



Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) is an independent body which monitors and advises on standards and quality within UK higher education, <http://www.qaa.ac.uk>. QAA is dedicated to checking that the three million students working towards a UK qualification get the higher education experience they are entitled to expect.

QAA holds membership of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) <http://www.enqa.eu/> and of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) <http://www.inqaahe.org/>.

All UK universities undergo Higher Education Review by the QAA to ensure they meet the expectations of all providers of UK higher education as specified in the UK Quality Code for Higher Education, <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/assuring-standards-and-quality/the-quality-code>.

The University of Bedfordshire has primary responsibility for academic standards and quality but QAA makes judgements as to whether or not its academic standards and quality meet UK expectations. The University reviews its activity to ensure full alignment with the UK Quality Code, <http://www.beds.ac.uk/about-us/our-university/quality/qaa>.

The University of Bedfordshire was subject to QAA Higher Education Review in June 2015. The following judgements were made about the higher education provision at the University of Bedfordshire.

- The setting and maintenance of the academic standards of awards **meets** UK expectations.
- The quality of student learning opportunities **meets** UK expectations
- The quality of the information about learning opportunities **meets** UK expectations
- The enhancement of student learning opportunities is **commended**.

The full report is available at www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews-and-reports

University of Bedfordshire awarded Quality Mark for higher education

The high quality and standards of higher education provision at the University of Bedfordshire have been recognised by the award of the Quality Mark by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA). <http://www.beds.ac.uk/search/course-finder>

In its report published in August 2015, the QAA commended the University of Bedfordshire for its enhancement of student learning opportunities – the highest rating possible – and identified eight areas of good practice. <http://www.beds.ac.uk/news/2015/august/university-of-bedfordshire-awarded-quality-mark-for-higher-education>