



# Student Engagement Policy

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The Student Engagement Policy and associated processes are part of the IIS's commitment to providing a supportive and engaging learning environment which enables students who have committed to a programme of study to achieve their full potential.

1.2 This policy presents the principles and rationale behind the IIS' approach to monitoring and addressing student engagement patterns. It further outlines the methods and processes whereby the IIS may seek to understand and inquire where a student's engagement pattern has fallen to a level of concern.

## 2. Scope

2.1 This policy applies to all students on a IIS credit-bearing programme of study, covering undergraduate and postgraduate taught students, full time and part time delivery.

## 3. Principles

3.1 The IIS has a commitment to improve student engagement, retention, and attainment through enhancing the relationships and touch points between students and staff.

3.2 The IIS recognises the investment that students make when they enrol on a programme of study and recognises that as a responsible institution it has a duty to monitor engagement patterns with a view to improvement.

3.3 The IIS recognises that educational outcomes are intrinsically linked to engagement with a programme of study. To support the learning journey and improve student attainment, mechanisms must exist that review and act on engagement patterns before they significantly impact the overall student experience.

3.4 The IIS recognises, as a collaborative institution, that engagement with programmes and fellow students enhances both the individual and collective learning experience.







7.3 IIS will liaise with host institutions monthly to obtain data about our students during their year abroad in line with existing agreements between institutions and subject to the requirements of relevant data protection legislation.

8. Authorised absences and dissertation write-up periods for visa students



9.5 Where the student fails to meet with the Academic Adviser, or the student has not adequately re-engaged with their studies, a Fitness to Study Panel will be held. The Fitness to Study meeting should take place within two weeks of notification from the Academic Adviser, department or SEER that the student has failed to attend the meeting or failed to re-engage as set out in stage 2.

9.6 This Panel will be chaired by the Academic Registrar (or nominee) and includes the Head of Department and the Head of Student Advice and Wellbeing, or their nominees. The Student Visa Compliance Manager will attend if the student is sponsored under Tier 4/Student Route.

9.7 The Fitness to Study Panel will make decisions in line with the Fitness to Study Policy, which include:

- a) Voluntary leave of absence agreed with student.
- b) Mandatory leave of absence with return to study ~~and~~)