

Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]

Master of Studies in Philosophical Theology

Brief note about nature of change: Minor amendment to assessment descriptors

Location of change

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

Effective date

For students starting from Michaelmas Term 2021

Detail of change

1.6 1. *Philosophy of Religion*

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1.8 2. *History of Philosophical Theology*

1.9 The paper will contain questions on philosophical influences on theology during the patristic period, the early medieval period, and the period 1760-1860. Candidates are required to show knowledge of two of the three periods and, within each of those two periods, of some of the principal relevant writings, viz. for the patristic period of works of Origen and Augustine, for the early medieval period of works of Anselm and Aquinas, and for the period

1760-1860 of works of Kant, Kierkegaard, and Schleiermacher. Study of texts in the original languages will not be required. Lectures, tutorials etc.: as for Paper 3 of the M.Phil. in Philosophical Theology.

1.10 3. Either *The Development of Christian Doctrine to ad 451*

1.11 or *Theology in Western Europe from Gabriel Biel to Jacob Arminius*

1.12 ~~See regulations for Paper 1 of Section A and Paper 1 of Section C of the Christian Doctrine option of the M.Phil. in Theology in the 'Course Regulations for the M.Phil. in Theology' section of the course handbook.~~

Candidates will be expected to write essays on different topics, showing knowledge of the main lines of development of Christian Doctrine or Theology in Western Europe from Gabriel Biel to Arminius, and discussing particular developments in relation to the historical conditions which influenced them.

Explanatory Notes

This descriptor has been updated to make it more immediately informative.