

Programme change proposals for 2021/2

At York each degree programme has its own, tailored set of distinctive learning outcomes. These won't change as we return to campus-based learning.

As we return to in-person teaching, we are aiming to take advantage of the learning of the last year, and to find the right balance of online and in-person teaching for our community. We remain committed to ensuring the safety of our students, and will change our plans further if government guidance requires. This document summarises the changes that are proposed and we have provided a consultation form for you to complete if you have any feedback on these proposals.

Link to consultation form.

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Summary of Overall Plans

Students on this programme will be engaging in both in-person and online teaching throughout the academic year. Lecture formats will be chosen by the lecturers on each module, so some may be pre-recorded and put on the VLE, and others may be delivered live in a webinar type format. Where lecturers choose to use pre-recorded lectures, they will also be available at a timetabled period in an online drop-in for any questions you might have if you decide to watch them at a scheduled time. Small group teaching will mostly be delivered in classrooms, and all students will have the opportunity for in-person teaching. Some modules may also have online seminar groups scheduled if social distancing means that we aren't able to fit all of our seminars safely into classrooms.

We'll be continuing to assess students through a combination of coursework and online exams, and specific assessment plans will be available for each module by the start of the module. If covid related restrictions allow, we will be asking the University to allow a closed exam for our Level 1 module 'Introducing Social Policy' in the Summer Common Assessment Period.

All of our modules will be taught through a structured combination of synchronous and asynchronous lectures, online and in person activities, seminars and workshops following

the model of contact hours in place prior to the pandemic. The combinations will depend on the total cohort size on the module.

Students will also meet regularly with their academic supervisor and can arrange to meet with their Programme Leader in person or online.

We appreciate that some students may not be able to join us for the start of the Autumn Term due to travel restrictions. In such cases, tutors will support those students to engage with the material prior to their arrival by Week 5. This support might take the form of a one-to-one or small-group discussion during office hours or in a designated meeting slot. In the event that a majority of students cannot attend in-person sessions, or that harsher restrictions return, in-person sessions will be switched to face-to-face online, using the same model of contact hours and ensuring that students will meet all the learning requirements for their programme in line with Social Work England guidance.

Programme Structures

We are not planning to make any changes to this degree programme structure, and the modules remain as already advertised.

Further changes or information of note

Students are also encouraged to actively engage with our Staff:Student Forum to contribute ideas for enhancing their experience and helping us to strengthen our postgraduate learning community.