

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 18th March 2015

Title of Examination: Honour School of Experimental Psychology, Part II

Brief note about nature of change:

- a) to update the regulations for accuracy
- b) to require submission of an electronic copy of Research Projects and Library Dissertations
- c) to change submission deadlines

Effective date:

- For students starting FHS from Trinity Term 2014 (Part II Trinity Term 2015)
- For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2014*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2014, p. 209, ll. 15-20, amend as follows:

‘4. No candidate shall be admitted for the Part II examination in this school unless

(a) he or she has passed the Part I examination for Experimental Psychology;
and

(b) he or she has satisfied the Moderators for the Preliminary Examination for ~~Psychology and Philosophy in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics~~ in the subject *Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics* or has passed the Qualifying Examination in Statistics for this School.’

2. Ibid., p. 211, ll. 7-41, amend as follows:

‘1. Research Project and Library Dissertation

Whether undertaking the ~~The~~ research project, or the research project and the library dissertation, such work will normally be carried out in the Trinity Term and the following Michaelmas Term in the year preceding the Part II examinations.

Candidates will be required to undertake such ~~do project~~-work under the supervision of one of the following:

- (i) any member of the Faculty of Psychological Studies.
- (ii) any other person approved by the Divisional Board provided that such approval shall be applied for not later than Friday of fourth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the year preceding the Part II examinations.

The subject of the library dissertation and the research project should not overlap to the extent that they should not draw on substantially the same literature. Candidates are warned that they should avoid repetition in examination papers of material used in the research project or library dissertation and that substantial repetition may be penalised.

All proposed research projects or library dissertations must be approved in advance by the Head of the Department of Experimental Psychology or deputy. The procedures for obtaining this approval will be notified to students by the Head of Department of Experimental Psychology or deputy.

Two bound copies and one electronic copy of completed research projects and library dissertations must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Experimental Psychology, Examination Schools, Oxford, not later than noon on ~~Friday~~ Monday of the ~~eighth-ninth~~ week and Monday of the tenth-eleventh week of Hilary Term respectively, in the year of the examination. A certificate signed by the candidate indicating that the work submitted is the candidate's own work, and a statement of the number of words in the research project or library dissertation, must be submitted separately in respect of each research project and library dissertation in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners. Research projects and library dissertations previously submitted for the Honour School of Experimental Psychology may be resubmitted. No research project or library dissertation will be accepted if it has already been submitted wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution.

2. Candidates will be required to undertake practical work, as specified by the Head of Department of Experimental Psychology or deputy, and this will constitute a part of the examination. In exceptional circumstances the Proctors may exempt a candidate from the specified requirements on the recommendation of the Head of Department or deputy.'

Explanatory Notes

- (a) References to the pre-requisites for entering the Part II Examination are being updated for accuracy, with regard to the relevant Prelim examination. Other changes make it clear that the Head of the Department of Experimental Psychology may nominate a deputy to carry out duties specified in these regulations.
- (b) To require the submission of an electronic copy of Research Projects and Library Dissertations, in anticipation of enabling the Department to use software applications to screen any individual's submitted work for matches either to published sources or to

other submitted work.

- (c) To enable the examiners to apply a progressive tariff of academic penalties for late submission, submission deadlines are being moved to a day in the week other than a Friday.

Note that changes (b) and (c) affect what is required of candidates taking Psychology within the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics; however, a formal change to the regulations for the joint honours programme is not required.