

Variation to the Programme Specification

For Academic Year 2020/21

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	Master of Arts (Politics and International Relations) Pathways in Global Security, US Politics, Politics, International Relations
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Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes, and in light of our plans to start next academic year with a hybrid delivery model due to the impact of Covid-19, we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2020/21. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2020/21 can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/>

Specific planned changes

How the programme will be taught <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i>	Lectures will be delivered online until it is safe to conduct large group teaching in situ on campus. We expect to pre-record introductory talks to be offered and follow-up with one hour timetabled live online discussions of literature and themes. When public health advice allows, we hope to be able to move towards in-situ delivery.
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	Not applicable
Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to computer equipment with a webcam and microphone. It may also be preferable for students to have adequate Wi-Fi connectivity and associated internet speeds. Students who need support in accessing appropriate IT equipment may be eligible to apply for support from the University's hardship fund .
How the programme will be assessed <i>(a general summary of changes to assessment methods)</i>	There are currently no known changes to assessment
How students are supported <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i>	Students will be supported through a mixture of online communications, such as email, and video and audio chat via MS Teams.