



EXTERNALITY IN COURSES AND PROGRAMMES

	EMPLOYERS	Employer engagement is central to the design and delivery of programmes at HWU, ensuring curriculum currency and relevance of student skills. Employers may be engaged as Industry Advisors, Guest Speakers or Alumni. Some programmes provide work-based learning through, for example, placements or internships. Graduate Apprenticeship programmes enable employees to gain a degree while working.
	ALUMNI	Alumni (ie HWU graduates) can continue their engagement with HWU by bringing real world context to the curriculum, providing positive role models and opening up access to networks. Some programmes provide career mentoring opportunities, partnering students with alumni, to develop skills and opportunities.
	PSRBs	Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) are organisations involved in the approval, monitoring and review of programmes leading to a professional qualification. Through formal visits, they ensure that HWU programmes meet national standards in the profession. PSRB accreditation can lead to membership or exemption from professional exams. More than 250 HWU programmes are accredited by PSRBs.
	INDUSTRY ADVISORS	Many HWU programmes have an Industrial Advisory Board (IAB), where academic staff and experienced professionals come together to discuss the curriculum, teaching, skills and research. IABs provide access to up-to-date practice, advise on current trends and help ensure that the curriculum and employability activities are relevant. IABs can also support career mentoring programmes, guest speakers and preparations for accreditation.
	GUEST SPEAKERS	High-profile industry/business speakers give valuable insights into current trends and topical issues, provide models for leadership and can inspire students in career preparations. Guest speakers enable students to connect classroom learning with real-world experience.
	EXTERNAL REVIEWS	HWU is reviewed as an entire institution every five years by an external team appointed by in-country government bodies (in Scotland, Dubai and Malaysia). These reviews, which involve meetings with students and staff, assure the quality and standards of the University's provision, and decide on how effectively HWU is enhancing learning, teaching and the student learning experience.
	EXTERNAL SUBJECT SPECIALISTS ON INTERNAL REVIEWS	All disciplines at HWU are reviewed internally every six years by a team of staff (from another School), students and external subject specialists. External team members ensure that the discipline is comparable with other universities and, through ideas and experience from their own institution, they contribute to enhancing the discipline.
	EXTERNAL EXAMINERS	Every programme leading to an award at HWU has an External Examiner. These are subject specialists from other universities or from industry who provide an independent view on quality and academic standards and on student performance in comparison with similar programmes offered elsewhere. External Examiner reports are available on Discipline Sites on Canvas.