



Senate

Paper Title	Taught Programmes Board
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the following proposals relating to programme and module academic developments that have taken place between 27 April 2023 and 13 September 2023.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	<p>The Taught Programmes Board met on 12 July and 13 September 2023. This paper provides a high-level overview of those meetings and of the wider academic development activity during the reporting period and the academic year 2022-23.</p> <p>The Senate is asked to note that over 1,800 academic developments were made in 2022-23, more than double the 901 made in 2021-22. There is no one particular change that would readily account for an increase of this scale.</p> <p>Full papers and minutes are available on the TPB webpage.</p>
Questions for Senate to consider	Comments from the Senate would be welcomed regarding the overall trend of increasing number of late module amendments and on actions that could be taken to aim at strengthening and aligning the programme portfolio with the 2030 Strategy.
Regulatory/statutory reference points	
Strategy and risk	
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	Senate only.
Sponsor	Professor Stephanie Marshall, Vice-Principal (Education)

Taught Programmes Board 12 July 2023

The Board:

1. CONFIRMED the minutes and reviewed the actions of its previous meeting.
2. NOTED approval of the below listed programmes by Chair's action.

EECS - BUPT (Beijing)

BSc(Eng) Telecommunications Engineering with Management (Wireless)

BSc(Eng) E-commerce Engineering with Law

BSc(Eng) Internet of Things Engineering

BSc(Eng) Telecommunications Engineering with Management (Multimedia)

S&E -BUPT (Hainan)

BSc Information and Computational Science

3. CONSIDERED and APPROVED programme amendments of the below listed programmes.

BSc Digital & Technology Solutions (Software Engineer), Degree Apprenticeship

BSc Digital and Technology Solutions (Data Analyst), Degree Apprenticeship

4. CONSIDERED and SET CONDITIONS FOR THE APPROVAL of the below listed programmes.

MSc Artificial Intelligence for Drug Discovery

MSc Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Science

MSc Actuarial Science and Data Analytics

MSc Applied Statistics and Data Science

MSc Risk Analytics

5. CONSIDERED and APPROVED amendments of the below listed TNE modules.

Technical English Language and Study Skills 1 (Hainan)

Technical English Language and Study Skills 2 (Hainan)

Data Analysis and Data Solutions (Hainan)

6. NOTED reports on academic developments approved by Schools / Institutes / Faculties and on planned new programme proposals, intended for launch in the academic year 2024/25.
7. CONFIRMED meeting dates for the academic year 2024/25.

Taught Programmes Board 13 September 2023

The Board:

1. CONFIRMED the minutes and reviewed the actions of its previous meeting.
2. NOTED approval of BSc Management for Social Change by Chair's action.
3. CONSIDERED and, subject to minor clarifications and Faculty confirmation of current memberships, ENDORSED the TPB terms of reference and membership for 2023-24, recommending approval by the Senate.
4. CONSIDERED and APPROVED BSc (Eng) Digital Media Technology (Hainan).
5. AGREED a need for review of the timing of module amendments, and especially of late changes made by schools and institutes after students had completed module pre-selection, with a view to minimising such changes.
6. AGREED a need for requesting for a review of current Part 1 approval process as it was felt it did not provide sufficiently holistic consideration of resource requirements and programme portfolio within and across Faculties.

Summary of Academic Developments 27 April – 13 September 2023

Programmes approved	9
Programmes approved with conditions	5
Module amendments	665

Summary of Academic Developments in the year 2022/23

In the academic year 2022/23 DGLS has processed nearly 1900 academic developments. Of these roughly 1300 were module amendments, the bulk of which (amounting to over 650) were submitted in late July or early August. The published deadline of 24 July 2023 for submission of finalised minor module amendments was not adhered to in a number of cases.

During the year DGLS processed 21 Part 1 proposals, 21 Part 2 proposals and over 200 programme amendments, suspensions and withdrawals.

Compared to the previous academic year it can be noted that the number of developments has grown exponentially, doubling from 900 to over 1800. Particularly noticeable is the increasing number of module amendments: from 241 in 2021/22 to nearly 1300 in 2022/23. This exceptionally high volume has impacted Queen Mary's ability to resolve amendments as quickly as would be desirable and, therefore, Taught Programmes Board is reconsidering more stringent guidance and deadlines and would appreciate Senate's input.