

## Humanities Divisional Board

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### Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies in Philosophy of Physics

### Brief note about nature of change:

Move from hard copy to online submission for all course assessments

Specification that assessments must be word-processed (instead of typed)

### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019-20* (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/mosiphilophys/studentview/>), ref 1.12 and ref 1.13)

### Effective date

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

For current students who started in MT 2019 with any outstanding assessments.

### Detail of change

Change wording of ref 1.12 and ref 1.13 to reflect online (rather than hard copy) submission:

“~~[1.12]6. All assessments must be word-processed and submitted in electronic format to an online assessment submission platform. Two printed copies of each of the essays in The Philosophy of Physics essays must be submitted delivered to the Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by 10am on Wednesday of Week 0 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Two printed copies of tThe Philosophy of Science essay must be submitted delivered to the same address by 10am on Friday of Week 9 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Two printed copies of tThe last essay (for Metaphysics and the Theory of Knowledge; Philosophy of Mind and Action; Philosophical Logic and the Philosophy of Language; or Philosophy of Mathematics) must be submitted delivered to the same address by 10am on Monday of Week 10 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Essays must be typed or printed.~~

[1.13]7. Candidates who have not submitted delivered any essay(s) as prescribed by the due dates above shall, unless they show exceptional cause to the examiners, be deemed to have failed the essay in question.

## 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.

However, it is requested that this change may also take effect on any existing students, who enrolled in October 2019, who *might* still have any assessments outstanding into future years (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.