

## Variation to the Course Information Document

For Academic Year 2020/21

<b>Name of programme(s) and award type(s):</b> <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	<b>BA (Hons) American Studies SH and CH</b> <b>BA (Hons) American Studies with International Year SH and CH</b>
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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

<b>How the programme will be taught</b> <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i>	<p>Delivery of teaching will be flexible and hybrid. The course will be divided into four main kinds of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ guided independent study,</li> <li>○ engaging pre-recorded sessions,</li> <li>○ live teaching, either on-campus or online,</li> <li>○ collaborative work with classmates, again on-campus or online.</li> </ul> <p>Your guided independent study will be clearly set out on the KLE, so that you can plan your work, access the required materials in good time, seek the individual support of your tutors, and understand how you will be assessed.</p> <p>There will be tutorials for smaller groups of students, both on campus and online, to help enable collaboration, participation, and interactive learning experiences.</p> <p>For some modules there will be more frequent tutorials. Preparation work for tutorials will be clearly set out, and activities in live sessions will be varied to develop different skills and engage you.</p> <p>There will be in situ teaching (approximately 2-3 hours per week) for your course, though students who are unable to attend in situ sessions for health reasons will be able to complete all modules through online learning (via a blend of live, recorded, and independent study).</p>
<b>Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities (where applicable)</b>	Not applicable

<b>Learning resources and any potential additional costs (such as equipment requirements)</b>	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 <a href="#">University's hardship fund</a> .
<b>How the programme will be assessed (a general summary of changes to assessment methods)</b>	For semester 1, traditional on-campus exams will be replaced with take-home exams or with other coursework. For semester 2, if it is still advisable not to meet in large groups, traditional on-campus exams will be replaced with take-home exams or with other coursework. For semester 1, in-person student presentations will be replaced by recorded video presentations or by an alternative assessment, and this will also be true in semester 2 if it is still not possible for students to meet in groups on campus.
<b>How students are supported (any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</b>	Personal tutor meetings will be conducted online or by telephone until it is safe to meet in person.  You will have opportunities to speak individually with your tutors: they will have consultation and feedback hours, and we will provide other opportunities to meet on Microsoft Teams or Google Meet too.

### Updated module lists for 2020/21

#### American Studies Single Honours

#### Year 3 / Level 6 (2018/19 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Dissertation in American Studies	AMS-30036	30	1-2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
The US Presidency	PIR-30117	15	1	Unchanged
Violence and Power in Antebellum America	AMS-30043	15	1	Unchanged
Silence, Strength and Sentiment: Gender and Sexuality in Nineteenth-Century American Writing	AMS-30031	15	1	Unchanged
Violence and Power in Civil War America	AMS-30042	15	2	Unchanged
Film Noir: The Dark Side of America	AMS-30037	15	1	Removed
Words and Pictures: The Contemporary American Graphic Novel	AMS-30030	15	2	Removed
"Eyes on the Prize" The Struggle for Civil Rights in America (Part I)	AMS-30035	15	1	Unchanged
"Eyes on the Prize" The Struggle for Civil Rights in America (Part II)	AMS-30045	15	2	Added
High Culture: Drink, Drugs and the American Dream	AMS-30038	15	1	Unchanged

The whole United States is southern! The Modern South and America	AMS-30041	15		Removed
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**American Studies Combined Honours**  
**Year 3 / Level 6 (2018/19 entry cohort)**

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
None				Unchanged
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Dissertation in American Studies	AMS-30036	30	1-2	Unchanged
The US Presidency	PIR-30117	15	1	Unchanged
Violence and Power in Antebellum America	AMS-30043	15	1	Unchanged
Silence, Strength and Sentiment: Gender and Sexuality in Nineteenth-Century American Writing	AMS-30031	15	1	Unchanged
Violence and Power in Civil War America	AMS-30042	15	2	Unchanged
Film Noir: The Dark Side of America	AMS-30037	15	1	Removed
Words and Pictures: The Contemporary American Graphic Novel	AMS-30030	15	2	Removed
“Eyes on the Prize” The Struggle for Civil Rights in America	AMS-30035	15	1	Unchanged
“Eyes on the Prize” The Struggle for Civil Rights in America (Part II)	AMS-30045	15	2	Added
High Culture: Drink, Drugs and the American Dream	AMS-30038	15	1	Unchanged
The whole United States is southern! The Modern South and America	AMS-30041	15		Removed
Wild Woods and Wide Worlds: British and American Children’s Literature	AMS-30040	15		Removed

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/>