

## The University of Bath

### The Code of Practice is:

- The key reference point that describes the academic processes and principles, roles and responsibilities through which the University develops and implements an effective and efficient quality management framework, assuring itself and external bodies of the quality and standards of its provision;
- One of the channels of communication via which good practice in learning and teaching is encouraged and disseminated.

### A major review is taking place between 2006-2008

The review process is based on the following principles:

- reflecting the distinctive academic culture of University where the aim is 'to offer high quality, flexible teaching in a research-based environment' (Learning and Teaching Strategy);
- improving clarity, usability and accessibility
- clarifying roles and responsibilities and equipping people to fulfil their roles
- being appropriately informed by student feedback
- articulating the pedagogical principles underpinning the University's quality framework
- Changes will be proposed after appropriate consultation

### As part of the review, QA statements will indicate:

- Elements drawn from University Regulations that are subject to the approval of Senate, compliance with which is **mandatory** Elements that have the status of a code of practice that are subject to the approval of the Quality Assurance Committee, and which **must be adhered to unless dispensation is received** from the committee
- Elements illustrating **good practice** that may be introduced by the Learning and Teaching Enhancement Office after consultation

### Rationale of approaches used during a review:

- Purpose: what are we trying to do?
- Reason: why are we doing it?
- Method: how are we going to do it?
- Optimisation: why is that the best way to do it?
- Effectiveness: how do we know that it works?
- Enhancement: how can we improve it?

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