

# Learning Outcomes – the good, the bad and the muggley

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Learning  
Outcomes (LOs)  
– the brief

Rumours

LOs alignment

Challenges and  
Tensions

LOs – who uses  
them?

# Learning Outcomes – the brief

- Modules
  - 5, 7.5, 10, 25, 30 ETCs
- All modules **MUST** have a module spec(ification)
- Module info
  - Description
  - Pre- co-requisites
  - Continuous assessment vs exam weighting
  - Indicative content
  - **Learning Outcomes**
  - **Assessment**
  - Readings



## **Learning Outcomes**

- Careful thought
- Correct level
- Correct verbs
- Careful alignment

Programme Design

The diagram consists of six blue rounded rectangular boxes on a light yellow background. The boxes are arranged in three rows. The top row contains 'Programme Design'. The middle row contains 'Check alignment', 'Learning Outcomes', and 'Module Design'. The bottom row contains 'Learning Outcomes' and 'Module Description'. The 'Learning Outcomes' box in the middle row is white with blue text, while all other boxes are blue with white text.

Check alignment

Learning Outcomes

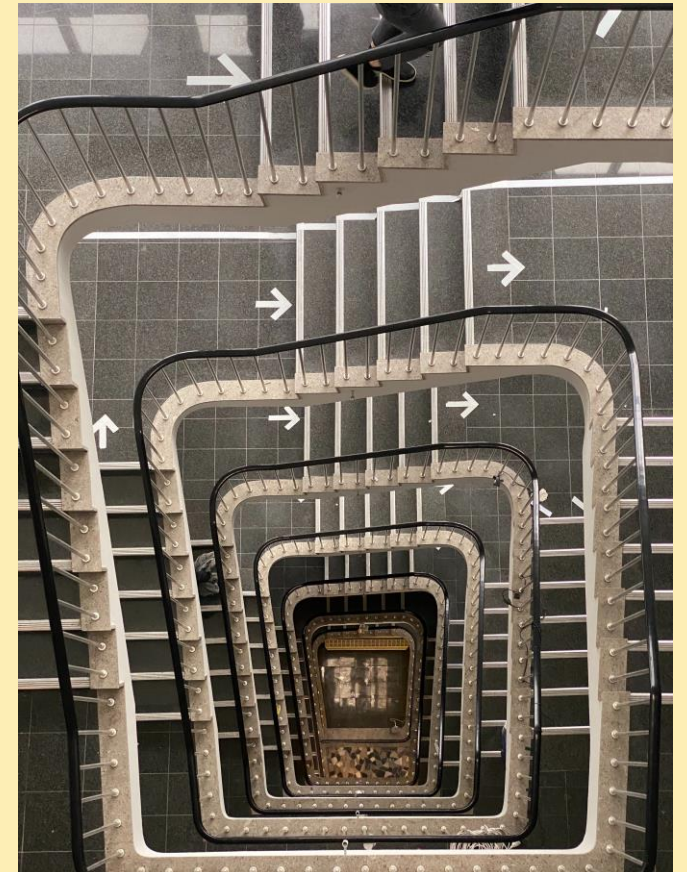
Module Design

Learning Outcomes

Module Description

# Learning Outcomes - Alignment

- Programme
- Teaching and Learning
- Assessment
- Other modules



Skill at writing

Discipline  
differences

Mission drift

Challenges  
and  
Tensions

Module  
differences

Keep up to  
date

Difference  
across years

How many?

# Case Study

Assessment

LO updates

Identify TS

Transversal  
Skills (TS)

Embedding

Define

Programme TS





Who



them?



uses

# Rumours

Academics

Students

Industry



Alignment

Maintenance

...

# Reflections

- **Good**

- Clarity to module
- Plenty of advice available
- Increasing scrutiny

- **Bad**

- Oversight
- 'Variations'
- Changes

- **Muggley**

- Humans
- Priorities
- Perfection?

THANK YOU

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