

Programme change proposals

At York each degree programme has its own, tailored set of distinctive learning outcomes. These won't change, no matter what your location or mode of delivery, and our academics are working hard to ensure your programmes and modules next year continue to inspire and motivate you.

Your health and safety is our number one priority and in light of the Covid-19 pandemic we have needed to make changes to some of your programmes of study for the coming academic year. This document summarises the changes that are proposed.

Programme(s)	MSc Biodiversity, Ecology and Ecosystems MSc Industrial Biotechnology MSc Molecular Medicine
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Summary of Overall Plans

Students on these programmes will be invited to engage in learning in a variety of ways, with flexibility built in to allow us to maximise face-to-face teaching in-line with any changes in the government guidance on physical distancing.

Lectures will be pre-recorded and available on the VLE. Small group workshops will be offered both in classrooms and online. For face-to-face teaching in classrooms, we aim to schedule more occurrences of these sessions to account for restrictions in physical distancing. Students who are unable to attend face-to-face sessions (those who aren't able to attend campus as well as those who might be self-isolating), will receive online materials that ensure the relevant learning outcomes can be met. We will also timetable regular live online 'drop-in' sessions to ensure all students can have lively interactions with module staff and have their queries answered.

We are planning for on-campus students to have access to teaching and research laboratories to undertake group and research projects respectively, but have also devised how this training will be delivered to off-campus students or those unable to attend. Remote students will be in groups with on-campus students, and undertake their own data science analysis and experimental design that will feed collaboratively into face-to-face laboratory work by other group members on campus.

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.

Programme Structures

Overall we are aiming to maintain our module structure, content and learning outcomes and we are not planning to withdraw any modules or move credits between terms.

Further changes or information of note