

## **PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD**

The principal responsibilities of the Academic Board are drawn from the University's [Instrument and Articles of Government](#).

In essence, the Academic Board is the senior academic committee of the University, with a range of responsibilities relating to the organisation of learning and teaching, research, scholarship, standards, students and programmes and advising the Vice-Chancellor on academic matters.

Subject to the provisions of the Instrument and Articles, to the overall responsibility of the Board of Governors and to the responsibilities of the Vice-Chancellor, the Academic Board shall be responsible for:

- policy issues relating to the research, scholarship, learning, teaching and programmes at the University, including criteria for the admission of students;
- the appointment and removal of internal and external examiners;
- policies and procedures for assessment and examination of the academic performance of students;
- the content of the curriculum;
- academic standards and the approval, monitoring and review of courses;
- the award of, and the procedures for the award of, qualifications and academic titles, including honorary awards;
- agreements with other validating and accrediting bodies, including professional institutions and other education providers;
- the overview of all collaborative provision entered into by the University;
- the procedures for the expulsion of students for academic reasons (such responsibilities shall be subject to the requirements of validating and accrediting bodies);
- considering the development of the academic activities of the University and the resources needed to support them, and for advising the Vice-Chancellor and Board of Governors thereon; and
- advising on such other matters as the Board of Governors or the Vice-Chancellor may refer to the Academic Board.

The Academic Board may establish and disestablish such committees as it considers necessary to enable it to carry out its responsibilities. The number and nature of members of any such committee, the method by which they are to be elected or appointed, and the terms of reference for the same shall be determined by the Academic Board.