

Academic Framework & SRS Implementation

Key Dates and Facts

In light of the changes that the University is currently undertaking with the implementation of Banner as a new Student Record System and the new Academic Framework, we appreciate the need to have a clear outline of key dates and facts regarding these two initiatives and how they overlap with each other. This document aims to provide greater clarity regarding this matter.

Important facts for programmes going through Academic Framework modifications

- Students entering the University before September 2020 will continue and finish their Programmes of study within the current structures and current rules & regulations
- The Academic Framework will have a phased implementation. Year 1 will be implemented in September 2020, Year 2 in September 2021, etc.
- New programmes which are scheduled for approval later in the 2018/19 academic year, should be advertised in 2019-20 but their implementation will be scheduled for September 2020, which means they can go straight into the new framework
- Careful consideration should be given to the revalidation of existing Programmes, genuine and explicit reasons should exist in order to re-validate (E.g. a change to professional standards, changes in staffing/expertise available, dropping market demand, poor student satisfaction, etc). As we approach the introduction of a new Academic Framework and the implementation of a new SRS, it's really important that we aren't revalidating when this isn't entirely necessary because this would mean putting a lot of resources behind exercises that don't realise the intended benefits.

Key Dates

ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK & SRS IMPLEMENTATION DATES		
Year	Month	Key Milestones
2018	AUGUST	Start of the manual build and check of 'as-is' curriculum information and structures in Banner.
	SEPTEMBER	Phase 2 implementation plan presented to Faculties
	OCTOBER	Academic Support Programme in Place (October onwards)
2019	FEBRUARY	Deadline to submit LEVEL 4 Major/Minor changes (WHERE POSSIBLE)
	MARCH	Completion of the build and data check for the 2019-20 academic year
	APRIL	Start of curriculum information, structures and student data testing
	MAY	Deadline to submit changes for programmes that require REVALIDATION
	JUNE	BANNER GOES LIVE Completion of the curriculum information, structures and student data testing
	AUGUST	Deadline to submit LEVEL 5 & 6 Major/Minor changes (LEVEL 4 changes can be submitted by this date too)
	SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEVEL 4 Major/Minor changes (submitted in February 2019) reflected in the system Evaluation of Phase 2 status
	OCTOBER	Phase 3 implementation plan Start of the manual build of new academic framework curriculum information & structures in Banner
2020	FEBRUARY	Deadline to submit Major/Minor changes for complete adherence to AF structure
	JUNE	Completion of the manual build of new academic framework curriculum information & structures in Banner
	JULY	Start of the new academic framework curriculum structures testing ahead of 2020 intake
	SEPTEMBER	1ST COHORT OF STUDENTS UNDER THE NEW ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK BEGIN THEIR STUDIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REVALIDATED PROGRAMMES reflected in the system LEVEL 4, 5 & 6 AF related Major/Minor changes reflected in the system (changes submitted after February 2019)

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 System related implementation

Timeline

ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK & SRS Implementation		2018					2019					2020										
		AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	FEBRUARY	JUNE	JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
	Key Milestones										GOES LIVE											
1	Phase 2 implementation plan presented to Faculties		AES																			
2	Manual build and check of 'as-is' curriculum information and structures in Banner																					
3	Academic Support Programme in Place																					
4	Deadline to submit LEVEL 4 Major/Minor changes (WHERE POSSIBLE)																					
5	LEVEL 4 Major/Minor changes reflected in the system																					
6	Testing of the curriculum information, structures and student data																					
7	Deadline to submit changes for programmes that require REVALIDATION																					
8	REVALIDATED programmes to be reflected in the system																					
9	Deadline to submit LEVEL 5 & 6 Major/Minor changes (LEVEL 4 can be submitted too)																					
10	LEVEL 5 & 6 Major/Minor changes reflected in the system																					
11	Evaluation of Phase 2																					
12	Manual build of new academic framework curriculum & structures in Banner																					
13	Phase 3 implementation plan																					
14	Deadline to submit Major/Minor changes to completely adhere to AF structure																					
15	Testing new academic framework curriculum structures ahead of 2020 intake																					

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