

**MODERN HISTORY AND POLITICS  
AT OXFORD**



**HANDBOOK**

**FOR THE FINAL HONOUR SCHOOL  
IN  
MODERN HISTORY AND POLITICS**

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**This Handbook is intended as a guide to the second and third years of study of Modern History and Politics at Oxford. It gives the regulations prescribing the content of the syllabus and the subjects for examination in the Final Honour School of Modern History and Politics, descriptions of the courses available in the second and third years, and other information useful to undergraduates. It should be read in conjunction with the relevant pages of the *Examination Decrees and Regulations* for the current year, and with the Handbooks for the parent schools of Modern History and Philosophy, Politics and Economy.**

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**NB that this handbook is to be read in conjunction with the Second and Third Year Handbook in Modern History and the Handbook in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.**

## **1. DECREE AND REGULATIONS**

### **HONOUR SCHOOL OF MODERN HISTORY AND POLITICS**

#### **i) DECREE**

**1. The Examination in the Honour School of Modern History and Politics shall consist of such subjects in Modern History and Politics as the Board of the Faculty of Modern History and Social Sciences Divisional Board shall from time to time in consultation prescribe by regulation.**

**2. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this School unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.**

**3. The examination in the Honour School shall be under the joint supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Modern History and the Social Sciences Divisional Board, which shall appoint a standing joint committee to make proposals for regulations concerning the examination. Such proposals shall be submitted to the boards which shall make regulations concerning the examination and which, in the case of difference of opinion, shall hold a joint meeting at which the matter in dispute shall be resolved by the vote of the majority.**

**4. The Chairmen of Examiners for the Honour School of Modern History and for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics shall consult together and designate such of their number as may be required for the examination for the Honour School of Modern History and Politics, whereupon the number of Examiners shall be deemed to be complete.**

#### **ii) REGULATIONS**

**1. Each Candidate shall offer any *two* periods of General History and the History of the British Isles, as specified for the Honour School of Modern History, provided that:**

**(a) any candidate who has successfully taken the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, may not offer any period in the**

**History of the British Isles that he or she has already offered in that examination.**

**(b) any candidate who has not offered in the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, a paper - whether in General History or the History of the British Isles - covering a period before the nineteenth century is required to choose at least one such paper. The list of papers satisfying this provision is given in the Handbook for Modern History and Politics.**

**(c) any candidate who has not offered in the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, one of the periods in the History of the British Isles is required to choose at least one such period.**

**(d) any candidate who has passed a First Public Examination in a subject other than Modern History and Politics, Modern History or any other joint school with Modern History, or who has been recognised as a Senior Student as defined by decree of Council, must offer:**

**(i) at least one paper - whether in General History or the History of the British Isles - covering a period before the nineteenth century. The list of papers satisfying this provision is given in the Handbook for Modern History and Politics.**

**(ii) at least one paper in the History of the British Isles.**

**(e) any candidate who in the Second Public Examination offers two General History papers must offer one from any two of Groups A, B, and C, as specified for the Honour School of Modern History. Candidates taking Politics paper 212 (International Relations in the Era of Two World Wars) cannot also take General History (xiii); candidates taking Politics paper 213 (International Relations in the Era of the Cold War) cannot also take General History (xiv); candidates who have taken British History VI in the First Public Examination or who are taking it for the Final Honour School cannot also take Politics paper 202 (British Politics and Government in the Twentieth Century).**

**2. Each candidate shall offer any *two* of the five ‘core subjects’ in Politics, as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (i.e. 201, 202, 203, 214, and 220).**

**3. Each candidate shall offer any *one* of the following combinations:**

**(a) one Special Subject (consisting of two papers) as specified for the Honour School of Modern History and one of subjects 201-227 in**

**Politics as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics which is not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**(b) two Further Subjects in Modern History as specified for the Honour School of Modern History and one of subjects 201-227 in Politics as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics which is not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**(c) one Further Subject as specified for the Honour School of Modern History and two of subjects 201-227 in Politics as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics which are not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**Provided that:**

**Candidates who choose Politics Further Subject 215 (Classical Political Thought) cannot also take Modern History Further Subject 23 and 24 (Scholasticism and Humanism and The Science of Society). Candidates who choose Politics Further Subject 216 (Foundations of Modern Social and Political Thought) cannot also take Modern History Further Subject 25 (Political Theory and Social Science).**

**4. Any candidate may offer an optional thesis in Modern History in addition to all other papers. Such a thesis must be submitted in accordance with the Regulation VII, 'THESES', for the Final Honour School of Modern History. No candidate may offer more than one optional thesis.**

**5. Any candidate may offer a substitute thesis in Modern History in place of a paper in Modern History or a substitute thesis or supervised dissertation in Politics in place of a paper in Politics:**

**(a) A thesis in Modern History submitted in accordance with the Regulation VII, 'THESES', for the Final Honour School of Modern History may be offered in place of any paper in Modern History except for Special Subject paper (a). If a thesis is offered in place of a paper in the History of the British Isles or General History the candidate (unless he or she is a Senior Student, as defined by decree of Council, or has passed the First Public Examination in a course other than Modern History and Politics, Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History) must also offer a paper satisfying those requirements specified in Regulations 1(b) and 1(c) above which have not been satisfied in the First Public Examination.**

**(b) A thesis or supervised dissertation in Politics submitted in accordance with the regulations prescribed for Politics in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics may be offered in place of any one of subjects 201-227 in Politics (as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics) which is not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**No candidate may offer more than one substitute thesis or supervised dissertation.**

**6. Any candidate may be examined viva voce.**

**7. In every case where, under the regulations for this honour school, candidates have any choice between one or more papers or subjects, every candidate shall give notice to the Registrar not later than Friday in the fourth week of Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination of all the papers and subjects being offered.**

## **2. INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL HONOUR SCHOOL OF MODERN HISTORY AND POLITICS**

In your second and third years you will broaden and deepen your first-year work. Most of the techniques that you have acquired and developed during your first year will be deployed once again, but they will be deployed at a higher level, and augmented by a greater specialisation on both sides of the joint school. There will be opportunities to develop the understanding of political theory that you will have gained in studying Theories of the State, and to extend the linguistic or statistical skills that you might have developed in studying a Foreign Text paper or Quantification in History. Techniques of textual and documentary analysis acquired in studying a Foreign Text paper or an Optional Subject will be required again in studying the Special and Further Subjects in Modern History. You will be able in your Politics papers to build upon the knowledge of political institutions and processes gained in studying the Introduction to Political Institutions paper. Finally, although the Final Honour School consists largely of examination papers, there are opportunities for assessed work. You may offer a thesis, based upon independent research, in Modern History, either instead of or as well as a History paper, or a thesis or supervised dissertation in Politics in place of a Politics paper.

This Handbook is intended to act as guide to the course requirements for Modern History and Politics. This joint school consists entirely of papers prescribed for the parent schools of Modern History and Philosophy, Politics and Economics; detailed descriptions of these papers are given in the handbooks for the parent schools, which you should be able to obtain from your tutors, and they are therefore not repeated here. The same is true of general information concerning such matters as the constitution of the parent faculties, library resources, information technology, etc, all of which is to be found in the parent school handbooks. You should therefore ensure that you are familiar with the two parent school handbooks, as they will be vital when you are deciding, for instance, which Politics core papers or History Further Subjects to study. There are, though, respects in which the requirements of the Modern History and Politics course differ from those of the parent schools, and the purpose of this Handbook is to identify and explain those differences.

## 1. *The nature and purpose of the syllabus*

The outline of the syllabus is set out in the **Decrees and Regulations**, printed in the University's *Examination Decrees and Regulations* (the 'Grey Book'). You will have been issued with a copy of the Grey Book at the start of your first year. Please note, though, that changes may be made to the Decrees or Regulations after the publication of the Grey Book. Any such changes will be published in the University Gazette, and up-to-date versions of the decrees and regulations are maintained on the Modern History and the Politics websites. The syllabus consists of outline papers in Modern History and core papers in Politics, along with papers requiring more detailed specialist study. There is also the opportunity to write a Thesis. You will have an even greater range of choices before you than was available in the first-year course, and you will naturally be expected to reach a higher level of analytical sophistication than was required at Mods.

The syllabus - seven papers in all - may be summarised under three headings:

i) You will be expected to study two outline papers in Modern History, chosen from the General and British History papers prescribed for the Honour School of Modern History.

ii) You will be required to choose two of the five 'core papers' in Politics, as specified for Politics in PPE.

iii) You will be asked to choose three more papers - either two from History and one from Politics or two from Politics and one from History. The History papers under this heading will be text-based Special or Further Subjects, while the Politics papers will be drawn from the list of 'core' and 'further' subjects specified for Politics in PPE.

There are seventeen General History papers, six British History papers, twenty-six core and further subjects in Politics, twenty-three Further Subjects in Modern History and twenty-three Special Subjects in Modern History. You have, therefore, an enormous range of options before you, and this is one of the most attractive features of the joint school. You should note, though, that your choice is limited in some significant respects:

a) The overall course requirements specify that you should study one British paper and one paper covering a period before the nineteenth century at some point in your three years (they can of course be the same paper, i.e. any of the first five British History papers). If you have not already satisfied

this provision in Mods, you must make sure that you do so in your choice of Finals papers.

b) You are obviously not allowed to study again a British History paper that you studied for Mods, or to offer under provision (iii) above a Politics core paper already chosen under provision (ii).

c) The General History papers are divided into three groups under the Modern History regulations, and candidates are not allowed to choose two periods from the same group. This rule also applies to those candidates in Modern History and Politics who choose to take two General History papers.

d) In cases where there is a substantial overlap between a paper prescribed for the Modern History course and a paper prescribed for Politics in PPE, you are prevented from choosing both papers.

These limitations are spelled out in detail in sections 3 and 5 below.

### **3. BRITISH AND GENERAL HISTORY**

#### **REGULATION**

**1. Each Candidate shall offer any *two* periods of General History and the History of the British Isles, as specified for the Honour School of Modern History, provided that:**

**(a) any candidate who has successfully taken the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, may not offer any period in the History of the British Isles that he or she has already offered in that examination.**

**(b) any candidate who has not offered in the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, a paper - whether in General History or the History of the British Isles - covering a period before the nineteenth century is required to choose at least one such paper. The list of papers satisfying this provision is given in the Handbook for Modern History and Politics.**

**(c) any candidate who has not offered in the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, one of the periods in the History of the British Isles is required to choose at least one such period.**

**(d) any candidate who has passed a First Public Examination in a subject other than Modern History and Politics, Modern History or any other joint school with Modern History, or who has been recognised as a Senior Student as defined by decree of Council, must offer:**

**(i) at least one paper - whether in General History or the History of the British Isles - covering a period before the nineteenth century. The list of papers satisfying this provision is given in the Handbook for Modern History and Politics.**

**(ii) at least one paper in the History of the British Isles.**

**(e) any candidate who in the Second Public Examination offers two General History papers must offer one from any two of Groups A, B, and C, as specified for the Honour School of Modern History. Candidates taking Politics paper 212 (International Relations in the Era of Two World Wars) cannot also take General History (xiii); candidates**

**taking Politics paper 213 (International Relations in the Era of the Cold War) cannot also take General History (xiv); candidates who have taken British History VI in the First Public Examination or who are taking it for the Final Honour School cannot also take Politics paper 202 (British Politics and Government in the Twentieth Century).**

A full description of the British and General History papers is given in the Modern History Handbook, chapters 3 and 4, which you should consult before making your choice. It is important, though, to spell out here the special requirements applying to Modern History and Politics. First and foremost, you must ensure that you have opted - either in Mods or in Finals - for *at least one* British history paper and *at least one* paper - British or General - covering a period before the nineteenth century. If, for example, you offered British History I (c.330-1087) at Mods, you have satisfied both aspects of this requirement and need worry about it no further. If, on the other hand, you studied General History IV (1815-1914) at Mods, you have still to ensure that both parts of the requirement are satisfied (you can, if you wish, do this with only one paper by choosing one of the first five British History papers, leaving you free to choose a modern General History paper for your second History outline).

The papers defined as covering a period before the nineteenth century are as follows:

British History I (c.300-1087) to V(1685-1830)

General History i (285-476) to x (1715-1799)

General History xv (History of the USA, 1600-1830)

If, having taken a British History paper at Mods, you choose to take two General History papers for Finals, you *must* take note of the grouping prescribed for the Modern History school and ensure that your choices are not drawn from the same group. The groups are as follows:

Group A: (i) 285-476; (iii) 700-900; (v) 1122-1273; (vii) 1409-1525; (ix) 1618-1715; (xi) 1799-1856; (xv) The History of the United States, 1600-1830.

Group B: (ii) 476-750; (iv) 900-1122; (viii) 1517-1618; (x) 1715-1799; (xii) 1856-1914; (xiv) 1941-1973; (xvi) The History of the United States since 1815.

Group C: (vi) 1273-1409; (xiii) 1914-1945; (xvii) Europe and the Wider World, 1815-1914.

Where there is an overlap between the contents of a History paper and those of a Politics paper, you may not choose both papers. The papers affected by this rule are General History xiii (1914-1945), which may not be offered alongside Politics paper 212 (International Relations in the Era of Two World Wars), General History xiv (1941-1973), which may not be offered alongside Politics paper 213 (International Relations in the Era of the Cold War) and British History VI (since 1830), which may not be offered alongside Politics paper 202 (British Politics and Government in the Twentieth Century). *NB also that if you have taken British History VI in Mods you may not take Politics paper 202 (British Politics and Government in the Twentieth Century) in Finals.*

## 4. CORE PAPERS IN POLITICS

### REGULATION

**2. Each candidate shall offer any *two* of the five ‘core subjects’ in Politics, as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (i.e. 201, 202, 203, 214, and 220).**

The five core subjects in Politics are as follows:

201. Comparative Government.

202. British Politics and Government in the Twentieth Century.

203. Theory of Politics.

214. International Relations.

220. Political Sociology.

The content of these papers is described in detail in the PPE Handbook, pp.48-50. Remember that you may not choose paper 202 if you have taken British History VI at Mods or will take it in Finals.

## **5. SPECIAL AND FURTHER SUBJECTS IN HISTORY AND FURTHER SUBJECTS IN POLITICS**

### **REGULATION**

**3. Each candidate shall offer any *one* of the following combinations:**

**(a) one Special Subject (consisting of 2 papers) as specified for the Honour School of Modern History and one of subjects 201-227 in Politics as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics which is not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**(b) two Further Subjects in Modern History as specified for the Honour School of Modern History and one of subjects 201-227 in Politics as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics which is not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**(c) one Further Subject as specified for the Honour School of Modern History and two of subjects 201-227 in Politics as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics which are not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**Provided that:**

**Candidates who choose Politics Further Subject 215 (Classical Political Thought) cannot also take Modern History Further Subject 23 and 24 (Scholasticism and Humanism and the Science of Society). Candidates who choose Politics Further Subject 216 (Foundations of Modern Social and Political Thought) cannot also take Modern History Further Subject 25 (Political Theory and Social Science).**

Some seventy-three different papers fall under this heading. If you opt for a History Special Subject, that will account for two papers (one a commentary paper on extracts from the set texts, the other an essay paper on the themes of the Special Subject), leaving you to choose one Politics further subject or a Politics core subject that you have not taken already. The list of History Special Subjects is given in chapter 6 of the Modern History Handbook, along with details of the scope and themes of each subject. The list of Politics further subjects is given on pp. 50-56 of the PPE Handbook, along with a description of each subject. The list of History Further Subjects, with

descriptions, is given in chapter 5 of the Modern History handbook. If you opt for a History Further Subject, you may not then take a History Special Subject: you must either take one more History Further Subject and a Politics further subject or core paper, or take two Politics papers. The operation of this section ensures that overall your Final Honour School course will be as balanced as is possible with an odd number of papers, i.e. that you will either take four History papers and three Politics papers or vice versa.

Please note that some of the more popular History Special and Further Subjects are 'capped', in order to avoid placing an undue strain upon the Faculty's teaching resources. Each year a ballot takes place to determine who should be allowed to take those subjects, and you cannot therefore be certain that you will be able to study the subject that you want until the outcome of the ballot is clear. The ballot procedure is described in detail in the section on Further Subjects in the Modern History Handbook, chapter 5.

Note once again the restrictions upon your combinations of papers, designed to ensure that those taking one of the Modern History Further Subjects in Political and Social Thought cannot duplicate their work by taking the nearest political theory papers in Politics. Remember also that your choice of Politics papers might have been restricted by your earlier choice of British and General History papers if you chose General History xiii or xiv or British History VI (see above, section 3)

## 6. THESIS

### REGULATION

**4. Any candidate may offer an optional thesis in Modern History in addition to all other papers. Such a thesis must be submitted in accordance with the Regulation VII, 'THESES', for the Final Honour School of Modern History. No candidate may offer more than one optional thesis.**

**5. Any candidate may offer a substitute thesis in Modern History in place of a paper in Modern History or a substitute thesis or supervised dissertation in Politics in place of a paper in Politics:**

**(a) a thesis in Modern History submitted in accordance with the Regulation VII, 'THESES', for the Final Honour School of Modern History may be offered in place of any paper in Modern History except for Special Subject paper (a). If a thesis is offered in place of a paper in the History of the British Isles or General History the candidate (unless he or she is a Senior Student, as defined by decree of Council, or has passed the First Public Examination in a course other than Modern History and Politics, Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History) must also offer a paper satisfying those requirements specified in Regulations 1(b) and 1(c) above which have not been satisfied in the First Public Examination.**

**(b) a thesis or supervised dissertation in Politics submitted in accordance with the regulations prescribed for Politics in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics may be offered in place of any one of subjects 201-227 in Politics (as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics) which is not offered under Regulation 2 above.**

**No candidate may offer more than one substitute thesis or supervised dissertation.**

The Thesis or Supervised Dissertation provides an opportunity for you to carry out an extended study of a theme or topic, involving your own independent or guided research. The thesis is a demanding option, requiring a good deal of organisation and self-discipline, but it does allow you to break free from the constraints of structured, exam-oriented work and to embark upon research of your own choosing. Many of those who try it find it the

most intellectually rewarding part of their course.

If you are tempted by the option of a thesis, you will need to ascertain whether your thesis subject comes under the heading of History or Politics. There are obviously marginal cases in which this can be difficult to determine. If your proposed thesis subject appears to be one of these marginal cases, you should ask your tutors for advice as to which category it falls into. In the last resort a thesis is 'legitimised' by the approval of the title by one or the other side of the joint school. A History thesis proposal needs to be submitted to the Chairman of the Examiners before Friday of First Week in Hilary Term of your final year, while a Politics thesis needs approval from the Administrator of the Department of Politics and International Relations before the deadline for examination entries (in Michaelmas of your final year), so if you are in any doubt about whether your thesis proposal comes under History or Politics, you should make sure that you seek approval of the title as soon as possible (though you may not apply in either subject before the beginning of Trinity Term of your second year). This matters because the rules for History and for Politics theses differ slightly from each other, so you should also ensure that you consult the relevant Handbook for full details (see chapter 8 of the Modern History Handbook or pp.7-9 of the PPE Handbook; more detailed instructions as to preparation, etc, are provided in the Grey Book). In both subjects the word limit is 15,000 words. For a History thesis this total must include all footnotes and appendices *and* the bibliography, though for a Politics thesis the bibliography does not have to be included within the 15,000 word limit. In both subjects penalties apply to undue recycling of thesis material in your written papers, though examiners will *not* adopt the anti-intellectual position of punishing relevant thesis knowledge which might surface in your examination papers.

A thesis in History may be submitted in place of any of your written papers, with the exception of the Special Subject documents paper. It does not have to be confined to the subject area of the paper replaced. *Note, though, that you may not evade the requirement to offer a British History paper and a pre-nineteenth-century paper in Mods or Finals by submitting a thesis instead, even if the subject of the thesis itself falls within these areas.* You may also submit a History thesis - but not a Politics thesis - in addition to your seven written papers. This is clearly a yet more demanding path to take than the substitute thesis, but in most cases it will be likely to enhance your Finals performance by allowing you to be assessed *additionally* on a subject in which you have gained expert knowledge.

A Politics thesis can only replace a Politics written paper: you may not offer an additional thesis in Politics. Politics does, though, offer the option of a Supervised Dissertation. This is similar to a thesis in structure, but the subjects for these dissertations will have been suggested by members of the Department of Politics and International Relations in areas of their own expertise, with a view to their providing specialist guidance to interested undergraduates. For more information on the Supervised Dissertation see p.9 of the PPE Handbook.

You may not substitute for more than one written paper by means of a thesis or supervised dissertation, though the Stakhanovites amongst you are permitted to offer **both** a substitute thesis/dissertation (in either subject) **and** an additional thesis (in History only). Even Stakhanovites may not offer more than two theses or supervised dissertations.

## **7. EXAMINATIONS FOR THE FINAL HONOUR SCHOOL**

The criteria adopted by the examiners in assessing the work of candidates in the Final Honour School are given in the Modern History Handbook, chapter 9, and the PPE Handbook, pp.16-18, along with advice about preparing for exams. The Grey Book also contains important information on such matters as the conduct of examinations, the typing of illegible scripts, the use of typewriters and the dictation of papers, the use of computers and special arrangements for blind candidates and for Jewish candidates.

## **8. THE PASS SCHOOL OF MODERN HISTORY AND POLITICS**

### **REGULATION**

**Each candidate must satisfy the examiners in the following four papers as specified for the Honour School of Modern History and Politics.**

**1. Each candidate shall offer any *two* periods of General History and the History of the British Isles, as specified for the Honour School of Modern History, provided that:**

**(a) Any candidate who has successfully taken the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, may not offer any period in the History of the British Isles that he or she has already offered in that examination.**

**(b) Any candidate who has not offered in the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, a paper - whether in General History or the History of the British Isles - covering a period before the nineteenth century is required to choose at least one such paper. The list of papers satisfying this provision is given in the Handbook for Modern History and Politics.**

**(c) Any candidate who has not offered in the First Public Examination in Modern History and Politics, or Modern History, or any other joint school with Modern History, one of the periods in the History of the British Isles is required to choose at least one such period.**

**(d) Any candidate who has passed a First Public Examination in a subject other than Modern History and Politics, Modern History or any other joint school with Modern History, or who has been recognised as a Senior Student as defined by decree of Council, must offer:**

**(i) at least one paper - whether in General History or the History of the British Isles - covering a period before the nineteenth century. The list of papers satisfying this provision is given in the Handbook for Modern History and Politics.**

**(ii) at least one paper in the History of the British Isles.**

**(e) any candidate who in the Second Public Examination offers**

two General History papers must offer one from any two of Groups A, B, and C, as specified for the Honour School of Modern History. Candidates taking Politics paper 212 (International Relations in the Era of Two World Wars) cannot also take General History (xiii); candidates taking Politics paper 213 (International Relations in the Era of the Cold War) cannot also take General History (xiv); candidates who have taken British History VI in the First Public Examination or who are taking it for the Pass School cannot also take Politics paper 202 (British Politics and Government in the Twentieth Century).

2. Any *one* of the five ‘core subjects’ in Politics, as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (i.e. 201, 202, 203, 214, and 220).

3. *One* of the following:

i) any one of subjects 201-227 in Politics as specified for the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics which is not offered under Regulation 2 above.

ii) a thesis in Modern History submitted in accordance with Regulation VII, ‘THESES’, for the Final Honour School of Modern History.

iii) a thesis or supervised dissertation in Politics submitted in accordance with the regulations prescribed for Politics in the Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

*Note: the Pass School is **not** an alternative to the Final Honour School, and a candidate is entered for it only in the most exceptional circumstances. It is **not** an Honours degree and is not classified.*

## **9. FEEDBACK FROM UNDERGRADUATES: THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Consultation with students is an essential feature of Oxford University life. Your tutors, and others involved in the administration of the course, are anxious to receive feedback concerning the operation of the course. Procedures exist already to gather feedback from lecture audiences, and these are described in chapter 14 of the Modern History Handbook and on p.29 of the PPE Handbook. Joint Consultative Committees, consisting of members elected by the undergraduates, exist both for Modern History and for PPE; their constitutions and procedures are described in Chapter 14 of the Modern History Handbook and on pp.30 of the PPE Handbook. There is also a separate Joint Consultative Committee for Modern History and Politics. Its co-chairs describe its role as follows:

“Like most other subjects, Modern History and Politics has an Undergraduate Joint Consultative Committee (UJCC), comprising students like you, to represent your views to the academics at university level who oversee what is undeniably the best course in Oxford. If you discover a lecture clash, have examination problems, or just have a great idea on how the course could be improved, please tell us – that way we can help you to solve your problems, and to improve the lot of those who follow after you.

However, the JCC is not entirely concerned with academic pursuits – we’re currently the only JCC we know of to run termly socials and other events, allowing you to meet and get to know fellow HisPolists across the University (and we do talk about things other than the subject by the way!). Thanks to its size, our subject offers a unique and manageable opportunity to make friends in other colleges early on, and all without a membership fee! Do try and make it along to the special events we’re arranging for Freshers – we hope to see you all there!”

The person responsible for Modern History and Politics across the university is Dr John Davis at The Queen’s College, and he will be happy to attempt to answer any questions concerning the course which cannot be answered by your college tutors in either Modern History or Politics. His e-mail address is: [john.davis@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:john.davis@queens.ox.ac.uk)

## **10. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For general information concerning the parent faculties, pastoral support, harassment, library provision, language teaching, information technology, etc, you should refer to the first-year Modern History and Politics handbook, which you received last year, or to the handbooks for the parent schools.