

## Education Committee

Approved at the meeting of Taught Degrees Panel on 12 June 2018

## General Regulations for the First and Second Public Examination

**Brief note about nature of change:** Increase in time to be considered for honours for undergraduate exams

## Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/grtfasecopublexam/>

## Effective date

From MT 2018

## Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.350 – 1.359 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

*'Maximum time allowed for Honours*

4.11. No person may be admitted as a candidate in any Final Honour School after the lapse of ~~twelve~~ fifteen terms from the term of matriculation inclusively, except in the following cases:

(1) A candidate who has obtained Honours in some other Final Honour School may be admitted not more than ~~six~~ nine terms after the date on which he or she first obtained Honours in a Final Honour School.

(2) A candidate who has obtained Honours (or has satisfied the Moderators under the Regulations for the Conduct of Examinations) in Honour Moderations may be admitted as a candidate in Part II of the examination in Chemistry or in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry or in Materials Science up to the end of the ~~eighteenth~~ twenty-first term.

(3) A candidate in any of the following Final Honour School examinations may be admitted up to the end of the ~~fifteenth~~ eighteenth term:

(a) any Final Honour School, if the candidate has obtained Honours (or has satisfied the Moderators under the Regulations for the Conduct of Examinations) in Honour Moderations in either the fifth or sixth term, or the eighth term in the case of Honour Moderations in Classics, from matriculation;

(b) the second part of any Final Honour School which is divided into two parts, except the Honour School of Biological Sciences, the Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology, the Honour School of Experimental Psychology, the Honour School of Geology, the Honour School of Neuroscience, and the Honour School of Physics (three-year course), and the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics;

(c) the third part of any Final Honour School which is divided into three parts;

(d) the Honour School of Classics and Modern Languages, English and Modern Languages, European and Middle Eastern Languages, Jurisprudence, Modern Languages, Modern Languages and Linguistics, ~~Modern~~ History and Modern Languages, or Philosophy and Modern Languages, if the candidate is certified by his or her college to have spent an academic year of approved residence in an appropriate country or appropriate countries;

(e) the examination in Chinese or Japanese, or, if the candidate is certified to have spent an academic year abroad on a course approved by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, the examination in Arabic, or Hebrew, or Persian, or Turkish, in the Honour School of Oriental Studies.

(4) A person whose position is not covered in any of paragraphs 4.11 (1)-(3) may be admitted as a candidate in a Final Honour School for which there is at least one other candidate, subject to the approval of the Education Committee.'

### **Explanatory Notes**

The regulations relating to when a candidate could be considered for honours were no longer consistent with the provisions relating to which syllabus a candidate is entitled to be assessed according to (known as sitting under 'old regulations'). According to the current regulations, a candidate may be assessed according to the FHS syllabus they were taught up to six terms after they were originally due to take the assessment but may be considered for honours only up to three terms after they were originally due to take the assessment. The regulations have been updated to give consistency between the two sets of regulations.

The list of two-Part FHS taken over two years and the list of courses which include a year abroad have also been updated to reflect changes in FHS availability and titles.