Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

Medical Sciences Board; Faculty of Philosophy; Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics; Humanities Divisional Board

**Approved:** 13 March 2012

**Title of Programme:** BA in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics

**Brief note about nature of change:** To introduce a new degree, commencing with the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics.

**Effective date:** With effect from 1 October 2013

**Location of change:** *Examination Regulations 2011*

**Details of change:**

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, p. 59, delete ll. 30-31 and substitute:

   ‘Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics Medical Sciences Division and Faculties of Philosophy and Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics’

2. Ibid., p. 62, delete l. 34 and substitute:

   ‘Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics 2nd’

3. Ibid., delete from l. 21 on p. 151 to l. 37 on p. 152 inclusive, and substitute:

   ‘Special Regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics

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   1. The subjects of the examination shall be:

   (1) Introduction to Psychology
   (2) Introduction to Philosophy
   (3) Introduction to Linguistics
   (4) Introduction to Neurophysiology
   (5) Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics

   2. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they satisfy the Moderators in three subjects.'
3. Candidates must offer three subjects at their first examination attempt.

4. A candidate who fails one subject will be permitted one further attempt at this failed subject, at the first available opportunity.

5. A candidate who fails two or three subjects shall be deemed to have failed the examination. He or she will be permitted one further attempt at the whole examination, at the first available opportunity.

6. The Moderators may award a Distinction to candidates of special merit who satisfy them in three subjects at their first examination attempt.

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(1) *Introduction to Psychology*

Methods and topics in: development; individual differences; social behaviour; animal behaviour; the neural basis of behaviour; perception; learning; memory; language; cognition; skills; abnormal behaviour.

One three-hour paper will be set.

(2) *Introduction to Philosophy*

As specified for the Preliminary Examination for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

(3) *Introduction to Linguistics*

Provides a foundation in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics, with an introduction to Linguistic theory and the connections between Linguistics and other subjects such as philosophy of language, sociology and psychology.

One three-hour paper will be set.

(4) *Introduction to Neurophysiology*


*Chemical Transmitters.* Storage and release of transmitter. Removal and synthesis of transmitter. Selected drugs acting on the nervous system.


One three-hour paper will be set.

(5) Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics

This examination is intended to test the candidate's understanding of the elements of probability theory and of the principles of statistics as applied to the design and analysis of surveys and experiments and to the interpretation of the results of such investigations. The topics below are more fully detailed in *Definitions and Formulae with Statistical Tables for Elementary Statistics and Quantitative Methods Courses*, which is prepared by the Department of Statistics. Copies of this will be available at the examination.

Descriptive statistics and statistical presentation using graphs and simple measures of central tendency and dispersion. Frequency distributions. Samples and populations. The addition and multiplication laws of probability; conditional probability and Bayes' Rule. The binomial, Poisson and normal distributions: their properties and uses and the relationships between them. Statistical inference using sampling distributions, standard errors and confidence limits. Common uses of z, t, chi-square and F tests and nonparametric tests including tests of hypothesis for the mean, median or proportion of a single population or for the difference between two or more populations, goodness-of-fit tests and tests of difference between two population distributions.


A comprehensive list of formulae together with statistical tables will be available at the examination.

One three-hour paper will be set.

For papers (1) and (5) only, examiners will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.'

**Explanatory Notes**

These regulations introduce a new course in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics, with the first Preliminary examination taking place in 2013-14. The Honour School regulations will be introduced as of 2014-15, which will include new special regulations for Honour Schools involving Linguistics.