Continuing Education Board

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Bachelor of Theology

New course for the Department of Continuing Education, replaces the Bachelor of Theology offered by the Faculty of Theology and Religion

With effect from 1 October 2014

In Examination Regulations 2013 p 498

Insert after line 30

GENERAL REGULATIONS [new regulations for students entering from 1 October 2014]

1. The examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology shall be under the supervision of the Continuing Education Board, which shall have power, subject to the approval of the Education Committee, to make regulations governing the examination.

2. Any person who has been admitted under the provisions of this section as a Student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology, who has satisfied the conditions prescribed in this section, and who has satisfied the examiners for the degree, may supplicate for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology.

3. No full-time student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology shall be granted leave to supplicate unless, after admission, he or she has kept statutory residence and pursued his or her course of study at Oxford for at least nine terms. Time spent outside Oxford while registered as a student for the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies or as part of an academic programme approved by the Continuing Education Board shall count towards residence for the purposes of this clause. No full-time student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology shall retain that status for more than twelve terms in
4. A student who takes the degree by two years of full-time study and the remainder by means of part-time study shall retain the status of Student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology for no more than fifteen terms. A student who takes the degree by one year of full-time study and the remainder by means of part-time study shall retain that status for no more than eighteen terms. A student who takes the degree wholly part-time shall retain that status for no more than twenty-one terms.

5. A student may transfer from full-time to part-time status or vice versa with the approval of the Continuing Education Board.

6. Part-time students shall not be required to keep statutory residence, but must attend for such instruction at their Hall for such times as shall be required by the Continuing Education Board.

7. Candidates for this degree may be admitted by such Permanent Private Halls as have been granted permission to do so.

8. The Registrar shall keep a register of all candidates so admitted.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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1. Candidates may be admitted either onto Part 1 or directly onto Part 2 of the course. Admission directly onto Part 2 is at the discretion of the Continuing Education Board, and candidates so admitted will normally be expected to have satisfactorily completed the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies. Applications for dispensation from this requirement will be considered, in exceptional circumstances only, by the Board. To be dispensed from this requirement, candidates must demonstrate that they have undertaken equivalent study to an equivalent standard. Where candidates are admitted on the basis of having completed the Undergraduate Certificate, work done for the Certificate will be deemed to be work done for the Bachelor of Theology.

2. Part 1 is available on a full time basis over three terms and on a part time basis over six terms. Part 2 is available on a wholly full time basis over six terms and on a wholly part time basis over twelve terms.

3. Candidates may be permitted under certain circumstances to suspend status for a maximum of six terms. Any such period shall not count towards the minimum and maximum periods of registration, and no fee liability will be incurred during such periods.

4. No candidate may attempt Part 2 until he or she has either satisfactorily completed or has been dispensed from Part 1.

5. For any candidate who is successful in the examination for the Degree of
Bachelor of Theology, and who has already successfully completed the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies (and for the Bachelor of Theology examination has incorporated the assignments submitted for the Undergraduate Certificate) the Degree will subsume his or her Certificate.

6. In the following regulations, the English version of the Bible used will be the New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha (Anglicized Edition). The Greek text used will be the *The Greek New Testament* (United Bible Societies, 4th edn. 1993). The Hebrew text used will be the *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (Stuttgart, 1977).

**B**

*Part 1*

7. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

(a) Attendance at classes and other sessions as indicated in the course handbook

(b) Written assignments or examination papers, as specified, for six papers to include:
   i. At least one of A1 or A2 from Part 1 of the Schedule;
   ii. At least one of A3 or A4 from the Part 1 schedule;
   iii. At least one of A5–A10 from the Part 1 schedule;
   iv. Three other papers from the Part 1 schedule.

The written work under (b) will be submitted to the Examiners for the Bachelor of Theology, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford for consideration by such dates as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates.

8. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the written work or the examinations under 7(b) may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of part or parts of the examination which they have failed, on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the initial failure.

*Part 2*

9. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

(a) Attendance at classes and other sessions as indicated in the course handbook

(b) Written assignments or examination papers, as specified, for a further twelve papers (or eleven see v. below):
   i. At least one paper from section B of the Part 2 schedule;
   ii. At least one paper from section C of the Part 2 schedule;
   iii. At least one paper from Section D of the Part 2 schedule;
   iv. At least one paper from Section E of the Part 2 schedule;
   v. Eight, or seven if paper E2 or E3 is chosen, other papers from any paper listed in i-iii above. Candidates who offered either
A11 or A12 for the Undergraduate Certificate may not offer that paper in Part 2.

The written work under (b) will be submitted to the Examiners for the Bachelor of Theology, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, for consideration by such dates as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates.

10. All candidates must be assessed by written examinations in at least two modules during the course of their study.

11. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the written work or the examinations under 9(b) may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of part or parts of the examination which they have failed, on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the initial failure.

12. Candidates may be expected to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course.

Schedule of papers

[Note: Not all options may be available in any one year]

**Part One:**

**Section A: Introductory papers**

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**Part Two**

**Section B: Biblical Studies**

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B5 A New Testament Book
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B7 Advanced New Testament Greek

Section C: History and Doctrine

C1 Issues in Church History
C2 Issues in Christian Doctrine
C3 Ecclesiology
C4 Theologies of Salvation
C5 A Special Theologian

Section D: Practical Theology and Religious Studies

D1 Issues in Christian Ministry
D2 The Person and Role of an Ordained Minister
D3 Christian Ethics
D4 Issues in Mission
D5 Issues in Christian Worship
D6 Issues in Christian Spirituality
D7 World Religions
D8 Philosophical Theology
D9 Issues in Christian Faith and Science

Section E: Independent Study

E1 Theological Reflection
E2 Dissertation (counts as 2 papers)
E3 Project (counts as 2 papers)