

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 4 October 2019

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 2018-19:

<i>Proposal Type</i>	<i>Number of proposals approved</i>	<i>Number of proposals audited</i>
New Courses	102	6 UG 6 PG
Amend Courses (including corrections)+	258	13 UG 12 PG
Withdraw courses	24	5 UG 1 PG

+ - the reporting from the PIP system is unable to differentiate clearly between academic changes and corrections and the College is therefore unable to report accurately on academic course amends only and so it should be noted that the number of amend proposals reported includes both academic amendments as well as corrections to courses.

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

<i>Course Title</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Documentation complete and of required standard*</i>	<i>Consultations completed prior to School approval*</i>
Introduction to Alternative Perspectives in Economics (ECON1011)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Performance Management and Simulation in Services (MGT4104)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Community Development Responses to	Education	Yes	Yes

Adversity (EDUC4094)			
Marine Mammals (DUMF1068)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	Yes
Vis Moot Project (LAW4134P)	Law	Yes	Yes
Religions on the Move: Comparative Perspectives on Religion (SOCIO4122)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	Yes
European Business Context (MGT5379)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
The Political Economy of Economic Policy (ECON5111)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Media and Journalism in the Global South (SOCIO5091)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	Yes
Writing News (SOCIO5092)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	No – No Timetabling consultation conducted. Generic reminder sent to PGT Team Leader to advise of importance of consultations being carried out
Psychology of Adult Learning (EDUC 51012)	School of Education	Yes	No – No Timetabling consultation conducted. Generic reminder sent to PGT Team Leader to advise of importance of consultations being carried out
Adam Smith's World: Law and Trade (LAW5180)	School of Law	Yes	No – No Timetabling consultation conducted. Generic reminder sent to PGT Team Leader to advise of importance of consultations being carried out

**No' responses to these should be given further explanation, and information on how the problem has been resolved.

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

Course Title	School	Documentation complete and of required standard*	Consultations completed prior to School approval*
Service & Operations Management (MGT2012)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Ethics in Accounting & Business (ACCFIN4002)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Issues in the Accounting Profession (ACCFIN4041)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A Correction to exam diet only
The Accounting Profession (ACCFIN1017)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Current Issues in Economics (ECON4015)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Challenge, Change and Action (EDUC2078)	Education	Yes	N/A a minor change to description of summative assessment
Curriculum & Assessment (DUMF3006)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	N/A minor changes to short description and associated courses
Society and Social Policy (DUMF1066)	Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	Yes
Common Law System and Method (LAW1028)	Law	Yes	N/A minor changes and corrections – Law School committees minutes approving changes included
Globalisation, Justice and Human Rights (LAW4130)	Law	Yes	N/A minor changes and corrections – Law School committees minutes approving changes included
American Politics (POLITIC4001)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A correction to exam diet only
Understanding Empire: Imperialism and the Modern World (SOCIO4097)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A correction to tick box to allow visiting students to take the course

Measurement & Scaling (Q-Step course - SPS4005)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A correction to exam diet only
Macroeconomics (ECON5019)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A - correction to assessment weighting only
International Trade (ECON5018)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A – correction to timetable and minimum requirement for award of credits
International Finance Management and Corporate Finance (ACCFIN5031)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A – correction to timetable
Strategic Marketing Consultancy (MGT5329)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A – minor correction to word count for summative assessment and incorporation of reflective report
Portfolio Analysis and Investment (ECON5027)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	Yes
Museums, Education and Curriculum Development (EDUC5904)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	Yes
The Museum as a Source for Learning (EDUC5905)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	Yes
Post-Soviet Russia: Renegotiating Global and Local Identities (CEES 5018)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – minor correction to description of summative assessment
Culture and Tradition in Modern China (POLITIC5082)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A – correction to summative assessment weightings
International Merger Control (LAW5046)	School of Law	Yes	N/A – minor correction to timetable
Principles of GIS for Environmental Science (Nankai) (DUMF5115)	School of Interdisciplinary Studies	Yes	N/A – minor correction to description of summative assessment

Dissertation for Childhood Practice (EDUC5814P)	School of Education	Yes	N/A – correction to description of summative assessment
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The following **withdraw course** proposals were audited:

Course Title	School	Documentation complete and of required standard*	Consultations completed prior to School approval*
Corporate Finance (ACCFIN4070)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A withdrawal of course no longer running
Management in the Voluntary and Community Sector (MGTY4051)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A No staff member to teach the course
Russian Politics & Society (CEES4092P)	Social & Political Sciences	Yes	N/A Erroneous course
Legal History (LAW4019) Obligations: Honours (LAW4046) Vis Moot Project (LAW4134P)	Law	Yes	N/A Courses no longer offered
The Economics of Housing (ECON4024)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A withdrawal of course no longer running
Change Management (MGT5010)	Adam Smith Business School	Yes	N/A withdrawal of course no longer running

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