

**Humanities Division
Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion**

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies in Philosophical Theology

Brief note about nature of change: Clarification of paper content and requirement for submitted work to be bound.

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2016 (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/mosinphiltheo/>)

Detail of change

^{1.5}Candidates must make a written application for approval of the essay topic, to reach the Joint Standing Committee for Graduate Studies in Philosophical Theology not later than Monday of eighth week in Hilary Term. In cases where there is some uncertainty about the acceptability of the proposal, candidates are advised to submit their applications earlier if possible. All applications should be accompanied by a recommendation from the candidate's supervisor. Two **bound** copies of the dissertation must be sent to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St in Philosophical Theology, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by the Friday of eighth week in Trinity Term of the year in which the examinations are taken. The dissertation must be accompanied by a signed statement by the candidate that the essay is the candidate's own work, except where otherwise indicated. The

candidate's name should not appear on the dissertation itself.

^{1.6}Written examinations will be set in the tenth or eleventh week of Trinity Term.

^{1.7}The examiners may award a distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.

- ^{1.8}1. *Philosophy of Religion*

^{1.9}~~As specified for Part B of the B.Phil. in Philosophy. See also regulations for Paper 1 of the M.Phil. in Philosophical Theology in the 'Course Regulations for the M.Phil. in Philosophical Theology' section of the course handbook. The examination will contain questions on arguments for and against the existence of God, problems related to various supposed divine attributes and perhaps problems of religious language, on other standard issues in the philosophy of religion, and occasionally on some Christian doctrines.~~

- ^{1.10}2. *History of Philosophical Theology*

^{1.11}~~The paper will contain questions on philosophical influences on theology during the patristic period, the early medieval period, and the period 1760-1860. Candidates are required to show knowledge of two of the three periods and, within each of those two periods, of some of the principal relevant writings, viz. for the patristic period of works of Origen and Augustine, for the early medieval period of works of Anselm and Aquinas, and for the period 1760-1860 of works of Kant, Kierkegaard, and Schleiermacher. Study of texts in the original languages will not be required. Lectures, tutorials etc.: as for Paper 3 of the M.Phil. in Philosophical Theology.~~

Explanatory Notes

The regulations for the MSt in Philosophical Theology paper '*Philosophy of Religion*' previously directed candidates to the regulations for the B.Phil. in Philosophy and those for the MPhil in Philosophical Theology. As the regulations for the B.Phil. in Philosophy have since been updated, it was agreed that the regulations for the MSt in Philosophical Theology be amended to include details of the paper content and remove the references to the other courses.

It was also agreed to clarify the content of the '*History of Philosophical Theology*' paper and the requirement concerning the binding of the submitted material.