



EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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	For completion by External Examiner:		
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Home Institution / Employer of External Examiner:	Aston University		
Programme and / or Subjects Covered by this Report:	German UG programmes <i>BA(Single & Jt Hons) in German Studies (Language, Literature, Translation, History)</i>		
Academic Year / Period Covered by this Report:	2013/14	Date of Report:	23/07/2014

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1. Programme Structure

The German programmes at Cardiff impress by their interesting choice of modules and the synergy they create for students. The curriculum builds on the learning outcomes of each preceding year and provides students with an excellent learning experience.

2. Academic Standards

Again, I have been impressed by the very high and rigorous standards of the Cardiff German programmes. Clearly, they succeed in attracting highly suitable students who seem to be benefitting from excellent student support and an inspiring academic environment.

3. The Assessment Process

No problems in this respect - assessment features a good balance of methods, the level of difficulty is always appropriate, marking appears throughout to be fair and transparent and there is no overload of assessment elements.

4. Year-on-Year Comments

The minor points that I raised were promptly and satisfactorily acted on.

5. Preparation / Induction Activity (for new External Examiners only)

N/A

6. Noteworthy Practice and Enhancement

All mechanisms worked satisfactorily, therefore no suggestions really.

7. Appointment Overview (for retiring External Examiners only)

Throughout my period as external examiner I was impressed by the very high standard of teaching, assessment and administration of the German programmes. I enjoyed working with my colleagues in German who always responded quickly to any query I had and demonstrated a very high standard of professional conduct in regards to the students. I very much regret that my cooperation with them now comes to an end and have no doubts that the German programmes will continue to thrive.

8. Annual Report Checklist

Please include appropriate comments within Sections 1-7 above for any answer of 'No'.

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
Programme/Course Information				
8.1	Did you receive sufficient information about the Programme and its contents, learning outcomes and assessments?	X		
8.2	Were you asked to comment on any changes to the assessment of the Programme?	X		
Draft Examination Question Papers				
8.3	Were you asked to approve all examination papers contributing to the final award?	X		
8.4	Were the nature, spread and level of the questions appropriate?	X		
8.5	Were suitable arrangements made to consider your comments?	X		
Marking Examination Scripts				
8.6	Did you receive a sufficient number of scripts to be able to assess whether the internal marking and classifications were appropriate and consistent?	X		
8.7	Was the general standard and consistency of marking appropriate?	X		
8.8	Were the scripts marked in such a way as to enable you to see the reasons for the award of given marks?	X		
8.9	Were you satisfied with the standard and consistency of marking applied by the internal examiners?	x		
8.10	In your judgement, did you have the opportunity to examine a sufficient cross-section of candidates' work contributing to the final assessment?	X		
Coursework and Practical Assessments				
8.11	Was the choice of subjects for coursework and / or practical assessments appropriate?	X		
8.12	Were you afforded access to an appropriate sample of coursework and / or practical assessments?	X		
8.13	Was the method and general standard of assessment appropriate?	X		
8.14	Is sufficient feedback provided to students on their assessed work?	X		
Clinical Examinations (if applicable)				
8.15	Were satisfactory arrangements made for the conduct of clinical assessments?			X
Sampling of Work				
8.16	Were you afforded sufficient time to consider samples of assessed work?	X		
Examining Board Meeting				

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
8.17	Were you able to attend the Examining Board meeting?			X
8.18	Was the Examining Board conducted properly, in accordance with established procedures and to your satisfaction?			X
8.19	Cardiff University recognises the productive contribution of External Examiners to the assessment process and, in particular, to the work of the Examining Board. Have you had adequate opportunities to discuss the Programme and any outstanding concerns with the Examining Board or its officers?			X
Joint Examining Board Meeting (if applicable)				
8.20	Did you attend a Composite Examining Board, i.e. one convened to consider the award of Joint Honours degrees?			X
8.21	If so, were you made aware of the procedures and conventions for the award of Joint Honours degrees?			X
8.22	Was the Composite Examining Board conducted according to its rules?			X

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