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**Title of programme**

FHS Jurisprudence

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Change in the assessment method for the Jurisprudence paper in the FHS, in order to afford candidates a variety of means by which to display their intellectual and analytical abilities.

**Effective date**

From 1 October 2012

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2011*

**Detail of change**

1. **P.289, I.37, insert:**

   1. JURISPRUDENCE

   Candidates offering Jurisprudence will be examined in that subject by:

   (a) a two hour closed-book examination at the end of a student’s final year of the Final Honours School, in which students answer two questions from a selection of ten, and

   (b) a single essay of 3,000-4,000 words to be written during the summer vacation between the end of Year 2 and commencement of Year 3 of the Final Honour School. Essay questions will be prescribed by the examiners and published on the notice board of the Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, at noon on the Wednesday of the eight week of the Trinity Term preceding the examination. Two copies of each essay
submitted must be delivered to the Chairman of the BA Jurisprudence Final Honours School Examiners, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by noon on the Friday of 0\textsuperscript{th} Week preceding the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term immediately following. The essays must bear the candidate’s examination number, but not his or her name or the name of his or her college. Every candidate shall sign a certificate to the effect that the essays are his or her own work, and the candidate’s tutor or tutors in Jurisprudence, or if not available, a Law tutor in the candidate’s own college shall countersign the certificate confirming that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, this statement is true. Candidates shall further state the total number of words used in their essays. This certificate shall be presented together with the essays. To ensure anonymity the certificate must be placed in a sealed envelope.

(i) The change to the method of examination by long essay under (b) will apply in the following manner: All Year 2 students in 2012-13 will undertake the long essay in the summer of 2013;

(ii) Year 3 students, Course 1 in 2012-13 will have been taught the traditional Jurisprudence course in 2011-12 (Year 2), and will sit an unseen written exam in 2012-13;

(iii) Year 3 students, Course 2 in 2012-13 will also have been taught the traditional Jurisprudence course in 2011-12 (Year 2), and will spend the academic year abroad in 2012-13. These students will sit an unseen written examination in 2013-14

Explanatory Notes

This proposal reflects a change in the assessment method for the Jurisprudence paper in the FHS. It forms part of an ongoing syllabus review of the Honour School of Jurisprudence, and is the first step towards broadening the range of assessment, in order to afford candidates a variety of means by which to display their intellectual and analytical abilities.