

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.

<p>Programme(s)</p>	<p>We are responsible for running the following postgraduate taught programmes in the Department of Sociology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Criminology and Social Research (MA) ● Culture, Society and Globalisation (MA) ● Social Media and Social Research (MA) ● Social Media and Interactive Technologies (MSc) ● Social Media and Management (MSc) <p>We also contribute modules to the following postgraduate taught programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Research (MA)
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Summary of Overall Plans

Core modules

We plan to offer you the opportunity to attend regular in-person workshops/seminars for the following modules:

1. Understanding Social Media (core module for MSc Social Media and Management):
2. Critical perspectives on the Criminal Justice System (core module for MA Criminology and Social research)
3. Culture, Society & Globalization I: Theories and Developments (core module for MA Culture, Society and Globalization)

What if I cannot attend these workshops/seminars in person?

If you are not able to join us on campus and take part in these workshops/seminars, because you are shielding, self-isolating or unable to travel, we will provide high quality learning opportunities online. This will take the form of real-time seminars using our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) platform, scheduled at times that fit with where you are located.

Using this platform will be a great way to engage with other students and with your seminar leaders and has much of the feel of in-person teaching. To help you make the most of these opportunities, we will show you how to use this platform. If you are on campus and your circumstances change, you will also be able to transfer to an online workshop/seminar group.

Lectures

Any lectures that we would normally give each week for these modules will instead be available for you to watch as 'lecturecasts'. Each of these 'lecturecasts' will be fully accessible and will provide you with essential knowledge in preparation for the workshops/seminars and the readings that we will ask you to do each week.

Optional Modules

Workshops/Seminars

All other modules that we provide in the Department will be available on-line. As with the core modules above, workshops/seminars will take the form of real-time seminars using our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) platform, scheduled at times that fit with where you are located.

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Programme Structures

We are not intending to make any changes to the programme structure for any of the postgraduate degrees we are responsible for running in our Department (so this excludes MA Social Research). We are not planning to withdraw any of the modules that we currently offer or to transfer any modules across the teaching terms.

Further changes or information of note

Meetings with academic supervisors will take place online as will office hours, during which module leaders and other members of the teaching staff will be available to give you feedback on your learning, discuss assessments or other issues.

Please also note that your safety and the safety of those who are teaching you are of paramount importance to us in the Department. Therefore, all of the plans that we are making could change if local circumstances demand it or Government advice changes on physical distancing. Please be assured that whether you are taught in person or online, we are committed to providing you with the very best experience and opportunities to help you fulfil your potential.