

Differential Validation

(Major Programme Changes – Type A)

Section A

Report of the Review Panel

Programme Reference Number:	M020
Faculty/School(s):	Business
Department(s):	Business & Accounting

Details of Programme(s) Reviewed

Programme Title:	Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Accounting
Programme Code:	GA_BACCG_H08
Embedded Awards:	
Date of Review:	Monday April 25 th

Review Panel

Panellist Role	Name	Organisation	Job Title
Chair	Michael Margey	ATU	HoS
External Expert	Dr Kathleen Regan	UL	Ass Professor
Academic/Head of Department	Dr Anne Burke	ATU	
Student Representative			
Academic Secretary	Dr Simon Stephens	ATU	AR
Recording Secretary			

Programme Board

The panel met the staff listed below during the review of the proposed modifications.

Seamus Lennon
Deirdre Lusby
Niamh Fennell
Michelle Burke
Richie Hoare
Shane Moran
Sharon Duignan

Summary of Proposed Modifications

Introduction of modules already approved on the BSc (Honours) in Digital Accounting and consequent removal of modules. Movement of modules between semesters.

The modules being replaced can be summarised as:

Appendix 4.1a Information Technology 1 – currently in semester 1

Appendix 4.1b Information Technology 2 – currently in semester 2

Appendix 4.1c Information Technology (ACCT) – renamed and now in semester 1

Appendix 4.2a Marketing for Accountants

Appendix 4.2b Cloud Computing Infrastructure and Services

Appendix 4.3a Introduction to Business Analytics

Rationale for Modifications

The reason for the proposed changes is to ensure that the maximum level of student flexibility and choice is provided to all accounting students on the Galway Campus. This proposed programme revision amends year 1 to provide 100% commonality with year 1 of the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Digital Accounting. This commonality in year 1 will allow students of both programmes a choice of two accounting programmes at the end of a successful year 1. Currently the only option for transfer available to students of the Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Accounting at the end of year 1 is to the Bachelor of Business (Honours), a general business degree. This increased flexibility and choice is more in line with the greater choice available to non-accounting students in the School of Business. This proposal will provide a direct access route for those students who find, in year 1, that they are better suited to a programme with more technology. The programme board believe this will significantly improve retention across the suite of accounting programmes and across the School in general thus providing increased opportunity for each student to succeed at University.

Findings

Overall Finding

Approved without changes	YES
Approved subject to condition(s) and/or recommendation(s)	
Rejected	

Reason for Overall Finding

Clear rationale for the design of a more student-centric first year experience.

Conditions

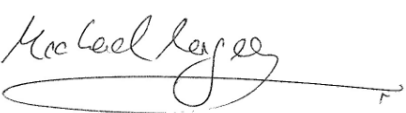
N/A

Recommendations

N/A

Report Approval

This report has been agreed by the evaluation panel and is signed on their behalf by the chairperson.

Signed:  Michael Margey Differential Validation Panel Chair	Date 25/03/2024
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