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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head of Education on

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of History and English

Brief note about nature of change:

Extension of deadline to dissertation

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsohistandengl&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

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2. History and English papers

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^{1.25}The lists of Further and Special Subjects and of Outline and Theme papers in the History of the British Isles and European & World History available for the following year will be

published by the History Faculty Board in fourth week of the Hilary Term prior to candidates beginning their studies for the Honour School.

1.26 (vii) One compulsory interdisciplinary dissertation, which shall be examined by an extended essay of not more than 12,000 words, including notes and source material but excluding bibliography.

1.27 Candidates must submit to the Chair of Examiners for the Joint School of History and English, care of the History Faculty Office, not later than 5pm on Friday of the sixth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination, a title and abstract of not more than 200 words detailing the proposed dissertation topic.

1.28 The candidate must submit the dissertation to the Chair of Examiners for the Joint School of History and English, via the University approved online assessment platform by noon on ~~Friday of Week 8~~ Tuesday of Week 9 of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. A ~~certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate's own work, and that the candidate has read the History Faculty and English Language and Literature Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be included with the submission (see the introductory regulations for 'submitted work' for the Honour School of History and English).~~

Explanatory Notes

A significant majority of History and English students take the paper on Shakespeare and submit their Shakespeare portfolios on Monday of week 2 of Hilary Term. This cuts into the time available for them to work on their dissertations. The ELL students also submit a dissertation but their deadline is Tuesday of week 9 of Hilary Term. It is therefore requested that the submission deadline for the Compulsory Interdisciplinary Dissertation (an assessment unique to the joint degree of History and English) be moved in line with the ELL dissertation. A vested interest survey was carried out among the History and English students and they are unanimously in favour of this change.