

DATABASE SCREEN SHOT:	GUIDANCE NOTES:
<p>2017-18 > Onwards</p> <p>RBM4001 (2017-18) Professional and Academic Skills</p> <p>Credits 20 Level HE4, UG Level 1 Type Standard Duration 1 Semester(s) Trimester 3? No ECTS 10 Marking Scheme Numeric mark scheme (i.e. mark of 0-100)</p> <p>Pass Mark 40%, none</p> <p>Delivery Type This Module requires you to attend particular classes or events at particular times and in particular locations.</p> <p>Pre-Requisites None Specified</p> <p>Co-Requisites None Specified</p> <p>Barred Combinations None Specified</p> <p>Module Outline This skills module is designed to help students develop their academic, professional and life skills, as well as set personal goals. It also introduces students to good customer service and effective complaints handling in a retail context Taught (T), Developed (D) and Assessed (A).</p>	<p>Module Codes: Module codes are generated by Student Data Management (Off-campus partners should contact the OfCD). You should not ask for a code to be generated until the programme/change has been given academic approval. The 3 letter prefix should be taken from the host programme name. The first number after the prefix indicates the level. Once a module code is generated, you will be able to populate its fields on the database.</p> <p>Module Type, Size and Duration: You can choose from the following module types on the drop down menu: <i>Standard, Dissertation, Fieldwork, Independent Study, Placement, Practical, Project, Work-Based Learning and Other</i>. ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) are equivalent to half the CAT credit value and are automatically calculated by the database. The duration of a module is usually one or two semesters. If opting for a two semester delivery of a standard module, a rationale and assessment plan is likely to be required at approval.</p> <p>Pre-Requisites, Co-requisites and Barred Combination: Pre-requisites and co-requisites should be used sparingly with justification provided at approval.</p> <p>Marking Scheme: Options on the dropdown menu are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numeric mark scheme i.e. mark of 0-100 - Grade mark scheme i.e. P, F, L or I grade - Combination of numeric marks and grades <p>If a numeric mark scheme is selected, then the pass mark needs to be specified. This is usually 40% for undergraduate modules and 50% for postgraduate modules. Some programmes and modules will deviate from the standard due to professional and/or practical requirements.</p> <p>Academic Year: Select the year in which the programme will start from the drop-down menu.</p> <p>Module Outline: It is recommended that this section is written after the <i>Learning Outcomes</i> have been finalised. The Module Outline will need to reflect what is specified in the <i>Module Contents</i> and module <i>Learning Outcomes</i>. Clear, student-friendly terminology is advised. Additionally for undergraduate programmes, you will need to indicate which Graduate Attributes will be focussed on in the module (up to 2 attributes for a 20 credit module, 3 attributes to for a 30 credit module etc.)</p>

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<p>Learning And Teaching Strategy</p> <p>Tutor led sessions will consolidate this information with a mix of standard lectures coupled with group work sessions. Certain independence in their study by completing additional research from recognised academic sources outside tutorials will allow for guidance and feedback on progression within the module. Blended learning utilising the online delivery materials, plus additional online activities.</p>	<p>Learning and Teaching Strategy: This section might include general text which is relevant to standard modules within a programme. E.g. <i>This module will be delivered through a combination of a number of learning and teaching methods including: lectures, seminars, workshops and tutorials. Delivery will be supported by online discussions and activities posted on the VLE. You will be expected to attend all scheduled sessions and prepare for these in advance by undertaking relevant research and background reading.</i></p> <p>A general statement will allow a module tutor to tailor-make deliveries, which can be outlined in more detail in the Module Guide. N.B. Such text will not exclude TIRI activities such as flipped classrooms, visits, guest speakers etc. However, if such learning opportunities are specified in the strategy statement, then these MUST be provided in every delivery of the module.</p> <p>In some cases, the learning and teaching strategy will need to be more specific because of the nature of the module – particularly in relation to project and work-based learning modules.</p> <p>Also refer to the University's Best Practice Guide to Curriculum Design and Delivery.</p>												

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<p>Summative Assessment Strategy</p> <p>The first summative assessment takes the form of a short written academic piece of work, for example, a report, an essay, or a seminar paper which customer service and complaints handling. The second summative assessment takes the form of an oral assessment in which students demonstrate their learning. The third summative assessment takes the form of a personal development plan in which students reflect on the development of academic, professional and personal goals.</p>	<p>The formative assessment strategy section might include general text which is relevant to standard modules within a programme, e.g. <i>Formative assessment is employed to support your learning on the module, allowing you to reflect on feedback on your progress from your tutors and peers. It takes a variety of forms including xxxx and does not contribute to the final module mark.</i> Such a statement will allow flexibility in formative assessment, which can be outlined in more detail in the Module Guide. In some cases, the formative assessment strategy will need to be more specific because of the nature of the module.</p>																				
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<p>Feedback to Students</p> <p>Formative and summative assessment feedback will be provided electronically, verbally in seminar and tutorial sessions and in writing on standard feedback additional written commentary where appropriate within the terms of the University's guidelines, which is a maximum of 15 working days.</p>	<p>Feedback to Students:</p> <p>Here standard text can be inserted:</p> <p><i>Formative and summative assessment feedback will be made available both verbally and in written form. Feedback will be provided within the terms of the University's guidelines.</i></p>