



Editing the Module Descriptor

This guide provides information for staff/faculty using the Curriculum Management System to edit module descriptors. Module Coordinator or School/College level access is required

Further information and support on how to use the Curriculum Management System is available on the Curriculum Team <u>website</u>



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Introduction

What is a Module Descriptor?

A module is a self-contained unit of teaching and learning, normally delivered over one trimester. Each module has a credit value. One credit equals approximately 25 hours (20-30 hours) of student effort.

Section 3.18 of the <u>Academic Regulations</u> outlines the required elements of the module descriptor. These elements are recorded and maintained on the <u>Curriculum Management System</u> (CMS).

Who can edit a Module Descriptor?

Module Coordinators have access to amend their own descriptors using the <u>My Modules</u> menu of the Curriculum Management System.

Staff and faculty with School or College-level access to the Curriculum Management System have access to make changes to descriptors from their 'home' School or Unit via the same menu.

The <u>Curriculum Management Access Roles</u> report on InfoHub displays details of individuals in your School/College who have the levels of access outlined above.

When can information be edited?

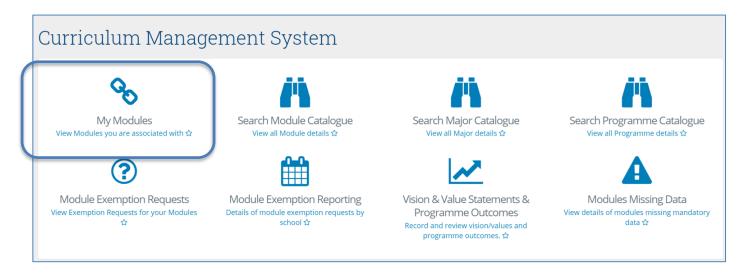
Modules should be reviewed and edited to ensure compliance with the <u>Academic Regulations</u> during the specified curriculum management timelines published on the <u>Curriculum website</u>.

Please note: changes to the module descriptor outside of curriculum management timelines or after delivery of a module has commenced will require approval as an <u>Exemption</u> on the basis of Exceptional Circumstances, as per the Academic Regulations.

Accessing the Module Descriptor

Modules are accessed via the My Modules menu on the Curriculum Management System:

- 1. Log into InfoHub and click on the Students menu
- 2. Select Curriculum, Module Capacity & Timetables, then Curriculum Management System
- 3. Click on the **My Modules** menu to view your modules (or all modules associated with your School/Unit if you have School/College-level access)



Select the correct Academic Year from the dropdown menu at the top of the page and click **View** to edit the module.



Module Status Explained

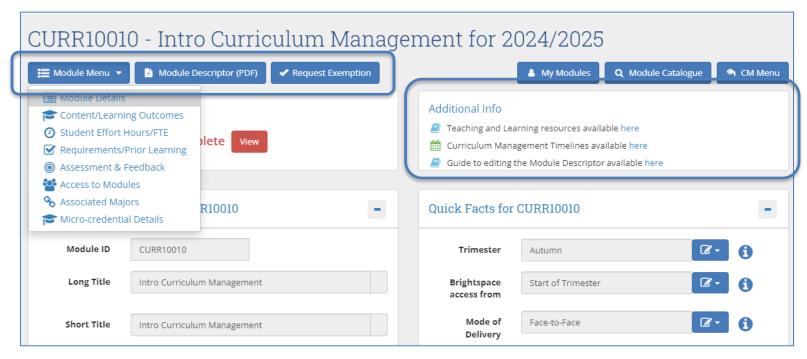
Modules visible on the <u>My Modules</u> menu will have a **Status** associated. The table below gives information on the different statuses and their significance.

Module Status	Definition	Editable?
Continuing Module	Details rolled forward from previous Academic Year. Some mandatory fields missing	Yes
Active	All mandatory elements completed OR module rolled forward with all mandatory fields complete	Yes
Inactive	Module has been marked as no longer on offer, or details have not been rolled forward from previous Academic Year	No. Contact your School Administrator for assistance Please note: Your School Administrator may need to contact your Curriculum College Liaison to reactivate modules made inactive in a previous Academic Year.*
Pending	New module; mandatory requirements not yet complete	Yes

^{*}Use the <u>Curriculum Management – School Module Summary</u> menu on InfoHub to view modules from previous Academic Years

Module Details

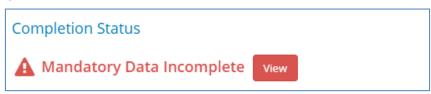
Clicking to View your module will bring you to the screen below:



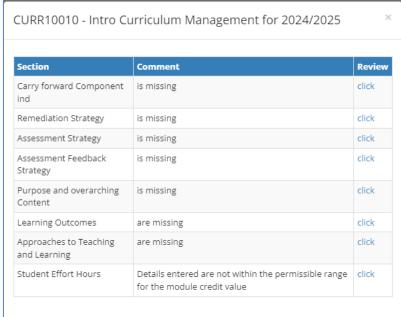
- The Module Menu dropdown is used to navigate through the different sections of the descriptor
- There are buttons to generate a PDF report of the module descriptor and to initiate an <u>exemption</u> request (after module delivery has commenced, or for changes outside of published curriculum management <u>timelines</u>)
- On the right-hand side there are links back to Curriculum Management System menu items and quick links to teaching and learning resources and curriculum management timelines

Mandatory Data

Section **3.18** of the <u>Academic Regulations</u> sets out the mandatory requirements for the module descriptor. If any of these elements are incomplete or inaccurate, they will display on the Module Details section as follows:



Clicking the red **View** button will generate a list of items to be addressed in order to complete your module descriptor:



Use the 'Click' link to view and edit incomplete or inaccurate sections of the descriptor.

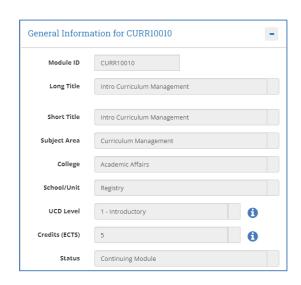
General Information / Quick Facts: Module Trimester

General Information

- Details in this section are fixed and based on information supplied when the module was first created
- The Long Title field can be edited while the module has a status of 'Pending'
- Contact your <u>Curriculum College Liaison</u> for assistance with minor title amendments that cannot be made on the Curriculum Management System

Quick Facts - Module Trimester

- Changes to the **Trimester** field are made on the <u>Update Module Details</u> menu of Module List Management by staff/faculty with School/College level access to the CMS
- If your module trimester requires amendment, please also notify your local timetabling representatives
- An explanation of trimester categories is available on page 10 of this guide





Trimesters Explained

Trimester	Description
Autumn	The module is offered in the Autumn Trimester only
Spring	The module is offered in the Spring Trimester only
Summer	The module is offered in the Summer Trimester only
Two Trimesters (Autumn – Spring)	The module spans the Autumn and Spring Trimesters continuously (September to May)
Year long (12 months)	The module spans a full 12 months (3 continuous trimesters from the student's intake term)
Two Trimesters (Spring-Summer)	The module spans the Spring and Summer Trimesters continuously (January to August)
Autumn & Spring	The module is offered at least once in Autumn and at least once in Spring
Autumn & Summer	The module is offered at least once in Autumn and at least once in Summer
Spring & Summer	The module is offered at least once in Spring and at least once in Summer
Autumn & Spring & Summer	The module is offered at least once in each of the three trimesters - Autumn, Spring and Summer

Quick Facts: Brightspace Set-up / Mode of Delivery

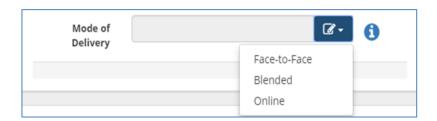
Brightspace Setup

- You can indicate if your module will be available on the Brightspace Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) using the dropdown menu in the Brightspace access available from field
- The default offering is 'Start of Trimester'
- Use the information button to generate details of the different Brightspace configuration options available
- Caution should be exercised when switching to or from any of the 'by CRN' options as it may lead to loss of data. Contact <u>UCD IT Services</u> for advice

VLE Setu	
Brightspace access from	Description
Start of Trimester	This is the default set up in Brightspace. This option creates a separate module offering for each trimester the module is offered in - e.g. if your module runs in Autumn and also in Spring, then in Brightspace you will have two module offerings as distinguished by the trimester in the title.
Start of Trimester (by CRN)	CRNs (Course Reference Numbers) are used to make up different elements of a module such as lectures, tutorials etc. This option creates a separate Brightspace module offering for each CRN. This option is not suitable if your module has only one CRN.
Start of Academic Year	This option creates a separate module offering for each trimester the module is offered in. This will be available to registered students on Brightspace from the start of the Academic Year.
Start of Academic Year (by CRN)	CRNs (Course Reference Number) are used to make up different elements of a module such as lectures, tutorials etc. This option creates a separate Brightspace module offering for each CRN available to registered students on Brightspace from the start of the Academic Year. This option is not suitable if your module has only one CRN.
Module not in Brightspace	No module offering will be created on Brightspace, the module will not be visible to staff or students.

Mode of Delivery

- The module Mode of Delivery should be classified as either:
 - o Face-to-face
 - o Online
 - Blended (a combination of the two)



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Credit Split by Trimester/Additional Characteristics / Micro-credential Flag

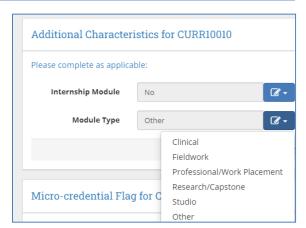
Credit Split by Trimester

- Modules that span multiple trimesters require credits to be allocated to each trimester in which the module will be delivered
- Information recorded in this section is used to accurately calculate student workload per trimester

Additional Characteristics

- Internship modules should be flagged in the appropriate field
- The Module Type field can be used to apply a categorisation to your module
- Modules designated Clinical, Fieldwork, or Professional/Work Placement will have different timings for the remediation of fail grades

Credit Split by Trimester Save credit split Module Credits | Autumn Allocation | Spring Allocation | 10 | 5 | 5



Micro-credential Flag

 Modules available as micro-credentials should be indicated in this field. This will ensure that additional information can be recorded on the Microcredentials Details tab



Reading List / Module Places

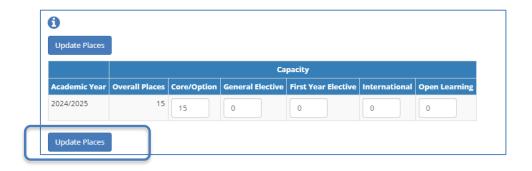
Reading List

- Modules that have a **Reading List** can be denoted in this section using the checkbox. This alerts UCD Library that reading materials are required for the module
- Use the **Update** button to list required reading materials (where these are known)
- Requests for reading materials can be raised using the UCD Library Book Ordering Form link



Module Places

- This section allows individual categories of module places be edited
- To amend Core/Option, General Elective, International, First Year Elective or Open Learning places, type new values in the relevant fields. For information on the different categories, click the f button
- Use Update Places to save your changes.
 Overall Places will calculate automatically based on details entered in the other fields



Content / Learning Outcomes

- Navigate to the Content/Learning Outcomes section via the Module Menu dropdown located in the top left of the page
- The Purpose and Overarching Content, Learning Outcomes and Approaches to Teaching are mandatory for all modules
- In each case, use the Add/Update buttons to enter new information or edit existing details

- The description of the module is referred to as Purpose and Overarching Content
- The Learning Outcomes section indicates what students should be able to do on completion of the module
- The Indicative Module Content section is not mandatory but may be required by some Schools/Units to support study abroad activities in consultation with partner Universities
- Approaches to Teaching and Learning include active/task-based learning; peer and group work; lectures; critical writing etc

■ Module Details
 Content/Learning Outcomes
 ② Student Effort Hours/FTE
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Purpose and Overarching Content for CURR10010

Learning Outcomes for CURR10010

Indicative Module Content for CURR10010

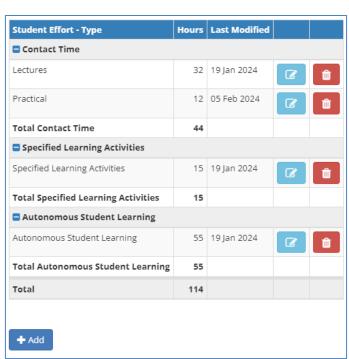
Approaches to Teaching and Learning for CURR10010

Student Effort Hours / FTE

Student Effort Hours

Student Effort Hours indicate the time and effort expected of a student enrolled to the module. This is linked to the credit value of the module (1 ECTS = 20-30 hours student effort). Student Effort Hours are made up of the following elements:

- Contact Time: all scheduled learning activities where
 the lecturer/teacher is present. A range of deliveries is
 available for more information see the 1 button on
 the module descriptor. Note: if a particular contact
 time is to be timetabled, it must be recorded on the
 module in this section
- Specified Learning Activities: prescribed tasks that students are expected to complete 'out-of-class' and without the lecturer/teacher being present, e.g. projects, online activities (i.e. blogs, quizzes, online group discussion without a teacher present), some forms of practical work, and preparation for and time for assessment
- Autonomous Student Learning: independent study essential to achieving a full understanding of the specified learning outcomes for the module



FTE Breakdown

- **FTE** (Full Time Equivalent) information is entered when teaching on a module is shared between two or more Schools/Units. The shared percentage between Schools/Units must total 100%
- If there is no shared teaching, do not complete this section

Requirements / Prior Learning

Prior Learning

The **Prior Learning** section is used to record advisory text about module learning:

- Recommendations
- Requirements
- Exclusions

Information entered here is published to students but <u>will not</u> systematically control or restrict registration to the module during online module registration.

Requirement	Details	Last Modified	
Learning Exclusions	Students with any prior knowledge in this subject are not eligible to take this module	08 Feb 2024	Û
Learning Recommendations	Interest in learning about curriculum management	08 Feb 2024	Û
Learning Requirements	Involvement in module delivery	08 Feb 2024	Î

Module Requisites

The **Requisites** section is used to record details of:

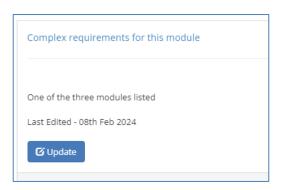
- Pre-requisites: modules that a student must have passed previously
- Co-requisites: modules that a student must have taken or be taking
- Required modules: modules that a student must have attempted (but not necessarily passed) previously

Registration to the module will be restricted by the conditions set out in the requisites section.

And/Or	Required Module	Туре	Last Modified	
	CURR10020 - CMS Module II	Pre-requisite	08 Feb 2024	Û
And	CURR10030 - CMS Module I	Required	08 Feb 2024	Û
And	CURR10040 - CMS Module III	Co-requisite	08 Feb 2024	Û

Requirements / Prior Learning (contd)

- If there is more than one requisite module, 'and' will automatically display in the And/Or column
- If students are required to complete only some requisite modules e.g. 'either/or' combinations of modules, the details must be recorded in the Complex Requisite Request section. Requisites will be configured by the Curriculum Team based on these instructions



Incompatible and Equivalent Modules

- The **Incompatibles** section is used to record modules whose material is so similar that students cannot earn credit for both modules
- Entering an incompatible module in this section will create a corresponding record on the other module descriptor
- If your module is a direct replacement for another, the previous module code should be recorded in the **Equivalent Modules** section
- Both the Incompatible and Equivalent module sections will restrict student access to modules during registration

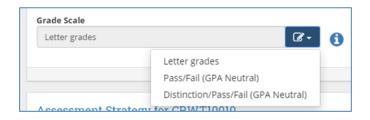
The application of requisites and incompatibles to a module must be on an exceptional basis, on pedagogical grounds, and be of an appropriate number. Requisites must not be used to manage enrolment or otherwise exclude students from taking a module (section 3.28 of the Academic Regulations)

Assessment & Feedback: Grade Scale and Component Carry Forward

Grade Scale

There are three grade scale options for a module:

- Letter grades
- Pass/Fail (GPA Neutral)
- Distinction/Pass/Fail (GPA Neutral)



Carry Forward of passed Components

- This field indicates to students whether passed components from an initial attempt at a module can be carried forward to a repeat attempt
- If 'Yes' is selected, passed components must be manually entered in Grade Entry / Brightspace as part of grading of the repeat attempt



Assessment & Feedback: Assessment Strategies

Assessment Strategy

- The assessment strategy of the module outlines how students will be assessed. Details recorded in this section will appear on the Grade Entry system and are published to students on the <u>Current Students</u> Course Search
- All modules require at least one assessment component (type to be selected from a predefined list), and the total weighting of all components must equal 100%
- For 2024/25, a new suite of assessment types and timings has been developed on foot of a consultation with the University Teaching & Learning community. As part of the implementation of this change, UPB mandated that all existing module assessment strategies should be removed so that Module Coordinators can engage with the updated details
- · See overleaf for further detail on information gathered in this section

Assessment Type	Description	Schedule Details	% of Final Grade	Component Scale	Must- Pass	In-module Component Repeat Offered	Last Modified	Edit	Remove
Portfolio	New text	Week 4, Week 6, Week 11	50.00	Graded	Yes	Yes	06 Feb 2024	Z	Û
Exam (In-person)	New text	Location:Exam Centre Duration:1 hr(s)	50.00	Graded	Yes	Yes	06 Feb 2024		
Total			100.00						

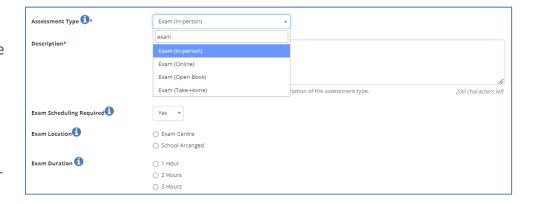
Assessment & Feedback: Assessment Strategies (contd)

Exam Components

- In-person, Online and Open Book components will require Module Coordinators to indicate the nature of scheduling required
- A selection of 'Yes' means the assessment will be included in the University's end of trimester timetable in weeks 14 and 15 of the relevant trimester
- An exam location must also be specified, either Exam Centre (such as the RDS), School Arranged, (locally determined in an on-campus venue), or Remote (applies to online exams only)
- Exam duration must also be indicated. Threehour exams require Governing Board approval where this duration is necessary for accreditation purposes. In all other cases, three-hour exams require approval from UPB (regulation 4.11)

Non-exam Components

- Module Coordinators will be required to indicate the week(s) in which the assessment takes place
- If a component is assessed across multiple weeks in the trimester, all potential weeks should be included

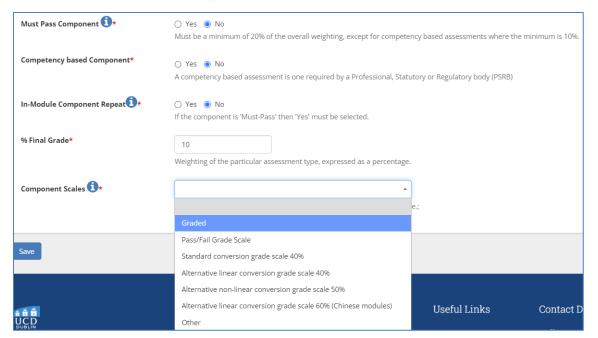




Assessment & Feedback: Assessment Strategies (contd)

The remaining fields on the Assessment Strategy section are common to all assessment types:

- **Must-Pass Components:** must be a minimum of 20% of the overall weighting, except for competency-based assessments where the minimum is 10%
- In-Module Component Repeat: an in-module repeat opportunity of the component may be offered ahead of the SMEC, see section 4.23 of the <u>Academic Regulations</u> for more information. Such an opportunity is mandatory for modules with must-pass components
- Component Scale: there are seven component scale options available. Further details are available on the UCD Assessment website or by clicking on the 1 button.



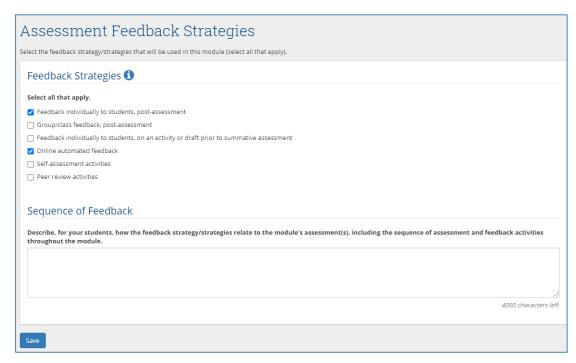
Assessment Feedback Strategy / Exam Concurrencies

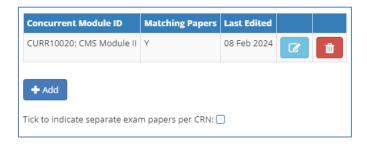
Assessment Feedback Strategy

- At least one feedback strategy must be selected per module, together with an indication of when feedback will be given
- Academic Regulations (section 4.30) specify that feedback must be given no later than 20 working days after the deadline for submission of each piece of assessed work
- A full explanation of available feedback strategies can be viewed by clicking on the 1 button

Exam Concurrencies

 This section records operational information about modules with assessments that must be timetabled at the same time, and whether separate papers are required for separate CRNs



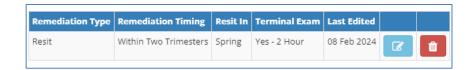


Assessment & Feedback: Remediation

- There are three remediation strategies: In-Module Resit, Resit and Repeat
- · The available remediation options depend on the trimester and duration of the module
- A resit will not be presented as a remediation option for modules that span more than one trimester continuously or are delivered in multiple trimesters. Similarly, a repeat will not appear as a remediation option for a module offered within a single trimester

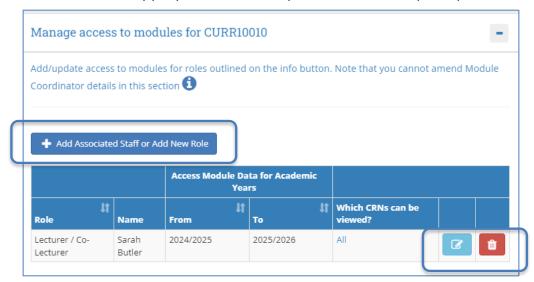
Remediation Type	Description
In-module resit	An in-module resit assessment is offered to students with a provisional failing grade. This must be communicated to students and the in-module resit assessment must take place before the relevant Programme Exam Board. The timing must be made clear to students and the arrangements managed locally
Resit	An opportunity for students to demonstrate that they have achieved the major learning outcomes of the module. Reattendance is not required. The Module Coordinator must decide the trimester in which the resit will take place from the two options offered. A resit is not permitted if an in-module resit is offered or if a repeat is available within two trimesters
Repeat	Students re attend the module in full. The module must be available to reattend within two subsequent trimesters, unless it's a clinical, fieldwork, or professional/work placement where the repeat must be offered within three trimesters

 If a formally timetabled end of trimester examination is required for a resit, 'Yes' and the appropriate duration should be entered in the Terminal Exam field.



Access to Modules

- All faculty involved in the teaching of a module must be recorded on the module descriptor (see section 3.18 (d) <u>Academic Regulations</u>)
- This section links <u>Module Access Management</u> menu on InfoHub. Use the **Add Associated Staff or Add New Role** button, and the edit/delete icons to grant access to colleagues associated with module delivery or management. An explanation of roles and the level of access associated with each is summarised on the FAQ page
- Use the End Academic Year field to manage access to module details. It is the responsibility of the relevant Module Coordinator to ensure that details of Associated Staff are reviewed regularly so that access to module information is appropriate and compliant with GDPR principles

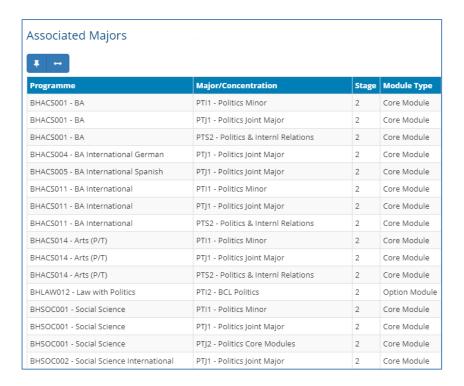


• Changes to Module Coordinator can be made by staff/faculty with School/College-level <u>access</u> to the CMS on the <u>Module List Management</u> menu.

Associated Majors

This section is for information purposes only and indicates the Programmes, Majors and Stages where the module is currently used, and whether it is a core or option.

Note: Only September intake majors will be displayed here. Please contact your <u>Curriculum College Liaison</u> for advice on modules linked to January and May-intake majors.



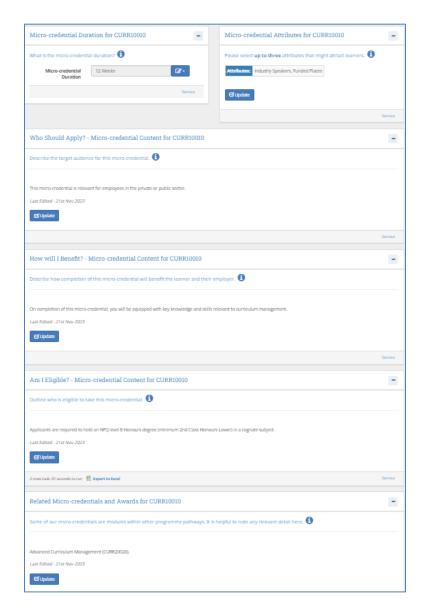
Micro-credential Details

This section is used to record additional information for modules that are available as micro-credentials

Note: Modules can only be offered as micro-credentials when authorised by a Head of School and approved through relevant processes. See www.ucd.ie/microcredentials or contact microcredentials@ucd.ie for further information and advice

The following additional information should be recorded:

- Duration: select the micro-credential duration in weeks, typically 12 for a module delivered within a trimester
- Attributes: select up to three attributes from the list provided
- Who Should Apply: a description of the target audience for the micro-credential
- How Will I Benefit: a description of how the microcredential will benefit the learner and their employer
- Am I Eligible: an outline of the entry requirements for the micro-credential. If the micro-credential forms part of a major, these requirements must match the eligibility criteria of the major
- Related Micro-credentials & Awards: if the microcredential is part of a UCD award details can be recorded in this field



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Useful Links and Reporting

- Support and Training: contact your Curriculum@ucd.ie
- Module Descriptor Edit Timelines 2024/25
- · Curriculum Management guides and checklists
- Academic Regulations 2024/25
- UCD Assessment
- Current Students Course Search
- InfoHub Reporting: see below / Curriculum Management Reports Checklist

I want to:	InfoHub Report
Check CMS access for staff and faculty in my School	Curriculum Management Access Roles
See modules in my School for current and previous Academic Years	Curriculum Management - School Module Summary
Do a wildcard search of entire module catalogue for current or previous Academic Years across all Schools/Units	Curriculum Management - School Module Summary – Keyword Search
View details of modules missing mandatory data or with anomalies to be addressed	
View details of all modules for which I am currently the Module Coordinator and who else has access	Manage My Modules – Who has Access?
View core and option modules on a major/stage	Structures by Major
Review inactive modules on stages, majors/stages with no associated modules, option rules with no associated modules	<u>Majors Missing Data</u>



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