

PERIODIC REVIEW: ACADEMIC REVIEW

Glossary

- Periodic Review: the collective term given to three review processes:
 - *Academic Review*: enhancement-led, all academic programmes, 5-year cycle (School)
 - *Internal Audit*: assurance-led, management of high risk activity, 3-year cycle (School)
 - *Professional Services Academic-Related Review*: 5-year review of services supporting the Learning and Teaching Strategy (University)
- QSC: Quality and Standards Committee
- LTB: Learning and Teaching Board
- Assurance: "guaranteeing the quality and academic standards of educational provision"
- Enhancement: "taking deliberate steps to improve the effectiveness of the student learning experience"

Academic Review

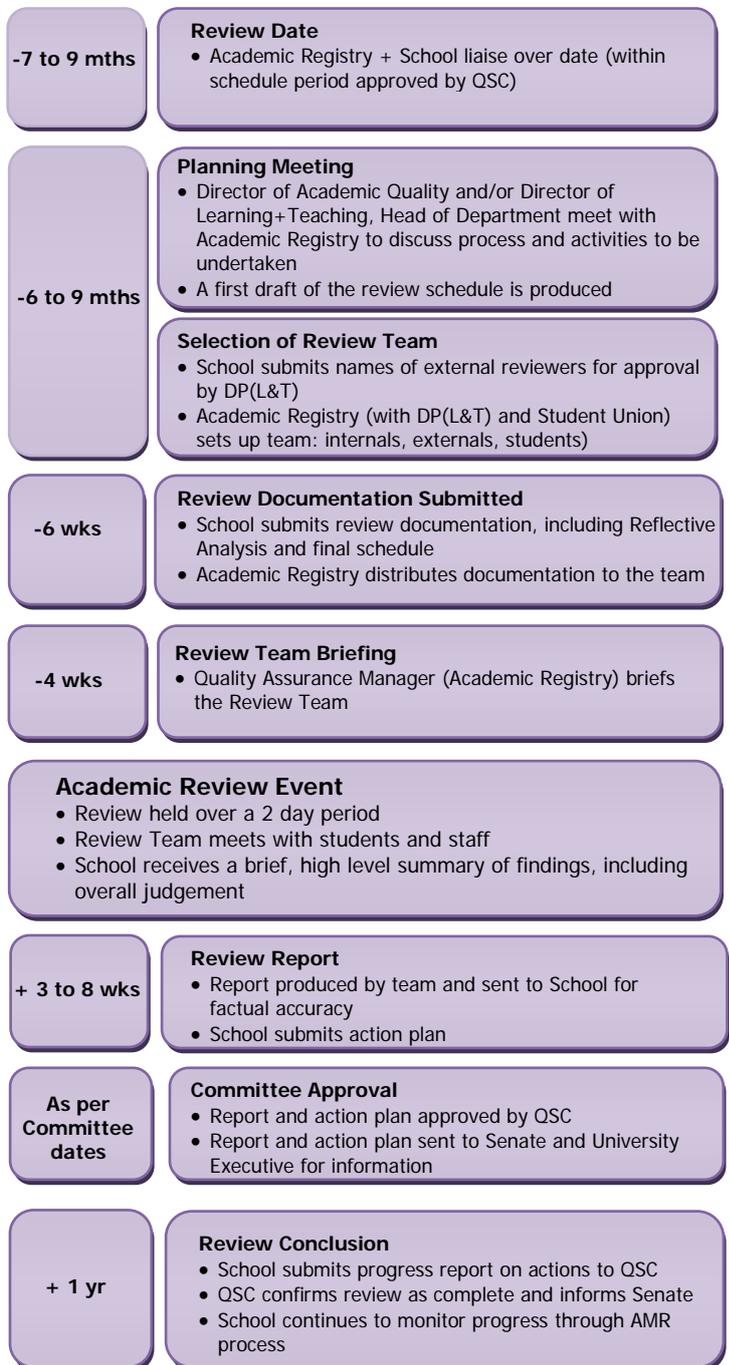
Academic Review is one of HWU's periodic review processes for assuring and enhancing the quality and standards of programmes. Academic Review:

- Operates on a 5-yearly cycle
- Reviews all academic provision
- Is informed by a Reflective Analysis document
- Considers students' learning experience (UG, PGT/R; all modes and locations)
- Assesses quality and standards
- Re-approves academic programmes
- Focuses on enhancement, including alignment with the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy
- Is undertaken by a team of external and internal peers, and students
- Reports to QSC, LTB, Senate, University Executive, Scottish Funding Council & Quality Assurance Agency Scotland

The review processes for the Malaysia and Dubai Campuses are integrated with Academic Review.

The Academic Review Process

The Academic Review Process and Timeline:



References and Further Information

Contact: qualityassurance@hw.ac.uk

Academic Review Handbook, Published Reports, Schedule: <http://www.hw.ac.uk/quality/academic-review.htm>

Quality Policies and Procedures: <http://www.hw.ac.uk/quality/policies.htm>

Learning and Teaching Policies and Procedures: <http://www.hw.ac.uk/committees/ltb/ltb-policies.htm>

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