EPS Undergraduate Programme Changes

Amendments to Undergraduate Programmes from 2022-23

If you have been made an offer to study at Queen's, you will have received a copy of the <u>University's terms and conditions</u> which states that you will be made aware of any significant amendments made to the programmes for entry in 2022-23. The University is always looking at ways to make programmes better and the changes outlined below have been designed to provide you with an enhanced student experience.

Chemistry and Chemical Engineering

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BEng Chemical Engineering	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
MEng Chemical Engineering	programme in 2022-23.
BEng Chemical Engineering (Sandwich)	
MEng Chemical Engineering with a Year	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
in Industry	
	The structure of your programme will change. Module CHE1104 Mathematics for
	Chemists and Engineers is being withdrawn and replaced by two new modules: a new
	Semester 1 module called CHE1006 Introductory Mathematics for Chemists and
	Engineers, and a Semester 2 module named CHE1108 Mathematics for Chemical
	Engineers. Each module will be worth 10 CATS. Module content and learning
	outcomes do not change and are covered across the two new modules.

	Module CHE3104 Chemical Engineering Design Project is now compulsory for all
	BEng students, and the option to do a semester long research project is no longer
	available. This is to ensure students have improved engineering design training and
	also to allow for smoother transition to the MEng pathway, for students who wish to do
	so after the end of Stage 3. In addition, the assessment profile of module CHE3008
	Biochemical Engineering's changes from 80% Examination and 20% Coursework to
	70% Examination and 30% Coursework in order to better balance the assessment
	profile of the module.
BEng Chemical Engineering (Sandwich)	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
	programme in 2022-23.
MEng Chemical Engineering (Sandwich)	
	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
BSc Chemistry (Sandwich)	
	Following student feedback, and for consistency against other undergraduate
BSc Medicinal Chemistry (Sandwich)	programmes within the School, your programme will be renamed as:
	BEng Chemical Engineering with a Year in Industry
	MEng Chemical Engineering with a Year in Industry
	BSc Chemistry with a Year in Industry

	BSc Medicinal Chemistry with a Year in Industry
MSci Chemistry	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
	programme in 2022-23.
MSci Chemistry with Study Abroad	
	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
MSci Chemistry with a Year in Industry	
	Following feedback from the Royal Society of Chemistry, students and industry, the
MSci Medicinal Chemistry	award of your degree will change <u>from</u> Master of Science (MSci) <u>to</u> Master of
	Chemistry (MChem).
MSci Medicinal Chemistry with a Year in	
Industry	

Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

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BEng Electrical & Electronic	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
Engineering (with International Year	programme in 2022-23.
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	The changes to be introduced are as follows:

BEng Electrical & Electronic	
Engineering	The School has undertaken a review of its programmes and has made a number of
BEng Electrical & Electronic	changes to your programme. These are designed to ensure you can engage with the
Engineering (with Year of Professional	latest technical advances in the field and to organise the pathways so that you can
Experience)	most easily develop your own interests, select the corresponding modules as you
MEng Electrical & Electronic	progress through the pathway and undergo the best learning experience possible.
Engineering	
MEng Electrical & Electronic	The following modules will be withdrawn: ECS1007 Electronic Systems, ELE1055
Engineering (with Year of Professional	Microelectronics, ELE2018 Electronics 2, ELE2020 Signals & Communications
Experience)	Systems, ELE2024 Circuits & Control, ELE2036 Professional Engineering & Innovation
	and ELE4007 MEMS Devices & Technologies 4
	And the following new modules will be added in the areas of: Signals &
	Communications, Professional Engineering, Electronics & Circuits, Communications,
	Digital Systems and Signals & Control.
	In addition, as a result of a recent professional accreditation exercise, we will be
	changing the descriptions of the learning outcomes for our programmes to match those
	of the Engineering Council. Please note that these learning outcomes remain the same
	in substance – our pathways have been benchmarked against these outcomes – and
	are being changed to align more precisely with the wording of the accreditors.

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progress through the pathway and undergo the best learning experience possible.
The following modules are being withdrawn: CSC1025 Procedural Programming,
ELE2018 Electronics 2, ELE2020 Signals & Communications Systems, ELE2024
Circuits & Control, ELE2036 Professional Engineering & Innovation and ELE4007
MEMS Devices & Technologies 4.
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	accreditors.
BSc Computing and Information	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
Technology Including Professional	programme in 2022-23.
Experience	
BEng Computer Science (with	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
International Year One)	
BSc Computer Science with Year of	A new optional module to introduce cyber security has been added to the first year.
Professional Experience	The content provided in years one and two through the two modules "Architecture and
MEng Computer Science	Networks" has been split with a first year module Introduction to Computer Architecture
MEng Computer Science Including	and a second year module Networks and Protocols to help keep the content more
Professional Experience	cohesive.
BEng Software Engineering with Year of	
Professional Experience	Module CSC2056 Cyber Security Fundamentals has been renamed as Systems
MEng Software Engineering With	Security and Cryptography.
Placement	
MEng Software Engineering	A fourth year module CSC 4005 Principles of High Performance Computing has been
BEng Software Engineering with Digital	re-factored into a new module entitled Parallel and Distributed Computing to broaden
Technology Partnership	the focus.

Natural and Built Environment

BA Archaeology We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your **BA** Archaeology and History programme in 2022-23. **BA Archaeology and Irish BA Archaeology with French** The changes to be introduced are as follows: **BA Archaeology with Portuguese** BA Archaeology with Spanish You will receive a timetable aligned with the new semester structure. We are aligning MSci Archaeology the semester structure in Archaeology & Palaeoecology with the semester structure BSc Archaeology and Paleoecology already implemented in many other subjects across the University, resulting in a BSc Archaeology-Palaeoecology and reduction in the number of contact teaching weeks from 12 to 10, split into two 5-week Geography blocks per semester. This will mean a consolidation of contact hours during the remaining weeks of contact teaching, and will inevitably also lead to a slight reduction of contact hours in some individual modules. More specifically, the modules affected are: Ancient Humans and Landscapes (ARP1006): Reduction in the number of lectures from 24 to 20; increase in the number of practicals from 11 to 16; removal of fieldtrip. Environmental Change: Past, Present and Future (ARP1007): Reduction in the number of lectures from 23 to 19. Europe in Prehistory (ARP1008): Reduction in the number of lectures from 23 to ٠

	20; reduction in the number of tutorials from 5 to 4.
	 Ireland in Prehistory (ARP2041): Reduction in the number of lectures from 22 to 21.
	 Thinking through Things: Theorizing Global Archaeology (ARP2043): Reduction in the number of seminars; removal of presentation assessment; changing weighting of Reports 1 and 2 from 20% each to 25% each. Palaeoenvironmental Techniques (ARP2051): Reduction in the number of lectures from 12 to 11; reduction in the number of practicals from 10 to 9. Volcanoes: Environmental and Societal Impacts (ARP3080): Introduction of exam in lieu of coursework; total contact hours altered (Lectures 12, Practicals 13,
	 Seminars 9; Total 34). Critical Thinking (ARP3089): Reduction in the number of lectures from 11 to 9; seminars for student presentations will be 3 sessions of 3 hours, in order to enable flexibility regarding numbers of students registered in the module.
BA Archaeology with French	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
BA Archaeology with Portuguese BA Archaeology with Spanish	programme in 2022-23.
	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
	Compulsory module ARP3997 International Study with new compulsory module ARP3996 Archaeology with a Language Year Abroad.

BSc Geography	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
BSc Geography with a Language	programme in 2022-23.
	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
	The following modules will not be delivered: GGY3096 Health Geography, GY3084
	Environmental Geopolitics, GGY3035 Sea Level Change, GGY3073 Climate Change,
	GGY2063 Space, Culture and Mobility (Malta), GGY3066 Geography, Science and
	Society.
	The following modules will be delivered: GGY3075 Geographies of Outer Space,
	GGY3088 Geographies of Ethnicity, GGY3091 Sustaining the Biosphere, GGY2064
	Urban Landscapes (Netherlands).
	Module GGY3074 Geographies of Contested Territories will be swapped from
	Semester 1 to Semester 2 and a new module GGY3097 Ice Cold Environments will
	be introduced in Semester 1.
	Module GGY2064 Urban Landscapes – Past, Present, Future will be renamed to
	GGY2064 Urban Landscapes (Netherlands).

BEng in Civil Engineering	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
BEng in Civil Engineering with a Year in	programme in 2022-23.
Industry	
BEng in Civil Engineering with	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
International Year One	
MEng in Civil Engineering	The Programme Specifications include a mapping from programme learning
MEng in Civil Engineering with a Year in	outcomes set by Queen's to Engineering Council learning outcome codes under the
Industry	Accreditation of Higher Education Programmes guidance. Those codes have changed
MEng in Environmental & Civil	recently, and so the mapping will be updated. There are some minor changes in the
Engineering	language of the programme learning outcomes as well.
MEng in Environmental & Civil	
Engineering with a Year in Industry	Finally, we have decreased the weighting of the examination component for both
MEng in Structural Engineering with	CIV1015 Mathematics 1 and CIV3065 Geotechnics 3 from 80% to 70%.
Architecture	
MEng in Structural Engineering with	
Architecture with a Year in Industry	
BSc in Planning, Environment and	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
Development	programme in 2022-23.
MPlan European Planning	
	The changes to be introduced are as follows:

In consultation with our students, accrediting bodies and external examiners, we have
determined to make a change to the programme structure. Specifically, we are
making changes to our independent dissertation project, which BSc Planning
Environment and Development students undertake in their third year of study. The
dissertation is usually completed in the spring semester and is weighted as a single
20 CAT module. However, we have determined that students require more time to
complete their best work and that the module could be extended across both the
autumn and spring semesters. We also contend that double weighting the module to
40 CATS would be a better reflection of the work involved.
This change necessitates the removal of one 20 CAT module at Level 3, however. As
such, we have decided to remove EVP3012 Comparative Planning Studies, as we
can better deliver this content within our existing module offering.
For students joining us on the MPlan programme, we are proposing to change the
coursework element of EVP4001/2 to two presentations of portfolio of work completed
at the Erasmus host institution and at least 40 CATS per semester undertaken at
the Erasmus host institution (100% of module marks).
There is one further programme change for students joining us on the MPlan
programme. At Level 3 our students will now take two modules relating to 'EVP3004
Conservation and the Built Environment' and 'EVP3013 Infrastructure and Planning.'

Both of these modules involve project-based work and engagement with planning practitioners, which will enhance both your skills development and employability as graduates.
We are also proposing to swap two modules in our existing timetable for Level 1 students. Your module EVP1011 Design Principles in the Built Environment will now be delivered in semester 1, while your module EVP1004 Institutional and Policy Context of Planning will be delivered in semester 2.
A final change is proposed to the coursework on EVP1012 History of Planned Settlement. Students will now undertake a single fieldwork portfolio (4,000 words), which will be addressed through six fieldwork tasks that will be undertaken by students throughout the semester.

Mathematics and Physics

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MSci Physics with Astro-Physics	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
	programme in 2022-23.
	The changes to be introduced are as follows:

	At Stage 4 the compulsory modules for this programme are PHY4001 Research
	Project, PHY4005 Planetary Systems and PHY4006 High Energy Astro-Physics.
	Students are advised to take PHY4016 Cosmology if the module is in operation but if
	not then you may choose any combination of FOUR of the other half modules offered
	from: PHY4003 Ionising Radiation in Medicine, PHY4004 Medical Radiation
	Simulation, PHY4007 Laser Physics, PHY4008 Plasma Physics, PHY4009 Materials
	Characterisation, PHY4010 Physics of Nanomaterials and PHY4011 Ultrafast
	Science.
BSc Mathematic	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
MSci Mathematics	programme in 2022-23.
BSc Applied Mathematics and Physics	
MSci Applied Mathematics and Physics	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
BSc Theoretical Physics	
MSci Theoretical Physics	Module MTH1021 Mathematical Methods 1 has removed one of its class tests and
MSci Mathematics and Statistics &	redistributed the weighting to the end of year exam. Therefore, the assessment profile
Operational Research	is now: Assignment 15%, Class Test 15% and Exam 70%. This will align the module
BSc Mathematics and Statistics &	to the other Level 1 full year module MTH 1011 taken on the programme.
Operational Research	
BSc Mathematics with French	
BSc Mathematics with Spanish	
BSc Mathematics and Computer	
Science	

MSci Mathematics and Computer	
Science	

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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MEng Aerospace Engineering	We are writing to inform you of curriculum changes that will be introduced to your
MEng Aerospace Engineering with	programme in 2022-23.
Sandwich	
	The changes to be introduced are as follows:
	The title of Module AER4018: Aerospace Engineering will change to Aeronautical
	Engineering 4 to reflect a change in module content which will remain aerospace
	focussed but which will be broader than just aerodynamic topics and will be relevant to
	recent innovations and themes in the sector. New content will also facilitate the
	assessment of Level 4 learning outcomes and will seek to leverage the expertise of
	the Re-Imagining Engineering Design (RIED) Research Group recently established in
	the School.

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