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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 15 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

MSt Celtic Studies

Brief note about nature of change:

A very minor change to bring the regulations into line with actual practice following amendments to the MPhil Celtic Studies in 2022.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024/25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosinceltstud&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.1}1. All candidates must follow a course of instruction in Celtic Studies at Oxford for a period of three terms.

^{1.2}2. Candidates shall be required to offer themselves for written examination as defined below.

^{1.3}3. The subjects and papers of the examination shall be as follows:

^{1.4}(a) *Either*

^{1.5}(1) Two papers, one on each of two subjects selected from the following:

^{1.6}(i) ~~Historical and comparative~~ Celtic linguistics.

^{1.7}(ii) Irish literature up to ~~the Cromwellian wars~~ 1700

^{1.8}(iii) Welsh literature ~~up to the Reformation~~

^{1.9}*Or*

^{1.10}(2) Two papers as follows:

^{1.11}(i) One paper on a subject selected from those described in section (a) (1) above.

^{1.12}(ii) One paper on a Special Subject to be chosen from the list given in the course handbook.

^{1.13}The papers will be examined by one essay each; the two essays must be submitted

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by Education Policy Support on 15 September 2025****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Honour Moderations in Classics

Brief note about nature of change:

Completely re-written regulations following course restructure

Effective dateFor students starting from **MT25**

and

For first examination from **2026-27****Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hmodeinclas&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>**Detail of change**

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The subjects of the examination shall be as prescribed by the Boards of the Faculty of Classics and the Faculty of Philosophy.

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Candidates shall offer either six or nine papers, as follows:

Candidates offering Greek language only shall offer Papers I, II, IV, V VI and VIII.

Candidates offering Latin language only shall offer Papers I, III, IV, V, VII, and IX.

Candidates offering both Greek and Latin language shall offer all of papers I to IX.

I. Greek and Latin Literature: Portfolio

II. Greek Literature: Commentary

III. Latin Literature: Commentary

IV. Philosophy Special Subject. One of the following:

1. Plato, *Euthyphro* and *Meno*

2. Cicero, *De Finibus* 1

3. Introduction to Logic

V. Classical Special Subject. One paper from a list published by the Board of the Faculty of Classics in the Course Handbook.

VI. Greek Prepared Translation

VII. Latin Prepared Translation

VIII. Greek Unprepared Translation and Language

IX. Latin Unprepared Translation and Language

Paper I will be assessed by three essays of between 1,500 and 2,000 words) each. Essay topics set by the examiners will be released on Wednesday of Week 1 of the Hilary term in the second year. Each candidate must offer one essay on a Greek text or topic, one on a Latin text or topic, and one on a general or combined topic. Essays should be uploaded to the University's approved online assessment platform by 12 noon on Tuesday of Week 3 of the same term.

Each of papers II, to IX will be assessed by a written examination.

Candidates will offer papers II, III, VI-IX at either intermediate or advanced level as appropriate to their level of study. Details of syllabuses, prescribed texts and editions for all papers will be published in the course handbook.

Any candidate whose first language is not English may bring a bilingual (first language to English) dictionary for use in any examination paper where candidates are required to translate Ancient Greek and/or Latin texts into English and any examination paper involving Greek or Latin prose composition.

Candidates offering both Greek and Latin who fail between one and four papers may resit only the relevant failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination. Candidates who fail five or more papers will be required to resit the entire examination.

Candidates offering only one of Greek or Latin who fail between one and three papers may resit only the relevant failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination. Candidates who fail four or more papers will be required to resit the entire examination.

Explanatory Notes

Course restructure approved by Education Committee in 2024-25. Regulations re-written.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Education Policy Support on 15 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in Classics and English

Brief note about nature of change:

New regulations following Classics course re-structure

Effective date

For students starting from **MT25**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=peiclasandengl&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

A

^{1.1}1. The Preliminary Examination in Classics and English shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of Classics and English Language and Literature and shall consist of such subjects as they shall jointly by regulation prescribe.

^{1.2}2. The Chair of Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature shall designate such of the number of examiners as may be required for the English subjects of the examination for the Preliminary Examination in Classics and English, and the nominating committee for examiners appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Classics shall nominate such of the number of examiners as may be required for the Classics subjects of the

examination. When these appointments shall have been made the number of examiners shall be deemed to be complete.

1.3B

~~1.4~~ The committee appointed by the Boards of the Faculties of English Language and Literature and Classics to advise on the examination for the Honour School of Classics and English shall make proposals to the two boards for regulations for this examination.

~~1.5~~ Any candidate whose ~~native first~~ language is not English may bring a bilingual (~~native first~~ language to English) dictionary for use in any examination paper where candidates are required to translate Ancient Greek and/or Latin texts into English.

(i) Candidates taking **Classics and English with Beginners' Latin or Greek** shall be required:

(a) during Trinity term of their first year of study to offer two papers that shall be examined by written examination:

1. *Greek or Latin Texts: translation and comment and*

2. *Greek or Latin Language: unseen translation and language questions*

In order to proceed to year two, candidates must pass both papers. Candidates who fail either or both of papers 1 and 2 may resit the failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination in the Long Vacation following their first year of study.

(b) during Trinity term of their second year of study, to offer papers 1-5 as set out below.

(ii) Candidates taking **Classics and English** shall be required during Trinity term to offer papers 1-5 as set out below.

Paper 1 shall be examined by portfolio submission . Papers 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be examined by written examinations

~~1.6~~ Candidates shall take one of the following courses:

Course I

~~1.7~~ Each Candidates papers, each of three hours duration except where specified, as follows:

~~1.8~~ 1. *Introduction to English Language and Literature* (~~a portfolio submitted in Trinity Term year 1~~)

~~1.9~~ The paper will be examined by a portfolio of work, comprising one commentary answer and one discursive essay, of not fewer than 1,500 and not more than 2,000 words each. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. The list of questions for this paper will be divided into Section A (Language) and B (Literature) and will be published on Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term of the first year. Candidates must select one question from Section A and one question from section B.

~~1.10~~ Questions in Section A (Language) invite candidates to make their own selection of texts or passages of texts for commentary, in accordance with the terms of the particular question chosen. Copies of the texts or passages used must be included as an appendix to the portfolio. The combined length of all texts or passages chosen must not exceed 70 lines. The texts or passages used will not count towards the word limit for the commentary answer.

~~1.11~~ ~~A typed copy of the~~ The portfolio must be submitted using the University approved assessment platform, by noon on Thursday of the fifth week of the same Trinity Term. ~~A~~

certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each answer is the candidate's own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be included with each portfolio.

1.12 Following the publication of themes for this subject on Monday of the fourth week of Trinity Term, the candidate must neither discuss his or her choice of themes nor the method of handling them with any tutor. Every portfolio must be the work of the candidate alone, but he or she may discuss with his or her tutor the subjects and approach to the essays up until the stated publication date of the portfolio themes.

1.13 Portfolios previously submitted for the First Public Examination in Classics and English may be resubmitted. No answer will be accepted that has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for a final honour school or any other degree of this University, or degree of any other institution.

1.14 Work deemed to be either too short or of excessive length may be penalised.

1.15 Candidates must avoid duplicating material used in this paper when answering other papers. In addition, candidates are not permitted to duplicate material between Section A and Section B of the portfolio.

1.16 2. *Literature in English 1550 – 1660* (excluding the plays of Shakespeare)

~~1.17~~

1.18 3. *Unseen translation from Greek and Latin.*

1.19 Candidates may offer either Latin or Greek or both.

4. *Greek and Latin Literature: Essay Questions*

~~1.20~~

1.21 5. *Greek and Latin Literature: Translation and Comment*

Details of the prescribed texts and editions for papers 4 and 5 will be published in the course handbook.

Candidates who fail one or two of papers 1-5 may resit the failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination. Candidates who fail three or more papers will be required to resit the entire examination.

Course II

~~1.23~~ Candidates for Course II shall be required:

~~1.24~~ (a) during Trinity Term of their first year of study to pass a qualifying examination consisting of the following papers:

~~1.25~~ *Either*

~~1.26~~ *Greek Texts and*

~~1.27~~ *Greek Language*

~~1.28~~ *or*

~~1.29~~ *Latin Texts and*

~~1.30~~ *Latin Language*

~~1.31~~ Details of the prescribed texts and editions for paper 1 will be published in the course handbook.

~~1.32~~ Candidates who fail either or both of papers 1 and 2 may resit the failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination in the Long Vacation following their first year of study.

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Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Approved by Education Policy Support on 16 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Classics and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Suspension of a German paper, reflecting changes published in main school regulations in Gazette Notice HDB(25)33

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2024**

FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsocandmodelang&srchYear=2025&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

(...)

B

^{1.7} Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.

^{1.8} They will also be required to spend, after their matriculation, a year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, ~~41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF~~, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their society.

(...)

^{1.13} All candidates must offer eight subjects as specified below and may also offer an additional ninth subject.

^{1.14} *Modern Languages*: as specified for Papers I, IIA, and IIB in the regulations for the Honour School Examination for Modern Languages, including oral examination.

^{1.15} 1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.

^{1.16} 2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.

^{1.17} 3. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII (VII **except** for German).

^{1.18} 4. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers IV, V, IX, X, XI, XII.

^{1.19} 5. A text-based subject in Greek and Latin literature chosen from subjects 501-13, 515, 517, 518 and 524-5 as specified for the Honour School of Literae Humaniores.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

The availability of this paper is being suspended, unfortunately, due to resourcing issues. It has been communicated to students who are about to start their FHS studies in MT25. If there are returning students who had chosen these options, they will still be able to take them, as per the regulations of when they started their course.

Deletion of Faculty's postal address

Humanities Divisional Board**Approved by Education Policy Support on 15 September 2025****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Preliminary Examinations in Classics and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

New regulations following Classics course re-structure

Effective dateFor students starting from **MT25**

and

For first examination from **2025-26****Location of change**In *Examination Regulations* N/A

NEW REGULATIONS

Detail of change**A**

1. The Preliminary Examination in Classics and Modern Languages shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of Classics and Medieval and Modern Languages and shall consist of such subjects as they shall jointly by regulation prescribe.

B

Any candidate whose first language is not English may bring a bilingual (first language to English) dictionary for use in any examination paper where candidates are required to translate Ancient Greek and/or Latin texts into English.

(i) Candidates taking **Classics and Modern Languages with Beginners' Latin or Greek** shall be required:

(a) during Trinity Term of their first year of study to offer two papers that shall be examined
by written examination

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and MPLS on 7 July 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Computer Science and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor change updating the list of optional papers to reflect the introduction of Optional Paper 140 in the examination regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsocscieandphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.22}The examination for Part B shall consist of subjects in Computer Science and Philosophy. The subjects in Computer Science shall be chosen from Schedules, B1(CS&P) and, B2(CS&P), to be published on the website of the Department of Computer Science by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination. Each Computer Science subject shall be examined by a written paper, by a mini-project, or both as specified in the Course Handbook. The subjects in Philosophy shall be subjects 101–116, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127-129, 137- 439 140, 198

and 199 from the list given in Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy, and subject to the regulations therein

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^{1.35} Each taught Philosophy subject shall be one of the subjects 101–120, 122, 124, 125, 127-129, 137-139 140 and 198 from the list given in Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy, and subject to the regulations therein.

Explanatory Notes

This change reflects the update of the Philosophy of Social Science paper described in HDB(25)41 and HDB(25)42 to reflect a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

As paper 140 is being added as an additional option paper, this is a positive change for on-course students.

Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of English and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Suspension of a German paper, reflecting changes published in main school regulations in Gazette Notice HDB(25)33

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2024**

FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsoeandmodelang&srchYear=2025&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

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^{1.8}**1. The Year Abroad**

^{1.9} Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below. In addition, every candidate shall be required to spend, after their matriculation, a year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate confirming that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their college or society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, ~~41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF~~, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their college or society.

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^{1.11} **2. English and Modern Languages Papers**

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^{1.15} *Part I*

^{1.16} The regulations for these subjects shall be those specified in the regulations for the Honour School of Modern Languages.

^{1.17} 1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.

^{1.18} 2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.

^{1.19} 3. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII (VII **except** for German).

^{1.20} 4. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers IV, V, IX, X, XI, or XII.

^{1.21} 5. Oral examination.

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Explanatory Notes

The availability of this paper is being suspended, unfortunately, due to resourcing issues. It has been communicated to students who are about to start their FHS studies in MT25. If there are returning students who had chosen these options, they will still be able to take them, as per the regulations of when they started their course.

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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 20 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Philosophy in English Studies (Medieval Period)

Brief note about nature of change:

The Faculty would like to make two minor changes:

1. To align the second year of the MPhil degree with the examination regulations and timings of the MSt
2. To remove the regulation that candidates must gain approval of their essay and dissertation topics by writing to the Chair by week 6 – this will be moved to the handbook

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2027**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024/25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mopies-mperi&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.15}10./11. One or two of the C course special options as on offer in any year, as specified by the M.St. English, provided that they may not re-take any option on which they have submitted examined work as part of their M.St. course. The teaching and assessment of these options will follow the provisions and requirements outlined in the M.St. English exam regulations, including assessment deadlines.

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^{1.18}*Examination*

^{1.19}The method of examination for each course will be an essay of 5,000-6,000 words to be formatted and submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook not later than noon on Thursday of the tenth week of Michaelmas Term or Hilary Term (depending on the term in which the course was offered), except where candidates have opted for a C course or a course offered by another Faculty, in which case the examination regulations for those options will apply.

~~^{1.20}Candidates must gain approval of the topic of their essays by writing to the Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners, care of the English Graduate Studies Office, by Friday of the sixth week of Michaelmas Term or Hilary Term (depending on the term in which the course was offered).~~

^{1.21}The dissertation (not more than 15,000 words) on a subject related to their subject of study should be formatted and submitted electronically as specified in the course handbook, not later than by noon on Monday of the eighth week of Trinity Term. The dissertation must be presented in proper scholarly form. ~~Candidates must gain approval of the topic of their dissertation by writing to the Chair of M.St./M.Phil. Examiners care of the English Graduate Studies Office, by Friday of sixth week of Hilary Term, providing an outline of the topic of not more than 200 words.~~

Explanatory Notes

The two changes are explained as follows:

1. MPhil students' exam regulations stipulate a deadline of Thursday of 10th week for all their coursework. Where they are taking a C-course all other students on that course are submitting to a deadline of Monday of 10th week. This would allow the two cohort deadlines to match.
2. There is no exam penalty applicable for not meeting the week 6 deadline for submitting topics, so this has been removed from the regulations and will be placed in the course handbook.

Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of European and Middle Eastern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Suspension of a German paper, reflecting changes published in main school regulations in Gazette Notice HDB(25)33

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2024**

FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsoeamiddeastlang&srchYear=2025&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

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^{1.17}As specified for the Honour School of Modern Languages.

^{1.18}1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.

^{1.19}2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.

^{1.20}3. Honour School of Modern Languages, *one* paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII (VII **except** for German).

^{1.21}4. Honour School of Modern Languages, *one* paper chosen from IV, V, IX, X, XI, or XII.

^{1.22}5. An extended essay on a topic bridging the European and the Middle Eastern language.

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^{1.58}(ii) Candidates proposing to offer an essay must submit, through their college, to the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages (on a form obtainable from the Modern Languages Faculty Office, ~~41 Wellington Square~~) a statement of their name, college, the academic year in which they intend to take the examination, and the title of the proposed essay together with (a) a statement in about fifty words of how the subject is to be treated, (b) a statement signed by a supervisor or tutor, that they consider the subject suitable, and suggesting a person or persons who might be invited to be an examiner or assessor (the boards will not approve the title unless they are satisfied that a suitably qualified examiner or assessor based in Oxford will be available), and (c) a statement by a college tutor that they approve the candidate's application, not later than the Wednesday of the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

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Explanatory Notes

The availability of this paper is being suspended, unfortunately, due to resourcing issues. It has been communicated to students who are about to start their FHS studies in MT25. If there are returning students who had chosen these options, they will still be able to take them, as per the regulations of when they started their course.

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Humanities Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of the Chair of Humanities Divisional Board, September 2025

Title of Programme:

Research Degrees in History

Brief note about nature of change: Update of references to General Regulations to reflect reorganisation of Regulations.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* [2024-25, Research Degrees in History](#) [include reference to any relevant *Gazette* by stating 'as amended by *Gazette* of date' etc.]

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2025 and all on-course students at this point.

Detail of change

Amend citation reference. 1.15 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.15}(iv) The assessors shall report to the Director of Graduate Studies in writing whether the candidate's subject is satisfactory for the degree in question and whether he or she is competent to tackle it.² If they think this is not the case, they may recommend resubmission after a set period of further probation; such resubmission will constitute the second attempt at Transfer of Status provided for in the General Regulations for the degree. If the assessors disagree, the Director of Graduate Studies shall decide what should be done.

Amend citation reference. 1.21 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

^{1.21}(iv) The interviewer shall report to the Director of Graduate Studies in writing whether the candidate's subject is satisfactory and whether he or she is competent

to tackle it. If confirmation is not recommended the interviewer may recommend reapplication after a further period of study (within the timeframe provided for in ~~the General Regulations~~ Part 4 of the General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy) or alternatively transfer to M.Litt. status, subject to the general regulations governing confirmation of status.

Explanatory Notes

The corresponding General Regulations were reorganised in 2024-25 to improve ease of reference.

Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of History and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Suspension of a German paper, reflecting changes published in main school regulations in Gazette Notice HDB(25)33

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2024**

FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsohandmodelang&srchYear=2025&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

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B

^{1.10} Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.

^{1.11}They will also be required to spend, after their matriculation, a year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, ~~41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF~~, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their society.

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^{1.22}3. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.

^{1.23}4. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.

^{1.24}5. Honour School of Modern Languages, *one* paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII (VII **except** for German).

^{1.25}6. Honour School of Modern Languages, *one* paper chosen from Papers IV, V, IX, X, XI, XII, or XIV.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

The availability of this paper is being suspended, unfortunately, due to resourcing issues. It has been communicated to students who are about to start their FHS studies in MT25. If there are returning students who had chosen these options, they will still be able to take them, as per the regulations of when they started their course.

Deletion of Faculty's postal address

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Humanities Division Quality Assurance Committee on 2 October 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Change of submission day of the week for the thesis

Effective date

For students starting **FHS** from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2026-27**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024/25

Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=liahscholing&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

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^{1.27} *Linguistic Project*

^{1.28} The Linguistic Project will consist of a project report of between 8,000 and 10,000 words. The project should be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by noon on the **Monday Tuesday** of the tenth week of Hilary Term in the year of the examination, together with a statement, sent under separate cover, certifying that the project is the candidate's own work and has not already been submitted, either wholly or substantially, for a degree in this university or elsewhere. A copy must be retained by the candidate.

(...)

Explanatory Notes

Change to submission day of the week for the thesis, from Monday to Tuesday in accordance with University guidelines.

The change will be for students taking the examination in 2026-27 therefore there is no impact on ARO or Exam Schools in 2025-26, as agreed with EPS.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and MPLS on 7 July 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor change updating the list of optional papers to reflect the introduction of Optional Paper 140 in the examination regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsomathandphil>

Detail of change

^{1.51}Candidates are required to take (i) subject 120; (ii) ~~one of subjects 106 and~~ subject 124; and (iii) one of subjects 101, 102, 104, 108, 122 and 127 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. Candidates who offer a fourth subject in Philosophy must select one from the list of subjects 101 to 104, 107 to 116, 122, 125, 127 to 129, 137 to ~~139~~ 140, 198 and 199 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, and in accordance with the General Regulations therein.

Explanatory Notes

This change reflects the update of the Philosophy of Social Science paper described in HDB(25)41 and HDB(25)42 to reflect a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

As paper 140 is being added as an additional option paper, this is a positive change for on-course students.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and MPLS on 7 July 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor change updating the list of optional papers to reflect the introduction of Optional Paper 140 in the examination regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsomathandphil>

Detail of change

^{1.32}The examination for Part B shall consist of units in Mathematics and subjects in Philosophy. The schedule of units and double units in Mathematics, along with synopses and other details, will be approved by the Mathematics Teaching Committee and published on the Mathematical Institute website page 'Registration for Part B Mathematics and Philosophy Courses' by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned. The schedule shall be in two parts: Schedule 1 (standard units) and Schedule 2 (additional units). A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options not in these Schedules, but from the list of Mathematics Courses for Part B, including Statistics and

Computer Science options. These can be found on the Mathematical Institute website page 'Registration Part B Mathematics Courses'. Applications for special approval must be made through the candidate's college and sent to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy, c/o Academic Administrator, Mathematical Institute, to arrive by Friday of Week 4 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the examination for Part B. In Philosophy the subjects shall be subjects from the list given in *Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy*. Each candidate shall offer:

- ^{1.33}(i) Four units of *Mathematics* from Schedule 1, two of which shall be B1.1 *Logic* and B.1.2 *Set Theory*.
- ^{1.34}(ii) Three subjects in *Philosophy* from 101-116, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127-129, 137-139 and 198 of which two must be 122 and **either** 101 **or** 102, and
- ^{1.35}(iii) **Either** two further units in *Mathematics* drawn from Schedule 1 and 2 combined **or** one further subject in *Philosophy* from subjects 101-116, 120, 124, 125, 127-129, 137-~~139~~ 140, 198, and 199: *Thesis*.

...

^{1.45}No unit in Mathematics, and no subject in Philosophy, may be offered in both Part B and Part C, except in the case of subject 199 (Philosophy Thesis). A unit in Philosophy consists of one of the following:

- ^{1.46}(a) One of the subjects 101-116, 120, 124, 125, 127-129, and 137-~~139~~ 140 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. For Part C, these subjects shall be examined by a three hour written paper together with a Part C Philosophy Essay of at most 5,000 words, as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy.

Explanatory Notes

This change reflects the update of the Philosophy of Social Science paper described in HDB(25)41 and HDB(25)42 to reflect a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

As paper 140 is being added as an additional option paper, this is a positive change for on-course students.

This paper replaces paper HDB(25)45 which has been retracted.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and MPLS on 7 July 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Mathematics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor change updating the list of optional papers to reflect the introduction of Optional Paper 140 in the examination regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy by removing redundant paper 106

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2027**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsomathandphil>

Detail of change

^{1.32}The examination for Part B shall consist of units in Mathematics and subjects in Philosophy. The schedule of units and double units in Mathematics, along with synopses and other details, will be approved by the Mathematics Teaching Committee and published on the Mathematical Institute website page 'Registration for Part B Mathematics and Philosophy Courses' by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination concerned. The schedule shall be in two parts: Schedule 1 (standard units) and Schedule 2 (additional units). A candidate may, with the support of his or her Mathematics tutor, apply to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy for approval of one or more other options not in these Schedules, but from the list of Mathematics Courses for Part B, including Statistics and

Computer Science options. These can be found on the Mathematical Institute website page 'Registration Part B Mathematics Courses'. Applications for special approval must be made through the candidate's college and sent to the Chair of the Joint Committee for Mathematics and Philosophy, c/o Academic Administrator, Mathematical Institute, to arrive by Friday of Week 4 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the examination for Part B. In Philosophy the subjects shall be subjects from the list given in *Special Regulations for All Honour Schools Including Philosophy*. Each candidate shall offer:

- ^{1.33}(i) Four units of *Mathematics* from Schedule 1, two of which shall be B1.1 *Logic* and B.1.2 *Set Theory*.
- ^{1.34}(ii) Three subjects in *Philosophy* from 101-105, 107-116, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127-129, 137-139 and 198 of which two must be 122 and **either** 101 **or** 102, and
- ^{1.35}(iii) **Either** two further units in *Mathematics* drawn from Schedule 1 and 2 combined **or** one further subject in *Philosophy* from subjects 101-116, 120, 124, 125, 127-129, 137-140, 198, and 199: *Thesis*.

...

^{1.45}No unit in Mathematics, and no subject in Philosophy, may be offered in both Part B and Part C, except in the case of subject 199 (Philosophy Thesis). A unit in Philosophy consists of one of the following:

- ^{1.46}(a) One of the subjects 101-105, 107-116, 120, 124, 125, 127-129, and 137-140 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. For Part C, these subjects shall be examined by a three hour written paper together with a Part C Philosophy Essay of at most 5,000 words, as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy.

Explanatory Notes

This change reflects the update of the Philosophy of Social Science paper described in HDB(25)41 and HDB(25)42 to reflect a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

This paper replaces paper HDB(25)45 which has been retracted.

Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Approved by Education Policy Support on 16 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

- Changes to papers for those taking some sole languages.
- Suspension of a German paper
- Changes to available options in Papers French X, XI

NB: other changes are being submitted in Gazette Notice HDB(25)32 for modification to the 2025-26 regulations (MT22 starters). The text used here is as it currently appears (2024-regulations).

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2024**

FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsofmodelang&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.5}(3) of the history, thought, and civilization of the country necessary for the understanding of the language and literature.

^{1.6}~~3. A candidate offering one language shall be required to show a competent philological knowledge of the language they are offering. A candidate~~ Candidates offering two languages shall be permitted to offer a paper or papers on philological topics.

^{1.7}4. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this School unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.

(...)

B

^{1.13}Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.

^{1.14}They will also be required to spend, after their matriculation, a year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, ~~41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF~~, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their society.

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^{1.27}1. Combinations of Papers

^{1.28}I. A candidate who offers two languages must take the written papers listed below, and oral examinations in both languages:

^{1.29}*Five papers in language A*

^{1.30}*Two language papers I, II(A+B)*

^{1.31}*One of VI, VII, VIII (for German one of VI or VIII)*

^{1.32}*Two of IV, V, IX, X, XI, XII, XIV*

^{1.33}*Four papers in language B*

^{1.34}*Two language papers I, II(A+B)*

^{1.35}*One of VI, VII, VIII (for German one of VI or VIII)*

^{1.36}*One of IV, V, IX, X, XI, XII*

^{1.37}II. A candidate who offers one language only must take the written papers listed below, and the oral examination in the language:

^{1.38}(a) French:

^{1.39}*Three language papers I, II(A+B), III*

^{1.40}*One of VI, VII, VIII*

^{1.41}*Five of IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV*

^{1.42}(b) Spanish:

^{1.43}*Three language papers I, II(A+B), III*

^{1.44} Paper IX

^{1.45} Two of VI, VII, VIII, XIII

^{1.46} Three of IV, V, X, XI, XII, XII (Modern Galician or Modern Catalan), XIV

^{1.47} (c) All other languages German:

^{1.48} Three language papers I, II(A+B), III

^{1.49} Paper IX

^{1.50} Two of VI, VII, VIII, XIII

^{1.51} Three of IV, V, X, XI, XII, XIV, of which at least one must be IV or V

d) Russian:

Three language papers I, II(A+B), III

Paper IX

Two of VI, VII, VIII, XIII

Three of IV, V, X, XI, XII, XIV, of which at least one must be IV or V

^{1.52} III. Candidates offering one language with Polish must offer:

(...)

^{1.60} In German

^{1.61} Two language papers I, II(A+B)

^{1.62} One of VI, VII, VIII, XIII

^{1.63} Three of IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIV (provided that no more than two of IV, V, IX are taken)

(...)

^{1.94} (iii) Listening comprehension

^{1.95} The mode of assessment of each paper and detailed examination arrangements will be as set out in the Course Handbook. Papers I, II, III, IV and V will normally be examined by an ~~online~~ in-person written examination; papers VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XIIA will normally be examined by an online written examination; papers XIIB, XIIC, XII, XIII and XIV will be examined by coursework submission.

^{1.96} 2. Special Provisions

^{1.97} i. All candidates offering Italian must offer at least one of IV, V, IX in Italian

^{1.98} ii. A candidate offering two languages is required to offer, in one language,

^{1.99} *either* at least one of papers IV, V

^{1.100} *or* at least one pre-Modern paper as designated below:

^{1.101} French VI, VII, IX, X

^{1.102} German VI, VII, IX

^{1.103} Italian VI, VII, IX, X

(...)

1.118 **4. Detailed specifications of papers I to XIV**

(...)

1.218 **VII. Topics in the period of literature (*French only*) or Period of literature (ii):**

1.219 French: 1530-1800⁴

~~1.220 German: 1450-1800~~

1.221 Italian: 1430-1635

(...)

1.251 **X. Modern Prescribed Authors (i) (excluding Portuguese) or Renaissance Prescribed Texts (Portuguese only):** ^{7,8} Passages for explanation and comment will be taken from the works prescribed for special study, which will be specified in the relevant modern language's FHS course handbook. Candidates will be expected to have read works by their chosen authors other than those prescribed for special study.

1.252 French:

1.253 Any two of the following:

1.254 (1) Rabelais

1.255 (2) Montaigne

1.256 (3) Pascal

1.257 (4) Molière

1.258 (5) Racine

~~1.259 (6) Voltaire~~

(6) Rousseau

1.260 (7) Diderot

1.261 (8) Madame de La Fayette

1.262 German:

(...)

1.329 **XI. Early Modern Literary Texts or German Thought (German only) or Modern Prescribed Authors (ii) or Modern Prescribed Texts (Portuguese only)**

1.330 Passages for explanation and comment will be taken from the works prescribed for special study, which will be specified in the relevant modern language's FHS course handbook. Candidates will be expected to have read works by their chosen authors other than those prescribed for special study.

1.331 French:

1.332 Any two of the following:

~~1.333 (1) Stendhal~~

(2) Balzac

1.334 ~~(2-3)~~ Baudelaire

1.335 ~~(3 4)~~ Flaubert

~~1.336 (4) Mallarmé~~

(5) Césaire

1.337 ~~(5 6)~~ Djebbar

1.338 ~~(6 7)~~ Beckett

1.339 ~~(7 8)~~ Duras

1.340 ~~(8 9)~~ Barthes

(...)

1.415 (v) Candidates proposing to offer a Dissertation must submit, through their college, to the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages (on a form obtainable from the Modern Languages Administration and Faculty Office, 41 Wellington Square,) a statement of their name, college, the honour school they intend to offer, the academic year in which they intend to take the examination, and the title of the proposed Dissertation together with (a) a statement in about fifty words of how the subject is to be treated, (b) a statement signed by a supervisor or tutor, preferably in the language or in one of the languages or in the field of study with which the Dissertation is concerned, that they considers the subject suitable, and suggesting a person or persons who might be invited to be an examiner or an assessor (the board will not approve a title unless it is satisfied that a suitably qualified examiner or assessor based in Oxford will be available), and (c) a statement by a college tutor that they approve the candidate's application, not later than the Wednesday of the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

Explanatory Notes

Combination of papers (citation 1.27): Definition of paper combinations allowed for students taking sole languages in German and Russian, following the same format as for French and Spanish. This is being done both for the sake of consistency, and to accommodate the trend in demand of joint school student preference in the choice of option papers.

Paper German VII: The availability of this paper is being suspended, unfortunately, due to resourcing issues. It has been communicated to students who are about to start their FHS studies in MT25. If there are returning students who had chosen these options, they will still be able to take them, as per the regulations of when they started their course.

Changes to available options in Papers French X, XI: updating of options that will be available to this cohort of students.

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Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 27 May 2025 and Education Committee on 21 July 2025

Correction to dissertation: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

- On-line written examinations replaced with in-person written examinations
- Dissertation: correction of information

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2022-23**

FHS from **MT2023-24**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsofmodelang&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

(...)

B

^{1.13} Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.

^{1.14} They will also be required to spend, after their matriculation, a year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, ~~41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF~~, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their society.

(...)

^{1.94} (iii) Listening comprehension

^{1.95} The mode of assessment of each paper and detailed examination arrangements will be as set out in the Course Handbook. Papers I, II, III, IV and V will normally be examined by an ~~online~~ in-person written examination; papers VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XIIA will normally be examined by an online written examination; papers XIIB, XIIC, XII, XIII and XIV will be examined by coursework submission.

^{1.96} **2. Special Provisions**

(...)

^{1.415} (v) Candidates proposing to offer a Dissertation must submit, through their college, to the Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages (on a form obtainable from the Modern Languages Administration and Faculty Office, ~~41 Wellington Square~~), a statement of their name, college, the honour school they intend to offer, the academic year in which they intend to take the examination, and the title of the proposed Dissertation together with (a) a statement in about fifty words of how the subject is to be treated, (b) a statement signed by a supervisor or tutor, preferably in the language or in one of the languages or in the field of study with which the Dissertation is concerned, that they considers the subject suitable, and suggesting a person or persons who might be invited to be an examiner or an assessor (the board will not approve a title unless it is satisfied that a suitably qualified examiner or assessor based in Oxford will be available), and (c) a statement by a college tutor that they approve the candidate's application, not later than the Wednesday of the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

(...)

^{1.426} This certificate must be sent at the same time as the Dissertation.

^{1.427} 3. Candidates shall present a one-page summary of the arguments in English at the beginning of their Dissertation; Dissertations shall be in the range 7,000-8,000 words (~~exclusive of the~~ including footnotes, but not including the bibliography, and any appendices, and summary (where this applies)). No person or body shall have authority to permit the limit of 8,000 words to be exceeded, except that, in the case of a commentary on a text, and at the discretion of the chair of the examiners, any substantial quoting of that text need not be included in the word limit. The examiners will not take account of such parts of a Dissertation as are beyond these limits. There

must be a select bibliography, listing all primary and secondary sources consulted when writing the Dissertation, and full details must be given of all citations (either in the text, or in footnotes).

1.428 All Dissertations must be typed in double-spacing.

(...)

Explanatory Notes Change in conditions of assessment from online to in-person with effect from 2025-26 final examinations, were approved by Education Committee on 21 July 2025

Dissertation: correction of incorrect information provided on what is included in word count, as outlined in all other information provided to students.

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Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 27 May 2025 and Education Committee on 21 July 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

On-line written examinations replaced with in-person written examinations

Correction of wrong information

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT25**

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=peinmodelang&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

(...)

^{1.27} The assessment will normally take the form of:

^{1.28} Papers I, IIA, and IIB: in-person written examination;

^{1.29} Papers III and IV: ~~on-line~~ in-person written examination;

^{1.30} Sole Papers in French, German, Russian & Spanish will take the form of:

^{1.31} French: XI (certification), XII and XIII (~~on-line~~ in-person written examination)

^{1.32} German: XI (certification), XII, XIII (~~on-line~~ in-person written examination)

^{1.33} Russian: XI and XII (~~on-line~~ in-person written examination), XIII (~~on-line~~ written examination certification)

^{1.34} Spanish: XI (certification), XII and XIII: (~~on-line~~ in-person written examination)

^{1.35} Candidates taking beginners' papers will be assessed as follows:

^{1.36} Beginners' German

^{1.37} German BI, BII/IIA & IIB: in-person written examination;

^{1.38} German BIII: by certification

^{1.39} German BIV: ~~on-line~~ in-person written examination;

^{1.40} Beginners' Russian:

^{1.41} Russian BI, BII/IIA & IIB: in-person written examination;

^{1.42} ~~in-person written examination.~~ Russian BIII & BIV: by certification.

(...)

^{1.1402} Colleges will submit to the Undergraduate Studies Officer, Faculty of Modern Languages, ~~41 Wellington Square~~, by noon on Friday of Week 5 of Trinity Term a certificate stating that their candidates have attended and participated in at least eight oral classes, consisting of reading aloud and discussion in their language(s) of passages dealing with issues in contemporary culture.

Explanatory Notes Change in conditions of assessment from online to in-person with effect from 2025-26 final examinations, were approved by Education Committee on 21 July 2025

Highlighted: correction of incorrect information on examination mode. Exams have been carried out in the format now added to these regulations. Email from ARO confirming that this has been the case: "There is nothing we can provide as 'concrete' evidence [of certification] as such as we cannot categorise assessments as 'certified' in the system as this is not an assessment type that exists. Therefore we had to leave these as exams but inform the Exams Teams that these would not be taking place as they would be certified and then they were given pass/fail grades rather than marks"

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Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Modern Languages and Linguistics

Brief note about nature of change:

Suspension of a German paper, reflecting changes published in main school regulations in Gazette Notice HDB(25)33

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2024**

FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2023-24

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsomlangandling&srchYear=2025&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

(...)

B

1. The Year Abroad

^{1.9}Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below. In addition, every candidate shall be required to spend, after their matriculation, a

year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate confirming that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their college or society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, ~~41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF~~, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their college or society.

(...)

2. Modern Languages and Linguistics Papers

^{1.11} Candidates are required to take an oral examination in the language and eight papers, as follows:

^{1.12} The regulations for these subjects shall be those specified in the regulations for the Honour School of Modern Languages or the special regulations for Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics.

^{1.13} 1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.

^{1.14} 2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.

^{1.15} 3. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII (VII **except** for German).

^{1.16} 4. Special regulations for Linguistics, paper A

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Explanatory Notes

The availability of this paper is being suspended, unfortunately, due to resourcing issues. It has been communicated to students who are about to start their FHS studies in MT25. If there are returning students who had chosen these options, they will still be able to take them, as per the regulations of when they started their course.

Deletion of Faculty's postal address

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Education Policy Support on 8 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]

Honour School of Music

Brief note about nature of change:

Completely re-written regulations following course restructure

Effective date

For students starting

FPE from **MT24**

FHS from **MT25**

and

For first examination from **2025-26**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hschoofmusi&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

A

1. The Honour School of Music shall encompass teaching and research principally in the following areas: historical musicology, music theory and analysis, ethnomusicology, music education, sound studies, empirical musicology, composition, and performance.

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. The examination in this faculty shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Music.

B

1. Papers are divided into four lists, as outlined in the Schedule. Each candidate will be required to offer seven papers. Papers a) and b) will be taken in the candidate's second year of their degree; papers c) to g) will be taken in the candidate's third year of their degree.

2. Candidates must take:

- a) one paper from List Ia;
- b) one paper from List Ib;
- c) one paper from List III;
- d) one double-weighted project from List IV;
- e), f), g) three further papers from lists I-IV.

3. For papers e), f), and g) the following restrictions apply:

- i) Candidates taking List IV Solo Performance, whether single- or double-weighted, may take only one paper from List IIb.
- ii) Candidates taking double-weighted Composition from List IV must take at least one paper from List IIa.
- iii) Candidates may only take one double-weighted project from List IV, with the option to offer one single-weighted List IV project in addition to the double-weighted project. A list of permissible single-weighted projects will be published in the course handbook.
- iv) Candidates selecting options from List Ia and/or List Ib may not duplicate topics already chosen for second-year assessments.

Schedule

Available options under each list will be published in the course handbook

List I: Topics

Second Year:

List Ia: written examination, to be taken in the candidate's **second** year;

List Ib: coursework submission; submission will be due by noon on Thursday of Week 8 of Trinity term in the candidate's **second** year.

Third Year:

Candidates have the option to offer up to three third-year Topics papers; these may be drawn from List Ic or from eligible List Ia and Ib topics, subject to clause B 3.(iv) above. All List I assessments taken in the third year will be assessed by coursework submission,

which will be due by noon on Thursday of Week 9 of Hilary term of the candidate's third year. Information on List Ia and Ib topics available for third-year coursework will be published in the course handbook.

List II: Technical and Practical options

The mode of assessment for each option in this list will be published in the course handbook. For those options requiring coursework submissions, these must be submitted by:

Stylistic Composition II noon on Thursday of Week 2, Trinity term

Recording and Producing Music noon on Thursday of Week 4, Trinity term

Orchestration noon on Thursday of Week 3, Trinity term

Free Improvisation noon on Thursday of Week 2, Trinity term

List III: Critical Music Studies

Written examination to be taken in the candidate's third year.

List IV: Project

Coursework submission or practical examination, to be taken in the candidate's third year. Coursework submission will be due by noon on Tuesday of Week 1 of Trinity term in the candidate's third year.

Explanatory Notes

Course restructure approved by Education Committee in 2024-25. Regulations re-written.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 12 March 2025 and Education Committee on 5 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Research Degrees in Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Amendment to Confirmation requirements

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rdegrinphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Effective date

For students already on course, and new students enrolling from MT25 onwards.

For Confirmation of Status assessment in 2025-26 onwards.

Detail of change

^{1.27} *3. Confirmation of D.Phil. status*

^{1.28} Applications should be accompanied by a thesis outline of about two pages and a piece of written work of approximately 5,000 words no more than 8,000 words, intended as a part of the thesis, in final or near-final draft.

Explanatory Notes

The above amendments to the regulations display a more realistic expectation of what is required of students, in order to achieve Confirmation of Status, and is more closely aligned with other faculties in the Division. The new limit outlines a maximum word count, rather than a target, and students would therefore retain permission to submit a shorter piece if they felt this displayed evidence of their best work.

These regulations are also amended by HDB(25)56 and HDB(25)57 and should be read in conjunction with them.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 12 March 2025 and Education Committee on 5 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Research Degrees in Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification regarding final thesis word count.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rdegrinphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Effective date

For students already on course, and new students enrolling from MT25 onwards.

For final submission in 2025-26 onwards.

Detail of change

^{1.29}4. *Theses*

^{1.30}M.Litt. theses should not exceed 50,000 words, and D.Phil. theses should not exceed 75,000 words, including all notes, appendices, any source material being edited, and all other parts of the thesis whatsoever, excluding only the bibliography and abstract, ~~exclusive of bibliographical references~~, unless the candidate has, with the support of ~~his or her~~ their supervisor, secured ~~the leave of permission from~~ the board to exceed this limit. All candidates when they submit their theses must state the approximate number of words therein both (a) including citations and, if they have been granted permission to count citations separately, (b) excluding citations. Theses exceeding the limit are liable to be returned unexamined for reduction to the proper length. Candidates who have submitted in their final term may be allowed a maximum period of two terms to effect the necessary reduction.

Explanatory Notes

The above amendment is a clarificatory note rather than a major change in regulation, and will serve to ensure greater consistency around final word counts as well as reduce volume of queries from students regarding uncertainty around which elements should be included in the final count.

These regulations are also amended by HDB(25)55 and HDB(25)56 and should be read in conjunction with them.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 12 March 2025 and Education Committee on 5 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Research Degrees in Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Rationalisation of PRS requirements (Transfer to M.Litt. or D.Phil. status)

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rdegrinphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Effective date

For students starting from MT25.

For first examination from 2025-26.

Detail of change

^{1.1} *1. Admission as a Probationer Research Student*

^{1.2} Candidates may apply for admission as Probationer Research Student, or directly to D.Phil. status, on a full-time basis

[For students starting from Michaelmas term 2025:

2. Transfer to M.Litt. or D.Phil. status

Candidates admitted as Probationer Research Students must complete all of the following requirements by the end of Week 8 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student:

(a) Attend two graduate classes in subjects not previously studied at master's level.

(b) Submit one 5,000-word essay on a topic of the student's choice, excluding subjects previously studied as master's level, which will normally be related to one of the classes attended in (a), the pass mark for which is 60.

(c) Submit a thesis outline of about two pages.

(d) Submit a piece of written work of approximately 5,000 words in the area and philosophical style of the proposed thesis.

The board will appoint two assessors, who will read the submissions and conduct an interview with the candidate. If the mark for the essay mentioned in (b) above is between 50 and 59 (inclusive) then the assessors may, depending on the quality of the candidate's other submitted work, recommend approval or refusal of the Transfer of Status application.

The Philosophy Graduate Studies Committee may, depending on the student's prior experience and education, waive requirements (a) and/or (b). If it waives both requirements then the student must complete the remaining requirements by the end of Week 2 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student.

Candidates admitted as Probationer Research Students after completing the Master of Studies degree in Philosophy of Physics at the University of Oxford must complete the following requirements by the end of the Week 0 before the start of their fourth term as a Probationer Research Student:

(a) Attend two graduate classes (which cannot be in the subject area of their MSt in Philosophy of Physics elective option, Philosophy of Physics or Philosophy of Science).

(b) Submit one 5,000-word essay on a topic of the student's choice, excluding subjects previously studied as master's level, which will normally be related to one of the classes attended in (a), the pass mark for which is 60.

(c) Submit a thesis outline of about two pages.

(d) Submit a 20,000-word dissertation on a topic of their choice, preferably in the area and philosophical style of their thesis.

The board will appoint two assessors, who will read the submissions and conduct an interview with the candidate. If the mark for the essay mentioned in (b) above

is between 50 and 59 (inclusive) then the assessors may, depending on the quality of the candidate's other submitted work, recommend approval or refusal of the Transfer of Status application.

The Philosophy Graduate Studies Committee may, depending on the student's prior experience and education, waive requirements (a) and/or (b), and it has the power to replace requirement (d) by requirement

(e) Submit a piece of written work of approximately 5,000 words in the area and philosophical style of the proposed thesis.

If it waives (a) and (b) and replaces (d) by (e) then the student must complete the remaining requirements by the end of Week 2 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student. If it waives (a) and (b), but (d) is still required, then the student must complete the remaining requirements by the end of Week 8 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student.]

[For students starting before Michaelmas term 2025:

^{1.3}2. Transfer to M.Litt. or D.Phil. status

^{1.4}Applications should be accompanied by a thesis outline of about two pages and a piece of written work of approximately 5,000 words in the area and philosophical style of the proposed thesis.

^{1.5}Candidates admitted as Probationer Research Students after completing the Master of Studies degree in Ancient Philosophy at the University of Oxford must complete all of the following requirements by the end of Week 8 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student:

^{1.6}(a) Attend two graduate classes with at least one from the following subject areas: moral philosophy; metaphysics; theory of knowledge; philosophical logic and philosophy of language; philosophy of mind and action.

^{1.7}(b) Submit one 5,000 word essay on a topic of the student's choice for one of the above listed classes, the pass mark for which is 65.

^{1.8}(c) Submit a thesis outline of about two pages.

^{1.9}(d) Submit a piece of written work of approximately 5,000 words in the area and philosophical style of the proposed thesis.

^{1.10}The board will appoint two assessors, who will read the submissions and conduct an interview with the candidate. If the mark for the essay mentioned in (b) above is between 50 and 64 (inclusive) then the assessors may, depending on the quality of the candidate's other submitted work, recommend approval or refusal of the Transfer of Status application.

^{1.11}The Philosophy Graduate Studies Committee may, depending on the student's prior experience and education, waive requirements (a) and/or (b). If it waives both requirements then the student must complete the requirements by the end of Week 2 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student.

^{1.12}Candidates admitted as Probationer Research Students after completing the Master of Studies degree in Philosophy of Physics at the University of Oxford must complete the following requirements by the end of the Week 0 before the start of their fourth term as a Probationer Research Student:

- ^{1.13}(a) Attend two graduate classes (which cannot be in the subject area of their MSt in Philosophy of Physics elective option, Philosophy of Physics or Philosophy of Science) with at least one from the following subject areas: moral philosophy; metaphysics; theory of knowledge; philosophical logic and philosophy of language; philosophy of mind and action.

^{1.14}(b) Submit one 5,000 word essay on a topic of the student's choice for one of the above listed classes, the pass mark for which is 65.

^{1.15}(c) Submit a thesis outline of about two pages.

^{1.16}(d) Submit a 20,000 word dissertation on a topic of their choice, preferably in the area and philosophical style of their thesis.

^{1.17}The board will appoint two assessors, who will read the submissions and conduct an interview with the candidate. If the mark for the essay mentioned in (b) above is between 50 and 64 (inclusive) then the assessors may, depending on the quality of the candidate's other submitted work, recommend approval or refusal of the Transfer of Status application.

^{1.18}The Philosophy Graduate Studies Committee may, depending on the student's prior experience and education, waive requirements (a) and/or (b), and it has the power to replace requirement (d) by requirement

^{1.19}(e) Submit a piece of written work of approximately 5,000 words in the area and philosophical style of the proposed thesis.

^{1.20}If it waives (a) and (b) and replaces (d) by (e) then the student must complete the requirements by the end of Week 2 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student.

^{1.21}Candidates admitted as Probationer Research Students after completing the Master of Studies degree in Practical Ethics at the University of Oxford must complete all of the following requirements by the end of Week 8 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student:

^{1.22}(a) attend at least one graduate class, which cannot be in Practical Ethics. This could potentially include Moral Philosophy; Political Philosophy; Ancient Ethics; Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Action.

^{1.23}(b) submit one 5,000 word essay on a topic of the student's choice, for one of the above listed classes, the pass mark for which is 65;

^{1.24}(c) submit a thesis outline of about two pages;

^{1.25}(d) submit a piece of written work of approximately 5,000 words in the area and style of the proposed thesis.

^{1.26}The board will appoint two assessors, who will read the submissions and conduct an interview with the candidate. If the mark for the essay mentioned in (b) above is between 50 and 64 (inclusive) then the assessors may, depending on the quality of the candidate's other submitted work, recommend approval or refusal of the Transfer of Status application.

The Philosophy Graduate Studies Committee may, depending on the student's prior experience and education, waive requirements (a) and/or (b). If it waives both requirements then the student must complete the requirements by the end of Week 2 of their third term as a Probationer Research Student.

Explanatory Notes

The above amendments to the regulations display greater consistency in PRS requirements, and provide all students admitted as a PRS with the opportunity to formally broaden their areas of philosophical expertise at graduate level, unless they have already studied a broad range of philosophical subjects at master's level (i.e., a range of subjects comparable to those covered by BPhil students). Students were consulted in MT24 via a student survey, and although the responses were mixed, there was sufficient evidence that this would be supported by several students already on course, and the changes were approved by GJCC and GSC in MT24.

These regulations are also amended by HDB(25)55 and HDB(25)57 and should be read in conjunction with them.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Associate Head of Education on 16 September 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

Four minor changes to provide certainty for students relating to word counts, as well as to increase their ability to take optional Special Subjects where approved.

This change is in addition to the changes in HDB(25)41. They have been processed and submitted separately as those changes were Major Changes and considered separately by Education Committee.

Effective date

For students starting FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2027**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024/25*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=phiahsinclphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.84}198. *Special Subjects*

^{1.85}From time to time special subjects may be approved by the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy. Special subjects will be communicated to college tutors and to undergraduates by the end of the fifth week of Hilary Term one year before examination. The Undergraduate Studies Committee will (a) agree the method of assessment for each special subject offered, which may be by written paper, submitted essay and/or other method (b) forbid, where it

sees fit, a combination of a special subject with other subjects (c) forbid, where it sees fit, candidates taking any particular special subject to answer certain questions on the papers for other subjects (d) place restrictions, where it sees fit, on the number of candidates that may take any special subject in any year. ~~No candidate may offer more than one special subject.~~ Subject to these qualifications, any candidate may offer any special subject.

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^{1.91}3. *Length and format*

^{1.92}No thesis shall exceed 15,000 words, or 20,000 words in the case of candidates for Part C of the Final Honour Schools of Computer Science and Philosophy, Mathematics and Philosophy, and Physics and Philosophy. ~~This limit includes all notes and appendices but not including the bibliography; no person or body shall have authority to permit any excess, except that in Literae Humaniores, in a thesis consisting of commentary on a text, quotation from the text will not be counted towards the word limit. The word count should be indicated at the front of the thesis. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. The front of the thesis should state the candidate's school and candidate number. The word count should be indicated at the front of the thesis. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. The front of the thesis should state the candidate's school and candidate number. The word limit includes all footnotes, in-text references, and appendices, but excludes the bibliography, the title, the statements of word count, school and candidate number, and any mathematical expressions and code. Translations of foreign language quotations should be included alongside the original quotation but only the original will count towards the word count. In the special case of a thesis in Literae Humaniores consisting of commentary on a text, quotation from the text will also not be counted towards the word limit. Images may be included in a thesis, but any text contained in the images will normally be included in the word count. All other elements, unless specified otherwise, will be included in the final word count.~~

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^{1.101}(vi) A candidate may not take both of subjects 110 and 111.

^{1.102}(vii) ~~Except in the school of Mathematics and Philosophy, and Computer Science and Philosophy, and in part C of the schools of Physics and Philosophy, the paper(s) from part B of the Honour School of Mathematics in Set Theory and Logic may be taken, and will count as one Philosophy paper.~~

^{1.103}(viii) Whenever a new paper is introduced, the Faculty of Philosophy will publish, during the first academic year in which the paper is examined, a list of essay titles which the first cohort of candidates taking the new paper may offer for their extended essay, in those schools where they are required to offer an extended essay in addition to taking the written paper.

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^{1.107}No essay shall exceed a word limit of 5,000 words, ~~which includes all notes and appendices, but not the bibliography.~~ The word count should be indicated on the front of the essay. There shall be a select bibliography or a list of sources. ~~Candidates should avoid any substantial repetition of material between examination scripts and examination essays. The topic for a Philosophy examination essay in a given subject can be any question set for the most recent examination of that subject in Honour Schools with Philosophy, with the exception of questions which consist of~~

multiple passages for comment (as in the commentary questions in Plato: Republic (115) and Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics (116)) or of questions of a mathematical or logical nature which do not permit of an essay-type answer (as in all questions on Philosophical Logic (127)). Candidates may apply for approval of other essay topics by writing to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, c/o The Undergraduate Studies Administrator, Philosophy Centre, Radcliffe Humanities Building, Woodstock Road, giving the title they propose, together with an explanation of the subject in about 100 words and enclosing a letter from their tutor attesting to the suitability of this topic for the candidate. This application may be made by email. Any such application must be received no later than Friday of the sixth week of the Hilary Term preceding the Part C examination for which the essay is to be submitted. Late applications will not be considered. Any such application shall be accepted or rejected by the Board within two weeks of its being received. The front of the essay should state the candidate's school and candidate number. The word limit includes all footnotes, in-text references, and appendices, but excludes the bibliography, the title, the statements of word count, school and candidate number, and any mathematical expressions and code. Translations of foreign language quotations should be included alongside the original quotation but only the original will count towards the word count. Images may be included in an essay, but any text contained in the images will normally be included in the word count. All other elements, unless specified otherwise, will be included in the final word count.

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty of Philosophy would like to make a number of small changes to these regulations. It is intended that these changes will provide more certainty for candidates as to what is and is not included in word limits for submissions, and to provide the potential option of more than one Special Subject. These are positive changes.

The minor change at 1.102 is a tidying-up process: a previous paper was discontinued in 2014 whilst a new paper in Philosophical Logic (127) was developed and introduced: 1.102 was intended at that time as a stopgap. With paper 127 now in full effect, the temporary option is no longer needed.

The changes have been approved by all applicable Joint Schools Committees.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 12 March 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

A change to remove an option paper from regulations which has been replaced with an updated paper with a more modern view of the subject

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2027**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=piahsinclphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.18}~~106. *Philosophy of Science and Social Science*~~

^{1.19}~~The paper will include such topics as:~~

^{1.20}~~Part A: the nature of theories; scientific observation and method; scientific explanation; the interpretation of laws and probability; rationality and scientific change; major schools of philosophy of science.~~

¹⁻²¹~~Part B: social meaning; individualism; rationality; rational choice theory; prediction and explanation in economics; the explanation of social action; historical explanation, ideology.~~

¹⁻²²~~Candidates in the Honour School of Physics and Philosophy will be required to answer at least one question from each part of the paper. Candidates in other schools will be required to answer at least one question from Part B, and may answer exclusively from Part B if they wish.~~

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty of Philosophy has updated the philosophy of social science paper so that it reflects a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations. This change removes the old version as an option as a tidying-up exercise: the updated paper has already been made available to students.

An additional minor change to FHS All Philosophy Schools has been approved and submitted in HDB(25)53. This change impacts a different section of the regulations, and has been submitted separately due to the Education Committee approval of this change.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 12 March 2025 and by Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]

Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

An additional Option Paper for students in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, providing an updated paper on the philosophy of social science.

These changes are in addition to the changes in HDB(25)53, as those are considered Minor and were submitted after the changes in this paper.

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=phiahsinclphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

The subject will cover the following topics: explanation in the social sciences; causation; laws in the social sciences; idealisation and modelling; instrumentalism and realism about economics; interpretation and understanding; history and narrative; rational choice; quantitative methods and the social sciences; functional explanation; values in science and in social science; group attitudes and group agency; institutions, normal and social facts; race and gender; social construction and social kinds; methodological individualism; the demarcation problem and the social sciences; critical theory and ideology critique.

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^{1.95}The following restrictions on combinations apply to candidates whatever their honour school:

^{1.96}(i) A candidate may not take ~~both of subjects 106 and 124~~ subject 106 with 124 or 140.

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty of Philosophy has updated the philosophy of social science paper so that it reflects a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations. This change provides on-course students with the option of taking the paper as soon as possible, whilst also providing those students who wish to take the old paper the option to do so.

Humanities Divisional Board

Change in mode of assessment: Approved by Associate Head (Education) on 21 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Philosophy and Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change:

Suspension of a German paper, reflecting changes published in main school regulations in Gazette Notice HDB(25)33

Effective date

For students starting:

FPE from **MT2024**

FHS from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2027-28**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2024-25

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsopandmodelang&srchYear=2025&srchTerm=1&year=2024&term=1>

Detail of change

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^{1.7}Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below.

^{1.8}They will also be required to spend, after their matriculation, an academic year of approved residence in an appropriate country or appropriate countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chair of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, ~~41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF~~, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their society.

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PART I

^{1.17}1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.

^{1.18}2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.

^{1.19}3. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII (VII **except** for German).

^{1.20}4. Oral examination.

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Explanatory Notes

The availability of this paper is being suspended, unfortunately, due to resourcing issues. It has been communicated to students who are about to start their FHS studies in MT25. If there are returning students who had chosen these options, they will still be able to take them, as per the regulations of when they started their course.

Deletion of Faculty's postal address

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and Social Sciences Quality Assurance Committee on 20 June 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor change updating the list of optional papers to reflect the introduction of the new optional Paper 140 in the examination regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsop-poliandecon>

Detail of change

^{1.47}139. Knowledge and Scepticism in Hellenistic Philosophy (in translation)

1.40 Philosophy of Social Science

^{1.48}150. Jurisprudence

Explanatory Notes

This change reflects the update of the Philosophy of Social Science paper as detailed in HDB(25)41 and HDB(25)42 to reflect a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations.

As paper 140 is being added as an additional option paper, this is a positive change for on-course students.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and Social Sciences Quality Assurance Committee on 20 June 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Brief note about nature of change:

Minor change updating the list of optional papers to reflect the removal of Paper 106 and the introduction of Paper 140 in the examination regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2027**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsop-poliandecon>

Detail of change

^{1.26}104. Philosophy of Mind

^{1.27}~~106. Philosophy of Science and Social Science (124)~~

^{1.28}107. Philosophy of Religion

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty of Philosophy has updated the philosophy of social science paper as detailed in HDB(25)41 and HDB(25)42 so that it reflects a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations. This change removes the old paper (optional paper 106) as an option as a tidying-up exercise: the updated paper has already been made available to students.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and MPLS on 7 July 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]

Honour School of Physics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

A change to remove a paper from the list of options to reflect its replacement by an updated option paper, and to make another paper mandatory

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **TT2027**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsopandphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.51}Candidates are required to take (i) subject 120; (ii) ~~one of subjects 106 and~~ subject 124; and (iii) one of subjects 101, 102, 104, 108, 122 and 127 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. Candidates who offer a fourth subject in Philosophy must select one from the list of subjects 101 to 104, 107 to 116, 122, 125, 127 to 129, 137 to 140, 198 and 199 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, and in accordance with the General Regulations therein.

Explanatory Notes

This change reflects the update of the Philosophy of Social Science paper described in HDB(25)42 to reflect a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations. The old paper 106 is therefore being removed as an option: the new optional paper 140 has already been made available.

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by the Humanities Quality Assurance Committee on 20 May 2025 and MPLS on 7 July 2025 and Education Committee on 28 August 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Honour School of Physics and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

A change to add an optional paper for students

Effective date

For students starting from **MT2024**

and

For first examination from **TT2026**

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsopandphil&srchYear=2024&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

Detail of change

^{1.51}Candidates are required to take (i) subject 120; (ii) one of subjects 106 and 124; and (iii) one of subjects 101, 102, 104, 108, 122 and 127 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy. Candidates who offer a fourth subject in Philosophy must select one from the list of subjects 101 to 104, 107 to 116, 122, 125, 127 to 129, 137 to ~~139~~ 140, 198 and 199 as specified in the Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy, and in accordance with the General Regulations therein.

Explanatory Notes

The updated paper 140 amends the philosophy of social science paper so that it reflects a more up-to-date view of the subject, and provides greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links between the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of Politics and International Relations. This paper flows from the change described in HDB(25)41.

As paper 140 is being added as an additional option paper, this is a positive change for on-course students. As per the general regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools it is not possible to take the old paper 106 with the new paper 140.