

# PERIODIC REVIEW: ACADEMIC REVIEW

## Glossary

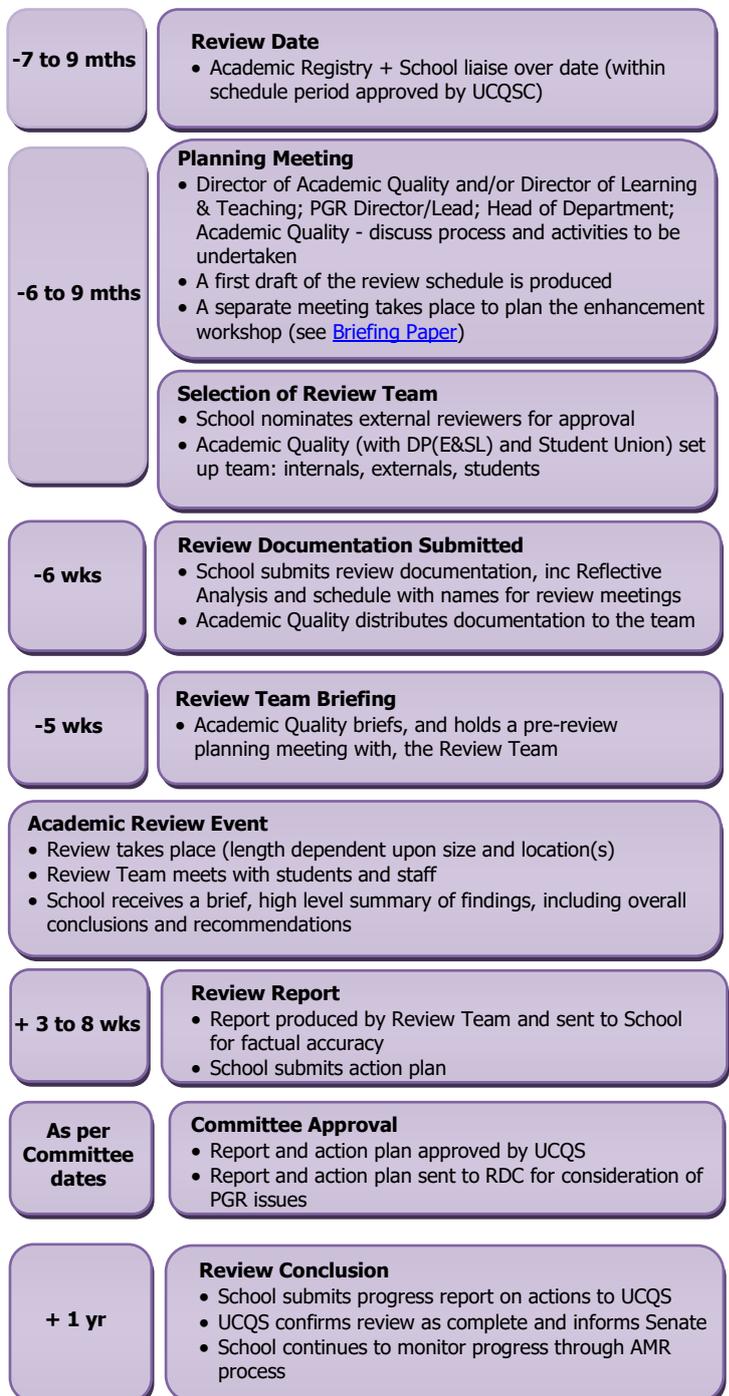
- Periodic Review: the collective term given to three review processes:
  - *Academic Review*: enhancement-led, all academic programmes, 5-year cycle (School)
  - *Internal Audit*: assurance-led, management of high risk activity, 3-year cycle (School)
  - *Professional Services Academic-Related Review*: 5-year review of services supporting the Learning and Teaching Strategy (University)
- UCQSC: University Committee for Quality and Standards
- UCLT: University Committee for Learning and Teaching
- RDC: Research Degrees Committee
- Assurance: "guaranteeing the quality and academic standards of educational provision"
- Enhancement: "taking deliberate steps to improve the effectiveness of the student learning experience"

## Academic Review

Academic Review is one of HWU's periodic review processes for assuring and enhancing the quality and standards of programmes. Academic Review:

- Operates on a 5/6-yearly cycle
- Reviews all credit-rated academic provision
- Is informed by a Reflective Analysis document
- Considers students' learning experience (all levels, modes and locations)
- Assesses quality and standards
- Re-approves academic programmes
- Focuses on enhancement, including alignment with the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy
- Is undertaken by a team of external and internal peers, and students
- Reports to UCQS and RDC, and annually to UCLT, Senate, University Executive, Scottish Funding Council and Quality Assurance Agency Scotland

## The Academic Review Process and Timeline



## References and Further Information

Contact: [quality@hw.ac.uk](mailto:quality@hw.ac.uk)

Academic Review Guidance, Published Reports, Schedule:

<https://www.hw.ac.uk/services/academic-registry/quality/qa/academic-reviews.htm>

Quality Policies and Procedures: <https://www.hw.ac.uk/services/academic-registry/quality/learning-teaching/policy-bank.htm>

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