Change in the regulations governing the Bachelor of Theology (BTh): communication from the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion

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Humanities Divisional Board

Bachelor of Theology

Brief note about the nature of the changes: (1) to make explicit those old regulations which continue to apply to students who commenced before 1 October 2012.; (2) to amend the requirements for Paper A.4 in Part I of the programme.

With immediate effect

1. In Examination Regulations, 2012, p. 481, l. 19, after ‘rubric of the paper’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012), and the Long Essay Title Form must include a list of four college-assessed pieces of work; together these must adequately cover the syllabus]’

2. Ibid., p. 481, l. 31, after ‘own work and that’ insert [Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) the college assessed work] [From 1 October 2012: (For those candidates admitted on or after 1 October 2012)]

3. Ibid., l. 32, after ‘covering the syllabus’ insert ‘]’

4. Ibid., l. 45, after ‘assessed’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) by long essay of 4,000-5,000 words in Part 1 or 6,000-7,000 words in Part 2, along with four college-assessed pieces of work. Candidates must submit the titles of each long essay and the attendant college-assessed work] [From 1 October 2012: (For those candidates admitted on or after 1 October 2012)]’

5. Ibid., l. 47, after ‘must be submitted’ insert ‘]’

6. Ibid., l. 48, after ‘Committee for approval.’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) Together these must adequately cover] [From 1 October 2012: (For those candidates admitted on or after 1 October 2012)]’

7. Ibid., l. 50, after ‘have adequately covered’ insert ‘]’

8. Ibid., p. 482, l. 37, before ‘†’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) †]’

9. Ibid., l. 39, after ‘Either’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) †]’
10. Ibid., l. 44, after ‘Or’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) †]’
11. Ibid., p. 483, l. 7, after ‘must specify the’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) periods studied] [From 1 October 2012: (For those candidates admitted on or after 1 October 2012)’
12. Ibid., l. 7, replace ‘period within which the subject of their essay falls’ with ‘periods within which the subjects of their essays fall]’
13. Ibid., l. 10, before ‘‡’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) †]’
14. Ibid., l. 35, after ‘so long as’ insert ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) the college-assessed work adequately covers] [From 1 October 2012: (For those candidates admitted on or after 1 October 2012)’
15. Ibid., l. 35, delete ‘in their course’
16. Ibid., l. 35, after ‘in their course’ insert ‘]’
17. Ibid., l. 36, after ‘the syllabus of the paper’ insert ‘[From 1 October 2012: (For those candidates admitted on or after 1 October 2012) in their course’
18. Ibid., l. 36, after ‘of instruction’ insert ‘]’.
19. Ibid., p. 484, after l. 33, insert new paragraph ‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) College-assessed work for assessment by long essay may come from any period except the period(s) studied by the candidate in A.3.B.]’
20. Ibid., p. 486, before l. 1, insert new paragraphs

‘[Until 1 October 2016: (For those candidates admitted before 1 October 2012) § † ‡ E.9 — Special Subject
Candidates may propose one of the following for approval by the Supervisory Committee:
(a) a topic which falls outside the other rubrics, assessed by a long essay of 7,000 words along with four college-assessed pieces of work;
(b) a topic involving some research or interdisciplinary study, assessed by a long essay of 10,000 words without any college-assessed work;
(c) a translation paper, assessed by written examination;
(d) a project with suitable assessment.
The proposal should include the title, a brief description of the subject and approach envisaged, a preliminary bibliography, and in the case of (d) the proposed assessment method. A candidate may offer Paper E.9(c) twice, so as to be examined on texts in two different languages.’

21. Ibid., l. 1, replace ‘§ † ‡’ by ‘[From 1 October 2012: (For those candidates admitted on or after 1 October 2012) †’
22. Ibid. l. 22, after ‘method.’ insert ‘]’
With effect from 1 October 2013 (for first examination in 2014)


Rationale: In the Examination Regulations, 2012, were printed only the new regulations, with a lightened assessment volume, even though the changes published in the Gazette were explicitly intended to apply only to new students. The changes here published simply make explicit those old regulations which continue to apply to students who commenced before 1 October 2012. Note that for the Papers on Mission and Ministry and on Christian Ethics, and for the Translation Paper, for first examination in 2014, all students are governed by the new regulations for those Papers, with reduced assessment load and increased flexibility. Hence the old regulations for the Papers on Mission and Ministry and on Christian Ethics are not restored among the changes above. The final change removes the study of pastoral care from the Part I Paper ‘Christian Witness and the Contemporary World’. This subject is more naturally studied in the Part 2 Paper ‘Mission and Ministry’. As a result, the subjects prescribed under ‘Christian Witness and the Contemporary World’ become more coherent and manageable.