



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 3 October 2024 and 25 February 2025.
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	<p>The Taught Programmes Board met on 27 November 2024, 15 January and 19 February 2025. 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 27 November 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*

Exceptional approval to introduce a January 2025 intake on the following programmes:

- LLM Commercial and Corporate Law (CCLS)
- LLM International Business Law (CCLS)
- LLM Comparative and International Dispute Resolution (CCLS)
- LLM Intellectual Property Law (CCLS)
- LLM Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law (CCLS)

Exceptional approval for Programme title changes within the School of Business and Management for September 2025:

- MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- MSc Supply Chain and Logistics Analytics
- MSc Environmental Analytics
- MSc Blockchain Analytics

### *Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry*

Exceptional approval to introduce a January 2025 intake (only) on the following programmes:

- MSc DL Cancer and Therapeutics (BCI)
- MSc DL Cancer and Clinical Oncology (BCI)
- MSc DL Aesthetic Medicine (Blizard)
- MSc DL Trauma Science (Blizard)
- MSc DL Emergency Medicine (Blizard)
- MSc Neuroscience (Blizard)
- PgCert Tuberculosis (Blizard)
- MSc DL Psychological Therapies (Wolfson)
- MSc DL Trauma Sciences (Military and Humanitarian) (Blizard)
- MSc DL Paediatric Emergency Medicine (Blizard)
- PgDip Dermatology (Blizard)
- MSc Oral Biology (Dentistry)
- MSc Dental Materials (Dentistry)
- MSc Critical Care (WHRI)
- MSc Perioperative Medicine (WHRI)

Exceptional approval for Programme title changes within the William Harvey Research Institute for September 2025:

- Perioperative Medicine MSc FT
- Perioperative Medicine MSc PT
- Perioperative Medicine PgD FT
- Perioperative Medicine PgD PT
- Perioperative Medicine PgC PT
- Perioperative Medicine MSc FT DL
- Perioperative Medicine MSc PT DL
- Perioperative Medicine PgD FT DL
- Perioperative Medicine PgD PT DL
- Perioperative Medicine PgC PT DL

### *Faculty of Science and Engineering*

Exceptional approval for a September 2025 start:

- BSc Mathematics with Computing
- BSc Mathematics with Computing (with Year Abroad)
- BSc Mathematics with Computing (with Year in Industry)

Exceptional approval for Programme title changes within the School of Biological and Biomedical Sciences:

- MSc Biotechnology

Exceptional approval for academic year 2024-25:

- AI Law (EBU5017) module amendment on BSc (Eng) Intelligent Science and Technologies (BUPT)
- Wireless Technologies and Techniques (EBU6410) module amendment on BSc (Eng) Intelligent Science and Technologies (BUPT)
- Cloud Computing (EBU6502) module amendment on BSc (Eng) Intelligent Science and Technologies (BUPT)

Approval for academic year 2025-26:

BUPT Programme amendments:

- BSc (Eng) Telecommunications Engineering with Management
- BSc (Eng) Internet of Things Engineering
- BSc (Eng) Electronic Information Engineering
- BSc (Eng) Intelligent Science and Technology

Three module proposals

- Interactive Media Design and Production
- AI Foundations and Applications
- Object-Oriented Programming

One module amendment

- Visual Computing

Five module withdrawals

- Introductory Java Programming
- Introduction to AI
- Signals and Systems
- Data Design
- Product Development and Management

TNE module amendments:

- SNU209 Fundamentals of Neurobiology (Nanchang)
- QXU4004 Engineering Chemistry (QMES/NPU)
- QXU4015 Engineering Materials (QMES/NPU)
- QXU6004 Materials Selection in Engineering Design (QMES/NPU)
- QXU5030 Composite Materials (QMES/NPU)
- QXU6033 Advanced Polymer Chemistry (QMES/NPU)

*Summer School*

- Module amendment (School of Physical and Chemical Sciences) Practical Machine Learning (TM) (SUM401N)
- Module amendment (School of History) The Buildings of London, from the Great Fire to the Present Day (SUM502G)
- Module amendment (School of History) Cultural Treasures of London: A Journey Through Time (SUM504G)

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

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- MSc Linguistics and Artificial Intelligence
- MA Creative Arts and Media

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- BSc Applied Artificial Intelligence

4. CONSIDERED and REJECTED the following module amendment:

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- QXU6008 Materials and Sustainability (Queen Mary Engineering School of Northwestern Polytechnical University)

5. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the following programme proposal:

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- LLM International Dispute Resolution

6. REVIEWED the list of proposed new programmes for launch in 2025-26 and 2026-27.

## **Taught Programmes Board 15 January**

The Board:

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

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- MSc Linguistics and Artificial Intelligence
- MA Creative Arts and Media
- BSc Accounting (exit award for BSc Accountancy Flying Start)
- Programme amendment for BSc Accountancy Flying Start

*Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry programme amendments:*

- iBSc Experimental Pathology (moving from Blizard to SBBS and it was signed off by Faculty)
- iBSc Medical Education
- iBSc Neuroscience

*Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- BSc Applied Artificial Intelligence

3. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programmes.

*Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- MA International Political Economy
- MA Digital Media and Global Cultures

*Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry:*

- Licence in Dental Surgery (LDS)

4. REVIEWED the list of proposed new programmes for launch in 2025-26 and 2026-27.

## Taught Programmes Board 19 February 2025

The Board:

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

### *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- Programme title change from LLM International Shipping Law to LLM International Maritime Law
- Programme title change from LLM International Economic Law to LLM International Trade and Economic Law
- BA Liberal Arts to remove compulsory year abroad
- BA Modern Languages to simplify the offering by reducing the number of compulsory content modules for all students, reducing the number of routes offered, as well as condensing language-specific Year Abroad modules into STA coded modules.

3. NOTED rejection of the below listed amendments by Chair's action:

### *Faculty of Science and Engineering*

- Adding a year in industry to the following:
  - BSc Biology
  - BSc Medical Genetics
  - BSc Zoology

4. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programmes.

### *Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry*

- MSc (FT&PT)/PgDip (FT) Health Data in Practice

### *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

- MA International Relations and MSc International Public Policy
- LLM/PgDip/PgCert in Fashion Law
- LLM/PgDip/PgCert in AI and the Law

5. DEFERED APPROVAL subject to conditions for the following programme proposals:

- PgDip (PT) Health Data in Practice
- Marketing with Integrated Pre-Masters MSc

6. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme amendments.

*Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry*

- Dentistry BDS
- BSc Oral Health

7. REVIEWED the list of proposed new programmes for launch in 2025-26 and 2026-27.

## Summary of Academic Developments in the year 2024-25

The table below summarises the academic developments processed between September 1 2024 and February 24 2025:

Part 1 Programme proposals	86
Part 2 Programme proposals – approved by TPB	10
Part 2 Programme proposals – approved by TPB Chair’s Action (following conditional approval by the Board)	63
Part 2 Programme proposals – considered but not approved by TPB	0
Programme amendments	341
Programmes suspensions / withdrawals	134
Programme title changes	19
Module proposals	349
Module amendments	353
Module withdrawals	759
<b>Total of proposals, amendments, and withdrawals</b>	<b>2,114</b>

## Comment on Academic Developments in the year 2024-25

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

1. 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.
2. The high number of academic developments having to be approved outside Taught Programmes Board via Chair’s Actions that cannot be considered under standard business due to time constraints.
3. How does the high volume of newly programme proposals coming through over the past year align with QMUL's 2030 strategic commitment to a more streamlined educational portfolio?

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 or exceptional approval outside of the standard processes. Taught Programmes Board notes that an agile and expeditious approach has been applied to all submissions where possible.