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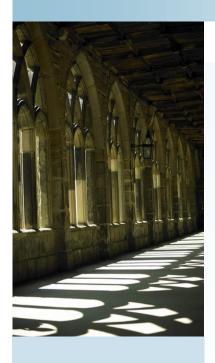
Curriculum Update

As you may be aware, the most recent University-approved versions of the following documents are available on the University's Common Awards website:

- Core Regulations for the Common Awards programmes

- Programme Specifications

- Module documents, including:

    ◊ Module Books

    ◊ Module Codes

    ◊ A list of new modules

    ◊ Contact hours parameters

- Assessment documents, including:

    ◊ Assessment Criteria

    ◊ Assessment Guidelines

    ◊ Assessment Lengths and Weightings Guidance

    ◊ Marking Coversheets

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Amendments to documents

Inevitably, as TEIs have been designing their own pathways through the programmes, a number of curriculum changes have come to light. The programme documents have been amended to incorporate these changes. Additionally, the documents have been amended slightly to reflect the recommendations of the Stage 1 Programme Approval Panel.

While the majority of the changes to the above documents are **relatively minor**, some changes relate to assessment details (for example, assessment weightings and lengths). In almost all cases, these changes have been made to improve consistency across the module portfolio.

The module books that are published on Durham University's website provide the most up-to-date and approved assessment details for all modules. As the module books incorporate changes made mid-cycle, the details may differ slightly from those that you included in your [Module Overview Tables](#) (T4s).

As we do not want this to result in extra work for you, **the Common Awards Team will make the changes to the Module Overview Tables on your behalf**.

Next steps

Over the next few weeks, we will send you a 'track changes' version of your approved Module Overview Table so that you can see exactly which assessment details need to be amended to be brought into line with the approved module outlines.

All you need to do is confirm that you are aware of the changes, and we will finalise the document and return it to you. You will not need to do anything else.

We will be completing this work as a top priority, and ideally before the end of May. We hope that this approach will reduce the burden associated with the changes arising from the validation visit cycle.

Queries

We hope that this will be straight-forward, and that it will not cause any inconvenience to TEIs. If you have any concerns about this work, please **contact us** to discuss these further.

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