# RESEARCH DEGREE REGULATIONS

## SUMMARY OF REGULATORY AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/18

*The wording in bold reflects the amended wording.*

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<td>Section 13</td>
<td>The following paragraph has been added to Section 13 to describe a practice-based PhD in Classics. Subsequent paragraphs have been renumbered accordingly: (11) Where a student working in the field of Classics has undertaken research in which practice forms a core methodology and mode of research, submission may include a body of creative and/or curatorial and/or archival work conceived specially for the degree. The practice element of the PhD will be informed by research and appropriately documented. A retainable record of all non-textual creative practices, such as an exhibition or live performance, will be submitted in a form which has been approved by the supervisory team and the Director of Graduate Studies in Classics, together with a body usually 30,000-60,000 words of critical and theoretical writing. Both will show coherence, originality and intellectual rigour, illustrating knowledge and understanding of relevant practice and critical debates in the field. The relationship between the creative and critical/theoretical components will vary depending on the project. Taken together, they will demonstrate the contribution to knowledge made by the thesis as a whole. The exact balance between the creative, theoretical and critical elements of the thesis will be decided between the student and the supervisory team.</td>
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<td>Section 17</td>
<td>The following paragraphs in Section 17 have been amended to clarify possible outcomes for PhD re-examinations. (5) If the thesis, though inadequate, shall seem of sufficient merit to justify such action, the examiners may determine that the student be permitted to represent his/her thesis in a revised form within 18 months. This option is not available to examiners re-examining a thesis. The examiners shall not make such a decision without first submitting the candidate to an oral examination. The examiners may at their discretion exempt from a further oral examination a student who under this regulation has been permitted to re-present the thesis in a revised form. In considering the revised thesis the examiners shall choose from the following outcomes: (a) The revised thesis is satisfactory and the examiners will report to the College Board of Examiners that the candidate has satisfied them in the examination for the PhD degree; (b) The examiners require the student to make minor amendments specified by them within three months, in accordance with Section 17 (2); (c) The revised thesis is not satisfactory but as presented satisfies the criteria for the award of the MPhil degree in accordance with Section 17 (8) (a); (d) The revised thesis is not satisfactory and the student should make minor amendments in order to satisfy the criteria for the award of MPhil in accordance with Section 17 (8) (b); or (e) The revised thesis has not satisfied the criteria for the degree of PhD or MPhil and may no longer be considered for an award.</td>
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| Section 17 paragraph 8 (c): | The following paragraph in Section 17 have been amended to clarify possible outcomes for PhD re-examinations.  
(8c) If the thesis, though inadequate, shall seem of sufficient merit to justify such action, the examiners may determine that the student be permitted to enter the examination for the MPhil degree and re-present his/her thesis in a revised form within twelve months. The examiners may at their discretion exempt from a further oral examination a student who under this regulation has been permitted to re-present the thesis in a revised form. If the revised thesis is satisfactory, the examiners will report to the College Board of Examiners that the candidate has satisfied them in the examination for the MPhil degree. If the revised thesis otherwise fulfils the criteria for the MPhil degree set out in Section 13, but requires minor amendments, the examiners may follow the procedure in Section 18 (2). If the revised thesis is not satisfactory, the examiners shall determine that the student has not satisfied them in the examination under the provisions of Section 18 (8). |
| Masters by Research: Appendix 1, paragraph 5 | The following amendment has been made to clarify word count.  
5. Dissertation  
(1) The dissertation will be a maximum of 40,000 words. The word count includes references, footnotes and endnotes, but exclude the bibliography and any appendices, which should only include material which the examiners are not required to read in order adequately to examine the thesis, but to which they may refer if they wish. |
| Masters by Research: Appendix 1, paragraphs 6 | Paragraph 6 has been amended and now stipulates that students have to resubmit within 6 months rather than in the following academic year.  
6. Outcome of the Masters by Research examination  
(2) If the dissertation otherwise fulfils the criteria for the Masters by Research degree as set out in paragraph 5 (1-2) in Appendix 1 of these regulations, but requires minor amendments, and the student has passed the taught component of the programme (if applicable), the examiners may require the student to make amendments to the dissertation specified by them within six weeks. The amended dissertation shall be submitted to the examiners, or to one of their number nominated by them, for confirmation that the amendments are satisfactory. If the amendments are made by the deadline and are satisfactory, the examiners will report to the College Board of Examiners that the candidate has satisfied them in the examination for the Master of Arts or Master of Science by Research degree. If the candidate fails to meet these requirements the examiners will normally recommend offering the candidate the option to resubmit the dissertation within 6 months for a second and final time. |
| DClinPsy: Appendix 2 | This amendment brings the submission of a final copy of the thesis into line with the requirements for PhD theses.  
4. Conduct of the DClinPsy thesis examination  
(8) The degree shall not be awarded until one electronic copy of the final, post-viva, corrected version of the thesis has been submitted to the institutional repository and lodged with Student Administration, Student and Registry Services. |