

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND

AdvanceHE	Supports strategic change and continuous improvement through individual and organisational development
AL	Associate Lecturer
APEL	Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning
APL	Accreditation of Prior Learning
AQC	Academic Quality Committee – a sub-Committee of the Learning and Teaching Committee
ARC	Audit & Risk Committee – a sub Committee of the University Court
Articulation	The process whereby students spend one or two years studying in FE College, then progress to 2 nd or 3 rd year to complete degrees. (See also Direct Entrants)
Athena SWAN	Charter advancing gender equality; representation, progression and success for all
Banner	Student Records System
BCI	School of Business & Creative Industries
Celcat	Room Bookings/Timetabling System
CEPS	School of Computing, Engineering & Physical Sciences
CoD	The University's Calendar of Dates
CoD	Change of Decision Form
Court	The University's governing body
CPOG	Collaborative Partnerships Operations Group
DAB	Degree Assessment Board
Direct Entrants	Students, usually from FE Colleges, who start in 2 nd or 3 rd year of their programme (see also Articulation)
ECS	Extenuating Circumstances Submission
EDI	Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity

Education Futures	Professional service to support innovative practice
EIA	Equality Impact Assessment
ESS	School of Education & Social Sciences
External Examiner	An academic or professional expert in the area of study who acts as a member of the Progression & Award Board or Subject panel or both.
FE	Further Education
FOI	Freedom of Information
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations
GPA	Grade Point Average
HEA	Higher Education Academy Fellowship – recognition of teaching practice and/or support of learning by AdvanceHE across 4 categories from Associate to Principal
HEAR	Higher Education Achievement Report
HE	Higher Education
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
HLS	School of Health & Life Sciences
HSS	Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee – a sub-Committee of the University Court
IEAM	Institutional Enhancement & Annual Monitoring
ILM	Institutional Liaison Meeting – Meeting is a follow up to Quality Enhancement and Standards Review (QESR).
ILO	Intended Learning Outcome
ILR	Institution-Led Review
ITDS	Information Technology and Digital Services
JPP	Joint Programme Panel
KPI	Key Performance Indicators

L&T	Learning and Teaching
LTC	Learning and Teaching Committee – a sub-Committee of the University Senate
MEQ	Module Experience Questionnaire
MyDay	Student Portal
NSS	National Student Survey
OfS	Office for Students
PG	Postgraduate, eg Masters
PgCAP	Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice – teaching qualification offered to all UWS lecturers, especially those new to teaching
PGR	Postgraduate Research, eg PhD, DBA, ProfDoc etc
PRG	Programme Approval and Review Group
PSED	Public Sector Equality Duty
PSRB	Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in the UK
QAA Scotland	Quality body for HE in Scotland ; runs the Enhancement Themes and other quality enhancement activities
QuEST	Quality Enhancement Support Team
RIC	Research and Innovation Committee
REF	Research Excellence Framework
Regulatory Framework	Covers all aspects of the provision of programmes of study including admissions, progression and assessment of students
RPL	Recognition of Prior Learning
RTU	Registered Teacher of the University
RuK	Students from “rest of UK”
SAB	School Assessment Board

sALTIRE	Academic Learning and Teaching Routes for Excellence (formerly known as the UWS Fellowship Scheme)
SBE	School Board of Examiners
SCQF	Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework – UWS use Levels 7 to 10 to refer to different levels of study – Level 7 = 1 st year and Level 10 = Honours year
SEAP	Self-Evaluation and Action Plan – new mechanism for institution led quality assurance and enhancement activities
SEC	Student Experience Committee – a sub-Committee of University Senate
Senate	The University's academic authority
SFC	Scottish Funding Council
SLE	Student Learning Experience
sparqs	Student Partnership in Quality Scotland – Supports greater engagement of students in the management of quality assurance and enhancement in Scotland's Colleges and Higher Education Institutions
SPA	Student Partnership Agreement – document outlining the principles, expectations and achievements of partnership between UWS Students Union and UWS/students and staff each year
SPF	Student Partnership Forum – a sub-Committee of the University Student Experience Committee
SSLG	Student/ Staff Liaison Group: Student-led forum for discussing programme specific learning and teaching issues
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
STEP	Scotland's Tertiary Quality Enhancement Programme – new sector wide theme for enhancement
SU	Students Union (known as UWS Union or Your Union)
T1/T2/T3	Term 1/Term 2/Term 3 – the University's academic year
TEF	Teaching Excellence Framework
Tertiary Education	Post 16 education, usually refers to Colleges and Universities
TQEF	Tertiary Quality Enhancement Framework – new quality assurance and enhancement framework for Scottish tertiary education

TQER	Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review – new external peer review method (replacing ELIR/QESR)
UCAS	Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
UEC	University Ethics Committee – a sub-Committee of the Senate
UG	Undergraduate
UKVI	UK Visas and Immigration
US	Universities Scotland
UUK	Universities UK
UWS Academy	Academic Development Unit
VCEG	Vice-Chancellor’s Executive Group
VLE	Virtual Learning Environment
WBL	Work-based Learning