
Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Final Honour School in Computer Science

Brief note about nature of change: major amendment to assessment, to re-introduce Computer Science option papers in Part A

Location of change
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsfcompscie&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2018&term=1

Effective date
For students starting FHS from MT 2021

Detail of change

A

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

1.4.5. The Examiners shall classify the combined results for Parts A and B, and publish the degree classification after the candidates have taken the examinations in Part B, and in respect of candidates taking the four-year course shall separately classify and publish results in Part C.
• 1.9.
  • 1.10(a) Part A shall be taken on one occasion only. No candidate shall enter for Part B until they have completed Part A of the examination.
  • 1.11(b) In order to proceed to Part C, a candidate must achieve upper second class Honours or higher in Parts A & B together.
  • 1.12(c) A candidate who obtains only a pass or fails to satisfy the Examiners in Parts A and B may retake Part B on at most one subsequent occasion; a candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners in Part C may retake Part C on at most one subsequent occasion. Part B shall be taken on one occasion only by candidates continuing to Part C.

1.22B

The examiners shall have the power to combine two papers on related optional subjects into a single paper for those candidates who offer both the optional subjects concerned.

Part A

1.23 In Part A of the examination, candidates shall be required to offer four core subjects and four option subjects from Schedules A1 and A2 as specified in the Course Handbook.

Each core subject shall be examined by means of a written examination, a mini-project, or both, as set out in the Course Handbook.

Schedules A1 and A2 may contain further sub-schedules which will be specified in the Course Handbook and restrictions may be placed on the maximum number of subjects from each sub-schedule which a candidate may offer; any such restrictions will be specified in the Course Handbook.

Part B

1.24 In Part B of the examination, each candidate shall be required to offer ten option subjects from Schedules SB1, SB2 (with no more than two from Schedule SB2), to be published on the website of the Department of Computer Science, by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year preceding that of the examination. No candidate shall offer an option subject in Part B that they have already offered in Part A of the examination.

Schedule B1 may contain further sub-schedules which will be specified in the Course Handbook and restrictions may be placed on the maximum number of subjects from each sub-schedule which a candidate may offer; any such restrictions will be specified in the Course Handbook.

1.25 Each option subject shall be examined by a written paper, a mini-project, or both, as set out in the Course Handbook. In addition, each candidate in Part B of the examination shall also submit a project report.
Each candidate shall carry out a project on a topic in Computer Science approved by the Teaching Committee of the Department of Computer Science. Each project will be supervised by a member of the Faculty of Computer Science, the Faculty of Mathematics or the Faculty of Engineering Science, or by some other person of equivalent seniority approved by the Teaching Committee. The report of the project shall be submitted to the Assignments section of the Computer Science WebLearn site, as specified in the Course Handbook by noon on Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term in which Part B of the examination is held. The report must not exceed 10,000 words plus forty pages of additional material (e.g. diagrams, program text). In retaking Part B of the examination, a project previously submitted for Part B may be resubmitted. No project may be resubmitted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another honour school or degree of the University, or of any other institution, or for any other Part of the examination.

Part C

In Part C of the examination, each candidate shall be required to offer five option subjects from Schedule C1 on the website of the Department of Computer Science, subject to the condition that no candidate shall offer any subject that they have already offered in Part B of the examination. Each option subject shall be examined as stated in the Course Handbook. If a subject is examined by mini-project, the completed mini-project should be submitted as follows:

Where an optional subject requires electronic submission candidates must upload an electronic copy of the completed mini-project for each topic and, where applicable, associated source code, to the mini-projects section of the Computer Science WebLearn site not later than the date given in the Course Handbook.

Where a topic requires hard copy submission the completed mini-project for each optional subject must be delivered not later than the date given in the Course Handbook to the Chair of the Examiners Honour School of Computer Science, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford.

The exact method of submission for each mini-project will be specified in the Course Handbook.

In addition, each candidate in Part C of the examination shall submit a project report.

Each candidate shall carry out a project on a topic in Computer Science approved by the Teaching Committee of the Department of Computer Science. Each project will be supervised by a member of the Faculty of Computer Science, the Faculty of Mathematics or the Faculty of Engineering Science, or by some other person of equivalent seniority approved by the Teaching Committee. The report of the project shall be submitted to the Assignments section of the Computer Science WebLearn site, as specified in the Course Handbook by noon on Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term in which Part C of the examination is held. The report must not exceed 10,000 words plus forty pages of additional material (e.g. diagrams, program text). In retaking Part C of the examination, a project previously submitted for Part C may be resubmitted. No project
may be resubmitted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another honour school or degree of the University, or of any other institution, or for any other Part of the examination.

Explanatory Notes