Humanities Divisional Board

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Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Minor corrections to typographical errors and to bring the regulations into line with those for the Honour School of Oriental Studies.

Effective date
For students starting the degree in MT 2019 or MT 2020; for first examination in TT 2023.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2019-20:
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsocandoriestud&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1

Detail of change

A

1.1. The Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of Classics and of Oriental Studies, which shall appoint a standing joint committee to make, and to submit to the two boards, proposals for regulations concerning the examination.

1.2. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination in this School unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.

1.3. The Public Examiners in this School shall be such of the Public Examiners in the Honour Schools of Literae Humaniores and of Oriental Studies as may be required, together with any additional examiners who may be required who shall be nominated by the committee for the nomination of Public Examiners in one or both of those Honour Schools as appropriate.

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1.4. Candidates must offer one Main Subject and one Subsidiary Language, of which one must be
Classics and the other a subject or language in Oriental Studies as specified below. In addition they may offer, but are not required to offer, a Special Thesis in Classics, Oriental Studies or a subject linking both. Candidates offering a Special Thesis may not also offer an additional optional special subject where that is allowed under the Regulations for Oriental Studies.

1.5 Classics may be offered either as a Main Subject or as a Subsidiary Language, save that those who have satisfied the Moderators in Honour Moderations or the Preliminary Examination in Classics may not offer Classics as an Subsidiary Language without permission from the Joint Standing Committee for Classics and Oriental Studies; such permission must be sought as early as possible, and in any case no later than noon on the Friday of the first week of Michaelmas Term before the examination.

1.6 In Oriental Studies, the following may be offered either as a Main Subject or as a Subsidiary Language: Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Sanskrit, Turkish.

1.7 Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies may be offered only as a Main Subject.

1.8 Any candidate whose native language is not English may bring a bilingual (native language to English) dictionary for use in any examination paper where candidates are required to translate Ancient Greek and/or Latin texts into English.

1.9 The following may be offered only as a Subsidiary Language: Akkadian, Aramaic and Syriac, Armenian, Coptic, Egyptology, Egyptian, Early Iranian, Pali and Prakrit.

Any candidate whose native language is not English may bring a bilingual (native language to English) dictionary for use in any examination paper where candidates are required to translate Ancient Greek and/or Latin texts into English.

1.10 All Subjects and Languages other than Classics will be examined in accordance with the Regulations for the Honour School of Oriental Studies.

1.11 The subjects available in Classics are listed below. Those offering Classics as their Main Subject must offer five of these, of which at least two (or, in the case of those offering Greek or Latin for Beginners, at least one) must be drawn from 130-6, 401-6, 414, 501-13, 515, 517-8, 524-5, 541-2, 551-2, and 581. Those offering Classics as their Subsidiary Language must offer three, of which at least one (unless they are offering Greek or Latin for Beginners) must be drawn from 130-6, 401-6, 414, 501-13, 515, 517-8, 524-5, 541-2, 551-2 and 581.

1.12 Subjects 130-9 will be set in accordance with the regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. Subjects 401-15, 501-13, 515, 517-18, 524-5, 551-4, 566-9 and 601-5 below will be set in accordance with the regulations for the Honour School of Literae Humaniiores. For each subject, a detailed specification and (where applicable) prescribed texts will be given in the Greats Handbook applicable to the relevant year of examination. The handbook will be published by Monday of Week 5 of Hilary Term two years preceding the examination.

1.13 NOTE: (i) Greek or Latin for Beginners counts as two subjects. It may not be offered by candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in Course IA, IB, or IC of Honour Moderations in Classics or of the Preliminary Examination in Classics. Candidates who offer Greek or Latin for Beginners must offer either both subjects in Greek (566/568) or both subjects in Latin (567/569), and may not offer either subject in the same language as they offered in Course IIA or IIB of Honour Moderations or the Preliminary Examination in Classics, if they sat either of those examinations. If
they offer *Greek for Beginners* they may, if they wish, offer *Greek Core* as non-text-based (521); in that case, they must also offer at least one of subjects 130-6, 401-6, 414, 502-13, 515, 517-8, 524-5, 541-2, 551-2, or 581 if they are offering Classics as their main subject. If they offer *Latin for Beginners* they may if they wish offer *Latin Core* as non-text-based (522); in that case, they must also offer at least one of subjects 130-6, 401-6, 414, 501, 503-13, 515, 517-8, 524-5, 541-2, 551-2, or 581 if they are offering Classics as their main subject.

1.14 NOTE: (ii) It cannot be guaranteed that university lectures or classes or college teaching will be available on all subjects in every academic year. Candidates are advised to consult their tutors about the availability of teaching when selecting their subjects.

1.15 **A. Subjects in Greek and Latin Literature**

1.16 Candidates offering three or more of these subjects must offer 501 or 502, and may offer both.

1.17 The following restrictions on combinations of subjects will apply:

1.18 (1) Only one of subjects 503, 504, and 507 may be taken.

1.19 (2) Only one of subjects 505 and 541 may be taken.

1.20 (3) Only one of subjects 512 and 525 may be taken. Note: University classes will be given for only one of these subjects each year.

1.21 (4) Only one of subjects 515 and 524 may be taken. Note: University classes will be given for only one of these subjects each year.

1.22 (5) Only one of subjects 517, 518, and 581 may be taken.

1.23 Each of subjects 503: *Historiography*, 504: *Lyric Poetry* and 507: *Comedy* will be examined by an extended essay of up to 6,000 words and a one-and-a-half hour translation paper. For each of these subjects, version (a) as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humanaiores is the only version available to candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in Course IA, IB, or IC of Honour Moderations in Classics or of the Preliminary Examination in Classics.

1.24 501: *Greek Core*. One paper of three hours (commentary and essay) with an additional paper (one-and-a-half hours) of translation.

1.25 502: *Latin Core*. One paper of three hours (commentary and essay) with an additional paper (one-and-a-half hours) of translation.

1.26 503: *Historiography*. This subject may not be combined with 504 or 507.

1.27 504: *Lyric Poetry*. This subject may not be combined with 503 or 507.

1.28 505: *Early Greek Hexameter Poetry*. This subject may not be combined with 541.

1.29 506: *Greek Tragedy*.

1.30 507: *Comedy*. This subject may not be combined with 503 or 504.
1.31 508: Hellenistic Poetry.

1.32 509: Cicero the Orator.

1.33 510: Ovid.

1.34 511: Latin Didactic.

1.35 512: Neronian Literature.

1.36 513: Euripides, Orestes: papyri, manuscripts, text.

1.37 515: Catullus: manuscripts, text, interpretation. This subject may not be combined with 524.

1.38 517: Byzantine Literature. This subject may not be combined with 518 or 581.

1.39 518: Modern Greek Poetry. This subject is available only to candidates offering 501 Greek Core who are not offering Greek or Latin for Beginners. It may not be combined with 517 or 581.

1.40 524: Seneca, Medea: manuscripts, text, interpretation. This subject may not be combined with 515.

1.41 525: Latin Literature from Titus to Trajan. This subject may not be combined with 512.

1.42 541: Homer, Iliad [Honour Moderations in Classics, Course 1A, paper 1]. This option may not be offered by candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in Course IA, IB, IC, or IIB of Honour Moderations in Classics. It may not be combined with 505.

1.43 542: Virgil, Aeneid [Honour Moderations in Classics, Course 1A, paper 2]. This option may not be offered by candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in Course IA, IB, IC, or IIB of Honour Moderations in Classics.

1.44 581: The Latin Works of Petrarch. [Honour School of Classics and Modern Languages, subject 6, 7 (xiv) (d)]. This subject may not be combined with 517 or 518.

1.45 599: Thesis in Greek and/or Latin Literature. This subject may not be combined with 499, 598 or 699.

1.46 B. Subjects in Greek and Roman History

1.47 Candidates offering more than one of these subjects must offer at least one of 401-6; those offering more than three of these subjects must offer at least two of 401-6; those offering five of these subjects must offer three of 401-6. Each of subjects 401-6 will be examined in a three-hour essay paper and a one-and-a-half-hour paper comprising passages for translation and comment from the prescribed texts, as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores. Candidates without competence in the relevant language may apply to the chair of the Joint Standing Committee for dispensation to sit any of these six subjects as non-text-based (subjects 421-6 as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores) by noon on the Friday of the first week of Michaelmas Term before the examination, setting out the full range of their intended options and stating why they think it educationally desirable to offer them.
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**Explanatory Notes**

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