

Getting your views heard

Periodic Reviews

■ What is a Periodic Review?

A 'periodic review' is when a department reviews its courses to ensure they continue to provide students with a high-quality learning experience. Courses are reviewed every year through the Annual Review of Courses, but every five years a much more intensive review is undertaken.

■ How can you be involved?

The University is keen to capture your views on your course and the facilities for learning and support that are available to you. We value your opinion and experiences, and are keen to ensure that you're able to take an active role in developing and improving the learning opportunities available to you and your fellow students.

■ Students are involved in two ways at a Periodic Review:

1. As a **Panel Member** you're part of the core panel that reviews the provision. You'll have the chance to contribute to panel discussions, and ultimately contribute to the outcomes of the Review. You'll attend all the panel meetings and will usually be a current student or have recently graduated from the course. Student panel members are paid £60.00 for participation in these events.
2. As part of a **Group of students meeting the Panel** you'll be asked to share your experiences and feedback in a scheduled meeting with the Review Panel as part of the event.

■ Why get involved?

Being involved in a Periodic Review allows you to help make improvements for yourself and your fellow students. It also helps things that are going really well to be shared across the University. You'll have your views listened to and taken seriously, and have a real input into decisions that will affect your course.

You will meet new people, gain new skills and therefore enhance your CV. It's an opportunity to put your communication, teamwork, time management, negotiation, and meeting skills into action.

If you've been approached to be involved in a Periodic Review by your Department, and would like further information about Periodic Reviews and student representation at Essex, please contact [Quality and Academic Development](#).

Please contact Quality and Academic Development via quad@essex.ac.uk to find out what events are being held this academic year and how you could get involved.

