

Bachelor in  
Theology

LV 2021

**Continuing Education Board**

**Approved by correspondence** 13 July 2021

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]**

Bachelor in Theology

**Brief note about nature of change:** Changes to Special Regulations as:

Regulating the process for title approval; Removal of the requirement for two written exams; addition of exit award of a Diploma; Minor changes regarding submission of written work and presentational improvements

**Location of change**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=bachoftheo>

**Effective date**

For all students on course in MT 2021 and after

For first examination from 2021-22

**Detail of change**

**Degree of Bachelor of Theology**

**General regulations**

1. The examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology shall be under the supervision of the Continuing Education Board, which shall have power, subject to the approval of the Education Committee, to make regulations governing the examination.

2. Any person who has been admitted under the provisions of this section as a Student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology, who has satisfied the conditions prescribed in this

section, and who has satisfied the examiners for the degree, may supplicate for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology.

3. No full-time student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology shall be granted leave to supplicate unless, after admission, they have kept statutory residence and pursued their course of study at Oxford for at least nine terms. Time spent outside Oxford while registered as a student for the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies or as part of an academic programme approved by the Continuing Education Board shall count towards residence for the purposes of this clause. No full-time student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology shall retain that status for more than twelve terms in all.

4. A student who takes the degree by two years of full-time study and the remainder by means of part-time study shall retain the status of Student for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology for no more than fifteen terms. A student who takes the degree by one year of full-time study and the remainder by means of part-time study shall retain that status for no more than eighteen terms. A student who takes the degree wholly part-time shall retain that status for no more than twenty-one terms.

5. A student may transfer from full-time to part-time status or vice versa with the approval of the Continuing Education Board.

6. Part-time students shall not be required to keep statutory residence, but must attend for such instruction at their Hall for such times as shall be required by the Continuing Education Board.

7. Candidates may be permitted under certain circumstances to suspend status for a maximum of six terms. When a student is entered as a candidate in an examination following return from suspension of status within six terms of the term in which they were originally due to be examined, they shall be entitled to be examined in accordance with the regulations pertaining at the time at which they received teaching for the examination.

8. Candidates for this degree may be admitted by such Permanent Private Halls as have been granted permission to do so.

9. The Registrar shall keep a register of all candidates so admitted.

### **Special Regulations**

#### **A**

1. Candidates may be admitted either onto Part 1 or directly onto Part 2 of the course. Admission directly onto Part 2 is at the discretion of the Continuing Education Board, and candidates so admitted will normally be expected to have satisfactorily completed the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies. Applications for dispensation from this requirement will be considered, in exceptional circumstances only, by the Board. To be dispensed from this requirement, candidates must demonstrate that they have undertaken equivalent study to an equivalent standard. Where candidates are admitted on the basis of having completed the Undergraduate Certificate, work done for the Certificate will be deemed to be work done for the Bachelor of Theology.

2. Part 1 is available on a full time basis over three terms and on a part time basis over six

terms. Part 2 is available on a wholly full time basis over six terms and on a wholly part time basis over twelve terms.

3. No candidate may attempt Part 2 until they have either satisfactorily completed or have been dispensed from Part 1.

4. For any candidate who is successful in the examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology, and who has already successfully completed the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies (and for the Bachelor of Theology examination has incorporated the assignments submitted for the Undergraduate Certificate) the Degree will subsume their Certificate.

5. Any candidate who has successfully completed Part 1 and who does not either proceed to, or successfully complete, at least six papers from Part 2, and who has not previously successfully completed the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies shall be awarded the Certificate.

6. Any candidate who has successfully completed

- i. Either Part 1 of the Bachelor of Theology  
or the Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies; and
- ii. at least six papers from Part 2

and does not proceed to, or successfully complete, Part 2, shall be awarded the Undergraduate Diploma in Theological Studies. The Undergraduate Diploma shall subsume the Undergraduate Certificate.

~~In the following regulations, the English version of the Bible used will be the New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha (Anglicized Edition). The Greek text used will be the *The Greek New Testament* (United Bible Societies, 4th edn. 1993). The Hebrew text used will be the *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (Stuttgart, 1977).~~

## **B**

### *Part 1*

7. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in written assignments or examination papers, format as specified in the course handbook, for six papers to include:

- i. Each of Papers A1 to A4 from Part 1 of Schedule for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology;
- ii. Two further papers from Part 1 of the same Schedule, at least one of which must be selected from Papers A5 to A8.

The written work, videos and other recordings will be submitted via the ~~Department for Continuing Education~~ University approved online submission system. ~~Videos or other recordings will be submitted in an appropriate electronic format to the Examiners for the Bachelor of Theology, Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford.~~ in accordance with the

instructions in the course handbook.

8. Full-time students must submit or be examined in at least two papers by the end of Hilary Full term, at least two papers by the end of Trinity Full term and the remainder by the Long Vacation submission deadline. Part-time students must submit or be examined in three papers in year 1 and three papers in year 2 with at least one paper by the end of Hilary Full term each year, at least one paper by the end of Trinity Full term each year and the remaining papers for the year by the Long Vacation submission deadline. The exact dates will be published in the course handbook at the beginning of each academic year.

~~8.~~ 9. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the written work or the examinations under 7 may will be permitted to resubmit work in respect of part or parts of the examination which they have failed, on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the initial failure.

### *Part 2*

~~9.~~ 10. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in written assignments or examination papers, format as specified in the course handbook, for a further twelve papers (or equivalent) to include at least one from each of Sections B, C, D and E of the Part 2 Schedule.

Titles for papers must be agreed by a sub-committee of the BTh Suite Committee for dissertations or projects under Section E, and for assignments submitted under Sections B, C or D where the candidate departs from the list provided. Instructions for gaining approval are provided in the course handbook.

Candidates who do not submit titles for approval by the deadline given in the course handbook may be allocated a title by the BTh Suite Committee.

Paper A9 or A10 from Part 1 of the Schedule, may be offered unless already offered for the Undergraduate Certificate. Papers B6 and B7 may normally only be offered if Paper A9 or A10 respectively were offered for the Undergraduate Certificate.

Papers taken from Section E carry twice the value of those taken from Sections B, C or D.

The written work, videos and other recordings will be submitted via the ~~Department for Continuing Education~~ University approved online submission system in accordance with the instructions in the course handbook. ~~Videos or other recordings will be submitted in an appropriate electronic format to the Examiners for the Bachelor of Theology, Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford.~~

11. In each year of Part 2, full-time students must submit or be examined in at least two papers by the end of Hilary Full term, at least two papers by the end of Trinity Full term and the remainder of papers for the year by the Long Vacation submission deadline. Part-time students must submit three papers in each year of Part 2 with at least one paper by the end of Hilary Full term each year, at least one paper by the end of Trinity Full term each year and the remaining papers for the year by the Long Vacation submission deadline. The exact dates will be published in the course handbook at the beginning of each academic

year.

~~10. All candidates must be assessed by written examinations in at least two papers during the course of their study.~~

44. 12. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the written work or the examinations under 9. ~~may~~ will be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the paper or papers which they have failed, on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the initial failure.

~~12.~~ 13. Candidates may be required to attend a *viva voce* examination at the end of the course.

*Schedule of papers*

*[Note: Not all options may be available in any one year]*

*Part One:*

**Section A: Introductory papers**

- A1 *Introduction to the Old Testament*
- A2 *Introduction to the New Testament*
- A3 *The History of the Church*
- A4 *Introduction to Christian Doctrine*
- A5 *Christianity in the Contemporary World*
- A6 *Introduction to Ministry and Worship*
- A7 *Introduction to Christian Faith and Philosophy*
- A8 *Introduction to Christian Faith and Science*
- A9 *Elementary Biblical Hebrew*
- A10 *Elementary Biblical Greek*

*Part Two*

**Section B: Biblical Studies**

- B1 *Further Studies in the Old Testament*
- B2 *Further Studies in the New Testament*
- B3 *Biblical Interpretation*
- B4 *An Old Testament Book*
- B5 *A New Testament Book*
- B6 *Advanced Old Testament Hebrew*
- B7 *Advanced New Testament Greek*

**Section C: History and Doctrine**

- C1 *Issues in Church History*
- C2 *Issues in Christian Doctrine*
- C3 *Ecclesiology*
- C4 *Theologies of Salvation*
- C5 *A Special Theologian*

**Section D: Practical Theology and Religious Studies**

- D1 Issues in Christian Ministry*
- D2 The Person and Role of an Ordained Minister*
- D3 Christian Ethics*
- D4 Issues in Mission*
- D5 Issues in Christian Worship*
- D6 Issues in Christian Spirituality*
- D7 World Religions*
- D8 Philosophical Theology*
- D9 Issues in Christian Faith and Science*
- D10 Christian Faith and Psychology*

**Section E: Independent Study**

- E1 Dissertation (counts as 2 papers)*
- E2 Project (counts as 2 papers)*

**Explanatory Notes**

To take effect from MT 2018