

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by Faculty Trinity term 2023

Title of Programme

Master of Philosophy in Theology

Brief note about nature of change: Change of mode of assessment for some elements of the examinations, from written to submission; amendment to wording about viva voce. Rectify mistake in two deadlines introduced in changes last year.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022/23*

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

Effective date

For students starting from MT23

And

For first examination 2023/24

^{1.5} **III. Christian Doctrine**, specialising in one of ~~seven fields~~ the following:

^{1.6} History of Doctrine: Patristic Theology (c. AD 100-787)

^{1.7} Issues in Theology with special reference to Theology from 1780 to the present day

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~~1.14~~ **V. Christian Ethics**

^{1.15} The examination consists of three elements as set out below.

~~1.16~~ A. The specific requirements and rubrics of each stream's assessment are located in the annex to conventions.

~~1.17~~ B. Three essays of not more than 5,000 words each or one long essay of not more than 15,000 words. The specific requirements of each subject may be found below. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration that this is their own work.

~~1.18~~ C. A dissertation of not more than 30,000 words.

~~1.19~~ The completed dissertation must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by Friday of Week 0 of Trinity Term.

~~1.20~~ The titles and content of the essays and dissertation should not substantially overlap with each other.

~~1.21~~ Candidates must not put their names on the written examination papers or on any submitted work.

1.22 Each candidate is also required to present himself or herself for an oral (viva voce) examination unless individually dispensed by the examiners. The oral examination will take place within a few days of the written examination and may include a discussion of the candidate's work in any of the three elements listed above. Each candidate should be prepared to present themselves for an oral (viva voce) examination. This may include discussion of both the written examination papers and pre-submitted work.

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Dissertation: Candidates in all streams of the degree must submit a dissertation of up to 30,000 words, to be submitted to the University approved online assessment platform by Friday of Week 8 of Trinity Term in Year 2.

I. OLD TESTAMENT

1.25 B. Candidates will write *both* one long essay (up to 15,000 words) in one of the following subject areas, *and* three short essays (up to 5,000 words each) in another. The topic(s) will be chosen by the candidates in liaison with the supervisor. The completed essays must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by Monday in Week 8 of Trinity Term of Year 1.

~~1.26~~ C. All candidates offer a dissertation of up to 30,000 words. The topics of the essays and the dissertation will be chosen by the candidate in liaison with the supervisor.

II. NEW TESTAMENT

1.28 A. There will be two written examinations at the end of Trinity Term in Year 1. Two take-home papers, each comprising two essays of 3,000-5,000 words each, to be completed over a two-week period following the release of essay questions at the end of Trinity Term Year 1.

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~~1.32~~ C. All candidates offer a dissertation of up to 30,000 words.

III. CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

~~1.60~~ C. All candidates offer a dissertation of up to 30,000 words.

IV. ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY

~~1.73 C. All candidates offer a dissertation of up to 30,000 words.~~

V. CHRISTIAN ETHICS

1.74 A. There will be two written examinations in Trinity Term of Year 1:

1.75 1. **Christian Moral Concepts and Methodology.**

1.76 2. **Select Texts and Practical Issues in Christian Ethics-**

1.77 B. Candidates will write *either* one long essay (up to 15,000 words) *or* three short essays (up to 5,000 words each) on a topic or topics in Christian ethics, chosen by each candidate in liaison with the supervisor. The completed essays must be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform by Monday in Week 8 of Trinity Term of Year 2.

~~1.78 C. All candidates offer a dissertation of up to 30,000 words~~

Explanatory Notes

Change of mode of assessment for some elements of the examinations, from written to submission via a two-week take-home paper. Clarification to wordings about viva voce. Deletion of redundant text. Rectify mistake in two deadlines introduced in changes last year.