

CHAPTER V  
B.A. DEGREE AND M.A. DEGREE

BACHELOR OF ARTS

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1. A candidate shall obtain honours in an Honours Examination by the inclusion of his or her name in one of the classes, or under the heading 'Declared to have deserved honours', in the class-list of that examination, or by being allowed the examination by the General Board; provided that honours in Part IA of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos<sup>1</sup>, if not obtained by an allowance from the General Board, shall be obtained only as is laid down in the regulations for that Tripos. How obtained.

2. On completing the requisite number of terms, a student shall be qualified to proceed to the degree of Bachelor of Arts by Honours if not earlier than the last but one of the terms that the student needs for that degree he or she has obtained honours as follows:

- (a) in Part II or Part III of any Tripos;
- or (b) in Part IIA or Part IIB of any Tripos;
- or (c) in the Management Studies Tripos;

provided that a student who matriculated before 1 January 2010 shall be qualified to proceed to the degree of Bachelor of Arts by Honours under the regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Arts by Honours in force on that date.

3. On completing the requisite number of terms,<sup>2</sup> a student who has obtained honours as prescribed in Regulation 2 earlier than the last but one of the terms needed for the degree of Bachelor of Arts shall be qualified to proceed to that degree

- (a) if not earlier than the last but one of the terms needed for the degree he or she has passed one of the following examinations:
  - (i) the LL.M. Examination, provided that a student who elects to proceed to the LL.M. Degree shall not also be entitled to proceed to the B.A. Degree;
  - (ii) the Mus.B. Examination, provided that a student who elects to proceed to the Mus.B. Degree shall not also be entitled to proceed to the B.A. Degree;
  - (iii) an examination for the M.Phil. Degree (one-year course), provided that a student who elects to proceed to the M.Phil. Degree shall not also be entitled to proceed to the B.A. Degree;
- or (b) if it is certified by the Head of the student's College and by her or his Tutor that they have satisfied themselves, on the evidence of one or more University or College teachers who have had direct knowledge of the student's work during the time in question, that he or she has been engaged in appropriate academic studies, and has been regular and diligent therein during all the terms kept since he or she last obtained honours; provided that such a certificate shall not apply to more than four terms, and that it shall not be valid if it is signed earlier than the tenth day before the end of Full Term in the last term which the student must keep for the degree. Certificate of diligent study.

4. For the purpose of Regulation 2, notwithstanding that the class-list for the examination in which a student needs to obtain honours in order to complete the qualifications for the B.A. Degree has not been published before the first day of General Admission to Degrees, he or she shall be deemed to be qualified to proceed to that degree at the appropriate Congregation if the Chair of the Examiners for that examination, after consulting the Examiners concerned, has informed the Registry sufficiently in advance of the Congregation that it is certain that the name of the student will be included in the class-list either in one of the classes or under the heading 'Declared to have deserved honours'.

5. The relevant Board of Examiners for each Tripos shall be required to award each candidate an overall degree classification in accordance with a scheme approved by the General Board for that Tripos. The Board of Examiners shall publish a class-list in accordance with the regulations for the publication of lists of successful candidates in examinations. In each list the names of the successful candidates shall be arranged in three classes, of which the second shall be divided into two divisions.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 395.

<sup>2</sup> See the regulations for the Residence and Precincts of the University (p. 172).

6. A certificate submitted for the purpose of Regulation 3(b) shall be sent to the Registry so as to arrive not later than the end of Full Term in the last term to which it relates. A student whose certificate reaches the Registry later than the last day of Full Term shall, if the certificate is accepted, incur a fine of £1.

#### ORDINARY B.A. DEGREE

Primary  
condition.

1. No student shall be a candidate for the Ordinary B.A. Degree without having first been a candidate for an Honours Examination.

Requirements  
for degree.

2. On completing the requisite number of terms, a student shall be entitled to supplicate for the Ordinary B.A. Degree if he or she has obtained two honours examinations in Part I, Part IA or Part IB of any Tripos, provided that:

- (i) the two honours examinations shall not be in the same Tripos; and
- (ii) the second of these honours examinations shall be attained not earlier than the last but one of the terms that the student needed for the degree.

#### MASTER OF ARTS

1. A Bachelor of Arts may be admitted Master of Arts not less than six years from the end of his or her first term of residence if two years have elapsed since he or she was admitted Bachelor of Arts.

2. The degree of Master of Arts may be conferred upon a person who has been admitted to the office of Vice-Chancellor.

3. The degree of Master of Arts may be conferred on any other person qualified under Statute B II 2, provided that he or she

- (a) has been matriculated as a member of the University;
- (b) has attained the age of twenty-four years (unless in a particular case the Council see fit to grant exemption from this provision);
- (c) holds one or more of the following positions:
  - (i) the Headship of a College, or being a Head-elect or designate of a College;
  - (ii) a Fellowship (other than an Honorary Fellowship) of a College;
  - (iii) a University office;
  - (iv) a post in the University Press specially designated under Statute J 7;
  - (v) an appointment approved by the University for the purpose of Special Ordinance A (i) (f) in a University institution designated by the University for the purpose of Statute B II 2;<sup>1</sup>

provided also that, if the person concerned holds one of the positions specified in sub-paragraphs (c)(ii)–(v) which on initial appointment or election did not carry tenure to the retiring age, he or she has already held such a position, or any combination of such positions, for a total period, which need not be continuous, of at least three years.

4. Each application by or on behalf of a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts under Statute B II 2 shall state:

- (a) the candidate's full name and date of birth;
- (b) the name of the College, if any, to which he or she has been admitted or approved for admission;
- (c) the University office, College Headship, College Fellowship, or other post or appointment that the candidate holds;

and shall be sent to the Registry.

<sup>1</sup> The Local Examinations Syndicate and the Investment Office have been designated for the purpose of Statute B II 2.