

MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of the Department of Computer Science Undergraduate Supervisory Committee on 17th October 2019. Approved by Education Committee in August 2024.

Title of Programme

Preliminary Examination in Computer Science and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change:

1. Change of resit regulations

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023/24*

[2023-24, Preliminary Examination in Computer Science and Philosophy \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

Effective date

For students starting course from MT24

For first examination from 2024-25

Detail of change

Amend 1.20-1.22 as follows:

- ~~1.207. A candidate who fails to satisfy the Moderators in one or two papers may offer the papers failed on one subsequent occasion. A candidate who fails to satisfy the Moderators in three or more papers may offer all five papers on one subsequent occasion, except that a candidate who fails to satisfy the Moderators in all of papers CS1, CS2 and CS3, but who has satisfied the Moderators in papers P1 and P2, may offer papers CS1, CS2 and CS3 only on one subsequent occasion. Candidates who fail one or two written papers listed in clause 1 may offer those papers at one, but no more than one, subsequent examination.~~
- ~~1.218. Candidates who fail three or more written papers may enter the written part of the examination on one, but no more than one, subsequent examination.~~
- ~~1.229. 8. The use of calculators is generally not permitted but certain kinds may be~~

allowed for certain papers. Specifications of which papers and which types of calculators are permitted for those exceptional papers will be announced by the examiners in the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

Explanatory Notes

This change is being made so that Joint Schools students who fail their Computer Science papers (but pass their Philosophy papers) are not required to resit their Philosophy papers, as would be the case under the previous regulations. This is a positive change for students and lessens the resit burden on Philosophy for Joint Schools students.

The department undertook a student consultation in MT23, writing to each of the first year Computer Science & Philosophy students. All of them were happy with this change.