

**Humanities Division
Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion**

Approved at the meeting of 15 June 2017

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Postgraduate Diploma in Theology

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to paper references and title approval process

Effective date

For students starting on the part-time course from MT 2017

For students starting on the full-time course from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2016 (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/pdiplintheo/>)

Detail of change

New text underlined, deleted text struck-through

^{1.9}3. All candidates will be required to offer three papers (and not more than four) from those specified in the schedule of papers prescribed for the ~~Final~~ Honour School of Theology and Religion, apart from paper 3000 (a thesis). ~~these listed below:~~

(a) Candidates may not offer more than two papers from (3303) *Faith, Reason and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*; (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*; (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*; (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*; (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*; (3304) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*; and (3405) *Mysticism*.

~~1.10 (i) Further Studies in History and Doctrine~~

~~1.11 (ii) Selected Topics (Old Testament) I~~

~~1.12 (i) Prophecy~~

~~1.13 (ii) Apocalyptic~~

~~1.14 (iii) Selected Topics (Old Testament) II~~

~~1.15 (i) Wisdom~~

~~1.16 (ii) Worship and Liturgy~~

~~1.17 (iv) The Hebrew of the Old Testament~~

~~1.18 (v) Archaeology in Relation to the Old Testament~~

~~1.19 (vi) Religions and Mythology of the Ancient Near East~~

~~1.20 (vii) Christian Liturgy~~

~~1.21 (viii) Early Syriac Christianity~~

~~1.22 (ix) History and Theology of the Church in the Byzantine Empire from AD1000 to 1453~~

~~1.23 (x) Mysticism~~

~~1.24 (xi) Psychology of Religion~~

~~1.25 (xii) English Church and Mission 597-754~~

~~1.26 [For students starting from MT 2016: 4. Paper 27, *The New Testament in Greek*, can only be offered as a fourth paper.]~~

~~1.27 [For students starting before MT 2016: 4.] [For students starting from MT 2016: 5- 4.]~~

~~Part-time students will study two papers in their first year of study, and the third (and fourth, if this option is chosen) in their second year of study. Examination will be at the second year of study. The examination will be in Trinity Term in the second year of study.~~

~~1.28 [For students starting before MT 2016: 5.] [For students starting from MT 2016: 6- 5.]~~

~~]Not all papers will be available every year.~~

~~1.29 [For students starting before MT 2016: 6.] [For students starting from MT 2016: 7.]~~

~~]Candidates may choose to offer either two short essays of 3,000 to 4,000 words or one long essay of 7,000 to 8,000 words in place of one of their chosen papers, except for paper (27) *The New Testament in Greek*. The essay word limit is inclusive of notes and appendices, but excludes the bibliography.~~

~~6. Candidates may choose to offer either two short essays of 3,000 to 4,000 words or one long essay of 7,000 to 8,000 words in place of one of their chosen papers, except for papers (3109) *New Testament Theology*, (3110) *Study of a New Testament Book*, (3111) *The Afterlife of the New Testament*, (3112) *The Old Testament in Early Christianity*, (3201) *Contemporary Theology and Culture*, (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*, (3305)~~

Further Studies in Judaism, (3306) Further Studies in Islam, (3307) Further Studies in Buddhism, (3308) Further Studies in Hinduism, (3404) Further Studies in Science and Religion, (3405) Mysticism and (3406) Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion. The essay word limit is inclusive of notes and appendices, but excludes the bibliography.

(a) Candidates who are offering two papers from (3303) Faith, Reason and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age: (3305) Further Studies in Judaism: (3306) Further Studies in Islam: (3307) Further Studies in Buddhism: (3308) Further Studies in Hinduism: (3404) Further Studies in Science and Religion: and (3405) Mysticism may not choose to be assessed by either two short essays or a long essay in their other paper or papers.

1.30 **[For students starting from MT 2016: 8- 7.]** The final mark for the award will be calculated as the average of the three best papers—~~(excluding Paper 27).~~]

1.31 **[For students starting before MT 2016: 7.] [For students starting from MT 2016: 9- 8.]** Any candidate may be examined viva voce.

1.32 Regulations concerning essays

1.33 In the Michaelmas Term of each year, the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion will publish a list of topics, from which candidates may choose to write either two short essays or one long essay in place of one of their chosen papers. A supplementary list of topics for part-time students may be published in Week 4 of the Trinity Term of their first year. The topics offered may vary from year to year and will be related to the research interests of the teachers concerned. In certain years when part-time students have expressed an intention to write either two short essays or one long essay in place of one of their chosen papers for examination in the following year, a further list will be published in Trinity Term.

[...]

1.36 The candidate must submit two typed copies of the essay (bound or held firmly in a stiff cover), addressed to the Chair of the Examiners, Postgraduate Diploma in Theology and Religion, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford not later than noon on the Friday of the first week of Trinity Term (or noon on the Friday of the first week of the candidate's second Trinity Term in the case of part-time students). Candidates must not put their names on the examination paper or on any pre-submitted work.

Explanatory Notes

The curriculum for the PGDip in Theology and Religion is closely tied to that for the Faculty's BA degree. PGDip candidates currently choose three or four papers from a selection of Final Honour School papers. As the Final Honour School curriculum has been substantially revised and is due to be replaced in Michaelmas term, 2017, for first

examination in Trinity term 2019, it has been agreed to remove any specific reference to the papers available on the old curriculum and set out the choice of papers available on the new curriculum.

As the new curriculum will not be introduced fully until 2018-19, and examined first in Trinity term 2019, it was agreed to amend the PGDip regulations for those entering the two year part-time PGDip course in Michaelmas term 2017, and that they would apply to those entering the full-time course in Michaelmas term 2018.

An additional change has been included to the essay topic approval process for part-time students to enable those that wish to do so to obtain approval to work on an essay over the Long Vacation in Year 1.