External Examiner's Report 2021-2022

Thank you for taking the time to complete this report, here are some notes for guidance:

- External examiners complete this form annually.
- It is usually submitted within a month of the final main Assessment Board that you attend.
- The university circulates the report widely (internally), and makes the report available in full to students. Please do not name or identify individual staff or students in the report.
- When commenting, please specify the module code if known, and likewise if the point relates to a partner module please state the partner name. This will assist the university in taking any relevant action required.
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- There will be an opportunity to download a pdf copy of your report at the end of the report. Please click on the option to 'Download my responses' this option will give you both confirmation of submission date/time and your responses.
- You can expect a written response to your comments from the School responsible for the Department(s) or Course(s) that you examine.
- Should you have a major concern at any time during your term of office please feel free to write to the <u>Head of Quality Assurance & Enhancement</u> or the <u>Vice-Chancellor</u>.

If you have any questions about completing the report please email extexam@uel.ac.uk

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Some of the questions below have been pre-populated with answers based on information in your contract of employment. If any of this information is incorrect please change it and provide an explanation of the change(s) in the free text box half way down the page.

where award classifica	•	•	niners are	e not, Lead examiners attend boards
Did you examine mod	ules/courses for any	partner in	stitutions	?
Please list the name(s	s) of any partner insti	tution(s):		
populated questions a	bove, please provid	e details d	of these cl	nave changed any of the pre- nanges. We use this to update our you have changed your home/ work
Dates of Assessment	Board(s)			
		Did you	attend?	
	Date:	Yes	No	
Assessment Board:	31	0	0	

(dd/mm/yyyy)

Assessment Board:	(dd/mm/yyyy)	0	0
Assessment Board:	(dd/mm/yyyy)	0	0

Have there been any change to your circumstances that may affect your ability to act impartially as external examiner at UEL? * Required

c Yes	€ No		
If you have ticked 'yes	s' please provide details of th	ese changes:	

PART ONE – OVERALL FINDINGS

	Requ	* uired
	Yes	No
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the standards set within the department, (as evidenced by the modules reviewed) are appropriate for qualifications at this level, in this subject	0	О
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the marks awarded for student assessments are appropriate	0	0

	* Required		
	Yes	No	Not applicable
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the marks awarded for student assessments are comparable with marks awarded at other institutions with which I am familiar	0	0	C

	Requ	* uired
	Yes	No
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the processes for assessment and examination in the determination of credit for modules are soundly and fairly conducted, in line with university regulations and relevant Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body requirements	0	0
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that students have the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level	0	0

		* Re	equired
	Yes	No	Not applicable
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the opportunity for students to achieve standards beyond the threshold level is comparable with other institutions with which I am familiar	0	0	O

If the answer to any of the questions above is 'no' please provide a brief statement of the respects in which they fall short. Please specify the module code if known, and likewise if the point relates to a partner module please state the partner name. This will assist the university in taking any relevant action required.

PART TWO

The university has a particular interest in the areas described in the section headings below. We would also welcome your views on any other matters and space for this is available at the end of the form.

The standards attained by the students

In reaching a judgement, you may wish to refer to documents within the QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education, QAA Subject Benchmark Statements, the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, University regulations governing the standards of awards, professional body accreditation requirements and other relevant information.

	Please in	Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below * Required						
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say	
The standards of our students meet threshold benchmarks, internal, and external, including professional body requirements/standards	O	O	O	O	O	0	•	
The subject knowledge of our students is comparable to their peers at other institutions	o	O	O	C	O	O	•	
The standard of academic skills of our students is comparable to their peers at other institutions	C	0	O	0	0	•	O	

The failure rates of our students are comparable to their peers at other institutions	C	C	C	O	C	0	O
These comparisons above extend similarly to modules delivered at our collaborative partners if you cover partner modules.	C	C	C	O	C	O	O

Please use this section to provide any additional comments (optional). Please specify the module code if known, and likewise if the point relates to a partner module please state the partner name. This will assist the university in taking any relevant action required.

The design and structure of the assessment

	Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below ** Required							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say	
All learning outcomes are assessed appropriately	C	C	C	0	O	C	O	
The assessment methods are fair	C	O	O	0	O	C	0	

The assessment methods are inclusive	С	C	C	C	С	C	С
There is an appropriate range of assessments	C	C	C	O	C	C	O
Assessment methods stretch students to perform above threshold levels	O	0	0	O	O	O	О
These statements above apply similarly to assessments provided by our collaborative partners	0	0	0	0	0	0	C

The general conduct of the assessment

	Ple		onfirm *
	Yes	No	Not applicable
I received all of the draft assessment tasks (for the modules in my allocation that ran in the current academic year)	0	0	0
The nature and level of the assessment tasks was appropriate	0	0	0
Suitable arrangements were made to consider my comments	0	0	0
If required by a professional/ statutory/ regulatory body. I was involved with meeting/observing students and/or meeting work placed mentors	0	0	0
If you examine modules at a 'Franchise'* partner. I was given access to a sample of UEL on campus materials in order to examine their comparability	0	0	С

* Franchise: Where UEL have licenced other institutions to deliver whole courses or stages of courses that also run on the UEL campus. Definitions of types of partnership are in Part 11 of the UEL Quality Manual.

	Please in	Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below * Required					
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say
Appropriate procedures are in place for the moderation of papers	o	O	0	C	C	O	0
Assessment boards are conducted appropriately	C	O	0	C	C	o	O
It is easy to distinguish between students at each centre of delivery	O	•	•	C	C	O	0
Progression decisions were made fairly and consistently, in adherence to the regulations	O	O	0	O	C	c	•

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Marking

	Pleas	Please confirm * Required			
	Yes	No	Not applicable		
I received examples of assessment for all modules	0	0	0		
I received an appropriate range of examples of work	0	0	0		
Suitable arrangements were made to consider my comments	0	0	O		

	Please in	Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below ** Required					
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say
Internal marking is accurate	0	O	0	0	0	0	0
Internal marking is consistent	0	O	0	0	0	0	0
Appropriate procedures are followed for marking	C	C	O	0	C	C	O
There is implementation of UEL's policy on Second and Anonymous Marking	O	O	0	C	C	O	O
There are clear marking criteria	0	0	O	0	0	O	O
There is appropriate use of the full range of marks	О	0	0	0	0	O	О

Feedback is appropriate	0	0	0	0	O	О	O
Feedback is consistent	O	0	0	0	C	0	0
These statements apply similarly to marking at our collaborative partners	0	C	0	C	O	C	O

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The modules

	Please in	Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below ** Required							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say		
The standards of modules meets internal and external threshold benchmarks, including professional body requirements	0	0	•	C	C	•	•		

The content of modules is appropriate	0	o	0	0	C	o	О
The structure of modules is appropriate	0	O	O	0	O	O	О
Modules are up to date with current thinking in the discipline	O	0	0	O	C	C	О
Modules consistently demonstrate high quality teaching standards	O	0	0	C	C	C	O
The modules prepare students for employment	O	0	0	О	O	C	O
The modules prepare students for further study	O	O	O	C	C	C	C

Module Development Plans

Module Development Plans (MDeP) were introduced in 2020 as a way for module leaders to record their reflections on the module in time for the assessment board. These should be made available to the External Examiner at the same time as the student assessment sample.

I received a Module Development Plan (MDeP) for the modules I examine. * Required

C Partly	○ No

I found the Module Development Plan(s) helpful.

○ Yes	○ Partly	○ No

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Learning Environment

	Please in	Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below ** Required							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say		
Students are engaged at UEL	0	O	0	0	0	C	0		
Students who are underrepresented in Higher Education can succeed at UEL	•	C	O	O	0	O	O		
Appropriate resources are in place to help students succeed	c	C	c	0	C	O	О		

The learning environment is stimulating for students, providing the right level of challenge	C	C	C	C	C	•	•
Opportunities exist for students to engage in activities that benefit their personal development	O	O	C	O	0	•	O
Opportunities exist for students to engage in activities that benefit society	O	O	O	C	O	O	0

Execution of the Examiner Role

	Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below ** Required							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say	
I have a productive relationship with the academics responsible for modules in my remit	0	•	•	C	C	O	•	

Administrative arrangements are in place to help me succeed in my role	O	O	0	O	C	O	О
I received all the information I needed to answer the questions in this report	С	O	O	C	O	C	О
I am a new examiner and I received all the support I needed to undertake my role	C	•	•	C	0	C	О
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Previous Report							
Were there matters arising from the previous report that required a response? * Required							

Were these matters adequately addressed?

○ No

Yes

Not enough information

to say

○ Yes	○ No	Not enough information to say

	Optional							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable	Not enough information to say	
Overall, things have improved since last year	О	O	О	0	0	О	0	

Further comments

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Please comment on any areas of good practice that you would particularly like to highlight.
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Any other comments not mentioned elsewhere. If this is your final report, we would be particularly interested in a summary of your findings over your term of office.

PART THREE

Awards

	Ple con Requ	firm *
	Yes	No
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the standards set for the awards are appropriate for qualifications at this level	0	0
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the standards of attainment and completion are comparable with similar courses or subjects in other UK Institutions with which I am familiar	O	0
From the evidence available to me, I confirm that the processes for assessment, examination and the determination of awards are sound and fairly conducted, in line with university regulations and relevant Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body requirements	0	O

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Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the statements below * Required						
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not Applicable	Not enough information to say

The standards of student attainment is equivalent to peers on comparable courses elsewhere	О	0	C	C	C	0	0
The standard of the courses on which awards have been made are appropriate for the awards to which they lead	О	0	0	C	C	0	0
Appropriate procedures are in place for operation of the assessment board	0	•	•	O	C	O	O
Matters arising from previous examiner reports were adequately addressed	O	0	O	O	C	0	0

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Thank you for your contribution to assuring standards and quality at UEL.

We recommend emailing yourself a completion receipt and downloading your responses for your records. Please click on *my responses* to download a PDF copy of your report.

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Key for selection options

4 - Title of Department or Course(s) externally examining at UEL:

Allied & Public Health

Professional Psychology

Architecture & Visual Arts

Fashion

Business

Early Childhood & Education

Bioscience

Psychological Sciences

Engineering & Construction

Music, Writing & Performance

Law & Criminology

Social Sciences & Social Work

Teacher Education

Tavistock & Portman NHS Foundation Trust

Graduate Research Methods

School of Arts & Creative Industries, Lead Examiner

School of Architecture, Computing & Engineering, Lead Examiner

Institute of Hospitality and Tourism

Nursing

Applied Sport & Exercise Sciences

Social Sciences

Social Work

School of Business & Law, Lead Examiner

Computer Science & Digital Technologies

Media

6 - Are you contracted as a Lead Examiner? (Most examiners are not, Lead examiners attend boards where award classifications are conferred)

Yes No

7 - Did you examine modules/courses for any partner institutions?

Yes

No