

## Humanities Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of 16 November 2021 of Graduate Studies Committee

## Master of Studies in Theology

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amend assessment format in two of the MSt subjects, from written examination to essay submission over a two-week period.

In addition to changes submitted in:

- [HDB\(22\)003 G, Gazette of 9/6/22](#)
- [HDB\(22\)025 G, Gazette of 21/07/2022](#)

### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022*

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

### Effective date

**For students starting from Michaelmas Term 2022**

### Detail of change

<sup>1.21</sup> **C** A written examination **or take-home paper**. The specific requirements and rubrics of each stream's written examination are located in the annex to conventions.

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#### <sup>1.37</sup> IV. ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY

<sup>1.38</sup> **A and B** (essays and dissertation): Students may choose to write one of their essays on a topic which falls outside their primary period of study, provided that they obtain the prior written permission of their supervisor and the course coordinator.

<sup>1.39</sup> **C** (the written examination) is a general paper on the Nature & and Practice of Ecclesiastical History: ~~submission of two take-home papers of 3,000 – 5,000 words each, to be completed~~

over a two-week period following the release of essay questions. Candidates will be expected to show knowledge of a range of historiographical approaches to key questions in ecclesiastical history and of the variety of approaches to historical method which have emerged as a result of the professionalisation of teaching and research in history and of the introduction of new methods into the writing of history.

### **Explanatory Notes**

Change in assessment mode is being introduced to two papers in two of the MSt subjects, following successful adoption of take home essays during the pandemic; the Faculty is of the opinion that the change is a better one in pedagogical terms. The one incoming students was consulted on the change (assessment mode was specified on the admission site) and they have agreed with it.