

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 Playwriting
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Summary of Overall Plans

Fortunately, since this MA programme focuses mainly on your individual work as writers, and all teaching is delivered through small-group seminars rather than large lectures, changes are relatively minor. The structure of the year, the order of the modules and the assessments will remain the same as described on the website and in the module catalogue. The only significant changes are in our teaching methods in the autumn term.

We hope that most of you will be able to join us on campus in the autumn, but realise that some of you may not be able to travel or will need to maintain stricter social distancing. Therefore, we have planned the following changes to teaching in the autumn term:

Your cohort will be divided into two smaller groups, to promote social distancing and to provide everyone with a shared community, regardless of whether they are participating in person or online. Students who are able to attend face-to-face teaching in York will be divided into a morning group (for example, 9.30-11.30am), which will include students participating online in eastern time zones, and an afternoon group (for example, 15.30-17.30) to accommodate students online in the Americas. A Zoom link (or other suitable platform) will enable online students to attend the seminars live and to join in discussions verbally or through the chat function. Seminars will also be recorded for those who are unable to attend at the time they are scheduled.

We hope that, by the beginning of the spring term, we will all be back on campus and the two smaller groups can be brought together into one seminar group.

Programme Structures

No changes are planned to the structure of the year, the order of the modules or the assessments. These will remain the same as described on the programme website and in the module catalogue.

Further changes or information of note

No further changes are expected.