

## University of Glasgow

## Academic Standards Committee – Friday 23 November 2018

## Audit Report on Course Approval Activity from the College of Social Sciences

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Under the current process, Schools have responsibility for considering and approving all course proposals (new, amend and withdraw). However, Colleges are required to audit this approval activity to ensure that the standard of proposal documentation remains high and that Schools are adhering to the published procedure.

In line with this recommendation, the College has spot-checked a sample of proposals, for which the full documentation for the proposals have been examined.

Proposals approved by Schools in the College of Social Sciences during session 2017-18:

<b><i>Proposal Type</i></b>	<b><i>Number of proposals approved</i></b>	<b><i>Number of proposals audited</i></b>
<b><i>New course</i></b>	145 Total (107 CoSS, 38 CfOS*)	8 CoSS UG 7 CoSS PGT
<b><i>Amend course</i></b>	391 Total (242 CoSS, 149 CfOS)	21 UG 19 PGT
<b><i>Withdraw course</i></b>	61 (CoSS only)	3 UG 3 PGT

\* Note: Number of proposals includes Centre for Open Studies (CfOS) short courses that, although appearing under the College of Social Sciences (CoSS) for PIP/course approval purposes, are not College of Social Sciences courses and therefore a breakdown by CoSS and CfOS courses is also provided.

The following **new course** proposals were audited:

<b><i>Course Title</i></b>	<b><i>School</i></b>	<b><i>Documentation complete and of required standard*</i></b>	<b><i>Consultations completed prior to School approval*</i></b>
Taxation (ACCFIN2022)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Supply Chain Management (MGT4100)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Economics 3: Economic Policies and Growth (ECON3022)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Education in Practice 1B: Theories of Child Development	Education	Yes	Yes

(EDUC1092P)			
Community Development Responses to Adversity (EDUC4094)	Education	Yes	Yes
English Criminal Law (LAW1026)	Law	Yes	Yes (course proposal refers to new Common Law LLB programme consultations)
Environmental Placement (DUMF3080P)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	Yes
Defence Policy and Strategy Making (Politic4169)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	Yes
Urban Studies Research Methods (URBAN5119)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	Yes
Enhanced Practitioner (EDUC5966)	Education	Yes	No – space/timetabling consultation not attached, space requirements captured as part of programme review
Interest Rate Modelling (ECON5107)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	No – space/timetabling referred to but not attached. Followed up with School to request document/highlight need for new courses to have Space Management and Timetabling consultation
Issues in Economic Research (ECON5108)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Digital Marketing (MGT5367)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Corporate Finance and Valuation (ACCFIN5219)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Property Law for Real Estate Surveyors (LAW5173)	Law	Yes	Yes

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The following **amend course** proposals were audited:

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Documentation complete and of required standard*</b>	<b>Consultations completed prior to School approval*</b>
Management Research Methods (MGT4018)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A Minor update to Section 14 timetable – lecture times added
Strategic Management (MGT4023)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A Minor update to Section 14 timetable – lecture times added
Ethics and Business (MGT4028)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A Minor update to Section 14 timetable – lecture times added
Introductory Economics (ECON1010)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A Minor update to Section 14 timetable – tutorials increased
Financial Accounting 2 (ACCFIN2003)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A Minor update to Section 14 timetable – lecture times added
Alternative Perspectives on Topics in Economics (ECON4073)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A Minor change to short description
Education in Practice 3: The Primary School as a Site of Teacher Learning (EDUC3073P)	Education	Yes	N/A Minor changes to short description and associated programmes
Teacher Learning and Curriculum Enquiry 3 (EDUC3075P)	Education	Yes	N/A Minor changes to course title and associated programmes
Education in Practice 2A: Learning through Curriculum (EDUC2085P)	Education	Yes	N/A Minor change to make available to visiting and Erasmus students
Education in Practice 1B: Theories of Child Development (EDUC1092P)	Education	Yes	N/A Minor change to make available to visiting and Erasmus students
European Human Rights Law (LAW3025)	Law	Yes	N/A Minor corrections to timetable

Law of Contract (LAW1027)	Law	Yes	N/A Minor amendment
United Nations Law (LAW4051)	Law	Yes	N/A Minor change to make available to visiting and Erasmus students
Placement (DUMF3068)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	N/A Minor corrections to associated programmes and description of summative assessment
The Teacher As A Professional (DUMF4021)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	N/A Minor correction to description of summative assessment
Child Development And Learning Part 2 (DUMF2002)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	Yes – acting on the students' wish for changes, outlined in the annual course monitoring report
The Labour Party From 1940 to New Labour	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A minor update to assessment
Democratisation	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A minor changes to assessment
Youth Culture, Deviance and Society, c.1880-c.1980 (ESH4077)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A minor changes to assessment
Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences (CEES3028)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A minor updates to assessment
Russian Foreign Policy (CEES4079)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A minor change to section 14 timetable
Modern Educational Thought (EDUC5156)	Education	Yes	N/A – minor changes only
Sustainable Housing Development (URBAN5097)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – minor changes only to wording of essay word limit
Housing, Inequality and Society (URBAN5087)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – minor change only to essay word limit and clarification of formative assessment wording
Scottish Housing Law (URBAN5027)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – minor change only to essay word limit and clarification of formative assessment wording

Antiquities Trafficking (ODL)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – minor change to associated programmes and updating of summative assessment weightings
Qualitative Methods (SPS5037)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – minor changes to wordings of formative assessment, slight change to summative assessment method contributing 10% to overall assessment grade
Issues in Accounting Research (ACCFIN5034)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A – Slight corrections to ILOs and to the wording of the summative assessment description
Financial Information Management (MGT5280)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Financial Information Management (MGT5281)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Applied Computational Finance (ECON5065)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Growth and Development (ECON5015)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Dissertation – Graduate Centre for Development Studies (GCDS) (ECON5004P)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A – Minor changes only
Environmental Ethics and Behaviour Change (DUMF5060)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	N/A – Minor updates to associated programmes, timetable and summative assessment weightings only
Conveyancing (Diploma in Professional Legal Practice) (LAW5012)	Law	Yes	N/A – Spelling mistake correction only
Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Property Law (LAW 5011)	Law	Yes	N/A – Minor change removing co-requisite course
Copyright in the	Law	Yes	N/A – Minor change

Digital Environment (LAW5013)			removing co-requisite course
Conceptual Frameworks in Contemporary Religious Education (EDUC5939)	Education	Yes	N/A – minor change to semester in which course is offered
Perspectives on Youth and Young Adulthood (EDUC5428)	Education	Yes	Yes
Transport Planning Methods (URBAN5103)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – minor change to clarify the summative assessment weightings

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The following **withdraw course** proposals were audited:

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Documentation complete and of required standard*</b>	<b>Consultations completed prior to School approval*</b>
Managerial & Organisational Context E1 (MGT1006)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A withdrawal of course no longer running
Fundamentals Of Education 1A (EDUC1012) and 1B (EDUC1013)	Education	Yes	N/A Courses no longer offered.
Financial Crises in History (ESH4021)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A withdrawal after consultation with colleagues as no longer taught
International and Comparative Moral Rights (LAW5152)	Law	Yes	N/A withdrawal after retirement/research leave
Comparative European Politics (POLITIC5002)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A
Business Strategic Management (MGT5247)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A – withdrawn as part of an overarching review into the MBA programme

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