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8. Establishment of New Master's Programs

Overview

Details the quality assurance framework that regulates the establishment of new Graduate Programs.

Scope

Applies to all Colleges and Departments of the UAEU.

Objective

The University has identified key elements that ensure consistency, standards and currency of its academic programs, and their effective administration. These elements constitute a quality assurance framework that prescribes the minimum requirements of proposals for new academic programs and the processes through which they are approved.

Policy

- The establishment of a new academic program is conditional on production of evidence that:
 - there is sufficient need (internal and external) and available resources to render it viable and of high quality;
 - it is consistent with the University's Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan;
 - it conforms to academic standards recognized within the UAE and the international academic community;
 - it emphasizes the development of competencies in research and scholarship appropriate to the field and the level of the program;
 - it demonstrates that graduate courses are sufficiently rigorous, and distinctly more challenging than undergraduate courses in the same discipline; and
 - it conforms to the requirements of the UAE Qualifications Framework and follows the descriptive criteria associated with the appropriate level of the Framework.
- The establishment of a new academic program will follow the steps and must obtain the approvals that are set out in the Procedures relating to this Policy. Any subsequent modifications of the academic program must ensure that the program continues to satisfy the conditions specified in Policy (1) above.