HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Undergraduate Studies Committee

Change in the regulations governing Philosophy in all Honour Schools Including Philosophy: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

Subject to approval on behalf of the divisional board, which is now sought, and by Education Committee, the following change in regulations has been made:

Humanities Divisional Board

Philosophy in all Honour Schools Including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of the change

To reduce the lead-in time for special subjects in Philosophy and to outline the approval route for such special subject options.

With effect from 1 October 2013 (for first examination in 2015)

In Examination Regulations, 2012, p. 407, ll. 40-45, delete ‘by the Faculty of Philosophy... to answer certain questions.’ and substitute ‘by the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy. Special subjects will be communicated to college tutors and to undergraduates by the end of the fifth week of Hilary Term one year before examination. The Undergraduate Studies Committee will (a) agree the method of assessment for each special subject offered, which may be by written paper, submitted essay and/or other method (b) forbid, where it sees fit, a combination of a special subject with other subjects (c) forbid, where it sees fit, candidates taking any particular special subject to answer certain questions on the papers for other subjects (d) place restrictions, where it sees fit, on the number of candidates that may take any special subject in any year.’

Explanatory note

The change will reduce the lead-in time for special subjects in Philosophy, which have never been used but are likely to be in future. The change outlines the approval route for special subjects, and enables the Faculty to impose reasonable restrictions on special subjects (in particular on numbers).