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Subject Benchmark Statements

Further guidance on the use of subject benchmark standards is included in the guidance notes that accompany the standard programme specification template (see guidance CG(vi)).

This document is updated in July of each year from information contained on the QAA website. The Subject Benchmark Statements can also be downloaded from the QAA website: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/benchmark/default.asp>

Foundation Degree Subject Benchmark Statements

The QAA has worked with the sector to produce a qualification benchmark for Foundation Degrees, which is not specific to any particular discipline but sets out a generic framework for Foundation Degrees that serves as a reference point for use in programme design, delivery and review. For more information see the QAA website <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews/foundationDegree/benchmark/FDQB.asp>

Honours Degree Subject Benchmark Statements

Subjects in **bold** are those which are offered at Kingston University

Accounting

Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, food and consumer sciences

Anthropology

Area studies

Archaeology

Architecture, architectural technology and landscape architecture

Art and design/ History of art, architecture and design

Arts therapy*

Audiology*

Biomedical science

Biosciences

Chemistry

Classics and ancient history (including Byzantine studies and Modern Greek)

Clinical psychology*

Clinical sciences*

Computing

Communication, media, film and cultural studies

Construction, property and surveying

Criminology

Dance, drama and performance arts

Dentistry

Dental care professions*

Dietetics*

Early childhood studies

Earth sciences, environmental sciences and environmental studies

Economics

Education studies

Engineering

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English

Finance

General business and management

Geography

Health Visiting*

Health studies

History

History of art, architecture and design/ Art and Design

Hospitality, leisure, sport and tourism

Housing studies

Landscape architecture

Languages and related studies

Law

Librarianship and information management

Linguistics

Materials

Mathematics, statistics and operational research (plus Annex for integrated degrees)

Medicine

Midwifery*

Music

Nursing*

Occupational therapy*

Operating department practice*

Optometry

Orthoptics*

Osteopathy

Paramedic science*

Philosophy

Physics, astronomy and astrophysics

Physiotherapy*

Podiatry*

Politics and international relations

Prosthetics and orthotics*

Psychology

Radiography*

Social policy and administration

Social work

Sociology

Speech and language therapy*

Theology and religious studies

Town and country planning

Veterinary science

Welsh

Cymraeg

Youth and community work

**listed under benchmarking academic and practitioner standards in health care subjects. <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/benchmark/health/default.asp>*

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Master's level Subject Benchmark Statements

Subjects in bold are those which are offered at Kingston University

Architecture

Business and Management

Chemistry

Computing

Dentistry

Engineering (MEng)

Mathematics, Statistics and Operational Research (MMath)

Medicine

Pharmacy (MPharm)

Physics

Veterinary Science

Master's degree characteristics

The QAA has developed this document response to a number of requests from practitioners in higher education. In developing it they worked closely with an external advisory group and took into account discussions held at two sector-wide events and comments received as part of a formal consultation in 2009. The new reference point is for advice and guidance purposes only; it does not form part of the Academic Infrastructure. For more information see the QAA website <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/academicinfrastructure/benchmark/masters/default.asp>