

## Philosophy Tripos 2022: proposed arrangements as of 12 October 2021

The following sets out our **current plans** for Tripos examinations for this academic year. This statement concerns sat exams, not extended essays or dissertations. Some details are still to be determined but we want to keep students up to date with the situation.

1. Most exams will be conducted **remotely** and will be **open-book**. Exams will be supported by University Information Services (UIS) and run through Moodle. I plan to circulate more details about the logistics (including the dates of the exams) when these are available, I expect by early in Easter 2022.
2. For most papers the candidate will (as usual) be asked to answer three out of ten or more questions, some papers being divided into sections as described in the syllabus as stated in the *Guide to Courses*: <https://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/curr-students/guide-to-courses>

There are some exceptions as stated in the *Guide to Courses*:

For Part IB Paper 10 General Paper, candidates are asked to write a philosophical essay on one of at least 15 questions set.

For Part II Paper 12 General Paper, candidates are asked to write a philosophical essay on one of at least 20 questions set.

Papers which will be divided into sections are:

Part IA Paper 4 Set Texts will be divided into three sections

Part IA Paper 5 Formal Methods will be divided into two sections

Part IB Paper 5 History of Early Modern Philosophy will be divided into two sections

Part II Paper 5 Philosophy in the Long Middle Ages will include two commentary questions, of which candidates must answer at least one

See points 5 and 6 below for information on variations.

3. In most cases candidates **may consult books and articles** and in most cases there will be a time window of **5 hours** in which candidates may upload the essays, although we do not expect anyone to be writing for more than three hours.
4. There will be word limits on the essays – for most subject papers examiners expect candidates to write **1500-2000 words per submitted essay**. Examiners will be asked to stop reading after 2000 words. As usual examiners will make allowances for candidates with specific learning difficulties and I will write with more details about that next term.
5. There will be variations on this pattern for certain papers, including the General Papers (Part IB Paper 10 and Part II Paper 12 will be **4000 words total**: please see the table in the appendix) and possibly papers borrowed from other Faculties, where students can expect to

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have the alternative assessment method adopted by the paper-owning Faculty. The papers borrowed from other Faculties are as follows.

Part IB Paper 4 (Greek and Roman Philosophy) is borrowed from Classics

Part IB Paper 5 (Epistemology and Metaphysics of Science) is borrowed from HPS

Part IB Paper 8 (Experimental Psychology) is borrowed from Natural Sciences

Part II Paper B1 (Plato) is borrowed from Classics

Part II Paper B2 (Aristotle's World from Turtles to Tragedies) is borrowed from Classics

Part II Paper B3 (Philosophy, Politics and the Polis) is borrowed from Classics

We will update you on the details for the borrowed papers once these have been finalized.

6. We are currently planning to run the following exams **in person**:

Part IA Paper 5 (Formal Methods): 2 hours invigilated handwritten closed book

Part II Paper 5 (Philosophy in the Long Middle Ages): 3 hours invigilated handwritten closed book

Part II Paper 7 (Mathematical Logic): 3 hours invigilated handwritten closed book

These current plans may change e.g. if public health regulations prohibit in-person exams.

7. Examiners will use Turnitin to review scripts for plagiarism. Students should review the University's plagiarism and academic misconduct policy to ensure they understand the rules (<https://www.plagiarism.admin.cam.ac.uk/>).

8. I will write again later this term with an update on the position and to give you more details. In the meantime you can write to me with any questions ([ama24@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ama24@cam.ac.uk)); any questions about coursework should go in the first instance to Eleanor Hammersley at [ekh46@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ekh46@cam.ac.uk), who will forward an anonymized version of your message.

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### Appendix: summary of arrangements for all papers as currently envisaged

Paper	In person/ remote	Open/closed book	Timing	Word limit?
IA 1:Metaphysics 2:Ethics+Pol 3:Meaning 4: Set Texts	Remote	Open	5 hours	2000 words per essay
IA 5:Formal methods*	In person	Closed	2 hours	No
IB 1:KLW 2:Hist. An. Phil. 3:Ethics	Remote	Open	5 hours	2000 words per essay
IB 4:Greek/Roman [FROM CLASSICS]	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
IB 5:Early Modern	Remote	Open	5 hours	2000 words per essay
IB 6:Ep. / Met. of Science [FROM HPS]	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
IB 7:Political	Remote	Open	5 hours	2000 words per essay
IB 8:Exp. Psychology [FROM NST]	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
IB 9: Aesthetics	Remote	Open	5 hours	2000 words per essay
IB 10: General**	Remote	Open	5 hours	4000 words total
II:1: Metaphysics 2: Mind 3: Ethics 4: Euro Phil. Kant	Remote	Open	5 hours	2000 words per essay
5: Long Middle Ages***	In person	Closed	3 hours	No
6: Phil. Sci.	Remote	Open	5 hours	2000 words per essay
II 7: Math. Log.****	In person	Closed	3 hours	Max 2000 words per essay
II 8: Phil. Log. 9: Wittgenstein + co. 10: Political 11: Aesthetics	Remote	Open	TBC	Max 2000 words per essay
II 12: General**	Remote	Open	TBC	4000 words total
B1: Plato B2: Aristotle's World B3: Phil., Pol., Polis [FROM CLASSICS]	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

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- \* For IA/5, see 6 above
- \*\* For IB/10, II/12, see 5 above
- \*\*\* For II/5, see 6 above
- \*\*\*\* For II/7, see 6 above