

**Humanities Divisional Board****Approved at the Faculty Board meeting of Thursday 2 February 2023****Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies****Brief note about nature of change:**

Removal of restrictions on candidates combining papers 517, 518 and 581 and papers 512 and 525.

NB: on course changes, of benefit to students, and relating to combination of optional papers

**Effective date**

For students starting the four-year degree in MT 2021 or the three-year degree in MT2022

and

for first examination in 2024-25

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2021-22*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsocandoriestud&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>

**Detail of change**

<sup>1.1</sup> 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 Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, which shall appoint a joint standing committee to make, and to submit to the two boards, proposals for regulations concerning the examination.

<sup>1.4</sup> 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 Asian and Middle Eastern Studies as specified below. In addition they may offer, but are not required to

offer, a Special Thesis in Classics, ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies or a subject linking both.

1.5 Classics may be offered either as a Main Subject or as a ~~an~~ Subsidiary Language, save that those who have satisfied the Moderators in Honour Moderations or the Preliminary Examination in Classics may not offer Classics as a Subsidiary Language without permission from the Joint Standing Committee for Classics ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern 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~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, the following may be offered either as a Main Subject or as a Subsidiary Language: Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Sanskrit, Turkish.

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~~1.9 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~~ Asian and Middle Eastern 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. Candidates offering Classics as their Main Subject may not offer more than three of subjects 110, 111, 517, 518 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. Candidates offering Classics as their Subsidiary Subject may not offer more than one of subjects 110, 111, 517, 518 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 Humaniores. 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 **NOTES:** (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.

(ii) 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.

~~1.14~~ **NOTE: (ii)(iii)** 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.

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

~~1.39~~ 518: *Modern Greek Poetry*. This subject may not be combined with 517, 566/568, 567/569 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 4A, paper 4]. 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 4A, paper 2]. This option may not be offered by candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in Course IA, IB, IC, or IIA 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**

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1.70 598: *Thesis in Philology and Linguistics*. This subject may not be combined with 499, 599 or 699. Candidates who are not offering at least two of subjects 115-16, 130-9, 401-15, 499, 501-13, 515, 524-5, 541-2, 551-2, 554, 566-9, 598-9, 601-5, 699 must ensure that their thesis topic includes the discussion of Classical material.

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1.99 **Regulation on Dissertations and Theses**

1.100 The regulations on dissertations and theses will be as follows:

1.101 (a) The regulations on dissertations in ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies main subjects will be as specified for the Honour School of ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern

1.102 (b) Any candidate may offer a thesis in Classics (subjects 499, 598, 599 or 699) as one of their Classical subjects, subject to the restrictions on permitted combinations of subjects set out in A-D above. Such theses will be examined in accordance with regulations 1-8 below.

1.103 (c) Any candidate may offer an optional Special Thesis in addition to the requirements for their Main and Subsidiary Subjects. The subject of a Special Thesis may be Classics, ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies or a subject linking both. A Special Thesis may be offered in combination with a Thesis or Dissertation under the regulations for the candidate's Main Subject. Special Theses will be examined in accordance with regulations 1-8 below.

**Explanatory Notes**

The current restriction on Classics with Asian and Middle Eastern Studies candidates offering more than one of papers 517. Byzantine Literature, 518. Modern Greek Poetry and 581. The Latin Works of Petrarch will be removed. Clauses have been added to the regulations to ensure that students offering combinations of these papers take an adequate number of papers which involve the study of Classical material. The rule preventing candidates from combining 518. Modern Greek Poetry with Greek or Latin for Beginners will also be abolished.

In addition, the restriction preventing candidates from offering both of papers 512. Neronian Literature and 525. Latin Literature from Titus to Trajan will be lifted.

