

**MPLS Divisional Board****Approved by the Chair of Education Committee on 11 July 2019****Title of Programme**

Final Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

**Brief note about nature of change:**

To allow for the award of merit

**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/hsomandtheophys/administratorview/>**Effective date****For students starting the FHS Part C in MT 2018****For first examination in 2018-19****Detail of change****Amend citation references 1.13-1.18 as indicated; new text underlined, deleted text struck through**

6. The result of the Mathematical and Theoretical Physics Part C examination will be published in terms of Distinction, Merit, Pass, or Fail.

7. (a) A candidate ~~who obtains a Distinction or Pass in the Mathematical and Theoretical Physics Part C~~ adjudged worthy of Honours on both Parts A and B together, and who passes Part C may supplicate for the degree of Master in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics provided that the candidate has fulfilled all the conditions for admission to a degree of the University.

(b) For such a candidate, the Examiners of the Honours School in which the candidate sat Parts A and B shall classify and publish the combined results of

the examinations in Part A and Part B, and the examiners for the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics shall separately assess and publish the results in Part C.

(c) Such a candidate will receive a classification for Parts A and B in the subject in which ~~he or she~~ they sat those Parts, and a separate result for Part C in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics.

8. A candidate in the final year of a four-year course, registered for Part C in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, but who does not enter Part C, or who fails to ~~obtain a Distinction Or Pass in~~ pass Part C, is permitted to supplicate for the Honours degree in the subject in which ~~he or she~~ they sat Parts A and B

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~~The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

#### **Explanatory Notes**

Taught Degrees Panel (TDP) approved the introduction of merit for PGT programmes at its meeting on 24 October 2017 with effect from students starting relevant programmes in Michaelmas term 2018. The FHS Mathematical and Theoretical Physics is available only in the 4<sup>th</sup> year to students who were registered for the first 3 years of one of FHS Mathematics, FHS Physics or FHS Physics and Philosophy. It is a parallel programme to the MSc Mathematical and Theoretical Physics and results for both the MSc Mathematical and Theoretical Physics and the FHS Mathematical and Theoretical Physics were assessed according to the Distinction, Pass, Fail scale. Unfortunately, when TDP approved the introduction of merit for PGT programmes the regulations for the FHS Mathematical and Theoretical Physics were not updated to allow for the award of merit. This oversight is now being corrected.

The same examination conventions are used for both the FHS Mathematical and Theoretical Physics and the MSc Mathematical and Theoretical Physics and these include 'merit' in the possible degree outcomes. Therefore this changes ensures that students are not disadvantaged and ensures that the regulations reflect the information that students have been provided with.