

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>	Child Development, MSc Applied Social and Political Psychology, MSc Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience, MSc
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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>	A mixture of on campus and digital delivery will be used on this programme. Some material will be provided in advance of classes for students to engage with in their own time, and other material will be delivered live/synchronously but captured for asynchronous engagement. Small group sessions will take place on campus, with large group sessions taking place online. Labs that involve student experience of using specialist equipment such as eye trackers, EEG, etc., will be prioritised for in situ teaching, as will statistical data analysis, which we know students find difficult without 'in person' support.
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	The Advanced Studies in Applied Social and Political Psychology (PSY-40077) students sometimes visit an organisation or conduct in person research on campus, but this can be adapted to online. The Advanced Studies in Child Development (PSY-40071) students complete a work shadowing opportunity, but this can be adapted to a desk-based experience or students can find a COVID-secure placement depending on the level of lockdown.
Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	Students will need to be able to access SPSS during their programme. This is freely available from Keele University under license to all Psychology students, but is only compatible with some computers (i.e. not Chromebooks). If your computer is not suitable for SPSS, you can apply for remote access to Keele computers and software. 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>	<p>Most of the MSc assessments are already coursework assessments submitted online so very few changes will be made.</p> <p>There is currently one exam (HLT-40002) to be replaced with an online assessment.</p> <p>Additionally, two skills assessments (PSY-40053 and PSY-40075) which will now be done online.</p>
How students are supported <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i>	<p>An online MSc online café has been set up on Teams ready for Sept 2020. Several channels have been created in this space where students can ask questions about the course, resources, careers, etc., as well as a general space where they can chat with each other informally. The Programme Director and Stream Leads will be on this Team, available to answer questions when/if necessary. Students will also be encouraged to support and help each other.</p> <p>As well as this, students will be able to have online meetings with staff and their personal tutor will be available to provide support.</p>

Updated module lists for 2020/21

PGT

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Dissertation	PSY-40045	60	BOTH	Unchanged
Research Apprenticeship	PSY-40038	15	BOTH	Unchanged
Contemporary Research in Psychology	PSY-40037	15	BOTH	Unchanged
Advanced Study in [Child Development/Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience/Applied Social and Political Psychology]	PSY-40071 PSY-40075 PSY-40077	45	BOTH	Unchanged
Advanced Research Skills & Design	PSY-40039	15	1	Unchanged
Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis	HLT-40002	15	1	Unchanged except assessment
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Qualitative Research Methods	PSY-40036	15	2	Unchanged
Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience Research Methods	PSY-40053	15	2	Unchanged