

Definitions

Programme: A defined curriculum route containing a collection of specific modules, whether or not this leads to a named award, or award of credit.

A periodic review may incorporate minor modifications to a programme, or a major

Programme Design

8. Oversight of curriculum design and development rests with the Academic Executive. This oversight extends from conception to curriculum development and programme approval.

9. All concepts and proposals are initially assessed against the strategic objectives, the Learning and Teaching Policy and the Awards Framework. All formal proposals are then prepared and presented by a Programme Development Team.

Design Criteria

10. In the design and development of programmes the following criteria are taken into account:

Standards

10.1 The standards of the proposed programme are appropriate to the Higher Education Credit Framework for England, relevant national subject benchmarks, and, where appropriate, with the requirements of PSRBs and funding bodies;

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Academic content

10.2 the overall relevance and intellectual integrity of the programme is appropriate;

10.3 the programme, as designed, is appropriate to the requirements of the relevant PSRBs and funding bodies;





- < Stage 1 ±Strategic Approval
- < Stage 2 ±Programme

- ◁ To **reject** the proposal because of a range of substantive issues which need to be addressed. This decision requires the proposal to be re-submitted for Strategic Approval from the start of the process as set out in the 8 Q L Y H U V L W \ ¶ V protocols.

17. **Pre-Approval Conditions** must

V1.7	Working group chaired by the Director of Validation	Updating following management re-structure	26/4/2016
V1.8	Academic Board	Approval	10/10/2016

Version	Amended by	Revision summary	Date
V1.9	Director of Validation	Routine update following management changes	28/4/2017
V1.10	Disability Service Support Manager	Update to include reference to inclusive design of learning curriculum.	16/08/18
V2.0	Head of Quality Assurance / Deputy Academic Registrar	Reviewed due to updated publication of QAA Quality Code Advice and Guidance, and updated to reflect arrangements for additional centre approval, mention of administrative set up and removal of content which has been included and elaborated within the accompanying protocols.	01/06/19
V2.1	Senior Quality Officer	Change to the document coding convention	30/03/20
V2.2	Quality Assurance Manager	Review, inclusion of reference to OfS and non-award programmes	November 2022
V2.3	Quality Assurance Manager	Inclusion of the University's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Framework, and paragraphs 23-24 relating to the threshold of cumulative minor modifications	May 2023