

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved: MSD Educational Policy and Standards Committee (Chair's action) on 11th September 2017

Title of Programme

Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

Brief note about nature of change:

- Changes to relax the constraints on offering research projects, library dissertations and theses
- Clarification the requirement that the subject of the Psychology Research Project and Library Dissertation and written examinations must not overlap substantially

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016*

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsop-philandling/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting Part II from TT18

For first examination from 2018-19

Amend citation 3.1 and 3.4 as follows:

PART II

3.1 Candidates must offer six papers for Part II. At least one and at most three of the papers must be in Psychology, the others to be chosen from those available in Philosophy and/or Linguistics below.

Candidates taking two or three papers in Psychology may offer a Research Project or a Library

Dissertation in place of one of the ~~three~~ Psychology papers.

~~3.2~~ In order to be deemed eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society, candidates must take at least two subjects in Part II Psychology.

~~3.3~~ *Written papers, Research Project, and Library Dissertation:*

~~3.4~~ Each candidate will be examined in either one, two or three areas of Psychology by means of one, two or three written papers, each of three hours or two written papers, each of three hours, and either a Research Project or a Library Dissertation. The written papers will be of three hours each and will be selected from the list of at least 12 options approved by the Medical Sciences Division and published at the Department of Experimental Psychology. A list of options will be posted in the Department of Experimental Psychology not later than noon on Friday of Week 5 of Hilary Term in the year preceding that in which the examination is taken.

The library dissertation and the research project must not overlap, meaning that they must not draw on substantially the same literature. Candidates are warned that they should avoid repetition in examination papers of materials used in the research project or library dissertation and that substantial repetition may be penalized.

Explanatory Notes

The Joint Standing Committee for Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics and the Experimental Psychology Teaching Policy Committee have approved a request from current FHS PPL students to relax the constraints on the proportion of Psychology papers that students need to take in order to be permitted to undertake a Psychology Research Project or a Library Dissertation.

In order to be deemed eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society, candidates must take at least two subjects in Part II Psychology, so this change will not affect students' eligibility for membership.