

EXTERNAL EXAMINER REPORT FORM 2022

External examiner name:	Dr. Karim Thébault		
External examiner home institution:	University of Bristol		
Course(s) examined:	Joint Honours: Mathematics and Philosophy, Computer Science and Philosophy, Physics and Philosophy		
Level: (please delete as appropriate)	Undergraduate		

Please complete both Parts A and B.

Part A					
		<i>Please (✓) as applicable*</i>	Yes	No	N/A / Other
A1.	Are the academic standards and the achievements of students comparable with those in other UK higher education institutions of which you have experience? <i>[Please refer to paragraph 6 of the Guidelines for External Examiner Reports].</i>	✓			
A2.	Do the threshold standards for the programme appropriately reflect the frameworks for higher education qualifications and any applicable subject benchmark statement? <i>[Please refer to paragraph 7 of the Guidelines for External Examiner Reports].</i>	✓			
A3.	Does the assessment process measure student achievement rigorously and fairly against the intended outcomes of the programme(s)?	✓			
A4.	Is the assessment process conducted in line with the University's policies and regulations?	✓			
A5.	Did you receive sufficient information and evidence in a timely manner to be able to carry out the role of External Examiner effectively?	✓			
A6.	Did you receive a written response to your previous report?	✓			
A7.	Are you satisfied that comments in your previous report have been properly considered, and where applicable, acted upon?	✓			
* If you answer "No" to any question, you should provide further comments when you					

complete Part B.

Part B

In your responses to these questions, please could you include comments on the effectiveness of any changes made to the course or processes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic where appropriate.

B1. Academic standards

- a. *How do academic standards achieved by the students compare with those achieved by students at other higher education institutions of which you have experience?*

Academic standards are higher or as higher as those achieved by students at other higher education institutions of which I have experience.

- b. *Please comment on student performance and achievement across the relevant programmes or parts of programmes and with reference to academic standards and student performance of other higher education institutions of which you have experience (those examining in joint schools are particularly asked to comment on their subject in relation to the whole award).*

Student performance and achievement is higher or as higher than that of students at other higher education institutions of which I have experience. I make this comment principally with reference to the philosophy side of the programmes in question but also overall.

B2. Rigour and conduct of the assessment process

Please comment on the rigour and conduct of the assessment process, including whether it ensures equity of treatment for students, and whether it has been conducted fairly and within the University's regulations and guidance.

The level of rigour and conduct of the assessment process is extremely high and, in my view, ensures equity of treatment for students to a degree greater than processes in other universities with which I am familiar. In my view the assessment process has been conducted fairly and within the University's regulations and guidance.

B3. Issues

Are there any issues which you feel should be brought to the attention of supervising committees in the faculty/department, division or wider University?

No.

B4. Good practice and enhancement opportunities

*Please comment/provide recommendations on any **good practice and innovation relating to learning, teaching and assessment**, and any **opportunities to enhance the quality of the learning opportunities** provided to students that should be noted and disseminated more widely as appropriate.*

I was impressed by the flexibility and precision in the conduct of exam boards. I would also like to commend high quality teaching which I am sure plays a big role in some of the exceptional student performances.

B5. Any other comments

Please provide any other comments you may have about any aspect of the examination process. Please also use this space to address any issues specifically required by any applicable professional body. If your term of office is now concluded, please provide an overview here.

No.

Signed:	
Date:	3/8/22

Please ensure you have completed parts A & B, and email your completed form to: external-examiners@admin.ox.ac.uk AND copy it to the applicable divisional contact set out in the guidelines.