

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of the Faculty Board of Theology and Religion on 2nd February 2023.

Honour School of Theology and Religion**Brief note about nature of change:**

Removal of list of papers from Exam Regulations, as well as regulations relating specifically to those papers.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2021/22* as amended by the Gazette of 27 October 2022

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

Effective date

For students starting the Honour School from MT 2023.

For first examination from 2024-2025.

Detail of change**B**

1. All candidates will be required to offer:

Seven papers to be taken from a list published by the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the beginning of each academic year. The mode of assessment will vary depending on the paper and it will be prescribed in the course information published by the Faculty, which will also indicate any restrictions relevant to individual papers. Modes of assessment include: written examination, submitted written work of specified length and a combination of these. The length, and deadlines for the submission of written work for individual papers will be specified in the official paper descriptions.

ii. A thesis of up to 12,000 words, to be submitted by noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term in the final year of the Honour School.

~~1-9~~ 1. All candidates will be required to offer eight papers from the lists below. All Candidates will be required to submit a thesis (Paper 3000) at the end of Hilary Term of their final year in the Honour School as one of the eight papers in the Final Honour School.

~~1-10~~ 2. All candidates must offer four papers chosen from the list below, with the exception of Senior Status students who may offer up to five papers from the list below.

~~1-11~~ (1) Biblical Studies

~~1-12~~ Paper (2101) *The Narrative World of the Hebrew Bible*

~~1-13~~ Paper (2102) *The Poetic World of the Hebrew Bible*

~~1-14~~ Paper (2103) *The Gospels*

~~1-15~~ (2) Systematic Theology and Ethics

~~1-16~~ Paper (2201) *History of Doctrine*

~~1-17~~ Paper (2202) *Ethics I: Christian Moral Reasoning*

~~1-18~~ Paper (2203) *Themes in Nineteenth Century Theology and Religion*

~~1-19~~ Paper (2204) *Key Themes in Systematic Theology*

~~1-20~~ (3) History of Religions

~~1-21~~ Paper (2301) *History and Theology of the Early Church (64-337AD)*

~~1-22~~ Paper (2302) *Medieval Religions*

~~1-23~~ Paper (2303) *Early Modern Christianity 1500-1648*

~~1-24~~ Paper (2304) *Formation of Rabbinic Judaism*

~~1-25~~ Paper (2305) *Islam in the Classical Period*

~~1-26~~ Paper (2306) *Foundations of Buddhism*

~~1-27~~ Paper (2307) *Hinduism: Sources and Formations*

~~1-28~~ (4) Religion and Religions

~~1-29~~ Paper (2401) *Modern Judaism*

~~1-30~~ Paper (2402) *Islam in Contemporary Society*

~~1-31~~ Paper (2403) *Buddhism in Space and Time*

~~1-32~~ Paper (2404) *Modern Hinduism*

~~1-33~~ Paper (2405) *Science and Religion*

~~1-34~~ 3. All candidates must offer three papers chosen from the list below, with the exception of Senior Status students who may offer up to two papers from the list below if they are offering five papers from 2101 to 2405.

~~1-35~~ (1) *Biblical Studies*

~~1-36~~ Paper (3101) *Hebrew of the Hebrew Bible;*

~~1-37~~ Paper (3102) *Paul and the Pauline Tradition;*

~~1-38~~ Paper (3103) *Biblical Interpretation: Perspectives from the Social Sciences;*

~~1-39~~ Paper (3104) *Gender and Power in Biblical Texts;*

~~1-40~~ Paper (3105) *Worship and Liturgy in the Hebrew Bible;*

~~1-41~~ Paper (3106) *Prophecy and Revelation in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond;*

~~1-42~~ Paper (3107) *Law, Teaching and Wisdom in Biblical Tradition;*

~~1-43~~ Paper (3108) *Early Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism;*

~~1-44~~ Paper (3109) *New Testament Theology;*

~~1-45~~ Paper (3110) *Study of a New Testament Book;*

~~1-46~~ Paper (3111) *The Afterlife of the New Testament;*

~~1-47~~ Paper (3112) *The Old Testament in Early Christianity*

~~1-48~~ (2) *Systematic Theology and Ethics*

~~1-49~~ Paper (3201) *Contemporary Theology and Culture;*

~~1-50~~ Paper (3203) *Analytic Philosophy and Christian Theology;*

~~1-51~~ Paper (3204) *Ethics II: Religious Ethics;*

~~1-52~~ Paper (3208) *Origen;*

~~1-53~~ Paper (3209) *Augustine;*

~~1-54~~ Paper (3210) *Anselm;*

~~1-55~~ Paper (3211) *Aquinas;*

~~1-56~~ Paper (3212) *Luther;*

~~1-57~~ Paper (3213) *Calvin;*

~~1-58~~ Paper (3214) *Kierkegaard;*

~~1-59~~ Paper (3215) *Newman;*

~~1-60~~ Paper (3217) *Barth;*

~~1-61~~ Paper (3218) *Tillich;*

~~1-62~~ Paper (3219) *Bonhoeffer;*

~~1-63~~ Paper (3220) *Rahner;*

~~1-64~~ Paper (3221) *Liberation Theology and its Legacy;*

- ¹⁻⁶⁵ Paper (3222) *Postliberal Theology*;
- ¹⁻⁶⁶ Paper (3223) *Radical Orthodoxy*;
- ¹⁻⁶⁷ Paper (3224) *Modern Debates concerning the Trinity*;
- ¹⁻⁶⁸ Paper (3225) *Modern Debates concerning Christology*;
- ¹⁻⁶⁹ Philosophy Paper 107 *Philosophy of Religion* (as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy)
- ¹⁻⁷⁰ (3) *History of Religions*
- ¹⁻⁷¹ Paper (3301) *From Nicaea to Chalcedon*;
- ¹⁻⁷² Paper (3302) *Saints and Sanctity in the Age of Bede*;
- ¹⁻⁷³ Paper (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*;
- ¹⁻⁷⁴ Paper (3304) *Eastern Christianities from Constantinople to Baghdad*;
- ¹⁻⁷⁵ Paper (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*;
- ¹⁻⁷⁶ Paper (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*;
- ¹⁻⁷⁷ Paper (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*;
- ¹⁻⁷⁸ Paper (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*;
- ¹⁻⁷⁹ Paper (3309) *Studies in the Abrahamic Religions*;
- ¹⁻⁸⁰ Paper (3310) *Varieties of Judaism 100BCE – 100CE*
- ¹⁻⁸¹ (4) *Religion and Religions*
- ¹⁻⁸² Paper (3401) *The Nature of Religion*;
- ¹⁻⁸³ Paper (3402) *Psychology of Religion*;
- ¹⁻⁸⁴ Paper (3403) *Sociology of Religion*;
- ¹⁻⁸⁵ Paper (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*;
- ¹⁻⁸⁶ Paper (3405) *Mysticism*;
- ¹⁻⁸⁷ Paper (3406) *Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion*.
- ¹⁻⁸⁸ 4. Not all papers will be available every year.

¹⁻⁸⁹ 5. Papers (2101) *The Narrative World of the Hebrew Bible*; (2102) *The Poetic World of the Hebrew Bible*; (2103) *The Gospels*; (2204) *Key Themes in Systematic Theology*; (2301) *History and Theology of the Early Church (64-337AD)*; (2303) *Early Modern Christianity 1500-1648*; (3101) *Hebrew of the Hebrew Bible*; (3102) *Paul and the Pauline Tradition*, and (3301) *From Nicaea to Chalcedon* will be available every year.

¹⁻⁹⁰ 6. 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*.

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7. 5. All candidates will be required to submit a thesis (Paper 3000) by noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term in the final year of the Honour School as one of their eight papers. The thesis must not exceed 12,000 words. The subject of the thesis need not fall within the areas covered by the papers listed in the Honour School of Theology and Religion. It may overlap any subject or period on which

the candidate offers papers, but the candidate should not reproduce the content of his or her thesis in any answer to a question in the examination. Prior approval of the title and subject of the thesis must be obtained from the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion. Such approval must be sought not later than 4pm on Friday of Week 3 of Michaelmas Term in the final year of the Honour School. The request for approval should be made electronically on a form found in the course handbook which must be signed by the candidate's tutor stating that this subject has his or her approval. The request must include an abstract of approximately 100 words addressing how the topic will be treated, and an indicative bibliography.

^{1.92}The Thesis should be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that the thesis has the same title as that previously approved by the Faculty Board, and to be his or her own work, and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, or another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. No thesis shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

^{1.93}8. 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 for each paper by noon on Monday of Week 1 of Trinity Term in the final year of the Honour School. Extended essays should not exceed 10,000 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. Prior approval of the subject of the extended essay must be obtained from the Chair of the Study of Religion Subject Group, acting on behalf of the Undergraduate Studies Committee. Such approval must be sought not later than 4pm on Friday of Week 7 of Michaelmas Term in the final year of the Honour School. The request for approval should be made electronically on a form provided by the Faculty Office which must be signed by the candidate's tutor stating that this subject has his or her approval. The request must include an abstract of approximately 100 words addressing how the topic will be treated, and an indicative bibliography.

^{1.94}The extended essay should be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that the extended essay has the same title as that previously approved by the Faculty Board, and to be his or her own work, and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, or another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. No extended essay shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

^{1.95}9. 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 by noon on Monday Week 1 of Trinity Term in the final year of the Honour School. Essays should not exceed 5,000 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The first of these essays is chosen from a list of prescribed titles; the subject of the second is chosen by the student in consultation with his or her tutor. Prior approval of the title of that essay must be obtained from the Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion. Such approval must be sought not later than 4p.m. on Friday of Week 4 of Hilary Term of the final year. The request should be made electronically on a form found in the course handbook which must be signed by the candidate's tutor stating that this subject has his or her approval. The request must include an abstract of approximately 100 words addressing how the topic will be treated, and an indicative bibliography.

^{1.96}Each essay should be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that the essay has the same title as that previously approved by the Faculty Board, and to be his or her own work, and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, or another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. No extended essay shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

^{1.97}10. 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*; or (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 must be submitted by noon on Monday of Week 9 of Hilary Term in the final year of the Honour School. Essays should not exceed 2,500 words, inclusive of notes and appendices but excluding bibliography. The subject of the essay will be decided in consultation with their subject tutor.

^{1.98}The essay should be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that the essay is his or her own work, and that it has not already been submitted (wholly or substantially) for an Honour School other than one involving Theology and Religion, or another degree of this University, or a degree of any other institution. No essay shall be ineligible for examination because it has been or is being submitted for any prize of this University.

^{1.99}11. All papers not listed in paragraphs 7-10 will be examined by three hour written examination.

Explanatory Notes

This amendment removes the list of specific option papers from Exam Regulations: in future, papers being offered for the course will be listed in the published course information. 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. Changes will also allow the Faculty to introduce new options without having to amend examination regulations, which would be more streamlined.