

**Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division**

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 05/06/15 and by Education Committee on 09/07/15**

**Title of Programme**

BA Jurisprudence (Course 1 and 2)

**Brief note about nature of change:** introduction of new option paper and changes to split regulations for Course 1 and Course 2

**Effective date**

**For students starting FHS from MT 2015**

**For first examination from 2016-17**

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2014

**Detail of change**

**1. Remove p.250-252 and replace with:**

**Special Regulations for the Honour School of Jurisprudence (Course 1)**

1. Candidates in the School of Jurisprudence shall be examined in subjects from such branches of the law and of philosophy as may be prescribed by regulation.
2. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this school unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.
3. The examination in this school shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Law,

which shall make regulations concerning it, subject always to the preceding clauses of this sub-section and to the concurrence of the Divisional Board of Humanities in respect of regulations concerning philosophy.

4. Candidates shall be examined in accordance with the Examination Regulations set out below.

5. Candidates must have satisfactorily completed the Legal Research and Mooting Skills Programme.

6. Candidates shall be examined in the following seven core subjects

(i) Jurisprudence

(ii) Contract

(iii) Tort

(iv) Land Law

(v) European Union Law

(vi) Trusts

(vii) Administrative Law

7. In addition to the core subjects, candidates must offer two further optional subjects from a list approved by the Board of the Faculty of Law. The list for the following academic year shall be posted in the Law Faculty Office and sent to college tutors, together with individual specifications and examination methods, not later than the beginning of the fifth week of the Hilary Term in the year before the Honour School examination will be held. Depending on the availability of teaching resources, not all optional subjects will be available to all candidates in every given year. If any such subject has to be withdrawn after it has appeared on the lists approved by the Board of the Faculty of Law, notice will be given in the Law Faculty Handbook for Undergraduate Students for the relevant year, which will be published and made available on the Faculty website by Monday of ninth week of Michaelmas Term that year. Candidates selected for the Jessup Moot team may take the Jessup Moot option in place of one of the two optional subjects. Further regulations for the Jessup Moot option appear under 11. below.

8. Candidates who have been awarded the Diploma in Legal Studies shall be examined in the same number of subjects as other candidates but shall not be required to repeat in the Final Honour School papers taken for the Diploma which would otherwise be compulsory.

9. *Legal Research and Mooting Skills Programme*

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use of legal information resources (both paper and electronic), legal research, and team-working. The programme will also check students' competence in the use of Information Technology. Students are required to undertake this programme and to complete the assessments which form part of it, to the satisfaction of the Programme Co-ordinator appointed by the Law Board. The Programme Co-ordinator will certify to the Chair of Examiners for the Honour School of Jurisprudence the names of those students who have done so.

#### 10. *Core Subjects*

##### (i) 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 published by the Board of Examiners at noon on the Friday of the seventh week of the Trinity Term preceding the examination. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the questions. Two copies of each essay submitted must be delivered to the Chair of the BA Jurisprudence Final Honours School Examiners, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by noon on the Friday of eighth 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 Declaration of Authorship to the effect that the essay is his or her own work. 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.

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Candidates will be required to show a knowledge of such parts of the law of restitution as are directly relevant to the law of contract. Questions may be set in this paper requiring knowledge of the law of tort.

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The following further regulations apply to the optional Jessup Moot subject:

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Candidates will study subject matter falling within the field of public international law, as defined in the course description for the 'public international law' option provided in the Law Faculty Handbook for Undergraduate Students. In addition, candidates will study in detail the subject area covered by the Jessup Moot compromise (the competition problem set) in preparation for writing the memorials.

The means of assessment for the Jessup Moot optional subject will be twofold.

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confirming that each is aware that they will all receive the same mark for the submissions.

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ii) Candidates will take the public international law examination at the end of their final year, but will answer only two questions (one from Part A and one from Part B) in a total of 90 minutes, rather than four questions in 180 minutes. The mark awarded will constitute the remaining 50 per cent of the total mark for the Jessup Moot option and will be added to the mark attained under i) to produce an overall mark for the option.

#### *12. Statutes and other source material*

Details of the statutes and other sources of material which will be available to candidates in the examination room for certain papers will be given in the teaching conventions and in examiners' edicts circulated to candidates.

## Special Regulations for the Honour School of Jurisprudence (Course 2)

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4. Candidates shall be examined in accordance with the Examination Regulations set out below. They will also be required to spend, after their matriculation, an academic year of residence in a European university approved in accordance with these regulations, and to have attended such courses at the approved university as are approved in accordance with these regulations, and to have completed such examinations at the approved university as the faculty board may specify.
5. The Law Board will approve courses at certain European universities. The list of approved courses will be available at the Institute of European and Comparative Law, St Cross Building, Manor Road.

6. Candidates may proceed to an academic year of residence at an approved university only if so permitted by the Board of the Faculty of Law. The board shall not give such permission unless the candidate presents (a) a certificate of linguistic competence relevant to the proposed year of residence and (b) a certificate from his or her society stating that he or she will have resided in Oxford for six terms (or three terms in the case of an applicant with senior status) since matriculation before proceeding to such residence, and (c) a statement in support from the head or a tutor of the candidate's society.

7. The certificate of linguistic competence may be provided only by a member of the University approved by the board.

8. Candidates will be required to take certain examinations at the approved universities. Details will be available from the Institute of European and Comparative Law.

9. The Institute of European and Comparative Law will certify to the chair of the examiners for the Honour School of Jurisprudence the names of candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the year abroad.

6. The board may amend or add to any provision in Regulations 5, 8, and 9 by regulation published in the *Gazette* at any time before the commencement of the academic year to which such addition or amendment applies.

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2. Splitting of regulations into Course 1 and Course 2.

