

Variation to the Programme Specification

For Academic Year 2020/21

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| Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i> | MA Social Work Postgraduate Practice Education (Social Work) |
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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

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| 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> | <p><u>MA Social Work</u></p> <p>Up to 25% of the timetable will be in situ teaching.</p> <p>Online learning will be delivered through both asynchronous and synchronous means. During this time students will be expected to engage with a range of online material and resources and with their peers through Microsoft Teams on problem based learning activities. All asynchronous sessions will link to specific learning resources and tasks, with materials being a combination of pre-recorded presentations by lecturers, other recorded materials i.e. BBC, YouTube and library reading materials. Lecturers may also make use of wiki's, discussion forums, worksheets or asynchronous other learning tools to support student learning and encourage group interaction. These activities will link to and facilitate learning, which would be enhanced through synchronous learning activity i.e. in situ teaching and learning or online synchronous teaching activities i.e. workshops, lectures etc.</p> <p>In situ and synchronous sessions will be designed to encourage live interaction, student engagement to facilitate active learning (e.g. students will be encouraged to post onto a discussion area or interact with others during the session, offering comments, asking questions and peer support).</p> <p><u>Postgraduate Practice Education (Social Work)</u></p> <p>Up to 25% of the timetable will be in situ teaching.</p> <p>Online learning will be delivered through both asynchronous and synchronous means. During this time students will be expected to engage with a range of online material and resources and with their peers.</p> |
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| <p>Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities (<i>where applicable</i>)</p> | <p><u>MA Social Work</u> We are awaiting confirmation from Social Work England and it is envisaged that placements will be available where placement providers can facilitate placement experiences safely. Online preparation for practice will be provided to support placement experiences. The placement timings for MA2 students have been adjusted due to Covid disruption during year 1.</p> <p><u>Postgraduate Practice Education (Social Work)</u> N/A</p> |
| <p>Learning resources and any potential additional costs (<i>such as equipment requirements</i>)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>How the programme will be assessed (<i>a general summary of changes to assessment methods</i>)</p> | <p>The assessments will generally not change as the majority are essay based. However, the team plan to retain the option of alternative online assessments, for examinations if in situ assessment is not available. For modules SWK-40022 & SWK-40023 we may review our assessment strategy to change the written examination to an oral online examination.</p> |
| <p>How students are supported (<i>any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.</i>)</p> | <p><u>MA Social Work</u> Students will be supported by synchronous online sessions in small groups and personal tutor meetings.</p> <p><u>Postgraduate Practice Education (Social Work)</u> Students will be supported by synchronous online sessions in small groups and personal tutor meetings.</p> |

Updated module lists for 2020/21

Year 1 / Level 7 MA Social Work

| Compulsory modules | Module Code | Credits | Semester | Added/removed/unchanged? |
|---|-------------|---------|----------|--|
| Social Work Theory and Methods 1 | SWK-40014 | 10 | SEM1 | Unchanged |
| Power and Discrimination | SWK-40015 | 10 | SEM1 | Unchanged |
| Introduction to Legal Processes | SWK-40016 | 10 | SEM1 | Unchanged |
| Life Course Development | SWK-40017 | 10 | SEM1 | Unchanged |
| Pre-Placement Skills | SWK-40035 | 0 | SEM1 | Unchanged |
| Area of Practice 1 – Working with Children and Families | SWK-40018 | 15 | SEM2 | Unchanged |
| Area of Practice 1 – Working with Adults | SWK-40019 | 15 | SEM2 | Unchanged |
| 70-day Placement | SWK-40037 | 0 | SEM2 | Unchanged – overlapping into Sem1 of Year 2 due to COVID |

Year 2 / Level 7 MA Social Work

| Compulsory modules | Module Code | Credits | Semester | Added/removed/unchanged? |
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| Social Work Theory and Methods 2 – A Broader Vision | SWK-40021 | 10 | SEM1-2 | Changed to accommodate adjusted placement periods |
| Area of Practice 2 – Working with Children and Families | SWK-40022 | 15 | SEM1-2 | Changed to accommodate adjusted placement periods |
| Area of Practice 2 – Working with Adults | SWK-40023 | 15 | SEM1-2 | Changed to accommodate adjusted placement periods |
| Social Work Research | SWK-40020 | 10 | SEM1-2 | Changed to accommodate adjusted placement periods |
| Dissertation | SWK-40013 | 60 | SEM1-2 | Changed to accommodate adjusted placement periods |
| 100-day Placement | SWK-40039 | 0 | SEM2 | Unchanged |

Year / Level 7 Postgraduate Practice Education (Social Work)

| Compulsory modules | Module Code | Credits | Semester | Added/removed/unchanged? |
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| Postgraduate Practice Education (Social Work) | SWK-40033 | 30 | SEM1-2 | Unchanged |