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Academic framework project: an update for colleagues

Update on the ongoing project to redesign Hope's academic framework.

The academic framework project board held its first formal meeting on Friday 14 February. The group discussed:

- The project timeline, including dates for development of the curriculum framework on SITS
- The revised regulations
- The plans for new definitive documents and the collection of revised curriculum documentation from faculties.

The board meets again in two weeks time to review progress.

A series of webpages have been designed which will enable all colleagues to access relevant documentation including the timeline, Equality Impact Assessment, guidance documents and other information about the project. There will be a dedicated email address for queries and a subsequent list of FAQs. These will be made available to all colleagues later this week.

Project overview

The move from semesters to terms applies to all academic levels from September 2025. At this time, academic colleagues do not need to do anything except ensure that this is reflected in the standard update of Moodle/course information for September.

The move from 60C to 30C modules applies to Levels F and C from September 2025. Level I in September 2026 and Level H in September 2027. In order to collect the necessary information to populate SITS and the new definitive documents for Level C, colleagues will be asked to complete three forms for each programme/major, as described below.

All other information for your new definitive documents will be transferred from existing documents centrally by administrative colleagues. The individualised forms will be provided to Faculties by Student Administration as follows:

- **Form A (due for return now)**

We have received the majority of these forms but a few are still outstanding. Please will colleagues return these now to allow the SITS team to complete initial curriculum design on the system.

- **Form B (to be distributed 3 March due for return 31 March)**

For each module (existing 60C details split between new 30C modules):
Learning outcomes
Assessment map
Delivery pattern

- **Form C (to be distributed 5 May 2025 due for return 2 June)**

Graduate Attributes map

Foundation Year

The Executive Deans are currently reviewing and revising the requirements for Foundation Year in 2025. Once the new structure is agreed, we will agree on a simple method for creation of the new documents.

Level I and H in September 2025

Levels I and H will be taught in the existing 60C blocks but in two 12-week semesters. Set up of this teaching is underway. You should expect to be asked for timetabling information for your courses in the near future to allow this to be completed prior to receipt of the new Level C and F information.

Once again, we thank all colleagues for their contribution to this project.

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