### Academic Services Newsletter



### Welcome

This is the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Academic Services Newsletter, a consolidated source of information that supports all UCL staff managing the student lifecycle. If you know any colleagues who would like to receive these monthly newsletters, or have any new starters on your team, they can <u>sign-up here</u>. Previous editions are available via the <u>Archive</u>.

### **Need to Know**

### Readiness for the Examinations



Centrally Managed Exams 2021\_

## COVID 'no detriment' rules to students



Programme progression and award rules made available to students and staff via Portico

### <u>Degree Apprenticeships</u> <u>at UCL</u>



With five degree apprenticeships now running as part of UCL's pilot, we are building a service to support their delivery

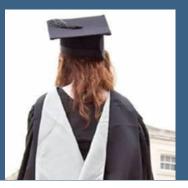
# New Portico Functionality for Programme Approval and Prospectus Copy Calls



### Interruptions Enhancements



### 2021 Graduate Ceremonies



Programme Summaries Update

Update on the Portico Interruptions workflow

Timeframes and eligibility criteria for attending 2021 Graduation Ceremonies

12 May: Publication of 2021/22 Module Catalogue

2019/20 External
Examiners Reports
without a Departmental
Response: next step for
Departments

**Degree Documentation** 



Arrangements for updating Module Catalogue content



Departments to now provide an offline response directly to External Examiners where a standard response was not entered on Portico



Information on degree documentation production and dispatch following the March 2021 Re-sit Exam Boards

Curriculum Data
Maintenance:
Programme Diet
Maintenance for 2021/22
is now Open



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Deadline: 1 June 2021

External Examiners
access to Moodle and
AssessmentUCL in
2020-21



How to manage access to Moodle and AssessmentUCL for External Examiners

Staff Student
Consultative
Committees (SSCC)
Minutes Reminder



Reminder: Please submit your Term 2 SSCC minutes

### Key dates and deadlines

Further dates are also available via:

- SRS Calendar
- Revised Exams and Assessments Timeline 2021

#### Curriculum planning timescales

22 – 29 April*	-	Department review and Head of Department Sign-Off of module data for 2021/22
12 May*	-	Publication of the 2021/22 Module Catalogue
11 June	-	Deadline for 2022/23 Programme Amendments
14 June	-	Exchange of marks deadline
18 – 28 June	-	<ul> <li>Boards of Examiners</li> <li>UG main boards</li> <li>PG sub boards/Chairs action for Autumn or Spring modules.</li> </ul>
7 – 12 July	-	Departments review draft LSA timetable
19 July	_	LSA exam paper deadline

<sup>\*</sup>Please note this date has been revised since first advertised in the SRS calendar

### **Events**

### Staff Training on AssessmentUCL

All centrally managed exams will be delivered via our NEW on-line platform AssessmentUCL. Centrally managed exams WILL NOT be running via Moodle.



It is essential that all staff involved in the marking process are encouraged to take part in training. Further information and training dates can be found <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

### Exam Board Briefing Sessions: Assessment Regulations and Policy

Hold the date: two briefing sessions on Assessment Regulations and Policy for ELOs, Chairs, and Academics/Professional Services staff with an interest in early May



#### **Resources and Guidance**

### External Examiners access to Moodle and AssessmentUCL in 2020-21

How to manage access to Moodle and AssessmentUCL for External Examiners



### Interruptions of Study - Resource for Staff

Staff Guidance, slides and recordings from recent briefing sessions for the new Interruptions of Study process



### External Examiner reports remain in Portico In-tray until 'closed'

The External Examiner reports will be closed and removed from your Portico in-tray after your response has been reviewed



### **Programme Amendment Guidance 2020-21**

Guidance for the submission of programme amendments



#### **Marks Processing in Portico**

Online training materials are available to help explain Marks Processing in Portico



### In case you missed it

### **Latest Covid 19 Mitigation updates**

How to find the latest updates about changes to the regulations due to Covid



### Reducing staff workloads through COVID assessment mitigations

Temporary adjustments to regulations and processes to alleviate pressure on staff who teach and support teaching



### Suspension of Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Requirement

MFL will no longer be a requirement for graduation



### **Programme Amendment deadline for 2022/23**

The deadline for submitting programme amendments for 2022/23 is Friday 11th June 2021



### **Implementing the 2021-22 Operating Model**

Decisions confirmed in the Operating Model are now being implemented



#### Confirm staff on Board Data Hub occupy only one role

Please check the correct staff are assigned to Chair, Deputy and Admin roles and these are filled by a different person



### **Exam Boards: Virtual for 2020/21**

It has now been confirmed that all Exam Boards in 2020-21 should be held virtually



### **Community News**

### Join TA Talk and stay connected

Become part of UCL's community of Teaching Administrators. <u>The Community of Practice</u> is providing opportunities to stay in touch whilst working remotely. Sign up to <u>TA Talk</u> for more details.



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