

# Academic Regulations

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# SECTION 16 – ACADEMIC AUDIT

## 16.1 Purpose of Academic Audit

Our University is responsible for the setting and maintaining of academic standards and the assurance and enhancement of the quality of learning opportunities for our students.

The purpose of academic audit is to provide institutional oversight of the implementation of our university regulations, policies and processes relating to academic standards and quality.

This provides assurance for our University (via Academic Board and our Board of Governors) that the delegated responsibilities for academic standards, quality assurance and enhancement of academic provision are being properly discharged and that we promote continuous improvement and systematic quality enhancement by the identification and dissemination of good practice.

## 16.2 Principles of Academic Audit

The principles of academic audit are that:

- a) Academic Audit will be undertaken systematically through annual continuous audit and the targeted use of enhancement audit.
- b) Academic Audit will promote the continuous and effective use of our University's regulations and associated processes.
- c) Academic Audit will promote systematic enhancement and sharing of good practice and the development of inclusive practice through peer review and engagement.

## 16.3 Form and Process of Academic Audit

A schedule of academic audit is agreed annually by Academic Quality and Standards Committee and may include:

- a) Continuous Audit: ongoing activity which involves the collection, monitoring and evaluation of routinely produced evidence and observation of a range of activities.

- b) Enhancement Audit: specific issues or themes which arise from consideration of the outcomes of continuous audit and/or any other form of internal or external review.

The Academic Quality and Standards Committee maintains oversight and has overall responsibility for Academic Audit. The Academic Audit outcomes will be reported to Academic Board and its committees.

Quality Assurance Services are responsible for the conduct of Academic Audit.