# Examination Regulations 2015-16

**Title of Examination:** Honour School of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry

**Brief note about nature of change:**
Amendment of wording to improve accuracy of the current process.

**Effective date:**
- For students starting Final Honour School from Michaelmas Term 2016
- For first examination from 2016-17

**Location of change:**
Examination Regulations 2015-16 [http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsomandcellbioc/studentview/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsomandcellbioc/studentview/) Honour School of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry

**Details of change:**
In Examination Regulations 2015-16 [http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsomandcellbioc/studentview/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsomandcellbioc/studentview/) Honour School of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, citation reference 1.6, amend the clause as follows:

6. A candidate will not be classified for Honours until he or she has completed all parts of the examination and has been adjudged worthy of Honours by the examiners in Part I and Part II of the examination in **consecutive years**. The examiners shall give due consideration to the performance in all parts of the respective examinations.

**Explanatory Notes**
Currently only two integrated Masters courses (MBiochem in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry and MChem in Chemistry) require Part I and Part II to be taken "in consecutive years".

Both the Biochemistry Steering Committee and the Biochemistry Teaching Committee considered the fact that MBiochem in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry never invoked the “in consecutive years” clause. This clause could not be invoked for students who suspend their studies in the 4th year on medical grounds (as happens relatively frequently). The only thing that this clause could do, if invoked, is prevent Colleges (i) from suspending students on disciplinary grounds after Part I (a suspension would effectively be ending their degree, i.e. a sending down) or (ii) giving students permission to suspend voluntarily at the end of the 3rd year to do something else. The result of committees’ considerations was a recommendation to remove the suggested wording from the above clause.