Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved:
Changes has been previously approved.

Title of Examination
Honour School of Neuroscience

Brief note about nature of change: (i) Minor amendment to rubric for one paper. (ii) Clarification of the subject options required to graduate with the degree of BA (Hons) Neuroscience within the undergraduate programme in Biomedical Sciences.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2018 [http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/hschoolneur/studentview/]

Effective date
For students starting FHS in MT 2018 (starting Part II in TT 2019)
And
For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

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1. The subject of the Honour School of Neuroscience shall be all aspects of the scientific study of the nervous system.
   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 this school shall be under the supervision of the Medical Sciences Board, which shall make regulations concerning it.
   4. The examination in Neuroscience shall consist of two parts: Part I and Part II.
5. No candidate shall be admitted to the Part II examination in this school unless he or she has completed the Part I examination in this school.

6. The examination for Part I will take place during Week 0 or 1 in Trinity Term of the candidate’s second year. The examination for Part II will take place during Trinity Term of the candidate’s third year.

7. For the Part I options provided by the Department of Experimental Psychology, candidates shall be examined by such of the Public Examiners in the Honour School of Experimental Psychology as may be required. For the written papers in Part II, the Research Project, and the Specialist Review, candidates shall be examined by such of the Public Examiners in the Honour School of Medical Sciences and the Honour School of Experimental Psychology as may be required.

8. Candidates must either:

   At Part I, be examined on at least one option offered by the Department of Experimental Psychology AND at Part II, be examined on any two of the neuroscience or neurobiology options as referred to in paragraph 2 of the regulations for Part II of the examination;

   OR

   At Part II, be examined on two of the neuroscience or neurobiology options as referred to in paragraph 2 of the regulations for Part II of the examination, including the option delivered by the Department of Experimental Psychology.

9. In addition to the form of examination prescribed below, candidates may be examined *viva voce* in either part of the examination.

10. Candidates for Part I and Part II may offer themselves for examination in one or more *Supplementary Subjects*. The *Supplementary Subjects* available in any year will be notified to students annually during Trinity Term. Account shall be taken of a candidate’s results in any such subject in the candidate’s overall classification in the Honour School of Neuroscience. Candidates awarded a pass in a Supplementary Subject examination may not retake the same Supplementary Subject examination.

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**PART II**

1. Each candidate must offer three timed written examination papers, a Project Report based on a Research Project and a Specialist Review.

   2. The options of the school shall be published by the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office not later than noon on Friday of Week 6 of Hilary.
Term in the year preceding that in which the examination is due to be taken.

3. Each candidate must offer Paper 1 for two chosen options, Paper 2 and Paper 3 as specified for the Honour School of Medical Sciences. Paper 1 will require candidates to answer questions on three different themes from at least two different options. Candidates for FHS Neuroscience who have taken a Psychology option at Part I must answer questions on three different themes; at least two of which must be from two different neuroscience options. Candidates for FHS Neuroscience who have not taken a Psychology option at Part I must answer questions on three different themes, at least one of which must be from the neuroscience option delivered by the Department of Experimental Psychology; at least one of the remaining questions must be on a theme from one of the other neuroscience options.

Explanatory Notes

The Faculty of Physiological Sciences Advanced Options committee would like to make a small amendment to the rubric for one of the written papers, to give the students a wider choice of questions. The committee would also like to clarify the rubric in Paper 1 for students entered for the Honour School of Neuroscience, for the benefit for candidates and examiners.