

HDB(23)47

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Joint Standing Committee, English and History's Undergraduate Studies Committees, TT2023

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of History and English

Brief note about nature of change:

Broadening the scope of allowed subjects and removal of a date of essay approval, in line with University guidance.

Effective date

For students starting from MT23 and starting **FHS** from MT2023

and

For first examination from 2024-25

Location of change

In *Examination 2021-22*

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

Detail of change

^{1.15} Candidates must obtain written approval from the Convenor of the Bridge Essay paper, Chair of Examiners for the Honour School of History and English for the proposed essay title, not later than Friday of the eighth week of the Hilary Term in the first year of the Final Honour School.

(...)

1.17(ii) One Outline or Theme paper in the History of the British Isles *or* one Outline or Theme paper in European/World History. No candidate may offer a period similar to one offered when passing the Preliminary Examination. Illegal combinations will be specified by the Board.

Explanatory Notes

It was originally supposed that studying a paper in British History was the best context for the study of English Literature. However over the past few years the emphasis has changed from the study of English Literature to the study of Literature in English, which can originate in any part of the world. Students have increasingly wanted to have the choice of whether to study a paper on the History of the British Isles or European/World History.

Processes relating to the approval of essay titles do not belong in exam regulation and should instead be found in a course handbook.