

## 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>BSc Computer Science (Single and Combined Hons) MComp Computer Science ...with/without International Year ...with/without Work Placement</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All lectures will be recorded and delivered asynchronously (broken down into smaller “chunks”).</li> <li>• Each module will have a timetabled synchronous online Q and A session where students can drop-in and ask questions about that week’s materials.</li> <li>• We will run in-situ lab based practical classes where possible/appropriate and give students who are shielding etc. remote access.</li> <li>• Reading lists will make maximum use of online resources wherever possible</li> </ul>
<b>Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities</b> <i>(where applicable)</i>	The feasibility of work placements will depend on the availability of employers given the pandemic situation. We aim however to facilitate work placements where possible with adherence to current Government guidance at the time.
<b>Learning resources and any potential additional costs</b> <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	<p>The KLE will be used to deliver recorded materials and all reading lists will be updated to contain digital alternatives to physical books where possible. Video conferencing software such as Microsoft Teams will be used to deliver online synchronous sessions.</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 <a href="#">University’s hardship fund</a>.</p>

<p><b>How the programme will be assessed</b> (a general summary of changes to assessment methods)</p>	<p>We will aim to move to one piece/type of assessment per module where appropriate, with coursework being preferable. Where exams are still more appropriate, open booked time limited alternatives will be used. Some assessment components or their nature may change in order to make them more accessible to students considering any lockdown or distancing measures that may be in place or in order to minimise face-to-face interaction between people. However, in all cases the integrity of assessments will be maintained and all learning outcomes of each module will be met.</p>
<p><b>How students are supported</b> (any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</p>	<p>Students will be supported as usual through learning materials on the KLE, electronic reading lists and in practical lab classes. In addition, regular Q&amp;A online sessions for each module are planned, an online help desk, and opportunities for students to access personal tutor support via online platforms.</p>

### Updated module lists for 2020/21

All other modules listed in the programme specifications remain unchanged.

#### Year 1 / Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Communication, Confidence and Competence	CSC-10056	15	2	Replaces CSC-10032 (Requirements, Evaluation and Professionalism)

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

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Bioinformatics	CSC-30022	15	1	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/>