

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>	Single Honours Liberal Arts with International Year Integrated Masters Liberal Arts with International Year
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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>There will be a structured weekly programme for all modules.</p> <p>In Semester 1, we are proposing to move Liberal Arts core module lectures online, rather than face to face. However, we will endeavour to deliver tutorials in-situ, where UK government advice allows.</p> <p>For the Liberal Arts core modules, tutorials will be delivered in-situ and using live online approaches. We are aiming to deliver up to three hours per week in-situ, if public health advice allows this to happen. In the case of online tutorials, these will take place in a live environment, with your tutor and other students. These will be weekly classes and will require preparation.</p> <p>The arrangements for option modules may vary as these can be taken from any programme within the HUMSS Faculty.</p> <p>All arrangements will be reviewed for Semester 2, in line with the University's five stage operational system.</p>
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	LIB-10005 Introduction to the Liberal Arts has a 'living labs' field trip as part of the programme. As the module is taught over two semesters, the current plan is to have the field trip in semester 2 providing circumstances allow. If it is not possible, then there will be a 'virtual' field trip in lieu.
Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	Learning resources will be available online and module leaders will clearly communicate where these are located. Generally, these will be on the KLE (Keele Learning Environment) or signposted from it.

	<p>Reading lists will make extensive use of e-books and other material that is available digitally. It is assumed that students will have continuous digital access availability.</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>All written elements of assessment for the programme will be completed electronically and submitted online, via Turnitin. The marking and feedback process for such assessments will remain online as usual.</p> <p>For 2020-21, where applicable, some assessments may be altered to an alternate online format. For example, in modules which require students to make presentations, adjustments will be made to enable students to do this online where possible, either synchronously or asynchronously depending on the individual student's circumstances.</p> <p>This will be reviewed for Semester 2, in line with the University five stage operational system.</p>
<p>How students are supported <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i></p>	<p>Each module will provide a detailed module handbook, reading list and weekly learning plan, which will be made available online from the beginning of the semester. Recorded lectures, PowerPoint slides and other relevant materials will be made available online before the delivery of each session. Module leaders will also ensure that reading materials or other module resources are easily accessible online. Students will have access to a wide variety of high-quality materials through the University's library service.</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to attend virtual office hours for each module leader each week. Each module will also have a dedicated one-hour slot per week available to students. Outside of these dedicated hours, students can contact staff via email or Microsoft Teams as required.</p> <p>Each student will also be assigned a Personal Tutor, who is available to support, advise or signpost to other University services as required. Personal Tutor meetings will take place in-situ where possible and via Microsoft Teams (for at least semester one).</p>

Updated module lists for 2020/21

Year 1 / Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Liberal Arts and Society's Grand Challenges	LIB-10003	15	1-2	Unchanged
Introduction to the Liberal Arts	LIB-10005	15	1-2	Unchanged

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Liberal Arts students choose options from those available within all HUMSS degree programmes.				

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

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Creative Arts and Humanities in Society	LIB-20008	15	1	Unchanged
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Wicked Problems	LIB-20006	15	1-2	Unchanged
Research Methods	SOC-20046	15	2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Liberal Arts students choose options from those available within all HUMSS degree programmes.				

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

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Grand Challenges in Society	LIB-30001	15	1-2	Unchanged
Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	
Independent Study Project – Creative Project	LIB-30002	30	1-2	Unchanged
Independent Study Project - Dissertation	LIB-30003	30	1-2	Unchanged
Liberal Arts students choose their other options from those available within all HUMSS degree programmes.				

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/>