**Approvals Timeline for Staff Developing Undergraduate Programme Proposals**

The table below sets out the **recommended** timeline for the development and approval of undergraduate programmes at UCL. These deadlines are set in conjunction with the requirements of UCAS and the guidance of the CMA (Competition and Markets Authority).

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| Autumn Term      | Programme development phase, to include consideration by:  
  - Current students and prospective applicants  
  - Planning  
  - Finance  
  - Estates  
  - Arena Centre  
  - Communications and Marketing  
  - Library Services  
  - Digital Education  
  - An External Scrutineer  
  and as appropriate  
  - Other relevant UCL academic departments  
  - UCL Study Abroad and Visa Compliance teams  
  - Academic Partnerships Review Group (APRG) for any external academic partnerships.  
  - Professional, Statutory and Regulatory bodies | By 30th November 2023 the UG Programme Proposal should have met all of the conditions of **Final Approval** from **PMAP**. | Notification of **Final Approval** must then be sent to **EdComm** to note and to relevant UCL Professional Services to action in their area. | The MarComms team in Office of the Vice-President (External Engagement) must receive notification of PMAP approval by 1st December in order for the programme to feature in the 2025-26 UG printed Prospectus. Any approvals after this date will be added to UCL’s online UG Prospectus in its first year of recruitment. |
|                  | Full business case approval by FPC for new programmes (‘stage 0’) for programmes in early development | Implications for central timetabling and other central resource costs confirmed | |
| Spring Term      | By the end of this term, the UG Programme Proposal should receive **Outline Approval** from **DTC** and **FTC**. | | |
| Summer Term      | By the end of this term, the UG Programme Proposal should have been submitted to **PMAP** for consideration. | | |
### Approvals Timeline for Staff Developing Postgraduate Programme Proposals

The table below sets out the **recommended** timeline for the development and approval of new **postgraduate** programmes at UCL. These deadlines are set in conjunction with the guidance of the CMA (Competition and Markets Authority).

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#### Autumn Term
- Programme development phase, to include consideration by:
  - Current students and prospective applicants
  - Planning
  - Finance
  - Estates
  - Arena Centre
  - Communications and Marketing
  - Library Services
  - Digital Education
  - An External Scrutineer
  - and as appropriate
  - Other relevant UCL academic departments
  - UCL Study Abroad and Visa Compliance teams
  - Academic Partnerships Review Group (APRG) for any external academic partnerships.
  - UCL Apprenticeships Steering Group for Level 7 apprenticeships
  - Professional, Statutory and Regulatory bodies

By the start of term, the PG Programme Proposal should have met all the conditions of **Final Approval** from **PMA**.

Notification of **Final Approval** must then be sent to **EdComm** to note and to relevant Professional Services to action in their area.

#### Spring Term
- By the end of this term, the PG Programme Proposal should receive **Outline Approval** from **DTC** and **FTC**

Implications for central timetabling and other central resource costs confirmed.
By the end of this term, the PG Programme Proposal should have been submitted to PMAP for consideration.

*N.B. The MarComms team in Office of the Vice-President (External Engagement) must receive notification of PMAP approval by 30th June 2023 in order for the programme to feature in the 2024-25 PG printed Prospectus. Any approvals after this date will be added to UCL’s online PG Prospectus in its first year of recruitment.*

### Timeline for Programme Amendment

The table below sets out the standard timeline for Programme Amendment at UCL. The deadlines are set in conjunction with the guidance of the CMA (Competition and Markets Authority).

**All Programme amendments should receive approval / consent from any affected current students, prior to submission.**  
**All Programme amendments should be communicated to applicants and offer-holders, prior to submission.**

Please refer to the UCL Academic Manual, Chapter 7, Annex 7.1.3 for guidance around consulting with current students, applicants and offer-holders on Programme amendments.

**All Minor Programme amendments** should receive approval from DTC and FTC. The completed and signed paperwork should be sent to lifecycle@ucl.ac.uk to process.

**All Moderate and Major Programme amendments** should receive approval from DTC and FTC, as well as from an External Scrutineer. The completed and signed paperwork should be sent to acadserv.pmap@ucl.ac.uk to process.

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