

**MPLS Divisional Board**

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**Title of Programme**

Honour School of Mathematics

**Brief note about nature of change:**

This addition introduces a formalised decision point in the second year, when all students will actively decide to pursue either the Mathematics or the Mathematics & Statistics degree.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* [2022-23, Honour School of Mathematics \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/examination-regulations/2022-23/honour-school-of-mathematics)

**Effective date**

For students starting course in MT24, starting Part A in MT25 and Part B in MT26  
For first examination from TT27

**Detail of change**

Addition of the following citation and renumbering as below:

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- <sup>1.1</sup>1. The subject of the Honour School of Mathematics shall be Mathematics, its applications and related subjects.
- <sup>1.2</sup>2. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this School unless they have either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.
- 3. Candidates must have confirmed their intention to enter for this during Michaelmas Term of Part A.

- ~~1.33~~ 4. The Examination in Mathematics shall be under the supervision of the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Board. The Board shall have the power, subject to this ~~decreere~~ regulation, from time to time to frame and vary regulations for the different parts and subjects of the examination.
- ~~1.44~~ 5.
  - ~~1.5~~ (a) The examination in Mathematics shall consist of three parts (A, B, C) for the four-year course, and of two parts (A, B) for the three-year course.
  - ~~1.6~~ (b) Parts A, B, and C shall be taken at times not less than three, six, and nine terms, respectively, after passing or being exempted from the First Public Examination.
- ~~1.75~~ 6. The Examiners shall assess and publish the combined results of the examinations for Part A and Part B, and in respect of candidates taking the four-year course shall separately assess and publish results for Part C. Candidates will have their outcomes determined in accordance with Part 17 of the Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations, with candidates for Part A and B combined considered for Honours and candidates for Part C considered for the same outcomes as graduate taught programmes.
- ~~1.86~~ 7.
  - ~~1.9~~ (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.
  - ~~1.10~~ (b) In order to proceed to Part C, a candidate must achieve an upper second class Honours or higher in Part B alone (as defined in the Examination Conventions).
  - ~~1.11~~ (c) A candidate who obtains only a pass or fails to satisfy the Examiners in Parts A and B together 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.
- ~~1.127~~ 8. A candidate on the three-year course adjudged worthy of Honours on both Parts A and B together may supplicate for the degree of BA in Mathematics provided that the candidate has fulfilled all conditions for admission to a degree of the University.
- ~~1.138~~ 9. A candidate on the four-year course adjudged worthy of Honours on both Parts A and B together, and who passes Part C may supplicate for the degree of Master of Mathematics provided that the candidate has fulfilled all the conditions for admission to a degree of the University.
- ~~1.149~~ 10. A candidate in the final year of the four-year course, adjudged worthy of Honours in both Parts A and B together, but who does not enter Part C, or who fails to obtain Honours in Part C, is permitted to supplicate for the Honours degree of Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with the classification obtained in Parts A and B together; provided that no such candidate may later enter or re-enter the Part C year or

supplicate for the degree of Master of Mathematics; and provided in each case that the candidate has fulfilled all the conditions for admission to a degree of the University.

- <sup>1.15</sup>~~10~~1. The use of calculators is generally not permitted for written papers. However, their use may be permitted for certain exceptional examinations. The specification of calculators permitted for these exceptional examinations will be announced by the Examiners in the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

#### <sup>1.16</sup>**Transfer to the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics**

- <sup>1.17</sup>~~14~~2. Subject to the regulations for the Honour School in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, candidates on the four-year course in Mathematics may apply to the Supervisory Committee for Mathematics and Physics to transfer, after their Part B examination, to the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics for their Part C examination. Such a candidate will need to achieve at least an upper second class or higher at the end of Part B, and be accepted by the Supervisory Committee for Mathematics and Physics under the procedures referred to in the regulations for the Master of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics and set out in the course handbook for that degree. Acceptance is not automatic. As specified in the regulations for that degree, Part C in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics must be taken in the academic year following the candidate's Part B examination, and on successful completion of Part C of the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics candidates will be awarded the Master of Mathematics and Physics in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics.
- <sup>1.18</sup>~~12~~3. The Joint Supervisory Committee for Mathematical and Theoretical Physics shall publish a list of the options that candidates should follow to maximize their chances of being accepted for transfer to Mathematical and Theoretical Physics for their Part C examination. This list shall be available by the start of Michaelmas Term in the year in which a candidate starts Part A in Mathematics.
- <sup>1.19</sup>~~13~~4. A candidate who has transferred from the Honour School of Mathematics to the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics for their Part C examination in accordance with cl.<sup>9</sup>~~1~~2 above is permitted transfer to the Honour School of Mathematics for their Part C examination up to the end of Week 4 of the Michaelmas Term in which they first registered for Part C in the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics, so long as that candidate has not opted to supplicate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics under the regulations for the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics.
- <sup>1.20</sup>~~14~~5. The regulations for the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics set out how the results obtained in Parts A and B in the Honour School of Mathematics are published for candidates who transfer to the Honour School of Mathematical and Theoretical Physics for their Part C examination.

#### **Explanatory Notes**

This formalises a mechanism for switching between the Mathematics and Mathematics & Statistics courses, as a significant number of students transfer between the two courses at some stage during the course of the degree.

