

Humanities Divisional Board

Title of Programme

Honour School of Theology and Religion

Brief note about nature of change: Curriculum Reform

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2015, pp.396-409

Detail of change

Delete p.396, l.2-p.409, l.30 and substitute:

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1. The examination in the Honour School of Theology and Religion shall include:
 - (1) Biblical Studies
 - (2) Systematic Theology and Ethics
 - (3) History of Religions
 - (4) Religion and Religions
 - (5) Such other subjects as the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion shall from time to time prescribe by regulation.
2. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this school unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.
3. The Examination in this school shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, which shall prescribe the necessary regulations.

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1. All candidates will be required to offer eight papers from the lists below. All Candidates will be required to submit a thesis (Paper 3000) at the end of Hilary Term of their final year in the Honour School as one of the eight papers in the Final Honour School.

2. All candidates must offer four papers chosen from the list below, with the exception of Senior Status students who may offer up to five papers from the list below.

(1) Biblical Studies

Paper (2101) *The Narrative World of the Hebrew Bible*

Paper (2102) *The Poetic World of the Hebrew Bible*

Paper (2103) *The Gospels*

(2) Systematic Theology and Ethics

Paper (2201) *History of Doctrine*

Paper (2202) *Ethics I: Christian Moral Reasoning*

Paper (2203) *Themes in Nineteenth-Century Theology and Religion*

Paper (2204) *Key Themes in Systematic Theology*

(3) History of Religions

Paper (2301) *History and Theology of the Early Church (64-337AD)*

Paper (2302) *Medieval Religions*

Paper (2303) *Early Modern Christianity 1500-1648*

Paper (2304) *Formations of Rabbinic Judaism*

Paper (2305) *Islam in the Classical Period*

Paper (2306) *Foundations of Buddhism*

Paper (2307) *Hinduism: Sources and Formations*

(4) Religion and Religions

Paper (2401) *Modern Judaism*

Paper (2402) *Islam in Contemporary Society*

Paper (2403) *Buddhism in Space and Time*

Paper (2404) *Modern Hinduism*

Paper (2405) *Science and Religion*

3. All candidates must offer three papers chosen from the list below, with the exception of Senior Status students who may offer up to two papers from the list below if they are offering five papers from 2101 to 2405.

(1) Biblical Studies

Paper (3101) *Hebrew of the Hebrew Bible*

Paper (3102) *Paul and the Pauline Tradition*

Paper (3103) *Biblical Interpretation: Perspectives from the Social Sciences*

Paper (3104) *Gender and Power in Biblical Texts*

Paper (3105) *Worship and Liturgy in the Hebrew Bible*

Paper (3106) *Prophecy and Revelation in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond*

Paper (3107) *Law, Teaching and Wisdom in Biblical Tradition*

Paper (3108) *Early Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism*
Paper (3109) *New Testament Theology*
Paper (3110) *Study of a New Testament Book*
Paper (3111) *The Afterlife of the New Testament*
Paper (3112) *The Old Testament in Early Christianity*

(2) Systematic Theology and Ethics

Paper (3201) *Contemporary Theology and Culture*
Paper (3203) *Analytic Philosophy and Christian Theology*
Paper (3204) *Ethics II: Religious Ethics*
Paper (3208) *Origen*
Paper (3209) *Augustine*
Paper (3210) *Anselm*
Paper (3211) *Aquinas*
Paper (3212) *Luther*
Paper (3213) *Calvin*
Paper (3214) *Kierkegaard*
Paper (3215) *Newman*
Paper (3217) *Barth*
Paper (3218) *Tillich*
Paper (3219) *Bonhoeffer*
Paper (3220) *Rahner*
Paper (3221) *Liberation Theology and its Legacy*
Paper (3222) *Postliberal Theology*
Paper (3223) *Radical Orthodoxy*
Paper (3224) *Modern Debates concerning the Trinity*
Paper (3225) *Modern Debates concerning Christology*
Philosophy Paper 107* *Philosophy of Religion*

(3) History of Religions

Paper (3301) *From Nicaea to Chalcedon*
Paper (3302) *Saints and Sanctity in the Age of Bede*
Paper (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*
Paper (3304) *Eastern Christianities from Constantinople to Baghdad*
Paper (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*
Paper (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*
Paper (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*
Paper (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*
Paper (3309) *Studies in the Abrahamic Religions*
Paper (3310) *Varieties of Judaism 100BCE-100CE*

(4) Religion and Religions

Paper (3401) *The Nature of Religion*
Paper (3402) *Psychology of Religion*
Paper (3403) *Sociology of Religion*
Paper (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*
Paper (3405) *Mysticism*
Paper (3406) *Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion*

4. Not all papers will be available every year.

5. Papers (2101) *The Narrative World of the Hebrew Bible*; (2102) *The Poetic World of the Hebrew Bible*; (2103) *The Gospels*; (2204) *Key Themes in Systematic Theology*; (2301) *History and Theology of the Early Church (64-337AD)*; (2303) *Early Modern Christianity 1500-1648*; (3101) *Hebrew of the Hebrew Bible*; (3102) *Paul and the Pauline Tradition*, and (3301) *From Nicaea to Chalcedon* will be available every year.

6. 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*; and (3405) *Mysticism*.

7. All candidates will be required to submit a thesis (Paper 3000) by noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term in the final year of the Honour School as one of their eight papers. The thesis must not exceed 12,000 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The subject of the thesis need not fall within the areas covered by the papers listed in the Honour School of Theology and Religion. It may overlap any subject or period on which the candidate offers papers, but the candidate should not reproduce the content of his or her thesis in any answer to a question in the examination. Prior approval of the title and subject of the thesis must be obtained from the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion. Such approval must be sought not later than 4pm on Friday of Week 3 of Michaelmas Term in the final year of the Honour School. The request for approval should be made electronically on a form found in the course handbook which must be signed by the candidate's tutor stating that this subject has his or her approval. The request must include an abstract of approximately 100 words addressing how the topic will be treated, and an indicative bibliography.

Upon submission every candidate shall sign a letter declaring the thesis to have the same title as that previously approved by the Faculty Board, and to be his or her own work, and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, or another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. This letter, which can be found in the course handbook, shall be presented together with but separate from the thesis. No thesis shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

8. Candidates who take any of papers (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*; (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*; (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*, or (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism* will be required to submit an extended essay for each paper by noon on Monday of Week 1 of Trinity Term in the final year of the Honour School. Extended essays should not exceed 10,000 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. Prior approval of the subject of the extended essay must be obtained from the Chair of the Study of Religion Subject Group, acting on behalf of the Undergraduate Studies Committee. Such approval must be sought not later than 4pm on Friday of Week 7 of Michaelmas Term in the final year of the Honour School. The request for approval should be made electronically on a form provided by the Faculty Office which must be signed by the candidate's tutor stating that this subject has his or her approval. The request must include an abstract of approximately 100 words addressing how the topic will be treated, and an indicative bibliography.

Upon submission every candidate shall sign a letter declaring the extended essay to have the same title as that previously approved by the Study of Religion Subject Group, and to be his or her own work and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. This letter, which can be found in the Handbook, shall be presented

together with but separate from the extended essay. No extended essay shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

9. Candidates who take papers (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age* or (3405) *Mysticism* will be required to submit two long essays by noon on Monday Week 1 of Trinity Term in the final year of the Honour School. Essays should not exceed 5,000 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The first of these essays is chosen from a list of prescribed titles; the subject of the second is chosen by the student in consultation with his or her tutor. Prior approval of the title of that essay must be obtained from the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion. Such approval must be sought not later than 4p.m. on Friday of Week 4 of Hilary Term of the final year. The request should be made electronically on a form found in the course handbook which must be signed by the candidate's tutor stating that this subject has his or her approval. The request must include an abstract of approximately 100 words addressing how the topic will be treated, and an indicative bibliography.

Upon submission every candidate shall sign a letter declaring each of the two essays to be his or her own work and that neither has already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. In addition every candidate shall sign a letter declaring the second essay to have the same title as that previously approved by the Faculty Board. This letter, which can be found in the course handbook, shall be presented together with but separate from the essay. No essay shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

10. Candidates who take 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*; (3204) *Ethics II: Religious Ethics*, or (3406) *Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion* will be required both to sit a two hour written examination and to submit an essay for each paper offered. Essays must be submitted by noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary Term in the final year of the Honour School. Essays should not exceed 2,500 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The subject of the essay will be decided in consultation with their subject tutor.

Upon submission every candidate shall sign a letter declaring the essay to be his or her own work and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, or another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. This letter, which can be found in the course handbook, shall be presented together with but separate from the essay. No essay shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

11. All papers not listed in paragraphs 7-10 will be examined by three hour written examination.

Explanatory Notes

These changes are introduced as a result of a process of curriculum reform approved by Education Committee in January 2016.