

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by MSD Divisional Officer in October 2023 and by officers in EPS on behalf of Education Committee on 4 October 2023

Title of Programme

Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology and Honour School of Neuroscience

Brief note about nature of change: Clarification of progression hurdle and BA award provisions – this is a correction to the Gazette notice published on 20 July 2023 concerning these Regulations

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2021*: [2021-22, Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology and Honour School of Neuroscience \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2021 [And]

For first examination from 2022-23 (for FHS Part A)

Detail of change

Amend **citation 1.6** as follows:

6. No candidate shall be admitted to the Part B examination in either school unless they have completed the Part A examination in the school. No candidate shall be admitted to the Part C examination in either school unless they have completed the Part A and Part B examinations in the school, and achieved a weighted mean mark of at least 60.0 across both parts, as set out in the Examination Conventions.

Add the following below **citation 1.6**:

7. A candidate who has satisfied the requirements for Parts A and B, but does not enter, does not complete or fails in the examination for Part C, is permitted to supplicate for the Honours degree of Bachelor of Arts in either Cell and Systems Biology or Neuroscience, as appropriate, with the classification obtained in Parts A and B combined; provided that

no such candidate may later enter or re-enter the Part C examination or supplicate for the degree of Master of Biomedical Sciences in Cell and Systems Biology or Master of Biomedical Sciences in Neuroscience; and provided in each case that the candidate has fulfilled all the conditions for admission to a degree of the University.

Explanatory Notes

The conditions for progressing to Part C of the three-year FHS, as set out in the proposal for the new integrated Masters course in Biomedical Sciences, were approved by the PVC (Education) on behalf of Education Committee in January 2020. These conditions were included in all course information sheets (admissions materials), examination conventions and course handbooks. Due to an administrative oversight, they were not included in the original notice for inclusion in the Examination Regulations. This is now being rectified.

This also applies to the criteria for supplication for a BA award.