Humanities Division
Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Master of Philosophy in Theology

Brief note about nature of change: Rewording of regulations following realignment of assessment structure for Modern Theology

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2016
For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change
In Examination Regulations online. Citation numbering: 1.171 - 1.178

Detail of change

1.171 Section G. Issues in Theology with special reference to Theology from 1780 to the present day

1.172 A. The two written examinations will be:

1.173 1. Methods and Styles in Theology from 1780 to the Present, as in Section D.A.1 above.

1.174 2. Either (a) Modern Theology

1.175 or (b) Theology and Modern European Thought from 1780 to the Present;

1.176 or (c) Theology and Literature from 1780 to the Present.

1.177 B. Candidates will write either one long essay (up to 15,000 words) or three short essays (up to 5,000 words each) on a topic or topics falling within one of 2 (a), (b) or (c) above, Modern Theology
chosen by each candidate in liaison with the supervisor.

1.17 C. All candidates offer a dissertation of up to 30,000 words. The topics of the essays and the dissertation will be chosen by the candidate in liaison with the supervisor. The candidate's progress will be supported by tutorials with the supervisor.

Explanatory Notes

The regulations for the MPhil in Theology previously stipulated that, as a part of the Christian Doctrine course ‘Issues in Theology with special reference to Theology from 1780 to the Present’, candidates were required to sit two timed written examinations. For the second timed written examination (A.2), the candidate was required to choose one paper from three options: Modern Theology, Theology and Modern European Thought from 1780 to the Present, and Theology and Literature from 1780 to the Present. Candidates were also required to write submitted essay(s) (B.) on a topic or topics that fell within the same three areas.

It was agreed to combine the three options under the single heading of Modern Theology to better align the assessment structure with the teaching available in this area.