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Course Specification

A. Course Information									
Final award title(s)	BSc Osteopat	hy top-up deg	Iree						
Intermediate exit award title(s)									
UCAS Code	TBC		Course Code(s)	5831					
Awarding Institution	London South	Bank University							
School	□ ASC □ A HSC □ LSS			ENG					
Division	HPSRC								
Course Director	NESCOT TBC	, ,							
Delivery site(s) for course(s)	□ Southwark □ Havering □ Croydon ⊠ Other: (Nescot remote)								
Mode(s) of delivery	□Full time specify)	⊠Part tim	e ⊡O	ther (please					
Length of course/start and finish dates									
	Mode	Length	Start -	Finish -					
		years	month	month					
	Part time	Sept	August						
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Is this course suitable for a Visa Sponsored Student?	□ Yes	×	No No						
Approval dates:	Course validat	tion date		April 2022					
	Course specifi signed off	cation last up	dated and	September 2023					
Professional, Statutory & Regulatory Body accreditation	N/A								
Link to Institute of Apprenticeship (IoA) Standard and Assessment Plan (Apprenticeship only)	N/A								
Reference points:	Internal	Acade Enhai Schoo	orate Strateg emic Quality ncement We ol Strategy Academic	Vebsite y					

	ExternalQAA The UK Quality Code for Higher Education 2018 Framework for Higher Education Qualifications FHEQ Outcome Classification Descriptions for Level 6 Subject Benchmark Statements OfS Guidance PSRBs SEEC Level Descriptors 2021 Competitions and Markets Authority Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education EQA Framework (Apprenticeships only)							
Distinctive factures	B. Course Aims and Features							
Distinctive features of course	Only remote Osteopathy BSc Top-Up degree available to European Osteopaths holding a diploma qualification.							
Course Aims	 The BSc (Hons) Osteopathy Top-Up degree aims to: Provide a critical insight into how evidence informed practice is applied in a clinical environment to enhance autonomy in practice. Facilitate students in accessing a broad range of information and resources that can be critically applied in context. Equip students with the necessary reflective, self-evaluative and critical thinking skills required to develop academically and to work as a safe, caring, ethical and effective practitioner. Enable students to take professional responsibility for their own learning and development by critically reflecting upon experiences. Promote and develop an understanding of relevant professional standards of practice, 							
Outcomes	 A) Students will have knowledge and understanding of: A1 – Demonstrating a critical understanding of the importance of evidence-based practice and its role within osteopathic practice A2 - Analysing and reflecting upon a diverse range of clinical experiences which develop an understanding of the key factors that underpin the safety of treatment of patients/clients A3 – Critical appraisal relating to interpretation of a range of information, which include clinical data, research, and surrounding concepts to evaluate strategies which promote evidence-based care for clients. A4 - The development of the knowledge and skills required for the appraisal of primary research and the undertaking of ethical research within a healthcare context. A5 - Discuss theories, concepts and evidence in the context of personal and professional development. 							

	B1- Classify and implement a range of contemporary models of exercise prescription and rehabilitation when assessing and managing a variety of musculoskeletal conditions.
	B2 - To critically apply appropriate clinical reasoning strategies in the
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	and management of commonly encountered musculoskeletal presentations.
	B3 - Apply practical and problem-solving skills in a variety of contexts relating to the care and treatment of an individual with a musculoskeletal presentation.
a	B4 - Critically appraise information from a wide range of sources in order to gain
	coherent in-depth understanding of pertinent theoretical principles and its application to practice.
C) Stu	udents will acquire and develop practical skills such that they are able to:
	C1 - Critically examine the professional relationship and dynamic required
relatin	g to professional standards when working with clients.
	C2 - Prepare and present practice-based case scenarios for discussion.
	C3 - Enhance personal learning and performance, including the development of study and research skills.
	C4 - Critically appraise a range of conceptual methodologies and integrate these into clinical practice.
Stude	ents will acquire and develop transferrable skills such that they are able to:
	D1 - Communicate and present information effectively and appropriately in oral, written and electronic format.
	D2 – Demonstrate self-awareness and the ability to develop as a critical reflective practitioner.
	D3 -Critically analyse the research evidence which underpins professional
	Practice.
	D4 – Operate safely and effectively as an autonomous practitioner nsatrting
demor	

C. Teaching and Learning Strategy

This course is a collaboration between LSBU, and their industry partner NESCOT. This course is focused upon the development of osteopaths who hold a diploma in Osteopathy to enable applicants to gain a Top-up degree. The

curriculum within this proposed Top-up degree have been developed to ensure that these standards of practice are embedded and mapped to provide quality assurance that learners are in-line with professional requirements.

The learning and teaching methods employed on the programme will provide students with a range of opportunities to develop the skills necessary to apply current evidence to a variety of clinical practices scenarios. Intellectual skills are developed in lectures, seminars/group discussion and through guided independent study plus self-managed learning.

Formal methods of teaching will include lectures, seminars, tutorials and workshops. These will be enhanced by access to the wider range of electronic resources and support facilities available within the College and from external expert speakers within the field of Osteopathy.

Students will be engaged in learning activities which will include the use of simulation, presentations, case studies, project work, problem-based scenarios, and workshops. All of these will build upon the practical experience of students and provide opportunities for critical self-reflection.

The assessment strategies of this course are varied to promote inclusivity and variety. They include formative and summative approaches which provide opportunities for students to gain feedback using, presentations, essays, case studies, data interpretation exercises and research skills.

Within the course curriculum opportunities are created for learners to gain graduate attributes such as critical thinking, research skills, reflective practice, evidence integration and develop interpersonal skills, to enhance clinical practice.

Distinctive features of the BSc (Hons) Top-up degree programme include:

Use of a range of teaching and learning approaches to develop further knowledge and expertise in the subject. Teaching methods include online synchronous and asynchronous hybrid learning which include:

- 1. Online synchronous and asynchronous lectures
- 2. Online seminars
- 3. Online workshops
- 4. Synchronous and asynchronous group work
- 5. Individual tutorials
- 6. Synchronous and asynchronous discussion forum
- 7. Media resources

Students will be provided with collaborative workspaces supported within the virtual learning environment which will enable students to feel part of an online learning community and have the support of tutors and their peers to collaborate and receive ongoing support. Opportunities are given to engage expert guest lecturers to promote the sharing of practical insights and experiences.

Online delivery supported by experienced tutors and Google Classroom VLE. This programme is to be delivered remotely. This allows learners the flexibility to undertake the necessary activities autonomously and at times suited

to their needs. Learners enrolled on this programme already hold professional qualifications and are already working, therefore the need for flexibility and adaptability is high. The teaching team are available to support via email and video conference, to suit the needs of the learners. Information and activities on the VLE are also provided to facilitate independent studies, as well as comprehensive module and assessment guides. NESCOT welcomes learners from a wide range of backgrounds, skills, experience, and abilities.

D. Assessment

Learners will be provided with module guides which will provide details of content, learning outcomes and modes of formative and summative assessments. Each individual assessment will have its own 'assignment brief' to provide learners with detailed instructions pertaining to all assessments, formative and summative. These briefs will include details of the assessment rational, mode, related learning outcomes and guidelines for successful completion. All learners will be instructed on the purpose of necessity for formative assessment. A variety of formative assessment modes will be used on this programme.

Of the three modules, two include two summative assessments and one has three. Of these seven assessments, four (57%) are coursework and three (43%) are exams. The coursework elements include a clinical portfolio, case study, reflective essay and a research proposal. The exams are viva presentations in traditional, video and poster format. The assessments will be spread throughout the academic period to avoid overload and allow sufficient time for feedback on formative assessments and draft work.

Module 1

Evidencing Professional Development for Osteopathic Practice

The Formative assessment is to develop and submit a portfolio plan detailing how the learner will be able to meet the required learning outcomes for the module. This directly supports the creation of the portfolio ensuring learners are outlining the key elements that are necessary within the portfolio. The **Summative assessment CW1** is to develop a professional development portfolio evidencing clinical audit, critical reflection and clinical application. The themes within the portfolio will be identified using the following framework: Demonstrating knowledge and skills, application new of knowledge, Consideration of real work application and impact, exploration of the validity and authenticity of the learning relating to the contemporary evidence. The **Pass mark at L6 40% 50% Weighting.** The portfolio will allow students to show clearly how they have mapped professional standards against their documented professional practice and academic learning experiences and how they have identified and reflected on areas that require further development. It will hold students in good stead for their ongoing continuing professional development.

EX1 is a 20-minute VIVA of a clinical case selected in practice which includes complex decision making surrounding the initiation or non-initiation of individual treatment and associated clinical guidelines with 10-minute for questions, **Pass mark at L6 40% Weighting 25%.** The viva allows students to demonstrate their communication, clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills.

Finally, **CW2** is a **2500-word** critical reflection which evidences and explores how the learner has gained and applied problem-solving skills within a clinical context relating to the care and treatment of an individual. The **Pass mark at L6 40% Weighting 25%**

Module 2

Exercise Rehabilitation and Therapy Management in an Osteopathy Context

The formative assessment is to present a clinical case from practice to the peer group which has a focus upon exercise, coaching and rehabilitation. Additionally, learners will engage with a 20-minute online examination which assesses an individual's knowledge surrounding the following areas: Taking a clinical history, clinical reasoning safe use of guidelines and Using decision aids when considering treatment options. The **Summative assessment:**

CW1 comprises of a 5000-word clinical case study submission which includes the following key themes: Consultation and history taking, clinical reasoning, evidenced based history taking and examination, using guidelines, scores and decision aids planning of treatment options and links to the evidence base and its impact upon developing learner's osteopathic practice **Pass mark at L6 40% 50% Weighting.** The clinical case report will allow students to do an in-depth analysis of interesting aspects of a clinical case, reflect on their clinical experiences and generate new hypotheses and observations. It teaches students how to share interesting clinical information with their peers.

EX1 is a 20-minute VIVA plus 10 minutes for questioning, of a clinical case selected in practice which is separate from the **CW1 submission**. This case should focus upon exercise therapy and rehabilitation within the scope of osteopathy practice. **Pass mark at L6 40% 50% Weighting.** The viva allows students to demonstrate their communication, clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills as well as their in-depth subject knowledge.

Module 3

Developing Research Skills within the Context of Osteopathic Practice

The Formative assessment is to develop and submit a research proposal outline brief and to undertake a 20-minute online examination for learners to assess their baseline knowledge of the fundamentals of the research process. The **Summative assessments include for CW1** a 5000-word research proposal outlining the following key themes: background Literature, aims of the research proposal, formulation of the research question, research design and methodology, data collection, ethical Considerations and application of the research proposal to inform osteopathy practice **Pass mark at L6 40%** 50% **Weighting.** The Research Proposal will develop students' ability to work systematically, present information in a concise and succinct manner and to critically justify their approach to a wider audience.

Additionally, **CW2** is a formal poster presentation of their research proposal which is in the format for Poster submission at conference **Pass mark at L6 40%** 50% **Weighting** The research poster will develop students' ability to communicate key concepts concisely and precisely and, in a manner, understandable to a diverse audience.

E. Academic Regulations

The University's Academic Regulations apply for this course: LSBU Academic Regulations

1.0 Compensation

The schools follows the university regulations apart from:

• Students/Apprentices will not be eligible for compensation in any module as a pass in all elements of assessment is required to demonstrate competence.

2.0 Third Attempts

An application for an exceptional third attempt at a single assessment in the final year of a preregistration health and social care course may only be considered by the examination board in accordance with both of the following eligibility criteria for a single module.

Eligibility criteria

- 1. Increase in mark between first attempt and second.
- 2. Second attempt mark to be within 5% of the pass mark.

This protocol does not apply to:

- 1. Post-registration courses
- 2. CPPD stand-alone modules
- 3. Apprenticeship courses

F. Entry Requirements

The minimum entry qualifications for the programme are:

- An approved Diploma in Osteopathy from the UK or EU deemed to be the equivalent of at least QAA FHEQ level 5 and 240 credits of which no more than 120 are at level 4 and no less than 120 are at level 5.
- Students for whom English is not their first language must have a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of 6 overall, with no element below 5.5 and achieved this no longer than 2 years prior to application.
- We will consider a range of alternative qualifications or experience that is equivalent to the typical offer. Applications from international students with equivalent qualifications are welcome and will be reviewed and screened

Academic IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) 6.0 (with no component below 5.5)								
		Overall score: 80						
TOEFL iBT		Reading: 18 Listening: 17 Writing: 17 Speaking: 20						
Pearson Test of English	Overall score: 52 (minimum score required in							
Academic (PTE Academic)	each skill area is 51)							
Cambridge English:	Overall score: 169							
FirstAdvanced	(with no score below 162)							

Proficiency	
LanguageCert SELT or International ESOL (IESOL) Exam	High Pass
 B2 Communicator C1 Expert C2 Mastery 	Minimum score required in each skill area is 33* (*For C2 Mastery, min score for Listening is 25)
	(TO CZ Mastery, min score for Listening is 23)
Trinity ISE Pass ISE II with 'Distinction' in a	I 4 components
GCSE / O-Level / IGCSE English Language (Edexcel/ C Grade C	ambridge Overseas exam boards)
A Level / AS Level English Language	
Grade C	
	ourse Structure(s)
Course overview All 120 credits within this Bsc top-up are at lev	vel 6
This would be combined with the credits achie Osteopathy [total of 360 credits]	eved from the Diploma in Osteopathy resulting in a BSc in
-120 credits at L4 Prior credit awarded externa -120 Credits at L5 Prior credit awarded externa	
-120 Credits at L6 BSc Top-up qualification	
The first cohort sequencing of this programme the	e course will run as s compressed delivery from April to October
2022. The following cohorts will revert to a standa	rd academic year starting in September of each year.
The course would fit in with the LSBU academic fi	amework and alignment to exam board schedules.

Osteopathy BSc Top-Up – Part time

The three Modules will span both semester 1 and 2 across the academic year

	Semester 1		Semester 2						
BSc Top-up Year	op-up Development for		Evidencing Professional Development for Osteopathic Practice						
			Exercise Rehabilitation and Therapy Management in an Osteopathy Context						
			Developing Research Skills within the Context of Osteopathic Practice						

Placement information

N/A

H. Course Modules

Provide information on:

- Core and optional modules

- The circumstances when optional modules may not run

- How and when students will be informed if optional modules are changed

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credit value	Assessment
ТВС	Evidencing Professional Development for Osteopathic Practice	6	1	40	Formative assessment: To develop and submit a portfolio plan detailing how the learner will be able to

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	meet the required learning outcomes for
	the module. Summative
	assessment: CW1: To develop a
	professional
	development portfolio evidencing clinical
	audit, critical reflection and clinical
	application. The themes within the
	portfolio will be
	identified using the following framework:
	Demonstrating
	knowledge and skills
	Application new of
	knowledge
	Consideration of real work application and
	impact
	Exploration of the
	validity and authenticity of the
	learning relating to the contemporary
	evidence
	Pass mark at L6
	40% 50% Weighting
	EX1: 20-minute VIVA
	of a clinical case selected in practice
	which includes
	complex decision making surrounding
	the initiation or non- initiation of individual
	treatment surrounding
	the applications of the clinical guideline with
	10-minute for questions
	Pass mark at L6
	40% Weighting 25%
	CW2: A 2500-word
	critical reflection which evidences and
	explores how the learner has gained
	and applied problem-
	solving skills within a

				clinical context relating to the care and treatment of an individual. Pass mark at L6 40% Weighting 25% All elements are required for successful completion of the module
TBC	Exercise Rehabilitatio n and Therapy Management in an Osteopathy Context	6	40	Formative assessment: -To present a clinical case from practice to the peer group which has a focus upon exercise, coaching and rehabilitation. -A 20-minute online examination which assesses an individual's knowledge surrounding the following areas: Taking a clinical history Clinical reasoning Safe use of guidelines Using decision aids when considering treatment options Summative assessment: CW1: A 5000-word clinical case study submission which includes the following key themes: Consultation and history taking Clinical reasoning Evidenced based history taking and examination Using guidelines, scores and decision aids Planning of treatment options

					Links to the evidence base and its impact upon developing learner's osteopathic practice A fully clinical History, examination findings and write up can be included as an appendix to support the main dialogue of the clinical case submission. Pass mark at L6 40% 50% Weighting EX1: A 20-minute VIVA plus 10 minutes for questioning, of a clinical case selected in practice which is separate from the CW1 submission. This case should focus upon exercise therapy and rehabilitation within the scope of osteopathy practice. Pass mark at L6 40% 50% Weighting All elements are required for successful completion of the module.
TBC	Developing Research Skills within the Context of Osteopathic Practice	6	2	40	Formative assessment: -To develop and submit a research proposal outline brief. -A 20-minute online examination for learners to assess their baseline knowledge of the fundamentals of the research process. Summative assessment: CW1: A 5000-word research proposal outlining the following key themes: Background Literature

			Aims of the research proposal
			Formulation of the research question
			Research design and methodology
			Data collection Ethical Considerations
			Application of the research proposal to inform osteopathy practice
			Pass mark at L6 40% 50% Weighting CW2: A formal poster presentation of their research proposal which is in the format for Poster submission at conference Pass mark at L6 40% 50% Weighting All elements are required for successful completion of the module
	L Timetat	le Information	
Studente will receive a full tim		n the first day of each module, a	all atudu dava ara availabla ta
the student when then apply		-	an study days are available to
	L Costs and	Financial Support	
Course related costs	J. CUSIS and		
Tuition fees/financial sup	oport/accommodation	and living costs	
		n be found by clicking on the	e following link -
	courses/undergraduate/ courses/postgraduate/fe		
- Information on living co	osts and accommodatio	n can be found by clicking th	
https://my.lsbu.ac.uk/n LSBU/#expenses	iy/portal/Student-Life-C	entre/International-Students/	<u>Starting-at-</u>

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Appendix A: Curriculum Map

This map provides a design aid to help course teams identify where course outcomes are being developed, taught and assessed within the course. It also provides a checklist for quality assurance purposes and may be used in validation, accreditation and external examining processes. Making the learning outcomes explicit will also help students to monitor their own learning and development as the course progresses.

Modules				Course Outcomes																
Level	Title	Code	A 1	A 2	A 3	A 4	A 5	A 6	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	D 1	D 2	D 3	D 4
6	Evidencing Professional Development for Osteopathic Practice	TBC	Х	Х	X	X				Х	X	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	X	Х
6	Exercise Rehabilitation and Therapy Management in an Osteopathy Context	TBC	Х	Х	X	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	Х	X
6	Developing Research Skills within the Context of Osteopathic Practice	TBC	Х		Х	Х	Х					Х			Х	Х	Х		Х	

The letters T for taught, D for developed and A for assessed should be added as appropriate to each Course Outcome.

Appendix B: Personal Development Planning (For Postgraduate Courses Only)

Personal Development Planning (PDP) is a structured process by which an individual reflects upon their own learning, performance and/or achievement and identifies ways in which they might improve themselves academically and more broadly. Course teams are asked to indicate where/how in the course/across the modules this process is supported.

Approach to PDP	Level 7
1 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through the personal tutor system.	
2 Supporting the development and recognition of skills in academic modules/modules.	
3 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through purpose designed modules/modules.	
4 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through research projects and dissertations work.	
5 Supporting the development and recognition of career management skills.	
6 Supporting the development and recognition of career management skills through work placements or work experience.	
7 Supporting the development of skills by recognising that they can be developed through extra curricula activities.	
8 Supporting the development of the skills and attitudes as a basis for continuing professional development.	
9 Other approaches to personal development planning.	
10 The means by which self- reflection, evaluation and planned development is supported e.g. electronic or paper-based learning log or diary.	

Appendix C: Terminology

(Please review the definitions and add those according to your own course and context to help prospective students who may not be familiar with terms used in higher education.)

Some examples are listed below:

accelerated degree	accelerated degrees (also known as two-year degrees) are full bachelor's degrees (undergraduate courses) you can complete in a condensed time period
awarding body	a UK higher education provider (typically a university) with the power to award higher education qualifications such as degrees
bursary	a financial award made to students to support their studies; sometimes used interchangeably with 'scholarship'
collaborative provision	a formal arrangement between a degree-awarding body and a partner organisation, allowing for the latter to provide higher education on behalf of the former
compulsory module	a module that students are required to take
contact hours	the time allocated to direct contact between a student and a member of staff through, for example, timetabled lectures, seminars and tutorials
coursework	student work that contributes towards the final result but is not assessed by written examination
current students	students enrolled on a course who have not yet completed their studies or been awarded their qualification
delivery organisation	an organisation that delivers learning opportunities on behalf of a degree-awarding body
distance-learning course	a course of study that does not involve face-to-face contact between students and tutors
extended degree	an extended degree provides a bridging route for students who don't meet the initial entry requirements for the undergraduate degree. The first year provides the necessary knowledge and skills before students begin the degree-level course.
extracurricular	activities undertaken by students outside their studies
feedback (on assessment)	advice to students following their completion of a piece of assessed or examined work
formative assessment	a type of assessment designed to help students learn more effectively, to progress in their studies and to prepare for summative assessment; formative assessment does not contribute to the final mark, grade or class of degree awarded to students
foundation	foundation year programmes are designed to develop skills and subject-specific knowledge to ensure a student can advance to a degree course. They may be offered as stand-alone one-year courses or integrated into degree programmes.

higher education	armoniantions that doliver higher advection
higher education provider	organisations that deliver higher education
independent learning	learning that occurs outside the classroom that might include preparation for scheduled sessions, follow-up work, wider reading or practice, completion of assessment tasks, or revision
integrated	an integrated Master's degree combines undergraduate and postgraduate study. In relation to Apprenticeships, integrated would usually mean that the End Point Assessment (EPA) is integrated with the academic award
intensity of study	the time taken to complete a part-time course compared to the equivalent full-time version: for example, half-time study would equate to 0.5 intensity of study
lecture	a presentation or talk on a particular topic; in general lectures involve larger groups of students than seminars and tutorials
learning zone	a flexible student space that supports independent and social earning
material information	information students need to make an informed decision, such as about what and where to study
mode of study	different ways of studying, such as full-time, part-time, e-learning or work-based learning
modular course	a course delivered using modules
module	a self-contained, formally structured unit of study, with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria; some providers use the word 'course' or 'course unit' to refer to individual modules
national teaching fellowship	a national award for individuals who have made an outstanding impact on student learning and the teaching profession
navigability (of websites)	the ease with which users can obtain the information they require from a website
optional module	a module or course unit that students choose to take
performance (examinations)	a type of examination used in performance- based subjects such as drama and music
pre-registration (HSC only)	a pre-registration course is designed for students who are not already registered with an independent regulator such as the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)
professional body	an organisation that oversees the activities of a particular profession and represents the interests of its members
prospective student	those applying or considering applying for any programme, at any level and employing any mode of study, with a higher education provider

regulated source	a course that is regulated by a regulatory body
regulated course	a course that is regulated by a regulatory body
regulatory body	an organisation recognised by government as being responsible for the regulation or approval of a particular range of issues and activities
scholarship	a type of bursary that recognises academic achievement and potential, and which is sometimes used interchangeably with 'bursary'
semester	either of the parts of an academic year that is divided into two for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into terms)
seminar	seminars generally involve smaller numbers than lectures and enable students to engage in discussion of a particular topic and/or to explore it in more detail than might be covered in a lecture
summative assessment	formal assessment of students' work, contributing to the final result
term	any of the parts of an academic year that is divided into three or more for purposes of teaching and assessment (in contrast to division into semesters)
top-up degree	A top-up degree is the final year (Level 6) of an undergraduate degree course. It allows students to top-up an existing qualification to a full BA, BSc or BEng.
total study time	the total time required to study a module, unit or course, including all class contact, independent learning, revision and assessment
tutorial	one-to-one or small group supervision, feedback or detailed discussion on a particular topic or project
work/study placement	a planned period of experience outside the institution (for example, in a workplace or at another higher education institution) to help students develop particular skills, knowledge or understanding as part of their course
workload	see 'total study time'
written examination	a question or set of questions relating to a particular area of study to which candidates write answers usually (but not always) under timed conditions