

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 Sociology (including International Year option) Combined Honours Sociology (including International Year option)
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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>We will offer a blended approach to the delivery of teaching, combining asynchronous, 'live' online teaching, and a substantial face to face element comprising three to four hours per week of small group tutorial work, where UK government advice allows. All modules will consist of:</p> <p>(a) Recorded lecture bites of 20/30 minutes. In addition, we might, for example, post a short video providing an overview and context on that week's topic, an introduction to a particular set of ideas, or a discussion of a major debate in the field. We might include more focussed pieces on the topic, going into more depth on an event or a problem, and offering advice on interpretation and methodology. This material will be asynchronous and be available for viewing at the student's convenience.</p> <p>(b) Weekly face to face one-hour tutorial teaching, where this is allowed by UK government advice allows this to take place.</p> <p>(c) Electronic reading lists focusing on key readings, module guides, assessment examples to be provided on KLE.</p> <p>(d) Weekly online one-hour module office hour on MS Teams. The module leader will be available every week at this time to answer individual and group questions.</p>
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	n/a

<p>Learning resources and any potential additional costs (<i>such as equipment requirements</i>)</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>A collection of essays, reports, portfolios, case studies, posters that will be submitted through Turnitin. In select cases, timed examinations will be used. In these cases, the exam paper will be released in advance and students given a set period to complete this online.</p>
<p>How students are supported (<i>any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.</i>)</p>	<p>Students will be supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Online module office hour; (b) Online Personal tutor system with tutors supported by faculty personal tutor toolkit.

Updated module lists for 2020/21

There are no changes to the modules listed in the programme specification.

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/>