

Learning and Teaching Committee of Senate

COURSE CLOSURE

Faculty	SSF	School	NBS
Courses to be closed			
Course Title (incl. award)		Course Code	UCAS Code
MSc Business Information Management (new title from 2013/14)		T1IN25101	DN T1IN25101
Also preceding title			
MSc Strategic Information Systems		T1NG25101	DNT1NG25101
Academic year students will be / were last admitted to the above course(s)			MSc SIS 2012/13 MSC BIM (no students to be admitted)
Are the above courses currently advertised in a prospectus?	Yes		x (MSc SIS)
	No		
Are there applicants for the above course(s) currently in the system?	Yes		x
	No		
Date course will cease to be delivered (i.e. academic year in which final student(s) will complete / completed)			2012/13
Will there be students continuing on the course after it ceases to recruit?	Yes		
	No		x
If yes, how many?	Yr2		
	Yr3		
	Ind/Abr		
	Yr4		
What are the implications for students currently on the course(s)?			
n/a			
Plans for phasing out (including when all students should complete, modules to be offered during the phase out period)			
n/a			
Have continuing students affected by the closure of the course been consulted?	Yes		
	No		n/a
Reasons for discontinuation of course			

The MSc Strategic Information Systems (retitled MSc Business Information Management for 2013/14 entry) has attracted very low numbers. The School Management Group has taken the decision to close the MSc course – Strategic Information Systems with immediate effect. The course had been re-titled and marketed this year as MSc Business Information Management, however the inherent weakness in the attractiveness of this course in the market remains and recruitment has been very low. The student numbers as shown below between the inception of the course in 2006/7 and 2012/13 clearly shows that the course has failed to recruit a viable number.

Year	Student Numbers
2006/7	4
2008/9	10
2009/0	12
2010/1	14
2011/2	5
2012/3	5
Grand Total	50

The closure of this course does not affect any current student as it is a one year full-time course and the current cohort of 5 students will be finishing their course this year and hopefully graduate in summer of 2014.

The handful of applicants who had applied this year and given conditional offers to - have now been offered the option of choosing any of the other MSc courses from the portfolio of 10 NBS conversion MSc courses.

An Equality Impact Assessment Screening has been carried out (and is attached for the Head of School and Associate Dean)	Yes	X
	No	

A full Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out (and is attached for the Head of School and Associate Dean)	Yes	
	No	

Who has been consulted in reaching the decision to close the course? (e.g. Marketing & Admissions Service)

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A few applicants to the course have been redirected to other courses within the NBS MSc portfolio.

Signature of Course Director	Date
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<i>R. Chakraborty</i>	17/5/2013
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Signature of Head of School	Date
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<i>P. W. D.</i> <i>PAUL DOBSON</i>	17/5/2013
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Signature of Associate Dean LTQ	Date
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Once complete, please email a copy of this proforma to

- Faculty Admissions Manager
- Marketing and Admissions Services } Steve Camilleri
- Planning Office (CAMS Manager) Andrew Watson
- Faculty Manager – Taught Programmes Beely Pitt
- Learning, Teaching & Quality Office (for report to LTC) LTC Secretary