

**Imperial Horizons**  
*A note by the Union President - Paul Beaumont*

**Discussion**

1. Should the Horizons program be compulsory?
2. Should the program be for credit?

If so, should this apply to all students, or all could it be done by Faculty, or by department?

3. Should the programme be 'progressional'? (ie, should second year modules follow on from first year modules?)
4. Are the options available broad enough?
  - a. Business (currently around 560 out of 1300 students are on this strand)
  - b. Global Challenges
  - c. Languages & Culture
  - d. Science & Society
5. What should the Union's academic representation structure look like to quality assure the programme?
6. The proposed timetable for rolling out the programme is:

2013-14: Mondays – Second years, Tuesdays – First years (4-6pm)

2014-15: Mondays – Second years, Tuesdays – First years, Thursday – Third & Fourth years (4-6pm)

**Suggested Considerations**

1. Unless all Faculties come to a joint agreement, there could be a mixed cohort in a lecture theatre – some people who are taking the course 'seriously' for credit, some who are not as it is not for credit.
2. Language courses, unless they are 'progressional' will be fairly limited in scope at only two hours per week for 8 or 16 weeks
3. Around 69% of first year students signed up to the programme this year
4. The main reasons student dropped out was their workload