Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:
Removal of information on Philosophy Thesis which is also contained in the regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy.
Simplification of text describing requirements at Part A.
Clarification of regulation governing which subjects may be offered at Part B and Part C.

Effective date
For students starting from MT2016
For first examination from 2016-17

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2015, http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsomathandphil/administratorview/

Detail of change
1.
[2.1] In Part A, each candidate shall be required to offer, from the Mathematics Part A Schedule (see below), papers [For students starting before MT 2015: A1(CP)] [For students starting from MT 2015: A0], A2, and either two papers from papers A3, A4, A5, A8 or one
2.

[4.9] No unit in Mathematics, and no subject in Philosophy, may be offered in both Part B and Part C, except in the case of subject 199 (Philosophy Thesis).

3.

Philosophy Thesis

[4.11] 1. Subject

[4.12] The subject of every thesis should fall within the scope of philosophy. The subject may but need not overlap any subject on which the candidate offers papers. Candidates should avoid substantial repetition in examination scripts or examination essays of material from their theses. No part of a Philosophy thesis submitted for Part C may include work submitted for this or any other degree. Every candidate shall submit through his or her college for approval by the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy the title he or she proposes, together with an explanation of the subject in about 100 words; and a letter of approval from his or her tutor, not earlier than the first day of Trinity Full Term of the year before that in which he or she is to be examined and not later than Friday of the fourth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding his or her examination. Applications for approval of subject should be directed to the Chair of the Board, c/o The Administrator, Philosophy Centre, Radcliffe Humanities Building, Woodstock Road. The Board shall decide as soon as possible whether or not to approve the title and shall advise the candidate immediately. No decision shall be deferred beyond the end of the fifth week of Michaelmas Full Term. If a candidate wishes to change the title of his or her thesis after a title has already been approved by the Board, he or she may apply for such permission to be granted by the Board. Applications should be directed to the Chair of the Board (if the application is made before the first day of Hilary Full Term preceding the examination). If later than the first day of Hilary Full Term preceding the examination application for change of title should be made to the Chair of Examiners for Part C of the Final Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy.

[4.13] 2. Authorship and origin

[4.14] Every thesis shall be the candidate's own work. A candidate's tutor may, however, discuss with the candidate the field of study, the sources available, and the method of presentation; the tutor may also read and comment on drafts. The amount of assistance the tutor may give is equivalent to the teaching of a normal paper. Every candidate shall sign a certificate to the effect that the thesis is his or her own work and the tutor shall countersign the certificate confirming, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that this is so. This certificate shall be placed in a sealed envelope bearing the candidate's examination number presented together with the thesis. No thesis shall be accepted which has already
been submitted for a degree of this or any other university, and the certificate shall also state that the thesis has not been so submitted. No thesis shall, however, be ineligible because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this university.

[4.15] 3. Length and format

[4.16] No thesis shall exceed 20,000 words, the limit to include all notes and appendices, but not including the bibliography; no person or body shall have authority to permit any excess. The word count should be indicated on the front of the thesis. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. All theses must be typed in double spacing on one side of quarto or A4 paper, with any notes and references at the foot of each page. Two copies of the thesis shall be submitted to the examiners.


[4.18] Every candidate shall submit two copies of their thesis, identified by the candidate’s examination number only, not later than noon on Friday of the week before the Trinity Full Term of the examination to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, addressed to the Chair of the Examiners for Part C of the Final Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy.

Explanatory Notes