Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Brief note about nature of change: minor administrative amendments including changes relating to the approval and submission of the UG thesis.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2019-20

Effective date

For students commencing the FHS in MT20, for first examination 2021-22.

Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.31, 1.44, 1.48, 1.161, 1.197 and 1.201-1.212 and renumber as follows:

1.31 106. Philosophy of Science and Social Science (105, 124)

1.44 124. Philosophy of Science (105, 106)

1.48 129. The Philosophy of Wittgenstein

1.161 229. Advanced Paper in Theories of Justice

Theories of justice often focus on adults who lack any disabilities and are in good health, who live in a single society with no history of injustice and who are contemporaries. This paper aims to examine the questions that arise when we broaden the focus of justice beyond these confines and consider how to apply principles of justice to real world policy questions. In particular, it examines what principles of justice should apply with respect to (i) future
generations; (ii) historic injustice; (iii) global politics and those who are not co-citizens or co-nationals; (iv) those with disabilities; (v) children; (vi) health care; and (vii) unconditional basic income policy.  

398. Special Subjects in Economics

Special Subjects will be examined either by examination paper or assessed essay. The list of Special Subjects will be published by the Department of Economics at its ‘Options Fair’ at the beginning of the fourth week of the first Hilary Full Term of candidates’ work for the Honour School, and will be posted on the Department's undergraduate web-site at the same time. Most special subjects may only be taken in combination with one or more of 300, 301, and 302. Depending on the availability of teaching resources, not all Special Subjects will be available in every year.

399. Thesis

(a) Subject

The subject of every thesis should fall within the scope of the Honour School. The subject may but need not overlap any subject on which the candidate offers papers. Candidates are warned that they should avoid repetition in papers of material used in their theses and that substantial repetition may be penalized.

Every candidate shall submit through his or her college for approval to the Director of Undergraduate Studies for Politics and International Relations, or Economics or the Director of Undergraduate Studies for Economics, as appropriate, the title he or she proposes together with

(i) an indication as to the branch of the school in which the subject falls, e.g. Economics;

(ii) an explanation of the subject in about 100 words;

(iii) a letter of approval from his or her thesis tutor;

not earlier than the first day of the Trinity Full Term of the year before that in which he or she is to be examined and not later than the date prescribed for entry to the examination. The relevant Director of Undergraduate Studies shall decide as soon as possible whether or not to approve the title and shall advise the candidate immediately. No decision shall be deferred beyond the end of the fifth week of Michaelmas Full Term.

Proposals to change the title of the thesis may be made through the relevant Department administrator and will be considered by the relevant Director of Undergraduate Studies of the relevant sub-faculty until the first day of the Hilary Full Term of the year in which the student is to be examined, and by the relevant chair of the examiners thereafter.

(b) Authorship and origin

Every thesis shall be the candidate's own work. His or her thesis tutor may, however, discuss with him or her the field of study, the sources available, and the method of
presentation; the thesis tutor may also read and comment on a first draft. The amount of assistance that may be given is equivalent to the teaching of a normal paper. Theses previously submitted for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics may be resubmitted. No thesis 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. Every candidate shall sign a certificate to the effect that the thesis is his or her own work and that it has not already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. This certificate shall be presented together with the thesis. No thesis shall, however, be ineligible because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

1.208 1.209(c) Length and format

1.209 1.210 No thesis shall exceed 15,000 words. Candidates should refer to the relevant Department for guidance as to formatting, content, and submission requirements. The limit to include all notes and appendices, but not bibliographies; no person or body shall have authority to permit any excess. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. All theses must be typed in double spacing on one side of quarto or A4 paper. Any notes and references may be placed either at the bottom of the relevant pages or all together at the end of the thesis, but in the latter case two loose copies of the notes and references must be supplied. The thesis must be bound or held firmly in a stiff cover. Two bound copies shall be submitted to the examiners, along with one electronic copy; they shall be returned to the candidate's college after the examination.

1.210 1.211(d) Notice of submission of thesis

1.211 1.212 Every candidate who wishes to submit a thesis shall give notice of his or her intention to do so on his or her examination entry form (in addition to seeking approval of the subject from the relevant Director of Undergraduate Studies, Chair of the sub-faculty or head of department under (a) above); and shall submit his or her thesis using the University approved online submission system not later than noon on Thursday of the week before the Trinity Full Term of the examination, to the Chair of the Examiners, Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. Every candidate who wishes to have his or her thesis returned is required to enclose with the thesis, in an envelope bearing only his or her candidate number, a self-addressed sticky label.

Explanatory Notes

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