



Senate

Paper Title	Taught Programmes Board
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the following proposals relating to programme and module academic developments that have taken place between 26 February 2025 and 23 May 2025.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	<p>The Taught Programmes Board met on 26 March 2025, 2 April 2025 and 29 April 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 qualityandstandards@qmul.ac.uk.</p>
Questions for Senate to consider	Comments from the Senate would be welcomed regarding the programme development process to strengthen the quality of the proposals submitted to TPB.
Regulatory/statutory reference points	
Strategy and risk	
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	Senate only.
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Taught Programmes Board 26 March 2025

The Board:

1. CONFIRMED the minutes and reviewed the actions of its previous meeting.
2. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the following programme proposal:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

- LLM (with SQE preparation)

3. CONSIDERED and SET CONDITIONS FOR THE APPROVAL of the following programme proposals:

Faculty of Science and Engineering

- BSc (Eng) Intelligent Biomedical Engineering (TNE/Hainan)
- BSc Biomedical Data Sciences (TNE/NCU)
- BSc Precision Medical Sciences (TNE/NCU)
- MSc Advanced Human Genomics (TNE/NCU)

4. NOTED the following items were deferred to the next meeting:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Articulation agreement BSc Business Management (Amity University)
- Articulation agreement BSc Business Management (Kaplan)

5. NOTED the list of proposed new programmes for launch in 2025-26 and 2026-27 was DEFERRED to the next meeting.

Extraordinary Taught Programmes Board 2 April 2025

The Board:

1. NOTED that the requirement for an extraordinary meeting of the TPB reflected the unsustainable number of new proposals submitted for consideration.
2. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme proposal:

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry:

- PgDip Clinical Dermatology

3. NOTED that the MSc/PgDip/PgCert Aesthetic Medicine would be deferred to the next meeting.
4. CONSIDERED and SET CONDITIONS FOR THE APPROVAL of the below listed programme proposals:

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry:

- MSc Dental Materials
- MSc Oral Biology

5. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the following articulation agreement:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:

- BSc Business Management (Amity University)

6. DID NOT APPROVE the following articulation agreement:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:

- BSc Business Management (Kaplan)

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

Taught Programmes Board 29 April 2025

The Board:

1. CONFIRMED the minutes and reviewed the actions of its previous meeting.

2. CONSIDERED and APPROVED the below listed programme proposal:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:

- LLM January part-routes for:
 - Commercial and Corporate Law
 - Comparative and International Dispute Resolution
 - Intellectual Property Law
 - International Business Law
 - Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law

3. CONSIDERED and SET CONDITIONS FOR THE APPROVAL of the below listed programme proposals:

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

- MSc/PgDip Critical Care
- MSc/PgDip Cancer Sciences
- MSc/PgDip/PgCert Aesthetic Medicine

4. 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 February 26 2025 and May 23 2025:

Part 1 Programme proposals	3
Part 2 Programme proposals – approved by TPB	9
Part 2 Programme proposals – approved by TPB Chair’s Action (following conditional approval by the Board)	3
Part 2 Programme proposals – considered but not approved by TPB	0
Programme amendments	30
Programmes suspensions / withdrawals	230
Programme title changes	0
Module proposals	85
Module amendments	65
Module withdrawals	0
Total of proposals, amendments, and withdrawals	425

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, thus reducing the potential applications or opportunity to recruit onto the programmes.
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. Whether the high volume of new programme proposals being submitted over the past year aligns with QMUL's 2030 strategic commitment to a more streamlined educational portfolio.
4. Whether there is alignment between Schools/Institutes and across Faculties relating to replicating subject matter (artificial intelligence, sustainability, as examples) and the potential cannibalisation this may cause.

Taught Programmes Board would welcome the Senate’s views regarding strengthening the planning and submission of programme proposals within the advised timeframes to follow the overall compliance with the University’s academic development procedures. The aim is to reduce the number of programmes which receive late or exceptional approval outside of the standard processes to allow for effective programme development and portfolio management. Taught Programmes Board notes that an agile and expeditious approach has been applied to all submissions where possible, recognising and balancing the need to develop attractive programmes for applicants whilst ensuring regulatory compliance and a quality student experience.