

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Honour School of Ancient and Modern History
Brief note about nature of change:	Detailed prescriptions for individual papers relocated from the <i>Examination Regulations</i> to the handbooks; new paper numbering system.
Effective date	<p>For all student on course from Michaelmas Term 2015</p> <p>For first examination from 2015-16</p>
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> 2014, p.133 l. 1 – p. 135 l. 20
Detail of change	See below.
Explanatory Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed prescriptions for individual Classics papers are being transferred from <i>the Examination Regulations</i> to the FHS handbooks, to offer the Faculty greater flexibility to review the prescriptions in future. • A paper numbering system similar to the one used by Philosophy is being introduced across all FHS in Classics, with the aim of reducing the number of consequential changes to the regs when one change is made to the syllabus and simplifying cross-referencing between FHS syllabuses. • The regulations will now incorporate the introduction of a new paper on <i>The Greek City in the Roman World from Dio Chrysostom to John Chrysostom</i>. • There are no vested interests or resource implications. • The attached document corrects a number of other minor typographical and formatting errors in the current online regulations.

Honour School of Ancient and Modern History

A

1. The examination in the Honour School of Ancient and Modern History shall consist of such subjects in Ancient and Modern History as the Boards of the Faculties of Classics and History from time to time shall in consultation prescribe by regulation.
2. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination in this school unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.
3. The examination shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of Classics and History. They shall appoint a standing joint committee to consider any matters concerning the examination which cannot expeditiously be settled by direct consultation between them. Whenever any matter cannot otherwise be resolved they shall themselves hold a joint meeting and resolve it by majority vote.

B

Each candidate shall offer the following subjects:

I. A PERIOD OF ANCIENT HISTORY (ONE PAPER).

One of the following:

- ~~(a)452:~~ Greek History 478-403 BC;
- ~~(b)453:~~ Greek History 403-336 BC;
- ~~(c)455:~~ Roman History 146-46 BC;
- ~~(d)456:~~ Roman History 46 BC-AD 54.

II. A PERIOD OF MODERN HISTORY (ONE PAPER).

Either

(a) Any one of the periods of General History specified for the Honour School of History;

or :

(b) Any one of the periods of the History of the British Isles specified for the Honour School of History except any such period that has already been offered on passing the First Public Examination.

Students participating in the academic exchange scheme with Princeton University will substitute the courses taken at Princeton for either a General History or History of the British Isles paper. The Princeton courses will be examined at Princeton, and the grades awarded will be reviewed and moderated by the Examiners to produce a single University standard mark, according to procedures laid down in the Handbook and Examining Conventions.

III. FURTHER SUBJECTS

Either, (a) (i) any one of the Further Subjects as specified for the Honour School of History (one paper);

or, (b) any one of the following Further Subjects in Ancient History (one paper)

provided that any candidate who offers alternative IV (a) below may only offer alternative III (b):

~~(i) Athenian democracy in the Classical Age (as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores I-7).~~

409: *The Hellenistic World: societies and cultures, c.300 BC–100 BC*

~~(ii)411: Politics, Society and Culture from Nero to Hadrian (as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores I.11).~~

~~(iii)412: Religions in the Greek and Roman World, c.31 BC-AD 312 (as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores I.12).~~

457: Athenian democracy in the Classical Age

~~(iv)601: The Greeks and the Mediterranean World c.950-500 BC, (IV.1 AS SPECIFIED FOR THE HONOUR SCHOOL OF LITERAE HUMANIORES).~~

~~(v) Art under the Roman Empire, ad 14-337, (IV.4 as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores).~~

~~(vi)603: Hellenistic Art and Archaeology, 330-30 BC (as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores IV.3)~~

~~(vii) The Hellenistic World: societies and cultures, c.300 BC—c.100 BC (as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores I.9).~~

604: Art under the Roman Empire, AD 14-337

The individual specification and prescribed texts for subject 457 will be published for candidates in the Ancient and Modern History Handbook by Monday of Week 0 of Michaelmas Term each year for the academic year ahead. All other subjects under III(b) will be as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores.

IV. SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Either, (a) any one of the Special Subjects as specified for the Honour School of History (one paper and one extended essay);

or, (b) any one of the following Special Subjects in Ancient History ~~(two papers)~~, provided that any candidate who offers alternative III (a) above may only offer alternative IV (b)

~~(i)458: Alexander the Great and his Early Successors (336-302 BC) (two papers) (as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores I.8).~~

~~(ii)460: Cicero: Politics and Thought in the Late Republic (two papers) (as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores I.9).~~

461: The Greek City in the Roman World from Dio Chrysostom to John Chrysostom.

This option will be examined by a 3-hour commentary paper and an extended essay of between 5,000 and 6,000 words (including footnotes but excluding bibliography). The essay shall be on a topic or theme selected by the candidate from a question paper published by the examiners on Friday of Week 4 of Michaelmas Term in the year of examination. The candidate must deliver two copies of the essay by hand to the Examination Schools (addressed to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Ancient and Modern History, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford) not later than 12 noon on Friday of Week 0 of Hilary Term of the year of examination. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate's own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty's guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission. The University's regulations on Late Submission of Work will apply.

[Detailed specifications and prescribed texts for subjects 458, 460 and 461 above will be given in the Handbook for the Honour School of Ancient and Modern History.](#) The individual detailed specifications and prescribed texts for the Further and Special subjects as specified for the Honour School of History will be given in the Handbook for the Honour School of History. [Both handbooks](#) ~~This~~ will be published by the History Board by Monday of Week 1 of the first Michaelmas Full Term of candidates' work for the Honour School.

Depending on the availability of teaching resources, not all Further and Special Subjects will be available to all candidates in every year. Candidates and Ancient and Modern History tutors will be circulated by the beginning of the fourth week of the first Hilary Full Term of their work for the Honour School with (i) details of any Further and Special Subjects which will not be available for the following year, (ii) the supplement to the Handbook for the Honour School of History. This book will contain full specifications and prescribed texts for any Further or Special Subjects specified for Modern History introduced for the following year, and any amendments to the specifications and prescribed texts for existing Further and Special Subjects approved by the History Board by its first meeting of the preceding Hilary Term.

V. DISCIPLINES OF HISTORY

Each candidate shall be examined in the *Disciplines of History* in accordance with regulation V of the Honour School of History.

VI. A THESIS FROM ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Regulation VI of the Honour School of History applies with the following modifications:

Cl. 3.(a) (For the avoidance of doubt) the Arnold Ancient History Prize and the Barclay Head Prize in Numismatics are to be read with the schedule.

Cl. 5. For 'Honour School of History' read 'Honour School of Ancient and Modern History'. For theses concerning the years before AD 285 read 'Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Ancient and Modern History' for 'Chair of the Examiners, Honour School of History'.

Cl. 8. For 'Chair of Examiners, Honour School of History' read 'Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Ancient and Modern History'.

VII. AN OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL THESIS

Regulation VII *An Optional Additional Thesis* of the Honour School of History shall apply with the following modifications:

Cl. 4. For dissertations concerning the years before AD 285 read 'Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Ancient and Modern History' for 'Chair of the Examiners, Honour School of History'.

Cl. 7. For 'Chair of Examiners, Honour School of History' read 'Chair of Examiners, Honours School of Ancient and Modern History'.

VIII. AN OPTIONAL LANGUAGE PAPER

[571:](#) Intermediate Ancient Greek or [572:](#) Intermediate Latin or [573:](#) Advanced Ancient Greek or [574:](#) Advanced Latin.

The individual specifications and prescribed texts for ~~Intermediate Ancient Greek, Intermediate Latin, Advanced Ancient Greek and Advanced Latin~~[subjects 571-574](#) will be published for candidates in the Ancient and Modern History Handbook by Monday of Week 0 of Michaelmas Term each year for the academic year ahead.

Any candidate whose native language is not English may bring a bilingual (native language to English) dictionary for use in any of the language papers offered under regulation VIII.