

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 and Criminology (Single 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>	<p>The forensic science aspects of 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.</p> <p>In the criminology aspects of the programme, lectures will be provided in online form and will be supported with small group and individual face to face synchronous online sessions.</p>
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	<p>The forensic science 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.</p> <p><i>For CRI-30046 (Year 3/level 6) – Dissertation –</i> Due to the evolving situation regarding Covid-19 we are assuming that students who originally intended to conduct fieldwork that involves face to face interaction with human subjects will have to shift to an approach that involves either conducting research remotely (such as online questionnaires and interviews by video) or analysis of secondary data sources instead. We will be monitoring this approach as the situation and University and Government advice evolves.</p>
Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	<p>Students will require IT equipment to access online resources such as KLE and Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to</p>

	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>The majority of the forensic science 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.</p> <p>In criminology for 2020-21 the key temporary changes to assessment will be where module assessment includes examinations, group presentations, observation reports or other assessments that normally require students to be present in a physical space with other students, staff and/or the general public. Where these assessments are currently in use in our modules, they will be replaced for 2020-21 with online tests, essays and similar written assessments that can be prepared, completed and submitted online</p>
How students are supported <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i>	<p>All students have a personal tutor who will keep in regular contact with them through online methods including email and MS Teams. In addition, in Forensic Science, all years have a year tutor who will lead induction sessions and regular online catchup events throughout the academic year.</p> <p>In Criminology, staff will continue to offer weekly 'Office hour' opportunities for students to individually meet them 'face to face' via video link.</p>

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
Understanding Crime	CRI-10010	15	1	Unchanged
Cybercrime	CSC-10025	15	1	Unchanged
Criminal Justice: Process, Policy, Practice	CRI-10013	15	2	Unchanged
Investigating Crime: Criminological Perspectives	CRI-10014	15	2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
N/A				

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
Crime and Justice in a Global Context	CRI-20016	15	1	Unchanged
Mental Health and Offending	CRI-20022	15	1	Unchanged
Criminalistic Methods	CHE-20010	15	2	Unchanged
Drugs of Abuse	CHE-20012	15	2	Unchanged
Research Methods in Criminology	CRI-20020	15	2	Unchanged
Policing and the Police	CRI-20021	15	2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
N/A				

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
Interpretation, Evaluation & Presentation of Evidence	CHE-30028	30	1-2	Unchanged
Dissertation for Criminology	CRI-30046	30	1-2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Forensic Toxicology	CHE-30010	15	2	Unchanged
Forensic Geoscience	CHE-30034	15	2	Unchanged

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/>