

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved 5/7/23****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

BPhil in Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: minor amendments to exam regulations.**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2021-22* [[Current version here](#)]**Effective date****For all students on course starting from MT 2023.****For first examination in 2023-24****Detail of change**

1.5 2. (B) A thesis of no more than 30,000 words, exclusive of bibliographical references, on a subject proposed by the candidate in consultation with ~~his or her~~ their supervisor, and approved by the Graduate Studies Committee in Philosophy.

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1.8 5. 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 immediately preceding Trinity Term. In the second year of study, two essays are due in each of the noughth weeks of immediately preceding 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.

^{1.9} 6. The thesis must be submitted electronically on an online assessment 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.~~

^{1.10} 7. Candidates who fail up to two essays will be permitted to resubmit those essays at one of the two subsequent essay or thesis submission dates during the first or second year of their studies. A resubmitted essay may be on a new topic, and may be on a new subject, provided that the distribution requirement is met. Candidates who fail the thesis but who receive passing marks on all their essays will be permitted to resubmit an amended or different thesis by 10 a.m. on Wednesday of noughth week ~~of~~ immediately preceding the Hilary Term of the year following the whole examination. [...]

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^{1.12} 9. Candidates for the MSt in Philosophy of Physics who have successfully transferred to the second year of the B.Phil in Philosophy shall be deemed to have completed the first year of the B.Phil in Philosophy and the four essays submitted for their MSt examination shall be deemed to replace the first four essays required of candidates for the B.Phil. In the second year of study, such candidates will be required to submit two 5,000-word essays by 10 a.m. on Wednesday of noughth week ~~of~~ immediately preceding Hilary Term and a 30,000-word thesis by 10 a.m. on Wednesday of eighth week of Trinity Term, in line with the B.Phil assessments schedule specified under paragraphs 5. and 6. above.

Explanatory Notes

Aside from the removal of the requirement to submit the BPhil thesis to the Bodleian (the Bodleian website itself states this is optional for BPhil students), the requested changes are simply clarificatory in nature and are in line with the recommended wording circulated by EPS.