UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

**COURSE EVALUATION/REVALIDATION Form CA4**

**PRELIMINARY COMMENTS FORM: FACULTY PARTNERSHIP MANAGER**

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| **COURSE:**  **PARTNER INSTITUTION:**  **DATE OF VALIDATION:** |

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| **Name:** | **Date**: |
| **Faculty:** |  |

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**1 OVERVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT WITH COURSE/SUBJECT TEAM**

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**2 ASSESSMENT OF ADEQUACY OF PHYSICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES AT EACH SITE OF DELIVERY**

**3 MINIMUM/MAXIMUM COHORT SIZE FOR EACH PROGRAMME AT EACH SITE OF DELIVERY**

**[Repeat table for each programme]**

*[NOTE: ASQEC has agreed that as a guideline a minimum enrolment for the first year cohort be set at 15 per mode unless FT and PT students are to be taught together where the minimum number shall be 15 combined.]*

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|  | Mode of Attendance | Year of 1st Intake | Year of 2nd Intake | Year of  3rd Intake | Year of 4th Intake | Year of 5th Intake |
| Cohort size for each site proposed by Institution (year 1) | FT |  |  |  |  |  |
| PT |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum cohort size for each site recommended by Faculty | FT |  |  |  |  |  |
| PT |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum cohort size for each site recommended by Faculty | FT |  |  |  |  |  |
| PT |  |  |  |  |  |

**4 FOUNDATION DEGREES ONLY**

**a) Minimum Entry Requirements and Expected Offer Standard**

The Foundation degree entry requirements and offer standard *(i.e. asking grades)* are confirmed below.

*[NOTE: The offer standard set by the College to control demand is not related to the offer standard*

*for the linked Ulster Honours degree*.]

Entry Requirements

*[NOTE: include any additional subject requirement e.g. subjects at A or GCSE level (or equivalent).]*

Applicants must satisfy the University’s general entry requirements for Foundation degrees which include competence in written and spoken English (GCSE grade C or equivalent) [and the following additional requirements] or demonstrate their ability to undertake the course through the accreditation of prior experiential learning (APEL).

*[NOTE: add a comment if the Faculty proposes different requirements from those set out in the proposed course regulations.]*

Offer Standard

The initial offer standard may vary from year to year but in the first year the offer standard will be *[asking grades]*.

**b) Progression Route to Ulster Honours Degree Programme**

*[All Foundation degrees must have clear articulation routes for progression to at least one Honours degree at the University. The University’s model involves some bridging between Level 5 and 6 with modules from 0 – 120 credits delivered at the University by University staff. The amount of bridging required depends on the curriculum match.]*

Honours degree(s) programme title(s) and mode(s):



**c) Offer standard to the bridging component**

*[NOTE: The University uses an ‘equivalence’ table to set the offer standard for entry to the bridging component for subsequent progression to entry to full-time degrees based on the standards used for Year 1 – see Partnership Handbook, Section O12.]*

In order to be considered for progression to the above full-time programme(s), a graduate must have achieved an average mark in the Level 5 Foundation degree modules of **XX%** in line with the standard used for Year 1 entry to the related Honours degree programme.

*(NOTE: The initial offer standard may vary from year to year.)*

The articulation of the Foundation degree to Honours degree programme(s) at Ulster is confirmed as follows *[select applicable route]*:

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| entry to year 2 (or part-time equivalent): 2 + 2 model |  |
| bridging to final year (or part-time equivalent): 2 + bridging + 1 model with up to 120 credits of bridging. Students enrol in Year 2 |  |
| entry to final year (or part-time equivalent) (with no bridging): 2 + 1 model |  |

Where the 2 + bridging + 1 model is to be adopted, the following information should be provided about the bridging course (in respect of each programme if applicable).

1. Honours degree programme title and mode(s):

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| Module Title | Level | Points | Semester | Status  Compulsory/Optional | Location (specify University campus) |
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Annex

**Foundation Degree General Entrance Requirements**

1   Applicants for entry to a programme leading to a Foundation Degree must satisfy:

(a)(i)   the General Entry Requirements of the University as specified in 2 below; and

(a)(ii) such additional requirements as may be prescribed for admission to particular programmes of study;

or as an alternative to (a)(i) and/or (a)(ii):

(b)   provide evidence of their ability to undertake the programme through the accreditation of prior experiential learning.

2   To satisfy the General Entry Requirements applicants must:

1. provide evidence of competence in written and spoken English (GCSE grade C or equivalent) and, where specified within individual programme entry requirements, in numeracy (GCSE grade C or equivalent); and

1. have attained passes in four different subjects, of which one should be at GCE Advanced (A) level (grades A to E) and three at GCSE level (grades A, B or C) or an equivalent standard in an approved alternative qualification.

The requirements of 2(a) hereof may be met within 2(b).

For the purpose of fulfilling the General Entry Requirements, two Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level subjects are regarded as 40% of one GCE A level provided that the applicant’s profile also contains one GCE A level.

The University will accept as alternative qualifications:

(i)              One VCE/GCE Applied A level and either three passes at GCSE (grade C or above) or two Double Award Vocational GCSEs.

(ii)             BTEC National qualifications awarded by Pearson.

(iii) Cambridge International Pre-U Diploma

(iii)            OCR Cambridge Technicals (2016 suite, Applied General Category).

(iv)           Four Highers and/or Advanced Highers of the Scottish Qualifications Authority

(v)             The European, International or Welsh Baccalaureate.

(vi)           An Irish Leaving Certificate with passes in four approved subjects at grade D/6 Higher level.

(vii)          Satisfactory completion of an approved Access programme.

(viii) Any Foundation degree awarded by Ulster University.

(viii)         For entry to Art and Design degree courses, satisfactory completion of a full-time foundation course in Art and Design of not less than one academic year in duration.

No subject may be counted at more than one level.

Applications from persons who hold other qualifications will be considered on their merit.

3   The Senate may accept studies pursued and examinations passed in respect of other

     qualifications awarded by the University or by another university or other educational institution

     or evidence from the accreditation of prior experiential learning, as exempting candidates from part

     of an approved programme provided that candidates shall register as students of the University for

     modules amounting to at least the final third of the credit value of the award at the highest level

     and meet such other conditions as shall be specified in programme regulations. For candidates

     registered on approved programmes at recognised institutions, the same regulation shall apply in

     respect of the institution.

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