

## Humanities Divisional Board

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

### Postgraduate Diploma in Theology and Religion

**Brief note about nature of change:** Removal of list of optional papers from Exam Regulations

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2021/22*

(<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pdintheoandrelis&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2021&term=1>) as amended in the Gazette of 22 July 2021

#### Effective date

**For students starting from MT 2023.**

**For first examination from 2023-24 (for full-time students) and 2024-25 (for part-time students).**

#### Detail of change

Amendment 1: Amend citation references 1.9 and 1.10 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

- 1.9<sup>3</sup>. All candidates will be required to offer three papers (and not more than four) from those specified in the schedule of papers prescribed for which may be offered for the Final Honour School of Theology and Religion, apart from paper 3000 (a the thesis).
  - ~~1.10(a) Candidates may not offer more than two papers from (3303) *Faith, Reason and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*; (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*; (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*; (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*; (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*; (3304) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*; and (3405) *Mysticism*.~~

Amendment 2: Amend citation references 1.12 to 1.16 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

- ~~1.125. Not all papers will be available every year.~~
- 1.136. Candidates may choose to offer either two short essays of 3,000 to 4,000 words or one long essay of 7,000 to 8,000 words in place of the written examination for one of their chosen papers, if that paper is normally assessed by written examination only. ~~except for papers (3109) *New Testament Theology*, (3110) *Study of a New Testament Book*, (3111) *The Afterlife of the New Testament*, (3112) *The Old Testament in Early Christianity*, (3201) *Contemporary Theology and Culture*, (3303) *Faith, Reason, and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*, (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*, (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*, (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*, (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*, (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*, (3405) *Mysticism* and (3406) *Feminist Approaches to Theology and Religion*.~~ The essay word limit is inclusive of notes and appendices, but excludes the bibliography.
  - ~~1.14(a) Candidates who are offering two papers from (3303) *Faith, Reason and Religion from the Enlightenment to the Romantic Age*; (3305) *Further Studies in Judaism*; (3306) *Further Studies in Islam*; (3307) *Further Studies in Buddhism*; (3308) *Further Studies in Hinduism*; (3404) *Further Studies in Science and Religion*; and (3405) *Mysticism* may not choose to be assessed by either two short essays or a long essay in their other paper or papers.~~
- 1.157. Candidates offering three papers must be assessed by written examination for at least one paper or part of one paper. Candidates offering four papers must be assessed by written examination for at least two papers or part of two papers.
- ~~1.151.168.~~ The final mark for the award will be calculated as the average of the three best papers.
- ~~1.161.178.~~ 9. Any candidate may be examined viva voce.

### **Explanatory Notes**

This amendment removes specific papers from the Exam Regulations for this programme: in future, papers being offered for the programme will be listed in the published course information. As not all papers previously listed in Exam Regulations were offered every year, it will ensure that students have accurate information about what choices they have, and will be able to know what to expect. The amendments to these Regulations coincide with, and are necessitated by corresponding amendments to Special Regulations for the Honour School of Theology and Religion.