

Maynooth University Revised Schedule for Cycle 3 Quality Reviews

The Academic Council and Governing Authority approved in June 2014 a schedule for Quality Reviews for the period 2014/15 to 2020/21. It proposed that all academic departments in each Faculty would be reviewed in the same year and that the sequence would be Social Science in 2016/17; Science and Engineering in 2017/18, followed by Arts, Philosophy and Celtic Studies in 2018/19. It is now considered to be over ambitious to attempt to review all academic departments in the Faculty of Social Science in one year. Instead seven departments will undergo review in 2016/17 with the remaining units reviewed in 2017/18. All other reviews will be deferred by one year.

The schedule will need to take account of the next Institutional Quality Review; the year has not yet been decided.

Quality Assurance and Enhancement 2014 - 2021:

2014/15

- Implement reviews of
 - Registrar's Office and related units (Centre for Teaching and Learning, Access Office, Academic Student Services, and International Office),
 - The Library,
 - Non-academic student services (Director of Development).
 - Review procedures for quality assurance of major inter-disciplinary programmes

2015/16

- Implement reviews of
 - Human Resources Office
 - Finance Office,
 - Campus Development Office,
 - IT Services,
 - Research and Commercialisation Offices.
 - Review progress on implementation of recommendations from most recent reviews of all academic units

2016/17

- Faculty of Social Sciences: implement reviews of following departments: Education, Froebel Primary and Early Childhood Education, Adult and Community Education, Anthropology, Applied Social Studies, Sociology, Law
- Review QA procedures and their implementation by linked providers, and review programmes provided on a collaborative basis.
- Progress reports from units reviewed in 2014/15,
- Progress reports from departments in Faculties other than the Social Sciences

2017/18

- Faculty of Social Sciences: implement reviews of following departments: Economics, Finance and Accounting, Business, Geography, International Development, E M Kennedy Institute
- Progress reports from units reviewed in 2015/16

2018/19

- Faculty of Science and Engineering: implement reviews of all departments – Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronic Engineering, Experimental Physics, Mathematical Physics, Mathematics and Statistics
- Progress reports from units reviewed in 2016/17,
- Faculty of Social Science Synthesis QA report

2019/20

- Faculty of Arts, Philosophy and Celtic Studies: implement reviews of all departments – Ancient Classics, History, Music, Philosophy, School of Celtic Studies, School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures.
- Progress reports from departments in Faculty of Social Sciences reviewed in 2017/18,
- Faculty of Science and Engineering Synthesis QA report
- High level review of BA programme

2020/21

- Review all Research Institutes (4)
- High level review of BSc programme
- Consider Progress reports from departments in Faculty of Science and Engineering reviewed in 2018/19
- Progress reports from units reviewed in 2015/16,
- Faculty of Arts, Philosophy and Celtic Studies Synthesis QA

2021/22

- Progress reports from departments in Faculty of Arts, Philosophy and Celtic Studies reviewed in 2019/20
- Progress reports from departments in Faculty of Social Sciences reviewed in 2017/18,
- Review experience gained from cycle 3 reviews and plan for next cycle.

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