### Making a change to a programme or module in Courseloop

Firstly, log into Courseloop – <u>https://courseloop.ljmu.ac.uk</u> (if accessing from home you will require Multi-factor authentication to be set up).

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| Academic Items<br>Proposals | Academic Items                    |   |           |           | •                   |
| Notifications<br>My Tasks   | Q. Search<br>Show applied filters | My Academic Items   |           |           |                     |
| Approval Meetings           | 20151                             | Astrophysics  | TEACH OUT | PROGRAMME | $\rightarrow$       |
|                             | 22001                             | Advanced Healthcare Practice (Clinical)                                 | TEACH OUT | PROGRAMME | $\rightarrow$       |
|                             | 22255                             | Doctor of Business Administration                                       | TEACH OUT | PROGRAMME | $\sim \rightarrow$  |
|                             | 22769                             | Advanced Educational Practice   | TEACH OUT | PROGRAMME | $\sim \rightarrow$  |
|                             | 25019                             | Civil Engineering   | TEACH OUT | PROGRAMME | $\sim \rightarrow$  |
|                             | 25622                             | Doctor of Applied Sport and Exercise Science                            | TEACH OUT | PROGRAMME | $\sim \rightarrow$  |
|                             | 3000EUPS                          | English for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies (20, 12 and 6 weeks) |           | MODULE    | $\cdot \rightarrow$ |
|                             | 3000FHSC                          | Communication for Health and Social Care                                |           | MODULE    | $\sim \rightarrow$  |

Your Courseloop dashboard will look something like this:

1. Enter your programme or module code in the Academic Items search box

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| Academic Items                         | Academic Items |             |   |
| Proposals<br>Notifications<br>My Tasks | Q Search       |             | 1 |
| Approval Meetings                      | 1 results      |             | • |

2. Having found what you are looking for, click on the right arrow:

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| Q 36495        | × ☐ My Academic Items                                |                          |   |
| 36495          | Port and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics | (PROGRAMME) ~            | ) |
| 1 results      |  | Show: 10 🗸 Page 1 of 1 🤇 | > |

| Dashboard > 36495 - Port and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics |           |          |                |                      |                 |
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| 36495 Port and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics               |           |          |                |                      |                 |
| Versions   | Versions  |          |                |                      |                 |
|  | STATUS    | STAGE    | APPROVAL LEVEL | VERSION              |                 |
|  | 2022      |          |                |                      |                 |
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In this example, just the one version. In the example below there are multiple previous versions of the programme.

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| 30578 Law           |           |                  |                |                        |               |
| Versions            | Versions  |                  |                |                        |               |
|                     | STATUS    | STAGE            | APPROVAL LEVEL | VERSION                |               |
|                     | 2023      |                  |                |                        |               |
|                     | Proposed  | UNIVERSITY LEVEL | AMENDMENT      | 2023.01                | $\rightarrow$ |
|                     | 2022      |                  |                |                        |               |
|                     | Approved  | COMPLETE         | EDITORIAL      | 2022.03                | : >           |
|                     | Archived  | COMPLETE         | EDITORIAL      | 2022.02                | $\rightarrow$ |
|                     | Archived  | COMPLETE         | DATA MIGRATION | 2022.01                | $\rightarrow$ |
|                     | 4 results |                  |                | Show: 10 V Page 1 of 1 |               |
|                     |           |                  |                |                        |               |

3. If you just want to view the programme or module specification, click the right arrow



You will then be taken to the Amend a Programme/Module screen.

### What type of amendment should I choose?

There are two types of amendment available in Courseloop: amendment and administrative amendment.

For non-admin amendments please go to page 8.

### Administrative amendments

Administrative amendments are revisions to a programme(s) and/or module(s), which do not change their nature or outcomes. Amendments of this nature would normally be undertaken in order to:

• Provide additional clarity without changing the meaning of the information or the aims and outcomes.

- Correct typographical errors.
- Update module/programme contacts and/or Faculty/School information.

• Update a module's outline syllabus, overview or additional information with no associated impact on its aims, learning outcomes or assessment.

• Update information relating to professional accreditation of a programme.

### If you wish to make an administrative amendment, follow the instructions below:

5. Select Activity **Amendment – Administrative amendment –** Implementation Year – this is the academic year you require the change for.

The LJMU academic year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July – the implementation year is the academic year rather than the calendar year. For example, if you are making a change to a module in May 2023, to be implemented in May 2023, you would select 2022 as the Implementation Year, as May 2023 falls within the 2022-23 academic year.



6. When you amend a programme or module in Courseloop the system will create an amendment proposal with a new proposed version of the programme or module (in this example 2022.02) and an associated **Outline summary** document explaining the nature of the change and its rationale. For substantive changes (as opposed to administrative/editorial amendments) which require approval the **Outline summary** will

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| Information<br>Managed Documents<br>Academic Items<br>Approval Meetings<br>Attachments | Information<br>Workflow                         | REVIEW   |                   | ITATION                     |   |                      |   |
| Proposal Tasks<br>Related Planning Proposals   | Managed Documen                                 | ts   |                   |                             |   | Manage               |   |
|  | Outline Summary                                 | ÷  |                   |                             |   |                      |   |
|  | Academic Items CODE TITLE CODE TITLE CODE TOTLE | :<br>and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics | TYPE<br>PROGRAMME | ACTIVITY<br>Amend Programme | REVISION TYPE<br>Administrative Amendment | VERSION +<br>2022.03 |   |
| -61.587  | Approval Meetings                               |  |                   |                             |   |                      |   |

need to be completed (see separate guidance note).

7. For an administrative amendment, you do not need to complete the Outline summary.

Click on the right arrow (see screenshot above) to open the proposed version of the programme/module:

Use the contents list to jump to the section you wish to change (or scroll down)- in the example below programme contacts

- > Overview
- > External Benchmarks
- > Accreditation
- > Related Programmes
- Programme Offering(s)
- Aims and Outcomes
- > Structure
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- > Entry Requirements
- > Programme Contacts
- > Admin

| Programme Contacts       |   |                 |                          |                          | Edit |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Programme Leader         |   |                 |                          |                          |      |
| Partner Programme Leader |   |                 |                          |                          |      |
| External Examiner(s)     |   |                 |                          |                          |      |
| Link Tutor               |   | Contact Name    | Contact Email            | Applies to all Offerings |      |
|                          | > | Dante Matellini | D.B.Matellini@ljmu.ac.uk | Yes                      |      |

### 8. Click on Edit

Click on the right arrowhead to the left of the contact you want to amend:

| Contact Name                | Contact Email            | Applies to all Offerings |   |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| Dante Matellini             | D.B.Matellini@ljmu.ac.uk | Yes                      | Î |  |
| Contact Name *              | Dante Matellini          |                          | × |  |
| Contact Email               | D.B.Matellini@ljmu.ac.uk |                          |   |  |
| Applies to all<br>Offerings | ✓ Yes No                 |                          |   |  |

If you are replacing a person in a role, rather than clicking on the *Bin*, click on the X – it will then show –*Please Select User--* start typing in the new name and select the correct option from the list of names. The *Applies to all offerings* should always be set to Yes. To add a new member of the module team, click the green plus icon and complete the relevant fields.

# <u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: if an existing member of a module team is being promoted to module leader, you must remove their name from the list of team members.

- 9. If you wish to change other sections, navigate to the desired section using the contents list, then click on **Edit** to make the necessary changes.
- 10. Once you have made all required amendments, press Save All at the top of the screen,

| Save All | Related Items  Comments  Comments |
|----------|---|
|          | Cancel Save   |

11. This will allow you to mark your draft revised programme/module specification as complete:

| -             |                  |          |
|---------------|------------------|----------|
|               | MARK AS COMPLETE |          |
|               |                  |          |
|               |                  |          |
| Related Items | Comments         | <u>^</u> |

If you don't see this button at the top right of your screen you may have inadvertently collapsed your header: **Click on the down arrow** to fix this



12. <u>Once the 'Mark as Complete' button is greyed out, you need to return to your</u> proposal. in order to Mark as complete and submit for implementation.

Dashboard > Proposal-32610 Port and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics > 36495 Port and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics

At the top of your screen, when inside the module specification, you will see a breadcrumb trail similar to the above – click on the next level up (Proposal-.....) highlighted in yellow in the above screenshot

13. You will see a screen similar to this (note the green tick next to your programme/module, indicating it is marked as complete). You will also see that your Proposal is still at the

| Dashboard > Proposal-35417 Pol   | t and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics                                     |                     |                             |   |                 |               |
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| Information<br>Managed Documents<br>Academic Items<br>Approval Meetings<br>Attachments<br>Proposal Tasks | Information<br>Workflow<br>CREATION AND REVIEW  |                     | NTATION                     |   | ( <u>Co</u> M   | IPLETE        |
| Related Planning Proposals   | Managed Documents   |                     |                             |   | Ма              | nage          |
|  | Outline Summary   |                     |                             |   |                 |               |
|  | Academic Items CODE TITLE  Scope Port and Terminal Management with Maritime Logistics | TYPE<br>(PROGRAMME) | ACTIVITY<br>Amend Programme | REVISION TYPE<br>Administrative Amendment | VERSION 2022.03 | <b>+</b><br>→ |

**Creation and Review** stage of the workflow – you need to get it to the **Implementation** phase of the workflow by completing two more steps.

- 14. You now need to mark the overall proposal as complete (top right of screen) by clicking on the button.
- 15. When marked as complete, a new button will appear in the top right, which you need to click to complete your part of the process.



## It is essential that you submit your proposed changes, as otherwise nothing will be updated.

At the implementation stage your proposal will be reviewed by an AAR and then, assuming everything is ok, it will be moved to Completed, and your proposed version will become the **Approved** version of your programme/module.

You can check on the progress of your proposal by searching for your academic item on the dashboard, as seen on page 1.

In this example, the amendment has been signed off and 2022.02 is the Approved version – the previous version is now archived.



If you have made changes, but it is not showing as Approved after a few days, check you have submitted your proposal to Implementation. The AARs regularly review submissions from their faculty and move to Completion. It may take up to a day or so for these changes to be reflected in other university systems once completed in Courseloop.

### Amendments that require approval by a governance body

Any programme and module amendments not listed as an administrative amendment on page 3 will need to be approved by your school director and relevant university panel using the following process.

### Programme or module amendment?

Within LJMU modules never exist in isolation - they are always attached to a programme. That means that the creation of a new module should be considered as a form of programme amendment.

IMPORTANT: Modules should only be amended in isolation if there are no changes to the specifications of the programmes that use them.

### *Module only changes (see p 11 for changes involving programmes)*

 Select Activity Amendment – Amendment – Implementation Year – this is the academic year you require the change for. Normally this will be the upcoming academic year

The LJMU academic year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July – the implementation year is the academic year rather than the calendar year. For example, if you are making a change to a module in May 2023, to be implemented in May 2023, you would select 2022 as the Implementation Year, as May 2023 falls within the 2022-23 academic year. If you are making a change in May 2023 for s module running in September 2023, the implementation year will be 2023.

**REVISE A MODULE** 

### Enter Module information

| Activity *            |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Amend Module          | ~ |
|                       |   |
| Amendment Type *      |   |
| Amendment             | ~ |
|                       |   |
| Implementation Year * |   |
| 2023                  | ~ |
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| Create                |   |

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| Outline Summary         | ÷                       |        |              |               |         |                      |
| Academic Items          | TITLE                   | ТҮРЕ   | ACTIVITY     | REVISION TYPE | VERSION | (+                   |
| O 5303NATSCI            | International Geography | MODULE | Amend Module | Amendment     | 2023.01 | $\vdots \rightarrow$ |

This will create a proposal for your changes. The example screenshot above is an amendment to a module in isolation. If you are making changes to more than one module, e.g. a semester swap, then it is recommended that you bundle them into the same proposal. To do this, press on the + button in the academic items section.



Revise, and then use the Search box to find the module you wish to add to the proposal. Click on the three vertical dots next to the approved version, and select Revise. Select Amend, Amendment, the implementation year and press **Create.** 

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|------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|
| 0    | utline Summary | $\rightarrow$                 |        |              |               |         |                 |
| Acad | lemic Items    |                               |        |              |               |         |                 |
|      | CODE           | TITLE                         | TYPE   | ACTIVITY     | REVISION TYPE | VERSION |                 |
| 0    | 5303NATSCI     | International Geography       | MODULE | Amend Module | Amendment     | 2023.01 | : 🌖             |
| 0    | 5306NATSCI     | Project Design and Management | MODULE | Amend Module | Amendment     | 2023.02 | $: \rightarrow$ |

You will then need to make amendments to the individual modules. Click on the right arrow to bring up the module proforma. Go to the section you wish to change and click on **Edit**. Make the necessary changes to the proforma. Press Save All

| Save All | Related Items | Comments | • |
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and Mark as Complete (as seen on pages 4-6).

| MARK AS COMPLETE |  |
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Now go to the proposal level by clicking on the breadcrumb (highlighted)

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|-------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Dashboard > | Proposal-33248 International Geography | > | 5303NATSCI International Geography |

You will see now that one of the two modules is marked as complete:

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| 0    | utline Summary | <b>→</b>                      |        |              |               |         |             |               |
| Acad | demic Items    |                               |        |              |               |         |             | +             |
|      | CODE           | TITLE                         | TYPE   | ACTIVITY     | REVISION TYPE | VERSION |             |               |
|      | 5303NATSCI     | International Geography       | MODULE | Amend Module | Amendment     | 2023.01 | *<br>*<br>* | $\rightarrow$ |
| 0    | 5306NATSCI     | Project Design and Management | MODULE | Amend Module | Amendment     | 2023.02 | 0<br>0<br>0 | $\rightarrow$ |

Now make the amendments to the other module and mark as complete.

You will then need to complete the Outline Summary with detailed information and rationale regarding the proposed changes for the relevant committee to consider. Please see p.15 of this guide for content requirements.

#### Programme changes

Where a change involves a programme – e.g. creating a new module and adding it to a programme – the proposal should start by amending the programme. Search for the programme in the academic items search box on the Courseloop dashboard (as seen on page 1).

AMEND A PROGRAMME

### **Enter Programme information**

| Activity *            |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Amend Programme       | ~ |
|                       |   |
| Amendment Type *      |   |
| Amendment             | ~ |
|                       |   |
| Implementation Year * |   |
| 2023                  | ~ |
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| Acad | lemic Iten    | าร                 |                   |                          |               |                 | ¢      |
| 0    | CODE<br>40773 | TITLE<br>Geography | TYPE<br>PROGRAMME | ACTIVITY Amend Programme | REVISION TYPE | VERSION 2023.01 | : >    |

In this example we will create a new module as part of the proposal.



CREATE A NEW ACADEMIC ITEM

### Choose an academic item type



We need to enter a module title and implementation year at this stage.

CREATE A NEW MODULE

### **Enter Module information**

|      | Module    | e Title *                 |  |                                      |                      |            |    |               |
|------|-----------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----|---------------|
|      | Enter     | iitle                     |  |                                      |                      |            |    |               |
|      |           |                           |  |                                      |                      |            |    |               |
|      | Implem    | entation Year *           |  |                                      |                      |            |    |               |
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| Acad | lemic Ite | ms                        |  |                                      |                      |            |    |               |
|      | CODE      | TITLE                     | ТҮРЕ   | ACTIVITY                             | <b>REVISION TYPE</b> | VERSION    | _( | +             |
| ~    |           |                           |  |                                      |                      |            |    |               |
| 0    | 40773     | Geography                 | PROGRAMME                                    | Amend Programme                      | Amendment            | 2023.01    |    | $\rightarrow$ |
| ~    |           |                           |  |                                      |                      |            |    |               |
| Ο    | New       | Applied Geography         | MODULE                                       | New                                  |                      | 2023.01    | *  | $\rightarrow$ |

You should complete the module proforma, including assigning a code e.g. GEOG0001, in the Module Code box. Module codes reflect the programme or subject area and the first number indicates the level of study- this is usually 3, 4, 5,6, 7 but in the example below is 0. For collaborative programmes the second number should always be a 5. New modules will require codes that have not been used previously and usually increase in a linear manner for example GEOG0002, GEOG0003. Collaborative codes in this example would be GEOG50001, GEOG50002 and so on.

If this module is to be used on another programme, then that programme should also be added to the proposal.

| Academic Items |       |                   |           |                 |                      |         |             | ~             |
|----------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
|                | CODE  | TITLE             | ТҮРЕ      | ACTIVITY        | <b>REVISION TYPE</b> | VERSION |             |               |
| 0              | 40773 | Geography         | PROGRAMME | Amend Programme | Amendment            | 2023.01 | 0<br>0      | $\rightarrow$ |
| 0              | New   | Applied Geography | MODULE    | New             |                      | 2023.01 | 0<br>0<br>0 | $\rightarrow$ |
| 0              | 30773 | Geography         | PROGRAMME | Amend Programme | Amendment            | 2023.01 | •           | $\rightarrow$ |

In this example the new module will be an additional option on both these programmes. For each programme go to the Structure section of the programme specification and click Edit. Click on the three dots on the module adjacent to where you want to insert the module – you will get the option to insert before or after.



Enter the code of the module you wish to add, and press Save. Mark the revised programme specifications as complete and then complete the Outline Summary.

#### Completing the Outline Summary

The Outline Summary needs to explain to the body making the decision exactly what you want to change and why.

All sections must be completed fully. See p 16 for outline summary requirements.

#### Submitting the proposal

Once you have completed the Outline Summary and marked it as complete, you will be able to



Submit to School

You must now raise an Endorsement task for your school director and ask them to submit to the next approval stage. In the below screen shot click the + to raise a task. And select endorsement as the below example. This will open the dialogue box to the right.

| oposal Tasks         |                              |   |
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| Approval             |                              |   |
| Approval             |                              |   |

This will then notify individual named in the assigned to box there is a task requiring there endorsement. Pleas provide the relevant detail to the individual so they are aware of the detail endorsement being sought, as in the example below.

| Create Endorsement   | ×     |
|--|-------|
| Title *  |       |
| Please endorse this change   |       |
| Priority *   |       |
| High 🗸   |       |
| Assigned to *  |       |
| Q Jason Kirby  |       |
| Description *  |       |
| Jason<br>Please endorse this change to level 5 option modules. Students are supportion<br>the proposal.<br>Thanks<br>Tim | ve of |
| Due by *   |       |
| <b>i</b> 16/05/2023  |       |
| Notes  |       |
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|  |       |
| Create   |       |

Once endorsed by the relevant individual, as required proposals can then be submitted to Faculty. There is separate guidance for School Directors.

### Additional Information: Outline Summary Completion

The outline summary is broken down into sections, in order to provide the relevant panel with all required information. **Rationale:** Brief description of

The proposed changes should be explained in detail, including what prompted the change, how the change addresses feedback...

All proposals should provide reassurance that the proposed change(s) how academic rigour will be maintained.

### **Proposed Start Date – First Cohort**

Please confirm the date the proposed change(s) will be implemented from.

### Impact and Consultation

Within this section, proposers should confirm when and how the Programme Leaders, for each programme affected by the proposed amendment(s), were consulted. Proposers must also confirm how the outputs of this consultation have informed the final proposal. If this isn't the case, a rationale must be provided as to why.

### Which Students will be affected and When?

Within this section, please confirm whether the proposed amendment(s) will apply to existing students only, prospective students only or both. Please also confirm when the change will be implemented.

### **Student Consultation and Communication**

Within this section proposers must confirm:

- a) When and how students were consulted with regard to the proposed amendment(s), and
- b) If the amendment is approved, how the change(s) will be communicated to all affected students (including if applicable prospective students).

If the nature of the proposed change(s) necessitates student consent (see <u>Guidance for Programme</u> <u>and Module Amendments</u>), proposers must confirm how and when student consent was sought. If required, confirmation that all affected students have consented to the change should be provided. A copy of the communication utilised to obtain student consent should be included as an attachment as part of the proposal. Please note, evidence that all affected students have consented to the proposed change(s) may be requested.

### **PSRB Consultation**

If applicable, within this section proposers must confirm when and how the relevant PSRB(s) was consulted with regard to the proposed amendment(s). Proposers must also provide an outline of the feedback provided by the PSRB(s).

Alternatively, if the relevant PSRB(s) has not been consulted a rationale must be provided.

If the programme does not have a PSRB please indicate this.

#### External Examiner

Within this section, proposers must confirm when and how the applicable External Examiner(s) was invited to comment upon the proposed amendment(s). If feedback was received, please briefly summarise.

| Section        | Guidance   | Example Response                            |
|----------------|--|---|
| Overview       |  |   |
| Proposal Title | Start with the School prefix and include the module code/name or programme name as applicable. | BES 6207NATSCI Current Topics<br>in Zoology |

#### **Outline Summary Completion**

| Brief<br>Description of<br>proposed<br>amendment(s) | Describe clearly what changes are<br>being requested. Ensure that all<br>changes made to the<br>corresponding module<br>proforma/programme specification<br>are included in this section.  | Change to assessment & delivery<br>hours with updates to aims,<br>syllabus, teaching team   |
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| Rationale for<br>proposed<br>amendment(s)           | Explain what has prompted the<br>change request and how it<br>addresses feedback if arising from<br>students and/or stakeholders'<br>input. Ensure that the rationale<br>addresses all the changes being<br>requested and evidenced in the<br>module proforma and/or<br>programme specification. | The new assessment (with<br>subsequent revisions to the<br>current LOs) will enable the<br>Zoology programme to meet the<br>LJMU Employability Strategy<br>requirement that there must be an<br>assessed work-based learning<br>experience as a core feature of<br>every undergraduate Programme<br>in the next 5 years. It will also<br>allow the programme to better<br>meet the criteria for our<br>Accreditation by the Royal Society<br>of Biology (RSB). At our recent<br>reaccreditation visit by the RSB<br>(Nov 2022), we outlined our<br>proposed intention for the new<br>assessment and it was very well<br>received, being cited as an<br>example of Good Practice in the<br>Stage 2 Report: "The introduction<br>of employer-led work-based<br>learning experiences".<br>For Zoology, 6207NATSCI is a<br>core, programme specific module<br>and we would like to introduce an<br>employer-led, onsite work-based<br>learning project assessment (50%<br>of module mark). Employers will<br>present projects for groups of 8-10<br>students to work on for a period of<br>about 6-7 weeks and offer the<br>opportunity for project<br>management. Groups will engage<br>with their employer three times<br>during the process, presenting a<br>summary of their findings at the<br>final session. The employer will<br>provide formative feedback and<br>the module team will mark a final<br>written report. About 2/3rds of the<br>Zoology students will be familiar<br>with this type of assessment as we<br>ran a similar assessment for<br>5225NATSCI Animal Health & |

|                       |                                     | Disease where students worked in group of 4-5 on a case study, with three tutorials and final Group |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
|                       |                                     | difference for the new  |
|                       |                                     | 6207NATSCI assessment is that   |
|                       |                                     | students will be working in larger  |
|                       |                                     | groups to allow for more  |
|                       |                                     | leadership, sub team roles and be   |
|                       |                                     | liaising directly with an external  |
|                       |                                     | employer so they can better   |
|                       |                                     | appreciate the application of the   |
|                       |                                     | addition to the overall group mark  |
|                       |                                     | for the written report there will be  |
|                       |                                     | marks for participation in the online   |
|                       |                                     | meetings, the individual  |
|                       |                                     | contribution to the Group report  |
|                       |                                     | other's performance in the  |
|                       |                                     | process.  |
|                       |                                     | The new assessment requires   |
|                       |                                     | replacement of LO1 to relate to the   |
|                       |                                     | new assessment and removal of   |
|                       |                                     | LO4. The loss in practical hours  |
|                       |                                     | (associated with previous   |
|                       |                                     | with lectures associated with the   |
|                       |                                     | second assessment and workshop  |
|                       |                                     | / online hours have been adjusted   |
|                       |                                     | to best fit the new version of the  |
| Proposed Start        | Please confirm the date the         | Module.   |
| Date – First          | proposed change(s) will be          | September 2025  |
| Cohort                | implemented from.                   |   |
| Link to               | •                                   |   |
| Planning              |                                     |   |
| Proposal form         |                                     |   |
| (where<br>applicable) |                                     |   |
| Ownership             |                                     | I   |
| Faculty               | Faculty owning the module or        | Science   |
|                       | programme, as applicable            |   |
| School                | School owning the module or         | Biological and Earth Sciences   |
| Proposor              | The Module Leader or Programme      |   |
| contact(s)            | Leader as applicable                |   |
| Impact and Con        | sultation                           |   |
| Which students        | Within this section, please confirm | Existing Level 5 students   |
| will be               | whether the proposed                | commencing Level 6 from 2023-   |
| affected?             | amendment(s) will apply to          | 24.   |
|                       | existing students only, prospective |   |
|                       | Students only OF DOUL.              |   |

| Student       | You must confirm.                   | All students on the Zoology           |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Consultation  | a) When and how students            | programme were provided with a        |
| and           | were consulted with regard          | full rationale and outline details of |
| Communication | to the proposed                     | how the assessment will be            |
|               | b) If the amendment is              | Canvas Zoology site In addition       |
|               | approved, how the                   | all the Zoology Student Reps were     |
|               | changes will be                     | emailed individually and asked for    |
|               | communicated to all                 | feedback by 30th Jan 2023. No         |
|               | affected students (including        | written feedback was received,        |
|               | If applicable prospective           | nowever three current level 6         |
|               |                                     | proposal in tutorials and all said    |
|               | If the nature of the proposed       | they understood the need for such     |
|               | change(s) necessitates student      | an assessment and felt it was a       |
|               | consent (see <u>Guidance for</u>    | positive move. The only concern       |
|               | Amendments) proposers must          | dealing with unknown external         |
|               | confirm how and when student        | employers. The students were          |
|               | consent was sought. If required,    | reassured that there would always     |
|               | confirmation that all affected      | be a member of the teaching team      |
|               | students have consented to the      | present in the meetings with          |
|               | copy of the communication utilised  | would be carried out by LJMU          |
|               | to obtain student consent should    | staff.                                |
|               | be included as an attachment as     |                                       |
|               | part of the proposal. Please note,  |                                       |
|               | have consented to the proposed      |                                       |
|               | change(s) may be requested.         |                                       |
| PSRB          | If applicable, within this section  | There is no requirement to consult    |
| Consultation  | proposers must confirm when and     | with the Royal Society of Biology     |
|               | how the relevant Professional,      | (RSB) prior to this sort of module    |
|               | Statutory & Regulatory Body         | change as they are reported in an     |
|               | (PSRB) was consulted with regard    | annual report. The RSB, nowever,      |
|               | Proposers must also provide an      | reaccreditation and we outlined       |
|               | outline of the feedback provided by | our proposed intention for the new    |
|               | the PSRB(s).                        | assessment. It was very well          |
|               | Alternatively, if the relevant      | of Good Practice in the Stage 2       |
|               | PSRB(s) has not been consulted a    | Report: "The introduction of          |
|               | rationale must be provided.         | employer-led work-based learning      |
|               | If the programme does not have a    | experiences".                         |
|               | PSRB please indicate this.          |                                       |
|               | Places sucid writing NI/A is this   |                                       |
|               | section as this will result in the  |                                       |
|               | panel asking for clarification.     |                                       |
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| External     | Within this section, proposers must | External Examiner (Nottingham         |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Examiner     | confirm when and how the            | Trent University) was contacted on    |
| Consultation | applicable External Examiner(s)     | 19th Jan 2023. His response is        |
|              | was invited to comment upon the     | below:                                |
|              | proposed amendment(s). If           |                                       |
|              | feedback was received, please       | "Many thanks for the opportunity to   |
|              | briefly summarise, and explain      | take a look at your course change     |
|              | how the team has dealt with the     | We are also going through a range     |
|              | feedback                            | of changes to embed more              |
|              |                                     | employer-focused content into our     |
|              |                                     | assossments. This seems like a        |
|              |                                     | assessments. This seems of your       |
|              |                                     | good idea to place some of your       |
|              |                                     | employer-based assessments in         |
|              |                                     | this module. The changes seem         |
|              |                                     | appropriate, and you have kept the    |
|              |                                     | LOs and the basic structure of the    |
|              |                                     | assessment loose to presumably        |
|              |                                     | allow you to use either a range of    |
|              |                                     | employers or give you the flexibility |
|              |                                     | to change should one dry-up. This     |
|              |                                     | is a good idea. This looks like a     |
|              |                                     | really exciting opportunity for the   |
|              |                                     | students, and Lam happy to            |
|              |                                     |                                       |
|              |                                     | approve this !                        |
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