

Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

BPhil in Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Move from hard copy to online submission for all course assessments

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019-20* (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/bachofphil/studentview/>, ref 1.9 and ref 1.10)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020. For first examination from 2020-21.

For students who enrolled in MT 2019 and earlier, with any outstanding assessments.

Detail of change

Change of wording of ref 1.9 and ref 1.10 to reflect online (rather than hard copy) submission of assessments:

^{1.9}5. ~~Two printed copies of each essay must be delivered to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG.~~ Assessments are to be submitted electronically on an online assessment submissions platform by 10 a.m. on the Wednesdays of the following weeks. In the first year of study two essays are due in noughth week of Trinity Term. In the second year of study, two essays are due in each of the noughth weeks of Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. Candidates must give notice of the subject of each essay and the Group to which it will be assigned in accordance with the procedures and deadlines specified in the Graduate Student Handbook.

^{1.10}6. The thesis must be ~~delivered to the Examination Schools, at the above address,~~ submitted electronically on an online assessment submissions platform by 10 a.m. on Wednesday of the eighth week of Trinity Term in the second year of study. The thesis must be accompanied by a brief abstract and a statement of the number of words it contains (exclusive of bibliographical references). A penalty may be imposed on any thesis that exceeds the word limit. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of the thesis in the Bodleian Library.

Explanatory Notes

Following a student representative request in Michaelmas Term 2019, the Faculty was considering the option of moving from hard copy to online submission of its PGT assessments. Later in the academic year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Faculty was required by the University to move to online submission for all its assessments, and considering online submissions have worked very well for its PGT courses, the Faculty would now like to formalise a permanent move to online submission for assessments of all its PGT students.

This change is intended for new students enrolling from October 2020 onwards, but even beyond the academic year 2020-2021 during which, as announced by the University, online submissions will continue to be required in light of the continuing Covid-19 crisis.

Moreover, it is requested that this change may also take effect on all students who enrolled on this two-year masters course in October 2019, who *might* still have any assessments outstanding beyond the next academic year when online submission is still required by the university (e.g. due to resits, suspensions of status or long assessment deadline extensions). As these students have only ever experienced online submissions for their course (as *all* the course's assessment deadlines fall after the Covid-19 crisis start date), this regulation change would in effect mean that their assessment submission method would remain the same throughout their enrolment on the course, which would be in their advantage.

Lastly, it is requested that this change may also take effect on any existing students who enrolled on the course prior to October 2019, who *might* still have any assessments outstanding beyond the next academic year (e.g. due to resits, suspensions of status or long assessment deadline extensions).