

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by the Senior Divisional Officer (21/09/2016)

Honour School of Medical Sciences

Brief note about nature of change: To change the regulations relating to publishing the options of the school.

Effective date

For students starting FHS during TT 2017

And

For first examination from 2017-18

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2015* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsofmediscie/administratorview/> Honour School of Medical Sciences

Detail of change

1. In *Examination Regulations 2015* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsofmediscie/administratorview/> Honour School of Medical Sciences, citation references 1.7-1.15, amend the clauses as follows:

1. The options of the school shall be: published by the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office not later than noon Friday of Week 6 of Hilary Term in the year preceding that in which the examination is due to be taken. The impact of the change on candidates will be given due consideration by the Faculty of Physiological Sciences FHS / FHS Part II Course and Examination Policy Committee.

~~A Neuroscience~~

~~B Molecular Medicine~~

~~C Cardiovascular, Renal and Respiratory Biology~~

~~D Infection and immunity~~

~~E Cellular Physiology and Pharmacology~~

~~This list may be varied from time to time by the Medical Sciences Board, and such variations shall be published in the *University Gazette* by the end of Week 8 of Trinity Term of the academic year two years preceding the first examination of the changed options.~~

~~Minor variations, including changes of nomenclature, and/or changes of content to one or two themes within an option, shall be published by the end of Week 8 of Hilary Term of the academic year preceding the first examination of the changed options.~~

~~Each option shall be divided into themes that will be taught starting in Michaelmas Term. The list of themes shall be published no later than Week 0 of Trinity Michaelmas Term in the academic year preceding that in which the examination is due to be taken themes will be examined. Most themes will be specific to a single option, but some may be shared. The total number of themes comprising each option shall be at least 8 and no more than 11 (taking account of shared themes). Each candidate will be expected to have studied 8 themes in order to address the synoptic questions of Paper 2, and to have prepared sufficient of those themes in depth to be able to address the requirements of Paper 1 (see paras 2, 3, and 5 below).~~

Explanatory Notes

The options of the school are currently published in the examination regulations themselves, and a change to the regulations is required every time there is a decision to change the name of any one of the options. This is administratively burdensome and can delay the process of making changes which are academically desirable.

The Faculty of Physiological Sciences Course and Examination Policy Committee wishes to have the ability to change the options of the school if necessary (provided that the list of options is published in good time to candidates and provided that the committee has considered the impact that the change might have on students) without the need to make a change to the examination regulations.