

University of Glasgow

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Report on New Courses and Course Amendments Approved by
Faculties during 2009-10

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Introduction

The following table gives details of course proposals processed through the PIP database between 1 October 2009 and 30 September 2010, broken down by Faculty¹. The corresponding figures for 2008/09 are provided in brackets. Further explanation of the 'course changes' information is provided in the second table.

This report details only those changes approved at Faculty level, and does not include those approved by Academic Standards Committee relating to new programmes or major changes to existing programmes.

Faculty	Course Changes (also see table below)	New Courses	Courses Withdrawn
Arts	248 (162)	90 (192)	58 (53)
Biomedical and Life Sciences	22 (127)	4 (42)	12 (14)
Dumfries Campus	3 (38)	6 (3)	10 (0)
Engineering	70 (2)	28 (34)	21 (2)
Education (including DACE)	39 (40)	28 (49)	4 (0)
Information and Mathematical Sciences	54 (278)	17 (81)	10 (21)
Law, Business and Social Sciences	134 (188)	93 (168)	78 (81)
Medicine	7 (7)	9 (36)	1 (0)
Physical Sciences	154 (89)	14 (22)	0 (0)
Veterinary Medicine	33 (5)	6 (0)	0 (0)
TOTALS	764 (936)	295 (627)	194 (171)

¹ The report is organised by Faculty, rather than College, as the previous University structure was in place for the majority of the time period covered by the report. Future reports will be organised by College.

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. changes to title or credit, involve the generation of new course codes and therefore, in terms of the system, new courses. The annual introduction of new postgraduate programmes, and associated new courses, is also a contributing factor. In most cases, however, the number of new courses being proposed has reduced significantly and this corresponds with a reduction in new programmes being devised.

Course Changes

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 staff in order to correct typographical and formatting errors identified in the preparation of files for the Course Catalogue, and other errors identified throughout the session. The following table shows the number of changes in each category.

Faculty	Total Changes	Correction of errors in data	True Changes
Arts	248	204	44
Biomedical & Life Sciences	22	16	6
Crichton Campus	3	2	1
Engineering	70	66	4
Education	39	34	5
Information & Mathematical Sciences	54	24	30
Law, Business & Social Sciences	134	78	56
Medicine	7	7	0
Physical Sciences	154	153	1
Veterinary Medicine	33	29	4
TOTALS	764	613	151