

Variation to the Course Information Document

For Academic Year 2020/21

<p>Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i></p>	<p>Single Honours Philosophy Combined Honours Philosophy and Education Combined Honours Philosophy and English Literature Combined Honours Philosophy and Mathematics Combined Honours Philosophy and Politics Combined Honours Philosophy and Psychology</p>
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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

<p>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>	<p>We have planned to teach the Philosophy Programme with a combination of online and in-situ teaching during Semester One. Students can expect up to 4 hours per week in-situ tutorial teaching in the first semester. There may be an increase in in-situ teaching during Semester Two, depending on Government advice. The online teaching will still retain our standard lecture and seminar format, but with lectures recorded so that students can access them whenever is most convenient. Tutorials and seminars will be taught in-situ where possible and live online during scheduled teaching slots. The lectures will be made available on the first day of the week, with seminars taught later in the week, to allow students study and preparation time. There will be more and smaller seminar groups than there normally would be. We will retain in-situ, socially-distanced teaching on the majority of modules, where UK government advice allows.</p>
<p>Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i></p>	<p>We have endeavoured to make sure the materials on the reading lists are available as resources on the KLE, or as e-books / e-articles accessible from the Keele library.</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</p>

	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>	Assessment will be reduced, in accordance with the Faculty guidance, so that students will not submit more than 2000 words for a 1 st or 2 nd year module, and no more than 3000 words for a 3 rd year module (8000 for the final year dissertation) – these are the word-limits for the entire module, and there will be no more than two assessments per module. Exams will generally be replaced by essays or other assessments.
How students are supported <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i>	Students will be split into small study groups to meet at regular intervals (at least once per week online) to support each other's study and monitor it; these meetings will be overseen by staff and monitored by means of exercises to be fed into seminars. Staff will be available to answer individual questions by email (as normal) or through video calls, and will schedule group chats via seminar groups. Students will also have access to personal tutorial meetings via MS Teams.

Updated module lists for 2020/21

There are no changes to the Philosophy modules being offered as a result of Covid-19; they are all the same as previously advertised. The changes are only to delivery and assessment, as detailed above.

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/>