

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Approved by officers on behalf of Education Committee on 13 September 2017	
Title of Programme	Honour School of English Language and Literature
Brief note about nature of change:	Amendment to allow for variant mode of examination
Effective date	<p>For students starting from MT 2016</p> <p>For first examination from 2017-18</p>
Location of change	In Examination Regulations online (https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsoelangandlite/)
Detail of change	<p>New text underlined</p> <p>1.29 6. <i>Special Options</i> (an extended essay of not fewer than 5,000 and not more than 6,000 words, <u>except where specified in the published list of options</u>) (see the introductory regulations for 'submitted work' for Course I).</p> <p>...</p> <p>1.31 Examination for this paper shall be by an extended essay of not fewer than 5,000 and not more than 6,000 words, <u>except where specified in the published list of options</u>. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies and titles do not count towards the limit. The theme for the essay shall be formulated by the student in discussion with the option convenors. The candidate may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after the conclusion of teaching for the Special Options paper on Friday of the sixth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.</p>
Explanatory Notes	In 2016/17 the English Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee decided that some Paper 6 Special Options previously reserved for Course II students should also be made available to Course I students. No regulation change was initially thought to be necessary, but as some of the Course II options are traditionally examined by 3 hour examination, rather than by extended essay, more flexibility in the wording of the regulations is needed to permit this. On-course students have been told clearly how the relevant options will be assessed.