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Dear Colleagues

## **RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION**

### **HEQSF review comment**

*"In this section, it is rated as needing improvement clearly because the student activities have been wrongly weighted. 95% is not spent in assessment, but in self-study for an MSc degree. Even though apportioned credits, level at which the program is pitched, purpose and outcomes are good, the program confuses if it allocates 95% of the activities weighting on assessment, and this needs correction."*

### **Response**

The institution fully agrees with this comment and would like to thank the panel for picking up on such a mistake. This was a mistake from the side of the institution and the 95% should have been allocated to research activities. Thank you to the panel for the positive comments in relation to the programme pitch, purpose and outcomes.



The learning activities should be amended to reflect the correct weightings:

Type of learning activity	Hours	Percentage
Direct contact time (Lectures, face to face, limited interaction or technology assisted, tutorials, Syndicate groups)	90	5%
WIL (Practical experiential learning, simulated learning, laboratory work , practical etc. excluding workplace-based learning)	0	0
WIL (Workplace-based learning only)	0	0
Independent self-study of standard texts and references and specially prepared materials (study guides, books, journal articles, case studies, multi-media	1710	95%
Assessment	0	0
Other (specify)	0	0
Total	1800	100%

In addition to the correct indication in terms of learning activities, the institution identified a small mistake in the indication of the minimum time and therefore request that this is amended to reflect the correct minimum time:

1. The minimum duration for full time is currently indicated as two years and should be amended to indicate *one (1) year*.
2. The minimum duration for part time is currently indicated as four years and should be indicated as *zero (0)*.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support in relation to the response in relation the comments made by the accreditation panel. We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards



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