

LTC09D037

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The Committee is invited to confirm Chair's action in approving the semester dates for the 2012-13 session. (Members will recall that semester dates for 2011-12 were confirmed at the meeting on 28 October, 2009.)

Normally, the Committee approves semester dates on a three – five year planning horizon but the current review of the Common Course Structure and other factors meant that finalisation of the semester dates for these sessions were deferred. It is intended that we shall resume the longer planning horizon with consultations of a range of interested parties but with the proviso that internal and external developments (for example, if post-qualification admissions were introduced) may prompt us to re-visit the dates if necessary.

The dates for 2012-13 are set out in **Appendix 1**.

Proposed Semester Dates for 2012/2013

Options 1 and 2 are attempts to get a 11/1 semester. Option 3 is a 10/2 semester. Option 4 is a 9/3 semester.

**Option 1
Standard Academic Year**

Autumn Semester

Teaching weeks:

Monday 24 September 2012 to Friday 14 December 2012

(Christmas break – 3 weeks from Saturday 15 December 2012 to Sunday 6 January 2013)

Spring Semester

Teaching weeks: (11 weeks)

Monday 7 January 2013 to Friday 22 March 2013

(Easter break – 3 weeks Saturday 23 March 2013 to Sunday 14 April 2013)

Easter Sunday: 31 March 2013

Teaching weeks: (1 week revision week)

Monday 15 April 2013 to Friday 19 April 2013

Examination period: (Spring Semester continues)

Monday 22 April 2013 to Friday 31 May 2013 (6 weeks)

End of Spring Semester 2013:

Friday 31 May 2013

Examination Boards and processing of results and pass lists:

Monday 3 June 2013 to Friday 12 July 2013

Congregation dates:

Monday 15 July 2013 to Friday 19 July 2013