

Variation to the Course Information Document

For Academic Year 2020/21

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	BSc Forensic Science (Single Hons), MSci Forensic and Analytical Investigation, BSc Forensic Science (Combined Hons)
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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>	The programme will be taught through a series of lectures, problem classes/Q&A sessions and laboratory classes. All lectures will be delivered online with the majority of these provided asynchronously. Synchronous online sessions in the form of problem classes and/or Q&A sessions will be provided to support learning on a module by module basis. Face to face laboratory and practical sessions will run across both semesters and be enhanced with additional online resources.
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	Face to face laboratory and practical sessions will run across both semesters and be enhanced with additional online resources with use of the crime scene house and campus where applicable.
Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	Students will require IT equipment to access online resources such as KLE and Microsoft Teams. 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>	The majority of coursework assessments will remain unchanged; however, unseen in-person exams will be replaced with alternative assessments including more authentic methods such as case studies, problem solving exercises, professional reports and short unseen tests. Face-to-face oral assessments such as vivas and cross examinations will be conducted using online methods such as MS Teams or Google Meet.

How students are supported (<i>any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.</i>)	All students have a personal tutor who will keep in regular contact with them through online methods including email and MS Teams. In addition, all years have a year tutor who will lead induction sessions and regular online catchup events throughout the academic year.
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Updated module lists for 2020/21

Year 1 / Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Forensic Chemistry and Analysis	FSC-10003	30	1-2	Unchanged
Forensic Identification and Investigation	FSC-10005	30	1-2	Unchanged
Forensic Science Skills and Practice*	FSC-10001	30	2	Unchanged
Understanding Crime*	CRI-10010	15	1	Unchanged
Cybercrime*	CSC-10025	15	1	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
N/A				

*BSc Forensic Science (Single Honours) and MSci Forensic and Analytical Investigation only

Year 2 / Level 5 (2019/20 entry cohort)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Spectroscopy and Advanced Analysis	CHE-20011	15	1	Unchanged
Forensic Genetics	CHE-20021	15	1	Unchanged
Forensic Taphonomy*	CHE-20063	15	1	Unchanged
Counterfeits, Fakes and Forgeries*	CHE-20077	15	1	Unchanged
Criminalistic Methods	CHE-20010	15	2	Unchanged
Drugs of Abuse	CHE-20012	15	2	Unchanged
Digital Forensics*	CHE-20042	15	2	Unchanged
Forensic Anthropology*	CHE-20047	15	2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
N/A				

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

BSc Forensic Science (Combined Honours)

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Evaluation of Evidence, Explosives and Arson	CHE-30033	15	1	Unchanged
Forensic Science Team Research Project	CHE-30011	15	1-2	Unchanged
Forensic Toxicology	CHE-30010	15	2	Unchanged

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Advanced Topics in Forensic Analysis	CHE-30035	15	1	Unchanged
Forensic Geoscience	CHE-30034	15	2	Unchanged

If you choose to specialise in this subject in your final year you will study the same modules as for the BSc Forensic Science (Single Honours) and MSci Forensic and Analytical Investigation as shown below:

BSc Forensic Science (Single Honours) and MSci Forensic and Analytical Investigation

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Evaluation of Evidence, Explosives and Arson	CHE-30033	15	1	Unchanged
Advanced Topics in Forensic Analysis	CHE-30035	15	1	Unchanged
Forensic Science Team Research Project	CHE-30011	15	1-2	Unchanged
Interpretation, Evaluation & Presentation of Evidence	CHE-30028	30	1-2	Unchanged
Forensic Dissertation	CHE-30029	15	1-2	Unchanged
Forensic Toxicology	CHE-30010	15	2	Unchanged
Forensic Geoscience	CHE-30034	15	2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
N/A				

Year 4 / Level 7 (2017/18 entry cohort) – MSci Forensic and Analytical Investigation Only

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Analytical Science: Principles and Practice	CHE-40030	30	1	Unchanged
Research Skills for Analytical Science	CHE-40032	15	1	Unchanged
MSci Independent Project	CHE-40026	60	1-2	Unchanged
Forensic Evidence: At the Crime Scene and in the Court	CHE-40025	15	2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
N/A				

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/>