Variation to the Programme Specification

For Academic Year 2021/22

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): *(such as Single Honours History with International Year)*	All GGE Postgraduate Programmes **MSc Geoscience Research** **MSc in Environmental Sustainability and Green Technology** **MA in Human Geography and Sustainability Research**

Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2021/22. We are planning for campus to be fully operational in 2021/22, which offers the clear prospect of a fuller and more 'normal' campus experience and will be ready to react to any further national restrictions or government guidance, as necessary. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2021/22 can be found here: https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/.

Specific planned changes

How the programme will be taught *(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)*	Students can expect a mixture of: • scheduled live teaching – on-campus, and in some cases online, involving whole group and small group teaching; • use of online resources, including pre-recorded resources, tasks and reading; • collaborative work with others, either in-person or online. Changes to the balance of on-campus and on-line may be necessary depending on circumstances. You can expect to be provided with some asynchronous content which you will be expected to engage with prior to in situ sessions where you will have sessions covering content and helping you scaffold knowledge by undertaking activities related to the material; this might be through discussion, quizzes, polls, assignments etc. Practical, seminar, tutorial and similar style in situ sessions will take place and field work remains key to your learning experience. There may be occasional synchronous online session in certain modules - these will generally be restricted to drop-in discussion and Q and A style sessions.

Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities *(where applicable)*	At present we are planning to deliver a full field course programme, and we remain committed to having free or low cost pathways through each programme of study. However, naturally we will be guided by UK Government Policy on international travel restrictions and other risk factors, and we will consider options carefully. In all our planning the safety of students, staff and community (nationally and internationally) is our absolute priority. We will also be planning a full range of field courses across the UK (both "day trips" and residentials), and the full range of UK and International field courses we intend to offer will be **communicated by September.** The campus will also be used to provide authentic skill-based activities. Placements will hopefully continue, we have good experience of providing desk based and digital placements, should they be required, in addition to the "traditional" in situ work-based placement.
How the programme will be assessed *(a general summary of changes to assessment methods)*	We will continue to provide a wide range of authentic and skill based assessments. The school is moving away from traditional exams (in line with the university). We are working to rationalise the number of assessments we provide. All information on assessments will be clearly signposted in each module.

Module information for 2021/22

There are no changes to modules on this programme.

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit: https://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/

The module selection website can be accessed here: https://www.keele.ac.uk/modules/