HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Changes in the regulations governing Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

(I) Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of the change: Abolition of FHS Philosophy option 119: Formal Logic

With effect from 1 October 2013

[1] In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.416, after l.1,

Insert: ‘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 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.’

[2] Ibidem delete the current ll. 2-29.

[3] p.420, after l.21, insert:

‘(x) Except in the school of Mathematics and Philosophy, and in part C of the schools of Physics and Philosophy, and Computer Science 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.’

‘(xi) 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.’

[4] In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.417, after l.33, Insert:

‘127. Philosophical Logic

Topics to be studied include: classical and non-classical propositional logic, modal propositional logic, deontic, epistemic and tense logic, counterfactuals, predicate logic and its extensions, and quantified modal logic. These topics shall be studied in conjunction with Theodore Sider’s Logic for Philosophy, published by Oxford University Press. The logical symbols to be used are those found in this publication. This subject will be available in all Honour Schools involving Philosophy.’


(II) Honour School of Literae Humaniores

With effect from 1 October 2013


(III) Honour School of Physics and Philosophy

With effect from 1 October 2013

[1] In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.453, ll.13-14, delete ‘, and the questions...exercises’.

[2] In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.452, l.38, delete ‘and 125’ and replace with ‘,125 and 127’.

[3] Ibid. l.48, after ‘125’ insert ‘,127’.

(IV) Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

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In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.428, after l.16 insert new line ‘127. Philosophical Logic’.

(V) Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

With effect from 1 October 2013

[1] In Examination Regulations 2013, p.347, delete l.5 ‘and 125’, and insert ‘,125 and 127’.


(VI) Honour School of Computer Science and Philosophy

With effect from 1 October 2013

[1] In Examination Regulations, 2013, p.206, l.28, delete ‘and 125’ and replace with ‘,125 and 127’.

[2] Ibid. p.207 l.9, after ‘125’ insert ‘,127’.

Explanatory note

The Philosophy Faculty recently agreed to remove as an option paper 119 in Formal Logic. The paper was felt no longer to be suitable, in particular because it placed an enormous strain on the paper setters for minimal student take-up. Philosophy students will be henceforth be able to offer the Mathematics options B1a and B1b in Set Theory and Logic, as a Philosophy option, and/or a new paper in Philosophical Logic, paper 127.