

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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPH Public Health • MSc Applied Health Research • PGCert Health Research and Statistics
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Summary of Overall Plans

The changes that your programme of study is undergoing in the coming academic year are detailed below. However, our guiding principle remains that students on our programmes will have the opportunity to actively engage in learning in a variety of ways.

Throughout we have been consulting with our current students on a regular basis. This has been in large, virtual full cohort meetings, via email, student-staff partnership groups, and small working groups with student representatives that will continue to take place. This has meant that we can be responsive and inclusive in our discussions about changes and that key decisions are made in partnership.

We have a number of modules that were delivered at a distance prior to physical distancing restrictions due to the COVID-19 situation; these will continue to be delivered as such.

For the modules where we had to change face-to-face delivery to account for physical distancing, our delivery methods are flexible enough to allow for a blended delivery of these modules. This will enable us to provide you with face-to-face contact where feasible; in-line with any changes in the University and government guidelines on physical distancing.

We are in the process of pre-recording our Autumn Lectures and plan to do that for the following terms unless the guidance changes. These pre-recorded lectures will be available on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). For small group activities, we will offer a mixture of: live online discussion sessions, VLE discussion boards and forums (or similar alternatives), virtual networking groups, or face-to-face delivery if restrictions allow it. Where students 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), we will put measures in place to ensure that relevant learning outcomes can be met.

We will timetable sessions to ensure all students can have lively interactions with module staff and have their queries answered.

Access to library resources and computer laboratories will be in line with the University policy, however, all the software required for the various modules can be accessed remotely through the virtual desktop and similar interfaces.

We will continue to assess students through a combination of coursework and online open exams. Assessment schedules will be communicated to the students by the start of the academic year.

Programme Structures

We are aiming to maintain the structure of our programmes. We are not withdrawing any modules and we are offering modules in line with previous years timing and credit load.

Further changes or information of note