

Humanities Divisional Board

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Correction of error concerning Paper XII Special Subjects
2. Replacement of an obsolete edition for Paper IX
3. Change in the submission deadline for Paper XII methods B essay

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2015

For first examination in 2016-17

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2015 online

Detail of change

1. Correction of error concerning Paper XII Special Subjects

^{1.132}(b) Candidates offering Linguistics may offer either one or two Paper XII Special Subjects. Where one Special Subject is offered, it must bear the appropriate Linguistics identifier. Where two Special Subjects are offered, one must bear the appropriate Linguistics identifier. Candidates offering two languages may not choose to do a Special Subject bearing only a Linguistics identifier.

^{1.133}Candidates offering a Paper XII Special Subject in the second of two languages (Language B) may choose only a Special Subject bearing the appropriate language identifier.

2. Replacement of an obsolete edition

^{1.326} ~~*Alfonso X the Learned, Cantigas de Santa Maria. An Anthology*, ed. Stephen Parkinson (MHRA Critical Texts)~~

~~*Alfonso X of Castile, Cantigas de Santa Maria*, ed. W. Mettmann (Clásicos Castalia, vol. I, 1986).~~

3. Change in the submission deadline for Paper XII methods B essay

^{1.542}B: An essay or portfolio of essays (the number of essays required to be shown in parentheses) aggregating to about 6,000 words and not exceeding 8,000 words, to be submitted by hand to the Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford by noon on the ~~Friday~~ Monday of the ~~ninth-tenth~~ week of Hilary Term in the year of the examination, together with a statement certifying that the essay(s) are the candidate's own work and that they have not already been submitted, either wholly or substantially, for a degree in this university or elsewhere.

Explanatory Notes

Changes to Paper XII are made to bring regulations in line with practice, and parity of submission dates for all submitted work in the Honour School of Modern Languages.

Change 1 is made in order to correct an error in the regulations. It was noticed that there is a discrepancy between what the Regulations allowed and what the Linguistics website, and the course handbook, on the structure of the FHS allows. According to the Regulations, two-language candidates may take one of the Special Subjects with a Linguistics-only identifier if they are taking it as the third tutorially taught paper in one of their two languages. The Linguistics website, and the course handbook, however, expressly forbids two-language candidates from taking a Special Subject with a linguistics-only identifier. There are good pedagogical reasons for this: these are advanced subjects and two-language candidates, not taking paper XIII, cannot have done sufficient groundwork to make them feasible. It was agreed to bring the regulations in line with information provided in the course handbook and website. With regard to the timing of correcting this error, given that all students are reminded of the regulation at the beginning of term, and the faculty reviews every single candidate's exam registration to make sure the student is aware of the rule, there is no risk of on-course students being disadvantaged by this change to the regulations.

Change 2 is made in order to correct an error in the listing of one particular text on the syllabus. The regulations listed an obsolete edition of this text. The correct edition was in place in course information available to students at the start of the academic year.

Change 3 is made in order to ensure parity of submission dates for all submitted work in the Honour School of Modern Languages. The change, which was communicated to students at the start of term, gives students three more days to submit the essay or portfolio, and does therefore not constitute a disadvantage to on-course students.