

1.	<b>Title of Programme(s):</b> (incl. Award Type and Specify Embedded Exit Awards)	BA (Hons) in Heritage Studies BA in Heritage Studies Higher Certificate in Arts in Heritage Studies
2.	<b>NFQ Level(s)/</b> <b>No. ECTS:</b>	Levels 8, 7 and 6 240, 180, 120 ECTS
3.	<b>Duration:</b>	4, 3, 2 years
4.	<b>ISCED Code:</b>	0314
5.	<b>School / Centre:</b>	Galway International Hotel School
6.	<b>Department:</b>	Department of Heritage and Tourism
7.	<b>Type of Review:</b>	Differential Validation
8.	<b>Date of Review:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
9.	<b>Delivery Mode:</b>	Full-time
10.	<b>Panel Members:</b>	Dr Anna Leigh Margey, Acting Head of Department of Humanities, Dundalk Institute of Technology (Session Chair) Antaine Ó Faracháin, Lecturer, Technological University Dublin Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer, Galway County Council Caomhán Ó hÓgáin, Translator, European Council Carmel Brennan, Assistant Registrar (Quality) (Secretary)
11.	<b>Proposing Staff:</b>	Ms Cáit Noone Mr Diarmuid O’Conghaile Dr Mark McCarthy Dr John Tunney Mr Fergal O’Dowd Dr Suzanne O’Shea Mr Gary Dempsey Mr Cian Marnell Ms Patricia Mulkeen
12.	<b>Rationale for Changes:</b>	The minor amendment to the title, from ‘Heritage Studies’ to ‘Heritage’ aims to more clearly reflect the programme content and is in line with the terminology used by a number of universities in the United Kingdom who offer programmes of study in the field of heritage. The University of Hertfordshire, for example, runs a Professional Doctorate in Heritage (DHeritage), which ‘is aimed at professionals who work in, or desire to work in, the heritage field broadly defined’—a ‘dynamic and ever-changing sector crucial to

		<p>many economies and to local and national identities'. Secondly, the University of Stirling runs an MSc Heritage, which provides students 'with a ... critically informed, interdisciplinary education in heritage and its place in society, including its conservation and management'. Thirdly, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David runs a Heritage MA, which 'offers students an opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of heritage from the perspective of different disciplines, including archaeology and history... thus, providing valuable insights and an understanding of a sector that is gaining increased significance in today's world'.</p> <p>By retaining the word 'Heritage' in the title of the three undergraduate programmes at GMIT, they will still be playing to the Institute's strengths in the field of heritage. Over the course of more than a quarter of a century, GMIT's niche programmes in this field have attained local, regional, national, and international recognition from students and employers alike. The Institute has also led the way in research in this field in Ireland, as is evident from the track-record of the Heritage Research Group and its predecessors. The Programme Board are confident that 'Heritage' on its own will be sufficiently broad so as to appeal to students who desire a Technological University qualification that will be recognised globally for pursuing a career in the field of heritage and working in either the private or public sector.</p>
13.	<p><b>Overview of Changes:</b></p>	<p>Amendment of the titles of the suite of programmes to remove the word 'studies'.</p> <p>Existing titles:  BA (Hons) in Heritage Studies  BA in Heritage Studies  Higher Certificate in Arts in Heritage Studies</p> <p>Proposed titles:  BA (Hons) in Heritage  BA in Heritage  Higher Certificate in Arts in Heritage</p>
14.	<p><b>Resource Implications:</b></p>	<p>None.</p>
15.	<p><b>Findings and Recommendations:</b></p>	<p><b>General:</b></p> <p>The panel approve the proposed changes with the commendations listed below and subject to the following condition(s) and recommendation(s):</p> <p><b>Commendations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Programme Board were complimented on the documentation presented to the panel and there is strong evidence of the volume of work undertaken during the review process.</li> </ol>

		2. The panel noted the expertise and dedication of staff, their commitment to heritage, to the programme and their students. The panel acknowledge the work that the Programme Board are undertaking to develop and deliver this excellent programme.	
		Special conditions attaching to approval (if any):	
		None.	
		Recommendations of the panel in relation to award sought:	
		None.	
16.	FAO: Academic Council:	Approved:	X
		Approved subject to recommended changes:	
		Not approved at this time:	
	Signed:		
		Chair	Secretary