Humanities Divisional Board

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Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Information on how papers are withdrawn and introduced, and removal of obsolete information

Location of change


Effective date

From MT 2019 for all students on course

Detail of change

Amend the regulations as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

Candidates offering Philosophy papers in any honour school must conform to the General Regulations below, and to those for their particular school, as specified elsewhere. When papers are introduced or withdrawn, the regulations will show the year of first examination, or of last examination, respectively. Candidates taking Philosophy must consult both the regulations for their particular school, and the present regulations. Those for their particular school are the normal place for the availability of Philosophy papers in the school. These regulations define (i) the syllabuses of Philosophy papers, and (ii) any general regulations which apply in one or more schools. Candidates must read both the syllabuses and the general regulations.

Subjects in Philosophy

The syllabuses of the subjects in Philosophy are specified below. All subjects, except 199With the exception of 199, and any 198 Special Subject where an alternative method is stipulated, all subjects will be examined by a three-hour written examination paper; candidates for Part C of the...
Honour Schools of Computer Science & Philosophy, Mathematics & Philosophy, and Physics & Philosophy will in addition be examined by a submitted essay, as described in the General Regulations below.

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119. Formal Logic

This paper was examined for the last time in Trinity Term 2014 and will not be available thereafter.

Students in all Philosophy Honour Schools except Mathematics and Philosophy, and Computer Science and Philosophy may, after Trinity Term 2014 and until further notice, offer the paper(s) in Set Theory and Logic from part B of the Honour School of Mathematics, which shall count as one Philosophy paper.

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180. The Rise of Modern Logic

The original authorities for the Rise of Modern Logic. The period of scientific thought to be covered is from 1879 to 1931 and includes principally the logical and foundational works of Frege, Russell, Hilbert, Brouwer, and Gödel that fall within this period. Questions may also be asked concerning Cantor, Dedekind, Poincaré, Zermelo, Skolem, Wittgenstein (Tractatus only), and Ramsey.

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General Regulations

The following restrictions on combinations apply to candidates whatever their honour school:

(i) A candidate may not take both of subjects 106 and 124.
(ii) A candidate may not take both of subjects 115 and 130.
(iii) A candidate may not take both of subjects 116 and 132.

[For students starting before MT 2018: (iv) Both of subjects 117 and 118 may be offered only by candidates in Mathematics and Philosophy and Computer Science and Philosophy.]
(iv) A candidate may not take subject 199 unless he or she also takes three other philosophy subjects.
(v) Notwithstanding any contrary indication in these regulations, subjects 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, and 135 to 136 may be offered only by candidates in Classics and English, Classics and Modern Languages, Classics and Oriental Studies, Literae Humaniores, and Oriental Studies.
(vi) A candidate may not take both of subjects 110 and 111.
(vii) Jurisprudence (subject 150) may be offered only by candidates in PPE, and cannot be combined with either subject 114 or subject 203.
(viii) The Rise of Modern Logic (180) may only be offered by candidates in Part C of the Honour Schools in Mathematics and Philosophy, Physics and Philosophy, and Computer Science and Philosophy.

(ixvii) Except in the school of Mathematics and Philosophy, and Computer Science and Philosophy, and in part C of the schools of Physics and Philosophy, the paper(s) from part B of the Honour School of Mathematics in Set Theory and Logic may be taken, and will count as one Philosophy paper.

(xviii) Whenever a new paper is introduced, the Faculty of Philosophy will publish, during the first academic year in which the paper is examined, a list of essay titles which the first cohort of candidates taking the new paper may offer for their extended essay, in those schools where they are required to offer an extended essay in addition to taking the written paper.

(ix) Whichever a candidate's honour school, where it is prescribed that he or she must take one or other of certain specified subjects and must take in addition some further subjects, a subject that is not chosen from among the specified ones may be chosen as a further subject.

**Regulations for Particular Honour Schools**

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**Philosophy, Politics, and Economics**

Any candidate in this school offers either Philosophy, Politics and Economics or Philosophy and Politics, or Philosophy and Economics or Politics and Economics, and takes eight subjects in all. Subjects in Philosophy must be chosen in conformity with the regulations for the honour school and with the General Regulations above; and subject 114 may not be offered by any candidate who takes subject 203 in Politics.

Candidates offering Philosophy, Politics and Economics are required to take (i) either subject 101, or subject 102, or subject 115, or subject 116, and (ii) subject 103. In addition to these subjects, they may take one or two further subjects in Philosophy.

Candidates offering Philosophy and Politics are required to take (i) either subject 101, or subject 102, or subject 115, or subject 116, and (ii) subject 103. In addition to these two, they must take one, and they may take two or three, further subjects in Philosophy.

Candidates offering Philosophy and Economics are required to take (i) either subject 101, or subject 102, or subject 115, or subject 116, and (ii) subject 103. In addition to these two, they must take one, and they may take two or three, further subjects in Philosophy.

Candidates offering Politics and Economics may take any one subject in Philosophy.

See SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE HONOUR SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS

**Philosophy and Theology**
Candidates are required to take (i) subject 107, (ii) one of the subjects 101, 115, and 116, and (iii) either subject 102 or subject 103. In addition to these three, they may take one or two further subjects in Philosophy, depending upon whether they take five or four or three subjects in all in Theology. Further subjects in Philosophy must be chosen in conformity with the General Regulations.

Candidates taking subject 199 who wish to write their thesis during the Long Vacation may submit titles for approval before noon on Friday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term in the year preceding the examination, and approval will be notified before the end of that term.

Explanatory Notes

The regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy cover Honour Schools that vary in length from 10 terms to 3 terms. As a result, the introduction and withdrawal of papers can be complex. Additional text has been added to improve clarity. The opportunity has also been taken to remove text that is obsolete or is duplicated and more appropriately located elsewhere.