

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**New regulations as approved on behalf of Education Committee on 27.11.23**

**Final Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Removal of mention of qualifying examination in statistics from 2024/25 onwards

**Location of change**

[2022-23, Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk)

**Effective date**

**For students starting FHS Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics from MT24 (sitting FPE in MT23), and for first examination from 2024-25.**

**Detail of change**

**Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics**

1. Candidates on the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics must be on one of the following strands:

- (i) Psychology and Philosophy
- (ii) Psychology and Linguistics
- (iii) Philosophy and Linguistics
- (iv) Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics

2. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination in this school unless they have either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination (FPE).

3. This Examination shall be under the joint supervision of the Medical Sciences Board and the Faculty Boards of Philosophy and of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.

4. The examination shall consist of the following parts:

(a) For candidates taking Psychology, the examination shall consist of three parts (A, B and C) for the four-year course, and two parts (A and B) for the three-year course. During Part A, candidates will study Psychology, and one or both of Philosophy and Linguistics. Candidates will only be examined in Psychology during Part A (with Philosophy/Linguistics material taught during Part A being assessed during Part B). Part B shall consist of two or three subject areas: Psychology, and one or both of Philosophy and Linguistics. Part C shall consist of the Psychology subject area only.

(b) For candidates taking Philosophy and Linguistics and not taking Psychology, the honour school is not divided into Parts. Papers will be taught and examined over years two and three.

5. Part A takes place over the second year, Part B takes place over the third year and Part C takes place over the fourth year.

6. No candidate shall be admitted to a strand including Psychology unless they have satisfied the Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the subject Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics.

~~67. No candidate who takes Psychology shall be admitted for the Part B examination in this school unless~~

~~(a) they have passed the Part A examination; and~~

~~(b) they have satisfied the Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the subject Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics or have passed the Qualifying Examination in Statistics for this School.~~

~~The Head of the Department of Experimental Psychology or deputy may dispense a candidate from the Qualifying Examination in Statistics in cases where it is clear~~

~~that the candidate has reached an adequate standard in Statistics by virtue of previous study and qualification.~~

78. No candidate taking Psychology shall be admitted for the Part C examination in this school unless they have passed the Part A and Part B examinations in this school which includes Psychology.

89. Candidates taking only Philosophy and Linguistics may not enter Part C.

## **PART A**

1. Candidates taking Psychology must take four written papers (Papers I, II, III and IV) and submit practical work as specified for Part A of the Honour School of Experimental Psychology, with the following amendments:

(a) Candidates will be required to answer essays in three of the six components of Papers II–III.

(b) Candidates will be required to answer Multiple Choice Questions in the same three corresponding components of Paper I.

(c) All candidates are required to answer Part A of the Experimental Design and Methods paper section of Paper IV and submit the Core Practical Portfolio Submission.

(d) Reports of practical work previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics may be resubmitted.

2. Candidates who wish to be deemed eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS) must ensure that the components they select provide coverage of all five of the areas defined in the GBC curriculum. The five areas are:

(i) Behavioural Neuroscience

(ii) Developmental Science

(iii) Social Psychology

(iv) Individual Differences and Clinical Psychology

(v) Perception OR Cognition

Detailed information on meeting the requirements for GBC membership of the BPS are set out in the course handbook.

***For candidates registered for the BA (3-year programme)***

1. Candidates taking the Philosophy and Linguistics strand will be assessed on eight papers in Philosophy and Linguistics.

**PART B**

2. Candidates taking Psychology will be assessed on six papers in Part B. At least one and at most three of the papers must be in Psychology, the others to be chosen from those available in Philosophy and/or Linguistics below. Candidates taking one paper in Psychology may offer one Advanced Option or the Advanced Lab Portfolio. Candidates taking two or three papers in Psychology may offer a Research Project or a Library Dissertation in place of one of the Psychology papers and one of the papers must be the Advanced Lab Portfolio.

3. Candidates taking Psychology must follow the regulations as specified for Part B of the Honour School of Experimental Psychology Examination Regulations, with the following amendments:

(a) Reports of practical work, Research Projects and/or Library Dissertations previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics may be resubmitted

(b) Candidates who are intending to apply for GBC membership of the BPS should consult the detailed information about this membership in the course handbook when considering whether to substitute any Psychology Advanced Options papers.

4. Candidates taking Philosophy must follow the regulations relating specifically to Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the Special Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy.

5. Candidates taking Linguistics must follow the regulations relating specifically to Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the Special Regulations for Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics.

6. Subject to the restrictions set out above, candidates may not take more than two of the following:

- (a) a research project in Psychology
- (b) a library dissertation in Psychology
- (c) a thesis in Philosophy
- (d) a thesis in Linguistics
- (e) a project in Linguistics.

In addition, candidates may not take both a research project in Psychology and a project in Linguistics.

7. In order to be deemed eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society, candidates must take at least two papers in Part B Psychology including a research project and/or Advanced Lab Portfolio with an experimental component (BPS accredited Advanced Lab Practicals).

***For candidates registered for the MSci (4-year programme)***

## **PART B**

2. Candidates registered for the 4-year programme will be assessed on six papers in Part B. At least two and at most three of the papers must be in Psychology, the others to be chosen from those available in Philosophy and/or Linguistics below. Candidates may offer a Library Dissertation in place of one of the Psychology papers and one of the papers must be the Advanced Lab Portfolio.

3. Candidates must follow the regulations as specified for Part B of the Honour School of Experimental Psychology Examination Regulations, with the following amendment:

(a) Reports of practical work and Library Dissertations previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics may be resubmitted.

(b) Candidates who are intending to apply for GBC membership of the BPS should consult the detailed information about this membership in the course handbook when considering whether to substitute any Psychology Advanced Options papers.

4. Candidates taking Philosophy must follow the regulations relating specifically to Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the Special Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy.

5. Candidates taking Linguistics must follow the regulations relating specifically to Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the Special Regulations for Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics.

6. Subject to the restrictions set out above, candidates may offer not more than two of the following:

(a) a library dissertation in Psychology

(b) a thesis in Philosophy

(c) a thesis in Linguistics

(d) a project in Linguistics.

7. In order to be deemed eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society, candidates must take at least two papers in Part B Psychology.

### **PART C**

1. Candidates taking Part C must follow the regulations as specified for Part C in Special Regulations for the Honour School of Experimental Psychology.

### **Explanatory Notes**

The above regulations are for the Final Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics for students starting FHS in 2024 (sitting FPE in MT23), to remove the mention of the requirement for a qualifying examination in statistics.