

Guidance 5(iv) Collaborative Programmes Comparison Table

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The following table shows the University's standard collaborative programme types detailing the division of responsibility.
Hybrid arrangements may be negotiated on a case by case basis.

PROGRAMME ELEMENTS	FRANCHISED	JOINT	VALIDATED COLLABORATIVE
Summary	A MDX programme and qualification which is designed, assessed and quality assured by MDX but delivered at and by a Partner Institution. The Partner receives the funding if available.	A MDX programme and qualification, jointly designed, delivered & assessed by MDX and a Partner, and quality assured by MDX. If specified in the MoC, MDX receives funding. Research Programmes: The research components are assessed solely by MDX. The programmes are quality assured by MDX.	A programme developed, delivered and assessed by a Partner, and quality assured by MDX. The qualification is awarded by MDX. The Partner receives the funding if available.
Overall responsibility for quality assurance	MDX	MDX (may also be in conjunction with another HEI if they have their own awarding powers)	MDX
Programme design	MDX	Division of responsibility to be negotiated and agreed	Partner
Student membership of Middlesex University	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teaching	Partner	Division of responsibility to be negotiated and agreed	Partner
Validation	MDX	MDX	MDX
FUNDING			
Data Returns (private institution only)	As per MoC	MDX	Partner
Widening Access	Partner if registered with OfS. If not registered, principles should be in line with MDX Access and Participation Plan.	Partner if registered with OfS. If not registered principles should be in line with MDX Access and Participation Plan.	Partner if registered with OfS. If not registered principles should be in line with MDX Access and Participation Plan.
Financial arrangements	Fee arrangements as outlined in the Financial Agreement	Fee arrangements as outlined in the Financial Agreement	Fee arrangements as outlined in the Financial Agreement
Responsibility for invoicing and collection of tuition fees	Normally Partner	MDX or Partner - will be stated in Financial Agreement	Partner
ADMISSION/ ENROLMENT/ REGISTRATION			
Admissions regulations	MDX	MDX	MDX and Partner
Applications receipt	Partner	Division of responsibility to be negotiated and agreed	Partner
Student selection	Partner	Division of responsibility to be negotiated and agreed	Partner
Student enrolled with	MDX	MDX	Partner
Registration for qualification	MDX	MDX	MDX
Visa sponsor (for international students who require student visa)	Partner	MDX: where majority of study takes place on MDX UK campus (To note: the partner institution must hold a Student Sponsor Licence with Student Sponsor status too in this scenario); Partner: where study is partly or wholly on partner's study site	Partner
REGULATIONS			
Academic and other regulations	MDX If Partner's procedures are used to implement aspects of the University's regulations, these must be approved by MDX.	MDX If Partner's procedures are used to implement aspects of the University's regulations, these must be approved by MDX.	MDX (unless exceptionally agreed by MDX) If Partner's procedures are used to implement aspects of the University's regulations, these must be approved by MDX.
Extenuating Circumstances	MDX	MDX	MDX regulations (unless exceptionally agreed by MDX). However, Partner's procedure (approved by MDX) is used to implement regulation.
Academic misconduct	MDX	MDX	MDX regulations (unless exceptionally agreed by MDX). However, Partner's procedure (approved by MDX) is used to implement regulation.
Appeals	MDX	MDX	MDX regulations However, Partner's procedure (approved by MDX) need to be exhausted first before referring to MDX for final outcome.
Complaints	MDX once Partner's procedures exhausted	MDX once Partner's procedures exhausted (unless specified otherwise in Partnership Contract)	MDX once Partner's procedures exhausted
Students with disabilities i.e. responsibility for compliance with relevant legislation. Note: On Distance Education programmes either in UK or overseas, this responsibility is incumbent on the Partner	Partner (overseas partners are expected to comply with local legislation and spirit of UK Equality Act)	Each institution will be responsible for the teaching they deliver, as agreed at validation	Partner (overseas partners are expected to comply with local legislation and spirit of UK Equality Act)

Diploma supplement (DS) provision Note: Dual Awards: where a Dual Award has been authorised (i.e. the granting of separate awards by both MDX and a partner for a single programme of study), any DS issued to students will refer to the existence of the other award.	MDX	MDX	Partner (using MDX template)
ASSESSMENT			
Exams set by	MDX	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner
Coursework set by	MDX	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner
Exams marked by	MDX	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner
Coursework marked by	Partner	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner
Exams moderated by	MDX	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner
Coursework moderated by	MDX	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner
Exam and Coursework Reviewed by external examiner	As per MDX regulations	As per MDX regulations	As per MDX regulations (unless exceptionally agreed by MDX)
Ethical Approval of Student Assessments	MDX (or Partner if arrangements are approved by MDX)	MDX (or Partner if arrangements are approved by MDX)	Partner
Assessment boards	MDX	MDX	Partner
Attendance and provision of Chair	Chair: MDX ULT (or academic nominee) must attend and include the involvement of the ILT.	Chair: MDX ULT (or academic nominee) must attend and include the involvement of the ILT. Postgraduate Research Board/Progression, Support and Awards sub-committee/ Assessment Panels: ULT (or academic nominee) must attend and ILT must normally attend (may be by video or teleconferencing).	Chair: MDX - Appropriate Deputy Dean or nominee (may include senior staff of the University or Institution after 3 years of delivery). Subject and Progression Boards: ILT (or nominee) must attend and include involvement of the ULT. Finalist: ILT (or academic nominee) and ULT (or nominee) must attend (may be by video or teleconferencing).
Module results on MyMDX	Yes	Yes	No
Assessment/progression decisions on MyMDX?	Yes	Yes	Yes (Finalist award only, but MyMDX is not accessible to Partner or Students)
QUALITY ENHANCEMENT			
Programme/qualification ownership	MDX	MDX	MDX
Programme day-to-day operation	Partner	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner
Intellectual property of the programme	MDX	Rights belong to the institution that generated the materials. Any content jointly created - equally shared	Partner
Module coding required to be in MDX format?	Yes	Yes	No
Teaching	Partner (may include MDX teaching staff as appropriate)	Division of responsibility to be negotiated, agreed and set out in programme validation	Partner (sole responsibility)
Faculty quality committee and/or other University committee(s) approval required (for e.g. new sites, new programmes, review of programmes etc.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Validation and review approval	MDX	MDX	MDX
Minor Amendments to programmes	Approved by MDX at Faculty level	Approved by MDX at Faculty level	Approved by MDX at Faculty level
External Examiner appointment	MDX	MDX (can be nominated by Partner or MDX)	MDX (nominated by Partner)
External Examiner reports	EE sends report direct to MDX, copy is sent by MDX to partner	EE sends report direct to MDX, copy is sent by MDX to partner	EE sends report direct to MDX, copy is sent by MDX to partner
Response to External Examiner from Programme Team	MDX drafts response in consultation with franchised partner and sends to EE	From partner direct to EE (copying in MDX)	From partner direct to EE (copying in MDX)
Collaborative Research Only: Development & Supervision	Not applicable	MDX (if applicable)	Partner
Programme Monitoring	Educational Monitoring and Enhancement Reports (EMER)	Educational Monitoring and Enhancement Reports (EMER)	Educational Monitoring and Enhancement Reports (EMER)
Student feedback forms	MDX (or equivalent process if approved by MDX)	MDX (or equivalent process if approved by MDX)	Equivalent process to MDX
Programme Voice Group's convener	Partner	Normally Partner	Partner
Promotional and publicity material	Approved by MDX	Approved by MDX	Approved by MDX
Programme handbook (template provided by MDX)	Normally MDX, with input from partner	Normally Partner, with MDX input	Partner
Publication of programme specifications	MDX	Partner (May be published by MDX also)	Partner must ensure public availability
FACILITIES AND RESOURCES, & STUDENT ENTITLEMENTS			
Library provision responsibility	Partner (in addition to access to MDX and where publisher licences allow for online resources)	Partner (in addition to access to MDX and where publisher licences allow for online resources)	Partner (MDX if specifically negotiated)
Automatic access to MDX's physical Library in Hendon (when on campus) and online library collections (except where the publisher has specifically refused access)	Yes	Yes	No access (unless exceptionally negotiated)

Receive MDX ID cards	By special arrangement Partners' ID cards may contain approved wording to indicate MDX collaboration	Yes - if attending an MDX campus or otherwise by special arrangement. Partners' ID cards may contain approved wording to indicate MDX collaboration	No – but partners' ID cards may contain approved wording to indicate MDX collaboration
Receives MDX e-mail account	Yes	Yes	No
Student welfare provision responsibility	Partner	Partner (in addition to access to MDX)	Partner
Automatic access to MDX student support services	No (unless negotiated)	Online Materials - Yes; Physical Access: UK - Yes, Overseas No.	No
Access to MDX Disability and Dyslexia Support Service	By Arrangement	UK Yes; Overseas No	No
Access to dyslexia diagnostic assessment service	No	No	No
Automatic access to MDX Learning Enhancement (LE) Note: LE includes Academic Writing & Language (AWL) and Maths, Stats & Numeracy Support (MSNS)	No (unless negotiated). However online support resources are available via MyMDX.	Yes	No (unless exceptionally negotiated at additional cost)
MDXSU member	Full member (with voting rights & discounts) if attending an MDX London campus. Otherwise no.	Full member (with voting rights & discounts) if attending an MDX London campus. Otherwise no.	No
Attend MDX graduation ceremony Whilst students are entitled to attend MDX Graduation Ceremonies, a number of validated and franchised programmes have their own institutional graduation ceremonies at which the University is represented.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eligible to join alumni association	Yes	Yes	Yes
Student access to MyMDX/ My Learning Note: My Learning is a student portal providing access to learning materials via MyMDX; includes Turnitin.	Yes – individual student account	Yes – individual student account	No
Partner staff access to MyMDX/ My Learning	Yes	Yes	No
Access to MDX Sports (Fees may apply)	Yes – UK only	Yes – UK only	Yes – UK only
Student access to MDX accommodation	Yes – subject to fulfilment of all criteria and availability (UK only)	Yes – subject to fulfilment of all criteria and availability (UK only)	No
Receives student financial support monies from Student Loan Company	Partner or MDX (only if programme is BIS designated and included on SLC HEI database by partner)	MDX (if programme is publicly-funded by OfS via MDX and included on SLC HEI database by MDX)	Partner (only if programme is BIS designated and included on SLC HEI database by partner)
OTHER			
Visits required by MDX staff (normally the link tutor)	The University Link Tutor will visit your institution during the year, either in person or virtually, usually the visit is aligned to the Programme Voice Group (or equivalent)	The University Link Tutor will visit your institution during the year, either in person or virtually, usually the visit is aligned to the Programme Voice Group (or equivalent)	The University Link Tutor will visit your institution during the year, either in person or virtually, usually the visit is aligned to the Programme Voice Group (or equivalent) and/or assessment boards as detailed above.
Staffing appointments	Partner with oversight from MDX	MDX for delivery taught by University. For all other delivery, Partner with oversight from MDX	Partner with oversight from MDX
Staff development	Partner with Support from MDX	Partner with Support from MDX	Partner with Support from MDX