

University of Glasgow

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Report on New Courses and Course Amendments Approved
by Faculties

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Introduction

The following table gives details of course proposals processed through the CCIMS and PIP databases between October 2008 and September 2009, broken down by Faculty. The corresponding figures for 2007/08 are provided in brackets. Further explanation of the 'course changes' information is provided in the second table. It should also be noted that the 'course changes' figures are not directly comparable between 2007-08 and 2008-09 due to a change in the method of recording these (please see explanation below).

Faculty	Course Changes (also see table below)	New Courses	Courses Withdrawn
Arts	162 (322)	192 (194)	53 (118)
Biomedical & Life Sciences	127 (186)	42 (89)	14 (57)
Crichton Campus	38 (30)	3 (57)	0 (7)
Engineering	2 (51)	34 (28)	2 (0)
Education (including DACE)	40 (468)	49 (90)	0 (1)
Information & Mathematical Sciences	278 (156)	81 (17)	21 (18)
Law, Business & Social Sciences	188 (242)	168 (114)	81 (0)
Medicine	7 (14)	36 (43)	0 (0)
Physical Sciences	89 (69)	22 (166)	0 (7)
Veterinary Medicine	5 (8)	0 (16)	0 (0)
TOTALS	936 (1546)	627 (814)	171 (208)

New Courses

The high number of new courses in some Faculties can be partly accounted for by the fact that certain course changes, e.g. to credit, level and "when taught" involve the generation of new course codes and therefore, in terms of the system, new courses. An increasing number of new postgraduate programmes, and associated new courses, is also a contributing factor. In many cases,

however, the number of new courses being proposed has reduced and this corresponds with a reduction in new programmes being devised.

Course Changes

In many cases, the number of course changes was significantly lower in 2008-09 than in the previous year. This can partly be accounted for by a change in way in which the system records this information. Previously, the CCIMS system counted a change to any field within a course record as a change/correction, whereas now the change proposal as a whole is counted as one change.

In many cases the number of course changes appears high. However, a number of these changes are in fact 'correction of errors in data'. This facility is used by Senate Office in order to correct typographical and formatting errors identified in the preparation of files for the Undergraduate Course Catalogue, and can also be used by Departmental/Faculty staff to correct errors. The following table shows the number of changes in each category.

Faculty	Total Changes	Correction of errors in data	True Changes
Arts	162	116	46
Biomedical & Life Sciences	127	85	42
Crichton Campus	38	29	9
Engineering	2	0	2
Education	40	38	2
Information & Mathematical Sciences	278	264	32
Law, Business & Social Sciences	188	117	71
Medicine	7	1	6
Physical Sciences	89	66	23
Veterinary Medicine	5	0	5
TOTALS	936	698	238