Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair’s Action on behalf of Quality Assurance Committee (10/07/20)

Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to the prerequisites for students taking subject 304. ‘Money and Banking’

Location of change


Effective date

For students starting from MT 2020

For first examination from 2021-22

Detail of change

1. Amend the regulations as follows:

1.193 304. Money and Banking


1.195 [For students starting from MT 2019: Candidates offering this subject must also offer 300 (Quantitative Economics) and 301 (Macroeconomics).]

Explanatory Notes

This change will also apply to candidates taking the ‘Honour School in Economics and Management’ and ‘Honour School in History and Economics’ but no changes to the
Examination Regulations for those courses are required.

Major changes were introduced to the examination of Economics at FHS level from Michaelmas term 2019. The changes gave students choice over the Economics core papers taken in the first year of the FHS, and introduced appropriate prerequisites for Economics option papers taken in the second year of the FHS. A change is to be made to amend the prerequisites for students who wish to take option 304. Money and Banking to remove core subject 300. Quantitative Economics from the list. The rationale for the change is that the original policy is felt to be too conservative. In Money and Banking, staff present empirical findings to students (e.g. it has been estimated that the largest 10% of banks reduce lending in response to monetary policy changes by 2.5% less than other banks), and since subject 300. Quantitative Economics deals with empirical methods it was listed as a pre-requisite. However, feedback has indicated that knowing the detailed methods behind the 2.5% estimate is not required for writing an essay about the economic implications of the 2.5% finding.