



Senate

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Taught Programmes Board</b>
<b>Outcome requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the following proposals relating to programme and module academic developments that have taken place between 29 May 2024 and 3 October 2024.
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	<p>The Taught Programmes Board met on 29 May 2024, 17 July 2024 and 11 September 2024. This paper provides a high-level overview of the meetings and of the wider academic development activity during the current academic year.</p> <p>Full papers and meeting minutes are available on request from <a href="mailto:qualityandstandards@qmul.ac.uk">qualityandstandards@qmul.ac.uk</a>.</p>
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	Comments from the Senate would be welcomed regarding the programme development process to strengthen the quality of the proposals submitted to TPB.
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	Senate only.
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## Taught Programmes Board 29 May 2024

The Board:

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

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- MA International Political Sociology

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

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- LLM in Law of the Creative Industries (MIPDAL)
- MSc Global Business and Sustainability
- PgCert Aviation Law

4. REVIEWED and did NOT APPROVE the proposed new academic development deadlines.
5. CONFIRMED the Board meeting dates for academic year 2024/25; including preliminary meeting dates for the academic years 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29.
6. NOTED an update on the academic development forms and guidance that were undergoing review.
7. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme.

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- MSc Advanced Chemical Engineering

8. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme amendment.

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- MSc Biomedical Engineering

9. REVIEWED the list of proposed new programmes for launch in 2024-25 and 2025-26.
10. NOTED that the term of three nominated members was ending this academic year, with nominations to be renewed or new nominations submitted.
11. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme, subject to it also receiving the approval of the Senior Executive Team (SET) required for new distance learning programmes.

*Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry*

- MSc/PgD/PgC Global Public Health, Pt by DL

## Taught Programmes Board 17 July 2024

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.

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- PgCert Aviation Law
- MSc Intellectual Property, Data and Law

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- BSc Digital and Technology Solutions Apprenticeship

3. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme.

*Queen Mary Academy*

- Master of Education Academic Practice

4. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme amendments.

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- BSc (Eng) Digital Media Technology (Hainan)
- BSc Information and Computational Science (Hainan)
- BSc (Eng) Intelligent Science and Technology (BUPT)
- BUPT Year 1
  - BSc (Eng) Telecommunications Engineering with Management (Telecoms)
  - BSc (Eng) Intelligent Science and Technology
  - BSc (Eng) Electronic Information Engineering
  - BSc (Eng) Internet of Things Engineering
- BUPT Year 4 London
  - BSc (Eng) Telecommunications Engineering with Management (Telecoms)
  - BSc (Eng) Internet of Things Engineering

5. CONSIDERED and SET CONDITIONS FOR THE APPROVAL of the below listed modules.

*Summer School – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- Documentary Film Making: Theory and Practice (SLLF)
- Environment and Empire (Geography)
- International Criminal Law and Justice (Law)
- London: Walking the City (SED)

*Summer School – Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- *Cognitive Psychology (SBBS)*
- *Time Dependent Data from Financial Analytics to Large Language Models (Maths)*
- *Visual Analytics Insights Bootcamp (Maths)*

6. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the academic development guidance and deadlines for 2024/25 academic year.
7. REVIEWED the list of proposed new programmes for launch in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

## Taught Programmes Board 17 July 2024

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.

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- MSc Global Business and Sustainability

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- MSc/PgDip Cancer Biology (collaborative programme with USM)

3. CONSIDERED and AGREED the updated 2024/25 Terms of Reference and membership needed further amendments.
4. REVIEWED the new TPB member information and guidance document.
5. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme amendment.

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- BEng MEng Design, Innovation and Creative Engineering

6. CONSIDERED and SET CONDITIONS FOR THE APPROVAL of the below listed module.

*Summer School – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre: Legal Skills (School of Law)

7. REVIEWED the list of proposed new programmes for launch in 2025-26 and 2026-27.
8. RECEIVED an overview of the summer academic developments.

## Summary of Academic Developments in the year 2023-24

The table below summarises the academic developments processed between 29 May 2024 and August 31 2024.

Part 1 Programme proposals	4
Part 2 Programme proposals – approved by TPB	3
Part 2 Programme proposals – approved by TPB Chair’s Action (following conditional approval by the Board)	3
Part 2 Programme proposals – considered but not approved by TPB	0
Programme amendments	17
Programmes suspensions / withdrawals	45
Programme title changes	12
Module proposals	22
Module amendments	723
Module withdrawals	20
<b>Total of proposals, amendments, and withdrawals</b>	<b>849</b>

## Summary of Academic Developments in the year 2023-24

In the academic year 2023/24, DGLS processed just over 2,000 academic developments. Of these Approximately 1000 of these were module amendments, the bulk of which were submitted between May and August. Most of these amendments were submitted by the July deadline.

During the year, DGLS processed 13 Part 1 Proposals, 29 Part 2 Proposals and 341 programme amendments (including programme title changes, suspensions and withdrawals).

This is a slightly higher number of academic developments than the previous year, where 1,900 academic developments were processed. There has been an increase in multiple amendments being submitted for the same modules/programmes within one academic year, which 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 would appreciate Senate's input.

## Comment on Academic Developments in the year 2023-24

Taught Programmes Board has noted the following areas that may benefit from review:

1. Awareness of the impact from making multiple amendments for the same modules/programmes within one academic year, which raises concerns over adequate strategy and planning.
2. Understanding of CMA concerns and implications where due process is not adhered to, including taking programmes to market without following standard programme approval compliance and deadlines.

Taught Programmes Board would welcome the Senate’s views and support on strengthening the guidance for submitting programme proposals within the correct timeframes to follow the overall compliance with the University’s academic development procedures, with the aim of reducing the number of programmes which receive late/exceptional approval outside of the standard processes.