underlined, deletions struck-through:

^{1.4}4. The first subject shall be chosen from the list of undergraduate papers in ancient philosophy 0130-0135, as specified in the special regulations for *Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy*. The subject will be assessed by one 5,000 word essay on a topic (relevant to the subject) to be chosen by the candidate and approved by the Chair of Examiners no later than Friday of ~~eight~~ seventh week of Michaelmas Term. Two copies of the essay must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG by 10 a.m. on the Friday of ~~ninth~~ ninth week of ~~Hilary~~ Michaelmas Term in the year in which the examination is taken. Essays must be typed or printed.

Explanatory Notes

Following discussions with the course team, and receipt of feedback from current and last year's MSt in Ancient Philosophy students, GSC has decided to move the submission deadline for the Subject A essay from Friday of Week 0 before Hilary Term (i.e. early- to mid-January) to the end of Week 9 week of Michaelmas Term.

This has the advantage for students that they will have more focussed supervisions and that their supervisors would be more likely to have commented on a reasonably polished draft of the to be submitted essay by the end of Week 8, and so students could get a better sense of the quality of their submitted work in this context. In return, supervisors would also be able to give a better informed assessment of their supervisee's research prospects, when they are asked to provide a reference for their DPhil and PhD applications.

An additional advantage of this change is that students would be able to get on with their

other two essays (for Subject B) over the Christmas vacation. Previously, students had only 9 weeks to write and submit two essays and submit their thesis plan in Hilary Term, while they often end up using the whole of Michaelmas Term and the vacation (13 weeks) to work on a single essay.