



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)	MA in Philosophy
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Summary of Overall Plans

In Autumn term 2020, your teaching and learning will be a mixture of in-person and online elements.

Most of your 'option' modules are taught by lecture and seminar. Lecture material will be recorded and made available online for you to watch at a time that suits you. For on-campus students, we expect to provide regular, frequent face-to-face seminars for these modules. Wherever possible, these seminars will follow the same pattern as they would have done pre-pandemic: typically, weekly. Face-to-face seminars will also often be in smaller groups than would previously have been the case. For students unable to be on campus, we will provide an online seminar for every module. The length, content and frequency of the online seminar will replicate that of the module's face-to-face seminars, to ensure that students attending in this way are able to meet module and programme learning outcomes.

The modules 'Topics in Theoretical Philosophy' and 'Dissertation Preparation' are taught wholly by seminar. We intend to provide the same face-to-face seminars provision for this module as pre-pandemic, with an online equivalent for those who need it.

The module 'Postgraduate Research Skills' will be wholly online in Autumn term, for all students. For this module, you attend the department colloquia and an associated discussion group. As the colloquia is likely to be online all term, so too will be the discussion group.

Assessment arrangements are not likely to be changed, but will be confirmed nearer the start of term.

Programme Structures

We are not planning to make any changes to programme structures in Autumn term 2020/21: we do not plan to cancel any modules or move them between terms.

Further changes or information of note

No further changes are planned.