

Humanities Division Board

Approved at the meeting of 3 March 2022. Major changes to the degree names approved by Education Committee in Trinity term 2022

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Religion and Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes submitted for publication in Gazette notice HDB(22)19 & HDB(22)74 and pulled by EPS from publication. We are yet to receive a response and we are including all changes together in one Gazette notice.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2021/22*

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

Effective date

For students starting **FHS from MT 2022**

For first examination from 2023-2024.

Detail of change

Change to title:

Honour School of Religion and Oriental Studies Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

^{1.1} 1. The subjects of the Honour School of Religion and ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies shall be 1 Religion and 2 ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. All candidates must offer both 1 and 2.

^{1.2} 2. The Honour School of Religion and ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of Theology and Religion, and of

~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, which shall appoint a standing joint committee to make, and to submit to the two boards, proposals for regulations concerning the examination.

[...]

1.4 4. The Public Examiners in this School shall be such of the Public Examiners in the Honour Schools of Theology and Religion and of Honour Schools in the Faculty of ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies as may be required, together with any additional examiners who may be required who shall be nominated by the committee for the nomination of Public Examiners in one or both of those Honour Schools as appropriate.

1.5 Candidates are required to offer eight papers. Three papers must be in Religion and three in ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; the other two may be in either Religion or ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. All candidates will be required to submit as one of their eight papers either a thesis (in Religion) or a dissertation (in ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies).

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1.83 **(b) ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies**

1.84 Individual paper requirements can be found under Special Regulations for the Honour Schools in the Faculty of ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

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1.86 **1. Buddhism**

~~1.87 All candidates must offer a paper from either B1A or B1B.~~

~~1.88 [B1A]: either Pali or Sanskrit or Tibetan~~

~~1.89 [B1B]: either Advanced Pali or Advanced Sanskrit or Advanced Tibetan Language and Texts~~

All candidates must offer two papers, unprepared translation and prepared texts, from one of the following language options:

Sanskrit: [B1A]: Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [B2A]: Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Advanced Sanskrit: [B1B]: Advanced Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [B2B]: Advanced Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Pali: [B1C]: Pali unprepared translation, and [B2C]: Pali prepared texts.

or

Advanced Pali: [B1D]: Advanced Pali unprepared translation, and [B2D]: Advanced Pali prepared texts.

or

Tibetan: [B1E]: Tibetan prose composition and unprepared, and [B2E]: Tibetan prepared texts, with questions.

or

Advanced Tibetan: [B1F]: Advanced Tibetan prose composition and unprepared translation, and [B2F]: Advanced Tibetan prepared texts.

^{1.90}Candidates must offer one paper and may choose up to three papers from the following:

^{1.91}~~[B2]: Set Texts in a Buddhist Canonical Language~~ Buddhist set texts: Pali or Sanskrit or Tibetan

^{1.94}~~[B5]~~ [B6]: Further Buddhist Texts: Pali or Sanskrit or Tibetan

[B7]: Essay questions on classical Indian literature, history and culture

[B8]: Questions on Tibetan culture and history

[B9]: Essay questions on Pali language, literature and culture

(...)

^{1.105}**3. Hinduism**

~~^{1.106}All candidates must offer either paper [H1A]: Sanskrit Language and Texts I or [H1B]: Advanced Sanskrit Language and Texts I or [H1C]: Hindi Language and Texts I.~~

~~^{1.107}All candidates must offer either paper [H2A]: Sanskrit Language and Texts II or paper [H2B]: Advanced Sanskrit Language and Texts II or [H2C]: Hindi Language and Texts II.~~

All candidates must offer two papers, unprepared translation and prepared texts, from one of the following language options:

Sanskrit: [H1A]: Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [H2A]: Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Advanced Sanskrit: [H1B]: Advanced Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [H2B]: Advanced Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Hindi: [H1C]: Hindi unprepared translation, and [H2C]: Hindi prepared texts.

or

Advanced Hindi: [H1D]: Advanced Hindi unprepared translation, and [H2D]: Advanced Hindi prepared texts.

1.108 All candidates must offer paper [H3]: ~~Brahminism~~ Essay questions on classical Indian literature, history and culture.

1.109 Candidates may offer up to two papers from:

1.110 [H4]: ~~Texts on the Nature of Dharma~~ Brāhmanism

1.111 [H5]: ~~Vedic Religion and Brahmanism~~ Vaiṣṇavism

1.112 [H6]: ~~Shaiva Doctrine and Practice~~ Śaivism

1.113 [H7]: ~~Hindi Bhakti Texts~~ Sanskrit chosen area

1.114 [H8]: ~~Religion and Society in Hindi Literature~~ Hindi Bhakti Texts

[H9]: Religion and Society in Hindi Literature

[H10]: Any other paper, relevant to Hinduism, in the Honour School of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies approved by the Interfaculty Committee.

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1.123 [IS8]: Any other paper, relevant to Islam, in the Honour Schools in the Faculty of Oriental Asian and Middle Eastern Studies approved by the Interfaculty Committee.

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1.133 Candidates will be precluded from offering the following combinations of papers:

1.134 *Hebrew of the Hebrew Bible* (Theology 3101) with *Hebrew Language and Texts* (~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies [J1A]) or with *Advanced Hebrew Language and Texts* (~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies [J1B]).

1.135 *Islam in the Classical Period* (Theology 2305) with *Hadith* (~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies [IS3]) or with *Sufism* (~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies [IS4]) or with *Topics in Islamic Law* (~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies [IS6]); *Varieties of Judaism 100 BCE-100 CE* (Theology 3310) with *Second Temple Judaism* (~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies [J2]).

1.136 Candidates who offer any of papers *Formation of Rabbinic Judaism*; *Modern Judaism*; *Foundations of Buddhism*; and *Buddhism in Space and Time* must offer them as either Religion or ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies papers.

1.137 *Regulations concerning theses and dissertations*

1.138 A thesis may be offered in Religion (Paper 3000) or a dissertation in ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. The regulations governing theses in Religion are the same as those specified for theses in the *Special Regulations for the Honour School of Theology and Religion*. The regulations governing dissertations in ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies are the same as those specified in *Special Regulations for the Honour Schools in the Faculty of ~~Oriental~~ Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*.

1.139 *Regulations concerning essays*

1.140 Candidates who take any of papers (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*; (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*; (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*; (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism* or (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion* will be required to submit an extended essay not exceeding 10,000 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The regulations governing extended essays are the same as those specified for extended essays in the *Special Regulations for the Honour School of Theology and Religion*.

1.141 Candidates who take papers (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age* or (3405) *Mysticism* will be required to submit two long essays each not exceeding 5,000 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The regulations governing long essays are the same as those specified for long essays in the *Special Regulations for the Honour School of Theology and Religion*.

1.142 Candidates who take papers (3109) *New Testament Theology*; (3110) *Study of a New Testament Book*; (3111) *The Afterlife of the New Testament*; (3112) *The Old Testament in Early Christianity*; (3201) *Contemporary Theology and Culture*; (3406) *Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion* will be required both to sit a two hour written examination and to submit an essay for each paper offered. Essays should not exceed 2,500 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The regulations governing essays are the same as those specified for essays in the *Special Regulations for the Honour School of Theology and Religion*.

Explanatory Notes

Change all instances of “Oriental Studies” to “Asian and Middle Eastern Studies”

This is as a result of the re-naming of the Faculty as of 1 August 2022. Education Committee approval of change of name received on 11 July 2022

The Buddhism regulations previously required only one language paper, which left a deficit of papers in the regulations. This is now increased to two, and paper names are aligned with paper names under the Hinduism regulations, and under the Honour School of Oriental Studies, permitting students on these different strands/degrees to be

examined together (as they are taught together). In addition, Advanced Hindi has been added to the Hinduism options, to allow a natural progression for students who take Hindi at Prelims. This brings Hindi in line with Sanskrit, and Tibetan and Pali under the Buddhism strand.