MPLS Divisional Board

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Joint Committee of Mathematics and Philosophy, 7th Feb 2017

Mathematics Teaching Committee, 1st March 2017

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to location of syllabus for mathematics papers.

Minor corrections to the schedule of papers.

Amendment to the list of Philosophy subjects offered to candidates: candidates will now be able to offer 198 (Special Subject) and removal of subject 180 from the list of Philosophy subjects offered to Part C candidates.

Clarification of regulation regarding the Philosophy Thesis and Philosophy Essays at Part C.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsomathandphil/studentview/

Effective date

For students starting from Part A, Part B and Part C in MT2017

For first examination from 2017-18

Detail of change

1. Delete citation reference 1.1

~~'In the following 'the Mathematics Course Handbook' refers to the Mathematics Undergraduate Handbook and supplements to this published by the Teaching Committee of~~

the Department of Mathematics.'

2. Amend citation reference 2.2 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options from the list of Mathematics Department units for Part A which can be found ~~in the Supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook for courses in Mathematics Part A~~ on the Mathematical Institute website. Applications for special approval ….'

3. Amend citation reference 2.11 as follows

'Syllabus details will be published ~~in the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination for Part A, after consultation with the Mathematics Teaching Committee.'

4. Amend citation reference 3.1 as follows

'The examination for Part B shall consist of units in Mathematics and subjects in Philosophy. The schedule of units in Mathematics shall be published ~~in Mathematics and Philosophy Synopses of lecture courses supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned, after consultation with the Mathematics Teaching Committee. The schedule shall be in two parts: Schedule 1 (standard units) and Schedule 2 (additional units). A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options from the list of Mathematics Department units for Part B which can be found ~~in the Supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook for courses in Mathematics Part B~~ on the Mathematical Institute website. Applications for special approval must be made through the candidate's college and sent to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy, c/o Academic Administrator, Mathematical Institute, to arrive by Friday of Week 5 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the examination for Part B. In Philosophy the subjects shall be subjects 101–118, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127, 128, 198 and 199 from the list given in Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy. ~~Each subject in Philosophy other than a Thesis shall be examined in one 3-hour paper.~~ Each candidate shall offer:'

5. Amend citation reference 3.3 as follows

'(ii) Three subjects in Philosophy from 101–118, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127, ~~and~~ 128, and

198 of which two must be 122 and either 101 or 102, and'

6. Amend citation reference 3.4 as follows

'(iii) Either two further units in Mathematics drawn from Schedule 1 and 2 combined or one further subject in Philosophy from subjects 101–118, 120, 124, 125, 127, 128, 198 and 199: Thesis.'

7. Amend citation reference 3.6 as follows

'The list of units and double units along with synopses and other details, will be approved by the Mathematics Teaching Committee and published ~~in the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned.'

8. Delete citation reference 3.7

'~~The list of units for Part C shall include units in Mathematical Logic as specified by the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy.~~'

9. Amend citation reference 4.7 as follows

'The schedule of units in Mathematics shall be published ~~in the Mathematics and Philosophy Synopses of lecture courses supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook~~ on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned.'

10. Amend citation reference 4.8 as follows

'A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options from the list of Mathematics Department units for Part C which can be found ~~in the Supplement to the Mathematics Course Handbook for courses in Mathematics Part C~~ on the Mathematical Institute website. Applications for special approval…'

11. Amend citation reference 4.9 as follows

'No unit in Mathematics, and no subject in Philosophy, may be offered in both Part B and Part C, except in the case of subject 199 (Philosophy Thesis). A unit in Philosophy consists of one of the following:

(a) oOne of the subjects 101-118, 120, 124, 125, 127, and 128, and 180 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. For Part C, these subjects shall be examined by a three hour written paper together with a Part C Philosophy Essay of at most 5000 words, as specified below.

(b) A Special Subject 198, as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy.

(c) A Part C Philosophy Thesis, as specified below.

(d) or a A Special Subject in Philosophy as approved by the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy by regulations published in the University Gazette and communicated to college tutors by the end of the fifth week of Trinity Term in the year before the Part C examination in which it will be examined, or a Thesis as specified below. No candidate may offer more than one Special Subject in Philosophy in Part C. In approving a Special Subject in Philosophy for Part C, the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy may specify that candidates will not be permitted to offer certain sSpecial sSubjects in combination with certain other subjects, or will be permitted to do so only on condition that in the papers on the other subjects they will not be permitted to answer certain questions. Subject to these qualifications, any candidate may offer any approved sSpecial sSubject. Each unit in Philosophy other than a Thesis shall be examined by a three-hour written paper together with an essay of at most 5,000 words.

Part C Philosophy Essays

For units in Philosophy specified in (a) above, Tthe relative weight of the essay to the three-hour exam shall be 1 to 3, i.e. the essay shall count for 25% of the mark in that subject…..'

12. After citation reference 4.18 include

Philosophy Thesis

The regulations for a Part C thesis are exactly the same as for 199:Thesis, as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, except that the word limit is 20,000 words.

13. Amend citation reference 4.20 as follows

The list of units and double units along with synopses and other details, will be approved by the Mathematics Teaching Committee and published in the Mathematics Course Handbook on the Mathematical Institute website by the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned.

Explanatory Notes

The information on Maths units will now be available on the Mathematical Institute's

website rather than in the Course Handbook.

When Philosophy Paper 128 was added as an option for Part B its inclusion was not fully reflected in the regulations. This error is being corrected.

Following the removal of the section on the Philosophy Thesis to avoid duplication with the Philosophy Regulations in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, it is necessary to clarify the rules governing the Maths & Philosophy Thesis at Part C.

Following the likelihood of suitable options being offered, the joint supervisory committee for Mathematics & Philosophy have agreed to add subject 198 to the Philosophy schedule.

The Philosophy Undergraduate Studies Committee have withdrawn paper 180 for students starting in MT17.