PATH School Administrator's Handbook

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2 Introduction

This document will be a guide to all the operations a School Administrator on Path has access to.

3 Roles within the Schools

3.1 School administrator

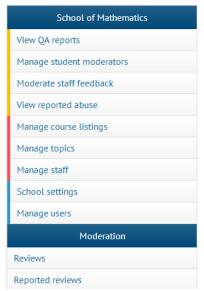


Figure 1: Administrator options for this role

The school administrator is the main administrator account within a school. They have the most power of all the available accounts, and are responsible for maintaining Path's information within the school.

3.2 Academic administrator

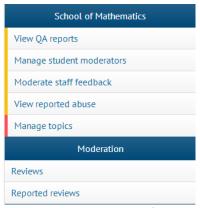


Figure 2: Administrator options for this role

The academic administrator role is designed for an academic member of staff and has a focus more on the feedback side of operations. They can also manage topics within listings on the service, as these require some knowledge of the subject areas.

3.3 QA Reader



Figure 3: Administrator options for this role

QA readers can only access the QA reports function.

3.4 Course staff



Figure 4: Administrator options for this role

Course staff can (if enabled) administer their own courses, including:

- 1. Editing additional content on their courses
- 2. Tagging their courses with topics
- 3. Adding related links to their courses
- 4. Adding follow-on / follow-up courses
- 5. Viewing QA reports of their courses (including all student feedback)
- 6. Responding to student feedback (you said we did equivalent functionality)

Any course staff member assigned to a course (automatically from EUCLID or manually added within Path) will inherit this role, but the option must be enabled within the school to give them access to their courses.

3.5 Moderators



Figure 5: Administrator options for this role

Student moderators perform all their moderation through the admin panel.

3.6 User views

It is worth noting that the front end service has varying views depending on the user.

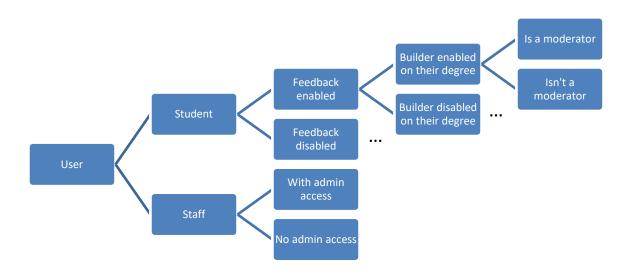


Figure 6: Diagram illustrating the types of display based on users. '...' indicates to copy the above tree branches.

3.6.1 Staff & EASE friends

These accounts have a fairly consistent view across the board, with only a few minor variants relating to having access to the admin panel.

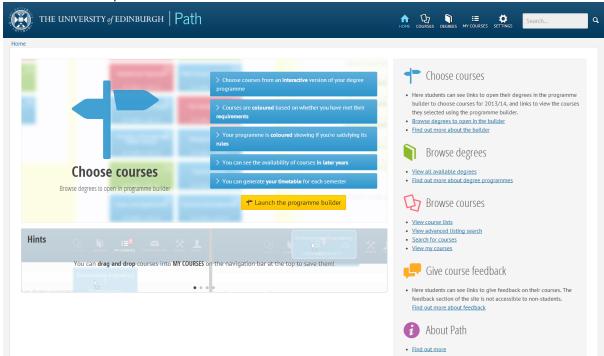


Figure 7: Standard view of the application for a member of staff or EASE friend



Figure 8: A school administrator / academic administrator / QA reader / course staff member gets an additional 'Admin' option on the menu bar



Figure 9: Users assigned as course staff get "Edit my course" buttons on the course pages.

3.6.2 Student

3.6.2.1 Feedback enabled

An individual student has 'feedback enabled' if they have taken *any courses* within schools that have feedback enabled. So a student in a School that does not engage in Path will see the feedback sections of the site if, for example, they had taken a Mathematics course. They can only leave feedback on courses within schools that have it enabled however.



Figure 10: The additional 'feedback' nav bar option appears to these students.

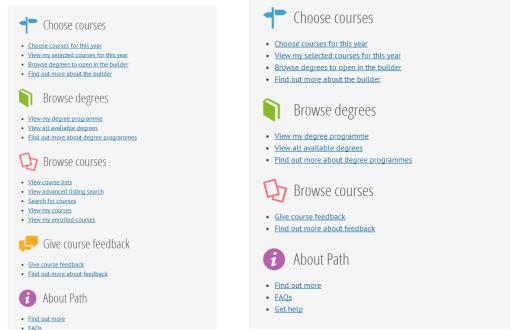


Figure 11: Left is a section of the homepage for a student with feedback enabled. Right is one without it enabled.

3.6.2.2 Builder enabled on their degree

Home page

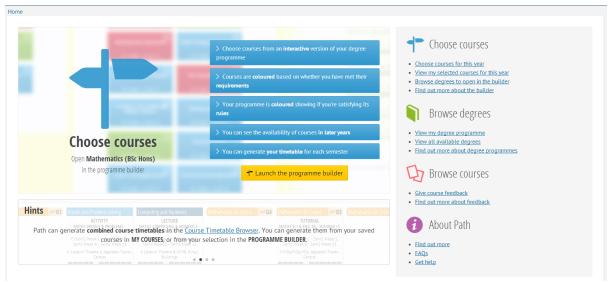


Figure 12: Homepage for a student with the builder enabled. The builder links immediately open their degree in their current year in the builder.

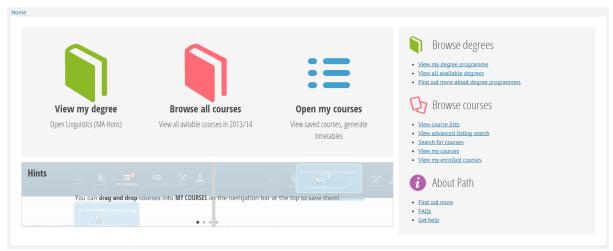


Figure 13: Homepage for students without the builder enabled on their degree.

Degrees page

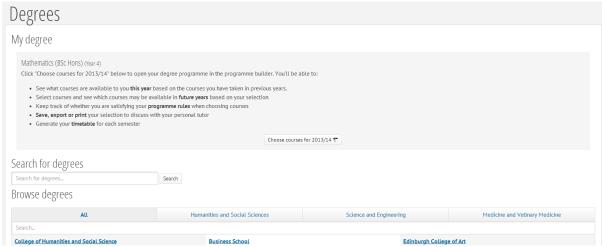


Figure 14: Student with the builder enabled on their degree programme.

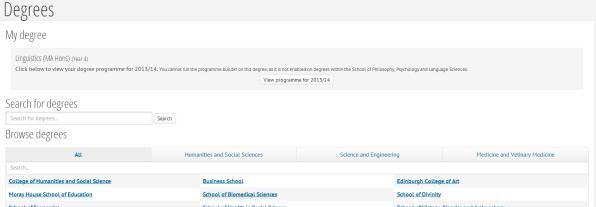


Figure 15: Student with the builder not enabled on their degree programme.

Worth noting is that in the event that the system cannot find a degree for the student, the 'View my degree' option is replaced with 'Browse all degrees' on the homepage, and the 'My Degree' section on the Degrees page does not appear.

3.6.2.3 Moderator access



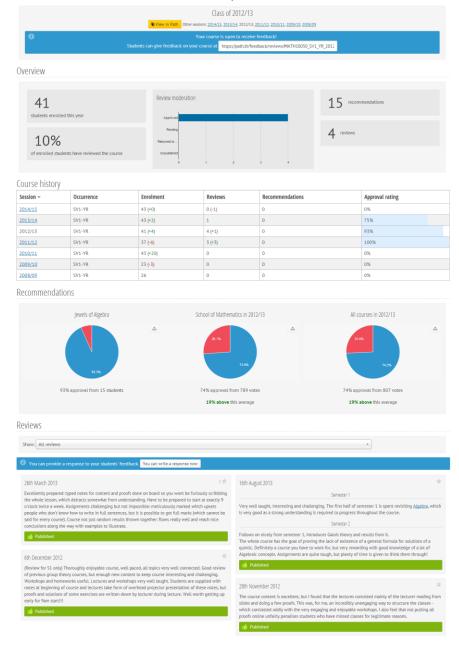
Figure 16: Currently active student moderators get an additional option in the nav bar for moderation, with a number indicator for the number of pending reviews / reports.

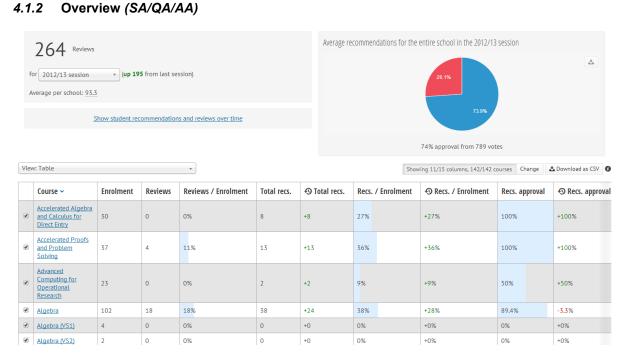
4 School Administrator Options

4.1 View QA reports

4.1.1 Individual (SA/QA/AA/CS)

The individual QA reports can be accessed through the QA overview page by school admins / academic admins / QA readers, or by lecturers by going to "Edit my course" > "View QA Report". They give a breakdown of course feedback for each year compared to the school and the University, a breakdown of the current status of reviews, and a list of **all** the reviews: even those not published on the main site to all users.





The overview page gives more generalised reporting on a set of courses within a school. Users can can change the sessions they're looking at on the top left of the page, alter the columns of the table & search for specific courses using the "Change" button, and export the information as a CSV file.

They can also view graphs of the usage of student reviews / recommendations over time within a school.

4.2 Manage student moderators

Add a new moderator			
Student UUN (s1234567)			
This user will be assigned to the "Whole Manage groups	school" group, since that is your only group.		
■ Postgraduate ■ Year 1 ■ Year 2	Vear 3 Near 4 Near 5		
2013/14	Tear 9 to rear 9		
Add moderator			

This session (2013/14)

This section contains statistics on courses running this session, not necessarily all feedback left this session. If you have 'feedback on old courses' enabled, students will be able to review courses running in previous sessions, and these statistics will appear under 'Overall'.

Year ~	Approved reviews	Rejected reviews	Pending reviews	Reports registered	Reports closed	Pending reports
Postgraduate	0	0	1	0	0	0
Year 1	3	3	1	0	0	0
Year 2	20	0	13	0	0	0
Year 3	11	1	1	0	0	0
Year 4	14	0	1	0	0	0
Year 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48	4	17	0	0	0

Last session (2012/13)

Year ~	Approved reviews	Rejected reviews	Pending reviews	Reports registered	Reports closed	Pending reports
Postgraduate	4	3	0	0	0	0
Year 1	43	2	0	0	0	0
Year 2	15	1	1	0	0	0
Year 3	114	18	0	0	0	0
Year 4	60	3	0	0	0	0
Year 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	236	27	1	0	0	0

Overall

Year ~	Approved reviews	Rejected reviews	Pending reviews	Reports registered	Reports closed	Pending reports
Postgraduate	4	3	1	0	0	0
Year 1	52	8	1	0	0	0
Year 2	35	1	14	0	0	0
Year 3	169	22	1	0	0	0
Year 4	87	3	1	0	0	0
Year 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	347	37	18	0	0	0

Moderators

	Group ~	Session	Years moderating	Approved reviews	Rejected reviews	Reports closed	
s1222172 ×	Whole school	2013/14	2	9	0	0	
s0910762 ×	Whole school	2013/14	1, 2, 3	0	0	0	
s1064213 ×	Whole school	2013/14	4	3	0	0	
s1020885 ×	Whole school	2013/14	4	9	0	0	
s1001960 ×	Whole school	2013/14	4	0	0	0	

The manage student moderators page allows users to keep track of the current status of reviews within their school, as well as add and remove moderators. Moderators are assigned to one or more year groups, as well as *moderator groups*, which are a range of subject areas. Some schools will only have 1 group, a whole school group, but others require more than one: e.g. engineering needs four separate "Chemical", "Mechanical", "Environmental" and "Civil" groups.

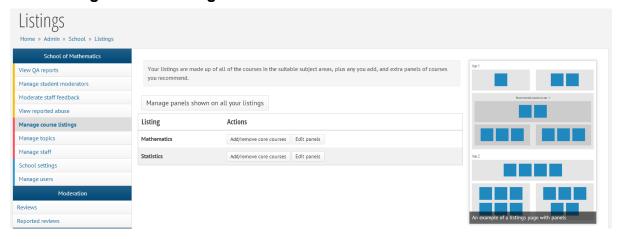
4.3 Moderate staff feedback

When staff members assigned to courses write a *response* to the student feedback, it must be moderated by a school administrator or academic administrator. Here users can choose whether or not to publish the comments written by staff on the course pages.

4.4 View reported abuse

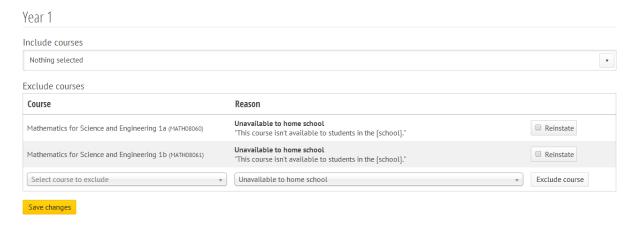
In rare cases of genuine serious abuse being published on Path, student moderators can instead of rejecting a review mark it as abuse. It is then hidden from the course QA pages, and displayed here for a school or academic admin to review. They can choose to send it back to the moderators for re-review or *permanently delete the review from Path*.

4.5 Manage course listings



4.5.1 Add/remove core courses

School administrators can make small modifications to the listings here. It may be the case that some courses appear in the list that effectively shouldn't: e.g. a maths course that's only available to non-maths students, so this course could be effectively hidden from the listing. Similarly other listings can add in courses that they would want to display them, e.g. Mathematics for Informatics on the Informatics listing.



Within each year, they can search for and select courses to include. When excluding courses they must also select a reason for removing it. Some of these will display a message at the top of each course page, so for example students navigating to "Mathematics for Science and Engineering", which is owned by mathematics, would see:



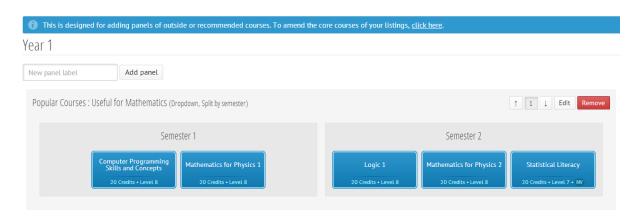
4.5.2 Edit panels

To add a larger selection of courses to a listing, ones that may not necessarily be a part of that list but are related, school administrators can add *panels* to a year within a listing. These appear beneath the year as a labelled block of courses.

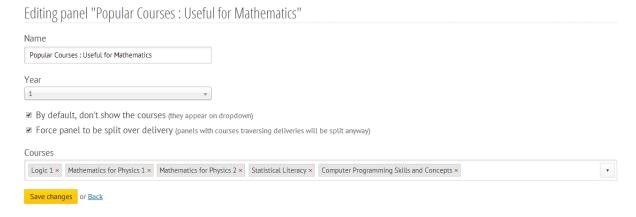


Figure 17: An example of panels beneath a year in a listing.

4.5.2.1 Adding panels



To add a panel to a listing, select the listing, and then enter the panel label under the year you're considering and click 'Add panel'. The panel will then appear beneath the year, and you can click 'Edit' to change the content and settings.



You can change the year the panel appears under, and some display options:

- 1. Choose whether or not to minimise the panel by default, and it opens on dropdown.
- 2. Force panel to be split over delivery. If all the courses are in for example semester 1, by default it won't put them in a separate "Semester 1" / "Semester 2" delivery box, this would split it up.

You can then add courses by searching on parameters and double clicking on them.

4.5.2.2 Reordering panels

On the "Edit panels" screen for a specific listing, you can reorder panels using the arrows next to each one.

4.5.3 Manage panels shown on all your listings

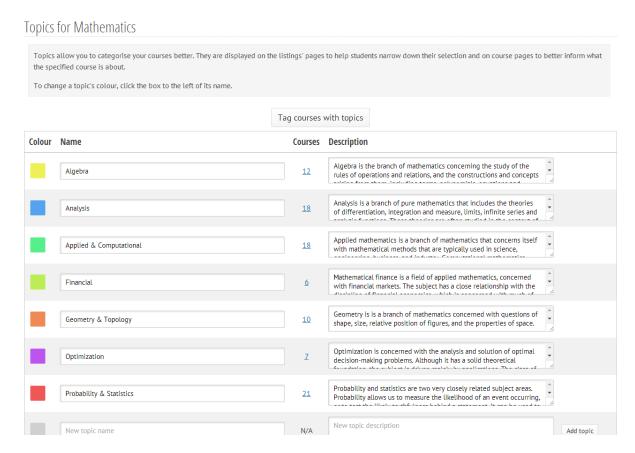
You can add panels to all the listings within a school by clicking "Manage panels shown on all your listings" under "Manage course listings". You'll then be presented with the same screen for editing panels on a specific listing.

4.6 Manage topics

All topic functionality is available to both academic administrators and school administrators.

4.6.1 Editing topics

Within each listing, users can assign topics to the courses for tagging and filtering.



Go to Manage Topics > Your listing. You can then manually create topics by selecting a colour for the topic and giving the topic a name and a description. Alternatively if your listing is created from many subject areas that could serve as topics, you can auto-create topics that will tag them appropriately for you.

A listing's topics then appear at the top of the listing, as well as on the course page for any courses tagged in those topics.

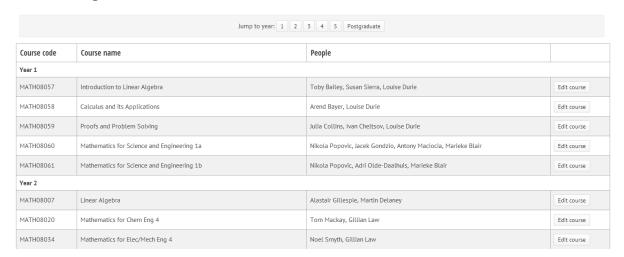
4.6.2 Tagging courses

Courses can be tagged individually by staff associated to courses, or can be done on mass by school / academic admins. To do this, go to Manage topics > Tag courses next to the listing you're interested in. Note that this button will only appear if topics exist on the listing.

You can then use the check boxes to tag courses.

Course	Algebra	Analysis	Applied & Computation	Financial	Geometry & Topology	Optimization	Probability & Statistics
Advanced Computing for Operational Research							
Applied Analysis & PDEs 1	0	•	•	0	0		
Applied Analysis & PDEs 2	0	•	•	0	0	0	
Applied Mathematical Methods 1	0	0	•	0	0	0	0
Applied Mathematical Methods 2	0	0	•	0	0		0
Basic Algebra 1		0	0	0	0		
Basic Algebra 2		0	0	0	0	0	
Combinatorial Optimization	0	0	0	0		0	
Computing for Operational Research and Finance	0	0				0	
Computing for Statistics		0	0	0			
Credit Risk Modelling	0	0				0	

4.7 Manage staff

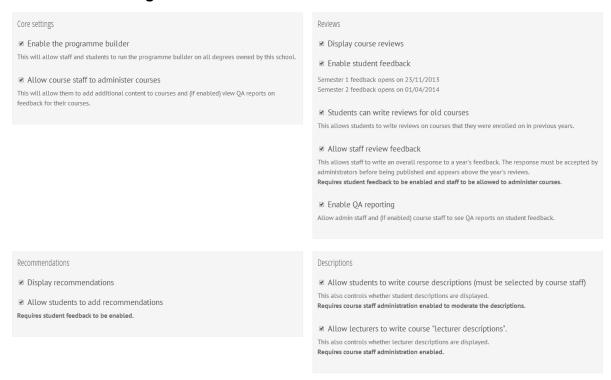


School administrators can add additional staff members to courses through the "Manage staff" panel. They simply navigate to a course and click "Edit course".



They can then remove existing *additional* staff members or add new ones. **Note that they cannot alter the course organiser or secretary**, as this comes from EUCLID.

School settings 4.8



Accessible only to school administrators, this section is where users can control the per-school settings on Path to enable or disable functionality.

4.9 Manage users



To add additional administrative users within their school, school admins can go to the manage users page. They can add school administrators, academic administrators or QA readers.

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4.10 Moderation

Add a new user

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