

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved by Ros Whiteley on 27.01.20****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]]**

Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology

**Brief note about nature of change:** minor amendment to specified means of essay registration**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2019-20* [<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/hsocandsystbiol/studentview/>]**Effective date****For students starting FHS from MT 2019**

And

**For first examination from 2020-21****Detail of change****Part II**

- 5. The Specialist Review
  - (i) *Form and subject of the specialist review*

The length and format of the specialist review shall be according to guidelines that will be published by the Medical Sciences Board.

The subject matter of a candidate's specialist review shall be within the scope of the school. The review may relate to any of the themes taught in the options of the school.

A specimen list and/or a list of review titles registered by students in previous academic years will be made available by Week 5 of the Trinity Term of the academic year preceding that of the examination, to assist candidates in the choice of topic or general field for the review.

*(ii) Registration*

No later than noon on Friday of Week 8 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the examination, every candidate must register their specialist review article via the means specified by the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office. ~~submit via WebLearn a completed specialist review registration form.~~ A decision on the application shall be made by the Course Director, or a deputy and shall be communicated to the candidate.

**Explanatory Notes**

Making the means of registration less specific in the regulations enables the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies office to improve administrative processes without requiring changes to the regulations. We will ensure communication from the Office to students about the means of submission is clear and timely.