

Humanities Division Board

Approved at the meeting of the Interfaculty Committee of the Faculties of Theology and Religion and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies on the 8th February 2023 following changes to the Regulations for the Honour School of Theology and Religion approved at the meeting of the Faculty Board of Theology and Religion on 2nd February 2023.

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Religion and Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

Also added further changes the faculties would like to see to these regulations: Removal of list of optional papers from Exam Regulations.

N.B. We submitted changes that should have taken place last year for FHS starters in MT22 in Notice HDB(23)24. Text used in this notice is taken from the currently published regulations.

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 2023**

For first examination from 2024-2025.

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.

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^{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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^[1.7] ~~Candidates must offer two papers from:~~ Each year the Faculty will publish a list of available papers and specify the assessment mode for each as well as any restrictions pertaining to individual papers.

~~¹⁻⁸Paper (2101) *The Narrative World of the Hebrew Bible*;~~

~~¹⁻⁹Paper (2102) *The Poetic World of the Hebrew Bible*;~~

~~¹⁻¹⁰Paper (2103) *The Gospels*;~~

~~¹⁻¹¹Paper (2201) *History of Doctrine*;~~

~~¹⁻¹²Paper (2202) *Ethics I: Christian Moral Reasoning*;~~

~~¹⁻¹³Paper (2203) *Themes in 19th-Century Theology & Religion*;~~

~~¹⁻¹⁴Paper (2204) *Key Themes in Systematic Theology*;~~

- ^{1.15}Paper (2301) *History and Theology of the Early Church (64-337AD)*;
- ^{1.16}Paper (2302) *Medieval Religions*;
- ^{1.17}Paper (2303) *Early Modern Christianity 1500-1648*
- ^{1.18}Paper (2304) *Formation of Rabbinic Judaism*;
- ^{1.19}Paper (2305) *Islam in the Classical Period*;
- ^{1.20}Paper (2306) *Foundations of Buddhism*;
- ^{1.21}Paper (2307) *Hinduism: Sources and Formations*;
- ^{1.22}Paper (2401) *Modern Judaism*;
- ^{1.23}Paper (2402) *Islam in Contemporary Society*;
- ^{1.24}Paper (2403) *Buddhism in Space and Time*;
- ^{1.25}Paper (2404) *Modern Hinduism*;
- ^{1.26}Paper (2405) *Science and Religion*.
- ^{1.27}Candidates must offer one and may offer a further two papers from
- ^{1.28}Paper (3000) *Thesis*;
- ^{1.29}Paper (3101) *Hebrew of the Hebrew Bible*;
- ^{1.30}Paper (3102) *Paul and the Pauline Tradition*;
- ^{1.31}Paper (3103) *Biblical Interpretation: Perspectives from the Social Sciences*;
- ^{1.32}Paper (3104) *Gender and Power in Biblical Texts*;
- ^{1.33}Paper (3105) *Worship and Liturgy in the Hebrew Bible*;
- ^{1.34}Paper (3106) *Prophecy and Revelation in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond*;
- ^{1.35}Paper (3107) *Law, Teaching and Wisdom in Biblical Tradition*;
- ^{1.36}Paper (3108) *Early Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism*;
- ^{1.37}Paper (3109) *New Testament Theology*;
- ^{1.38}Paper (3110) *Study of a New Testament Book*;
- ^{1.39}Paper (3111) *The Afterlife of the New Testament*;
- ^{1.40}Paper (3112) *The Old Testament in Early Christianity*;

- ^{1.41}Paper (3201) *Contemporary Theology and Culture*;
- ^{1.42}Paper (3203) *Analytic Philosophy and Christian Theology*;
- ^{1.43}Paper (3204) *Ethics II: Religious Ethics*;
- ^{1.44}Paper (3208) *Origen*;
- ^{1.45}Paper (3209) *Augustine*;
- ^{1.46}Paper (3210) *Anselm*;
- ^{1.47}Paper (3211) *Aquinas*;
- ^{1.48}Paper (3212) *Luther*;
- ^{1.49}Paper (3213) *Calvin*;
- ^{1.50}Paper (3214) *Kierkegaard*;
- ^{1.51}Paper (3215) *Newman*;
- ^{1.52}Paper (3217) *Barth*;
- ^{1.53}Paper (3218) *Tillich*;
- ^{1.54}Paper (3219) *Bonhoeffer*;
- ^{1.55}Paper (3220) *Rahner*;
- ^{1.56}Paper (3221) *Liberation Theology and its Legacy*;
- ^{1.57}Paper (3222) *Postliberal Theology*;
- ^{1.58}Paper (3223) *Radical Orthodoxy*;
- ^{1.59}Paper (3224) *Modern Debates concerning the Trinity*;
- ^{1.60}Paper (3225) *Modern Debates concerning Christology*;
- ^{1.61}Paper (3301) *From Nicaea to Chalcedon*;
- ^{1.62}Paper (3302) *Saints and Sanctity in the Age of Bede*;
- ^{1.63}Paper (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*;
- ^{1.64}Paper (3304) *Eastern Christianities from Constantinople to Baghdad*;
- ^{1.65}Paper (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*;
- ^{1.66}Paper (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*;

^{1.67}Paper (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*;

^{1.68}Paper (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*;

^{1.69}Paper (3309) *Studies in the Abrahamic Religions*;

^{1.70}Paper (3310) *Varieties of Judaism 100BCE–100CE*

^{1.71}Paper (3401) *The Nature of Religion*;

^{1.72}Paper (3402) *Psychology of Religion*;

^{1.73}Paper (3403) *Sociology of Religion*;

^{1.74}Paper (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*;

^{1.75}Paper (3405) *Mysticism*;

^{1.76}Paper (3406) *Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion*;

^{1.77}Paper 107 *Philosophy of Religion* (Faculty of Philosophy)

^{1.78}Candidates may not offer more than two papers from (3208) *Origen*; (3209) *Augustine*; (3210) *Anselm*; (3211) *Aquinas*; (3212) *Luther*; (3213) *Calvin*; (3214) *Kierkegaard*; (3215) *Newman*; (3217) *Barth*; (3218) *Tillich*; (3219) *Bonhoeffer*; (3220) *Rahner*.

^{1.79}Candidates may not offer more than one paper from (3301) *From Nicaea to Chalcedon*; (3302) *Saints and Sanctity in the Age of Bede*; (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*; (3304) *Eastern Christianities from Constantinople to Baghdad*.

^{1.80}Candidates may not offer more than two papers from (3303) *Faith, Reason and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*; (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*; (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*; (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*; (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*; (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*; and (3405) *Mysticism*.

^{1.81}Candidates may not offer more than one paper from (3401) *The Nature of Religion*; (3402) *Psychology of Religion*; (3403) *Sociology of Religion*; (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*; (3405) *Mysticism*; and (3406) *Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion*.

^{1.82}Not all papers will be available every year.

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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~~1.85~~ Candidates must take three papers and may take up to five all of which must be drawn from either 1. Buddhism or 2. Eastern Christianity or 3. Hinduism or 4. Islam or 5. Judaism as outlined below. Advanced language options are for candidates who have studied the same language for the First Public Examination. Each year the Faculty will publish a list of available papers in the handbook and specify the assessment mode for each as well as any restrictions pertaining to individual papers.

~~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*

~~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: Pali or Sanskrit or Tibetan

~~1.92~~ [B3]: Foundations of Buddhism (Theology 2306)

~~1.93~~ [B4]: Buddhism in Space and Time (Theology 2403)

~~1.94~~ [B5]: Further Buddhist Texts: Pali or Sanskrit or Tibetan

~~1.95~~ **2. Eastern Christianity**

~~1.96~~ All candidates must offer *either* [EC1]: Armenian *or* [EC2]: Syriac.

~~1.97~~ All candidates must offer two and may offer up to four papers from the following:

~~1.98~~ [EC3]: Early Armenian Theological and Ecclesiastical Texts

~~1.99~~ [EC5]: Armenian Historical Texts

~~1.100~~ [EC6]: Syriac Biblical and Exegetical Texts

~~1.101~~ [EC7]: Armenian Poetry

~~1.102~~ [EC8]: Syriac Poetry

~~1.103~~ [EC9]: Armenian Christology and the Development of Doctrine

~~1.104~~ [EC10]: Syriac Theology and Mystical Texts

~~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.

~~1.108~~ All candidates must offer paper [H3]: Brahminism.

1-109 Candidates may offer up to two papers from:

1-110 [H4]: Texts on the Nature of Dharma

1-111 [H5]: Vedic Religion and Brahmanism

1-112 [H6]: Shaiva Doctrine and Practice

1-113 [H7]: Hindi Bhakti Texts

1-114 [H8]: Religion and Society in Hindi Literature

1-115 **4. Islam**

1-116 All candidates must offer [IS1]: Translation from Classical Arabic and [IS2]: Islamic Texts.

1-117 Candidates must offer one paper and may choose up to three papers from the following:

1-118 [IS3]: Hadith

1-119 [IS4]: Sufism

1-120 [IS5]: Qur'an

1-121 [IS6]: Topics in Islamic Law

1-122 [IS7]: Theology & Philosophy in the Islamic World

1-123 [IS8]: Any other paper, relevant to Islam, in the Honour School of Oriental Studies approved by the Interfaculty Committee.

1-124 **5. Judaism**

1-125 All candidates must offer *either* [J1A]: Hebrew Language and Texts *or* [J1B]: Advanced Hebrew Language and Texts.

1-126 Candidates must offer one paper and may choose up to three papers from the following:

1-127 [J2]: Second Temple Judaism

1-128 [J3]: Formation of Rabbinic Judaism

1-129 [J4]: History of Jewish-Christian Relations

1-130 [J5]: History of Jewish-Muslim Relations

1-131 [J6]: History of Jewish Bible Interpretation

1-132 [J7]: Modern Judaism

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 Studies [J1A]) or with *Advanced Hebrew Language and Texts* (Oriental Studies [J1B]).

1-135 *Islam in the Classical Period* (Theology 2305) with *Hadith* (Oriental Studies [IS3]) or with *Sufism* (Oriental Studies [IS4]) or with *Topics in Islamic Law* (Oriental Studies [IS6]); *Varieties of Judaism 100 BCE - 100 CE* (Theology 3310) with *Second Temple Judaism* (Oriental 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 Studies papers.

~~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 Studies [J1A]) or with *Advanced Hebrew Language and Texts* (Oriental Studies [J1B]).

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

Removal of list of available optional papers, in line with EPS’ guidelines for regulations. This amendment removes specific papers from the Exam Regulations for this course: in future, papers being offered for the course will be listed in the Course Handbook. As not all papers previously listed in Exam Regulations were offered every year, it will ensure that students have accurate information about what choices they have, and will be able to know what to expect. The amendments to these Regulations coincide with, and are necessitated by corresponding amendments to Special Regulations for the Honour School of Theology and Religion.