Humanities Divisional Board

Title of Programme
Master of Theology (in Applied Theology) and Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Theology

Brief note about nature of change: Correction of erroneous information on candidates’ entitlement to a resit

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2016
For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change
In Examination Regulations online, Master of Theology (in Applied Theology) and Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Theology (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/mt-iat-apdinappltheo/)

Detail of change

1.21 12. In Part I, a candidate whose extended essay fails to reach the level which the examiners have determined to be the pass mark (or the required average for passing Part I) may be allowed at the discretion of the examiners to resubmit that work on one further occasion only, within the next two examination periods, provided that (save in the case envisaged in 16. below) no extended essay is submitted later than the submission of the dissertation. Permission to resubmit a unit must be sought in writing from the Chair of Examiners by the final Friday in February (for essays to be submitted in the following late April), and by the final Friday in June (for essays to be submitted in the following late September).

1.22 13. In Part II, if the examiners are satisfied that the dissertation has reached the required level for the M.Th., but minor corrections are needed, they shall require the candidate to make these corrections before they submit their report. If the dissertation fails to reach the required level, the examiners may, but are not obliged to, give a candidate may permission to revise and resubmit a
dissertation at one further examination period, not later than three terms after the first submission.

1.23 14. Full-time students for the M.Th. must submit their dissertation within six terms of beginning the course; part-time students must submit their dissertation within twelve terms of beginning the course; students who change from full-time to part-time status after three terms must submit their dissertation within nine terms of beginning the course. This regulation is not affected by a student’s need to resubmit a Part I Unit, except in the case covered by 16. below.

1.24 15. No full-time student for the degree shall normally retain that status for more than six terms. No part-time student for the degree shall normally retain that status for more than twelve terms; and no student who changes from full-time to part-time status after the first year of study shall normally retain student status for more than nine terms.

1.25 16. In the event of a full-time student needing to resubmit Unit 2 following a first examination in the Trinity Term of the student’s second year of study, the M.Th. Studies Committee will review the case. It may at its absolute discretion grant permission, either for the resubmission to occur after the submission of the dissertation (notwithstanding 12. above), or for the submission of the dissertation to be delayed until the Trinity Term examination in the following academic year. A candidate whose submission for Unit 2 fails to reach the level which the examiners have determined to be the pass mark may resubmit the work on one occasion. In the event of a full-time student needing to resubmit Unit 2 in the Trinity Term of the student’s second year of study, the M.Th. Studies Committee will review the case. It may at its absolute discretion grant permission, either for the resubmission to occur after the submission of the dissertation (notwithstanding 12. above), or for the submission of the dissertation to be delayed until the Trinity Term examination in the following academic year.

Explanatory Notes

This change corrects an error in the regulations for this course. All candidates on taught postgraduate programmes have the right to resubmit any failed element, normally within one year; departments (and faculties) should communicate the resubmission arrangements to students accordingly. The MTh Regulations, however, stated that resubmission is at the examiners’ discretion. The change has been communicated by email to all current students and those starting the course in MT 2016.