

Programme change proposals - Stage 1 Economics

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)	BSc Economics BSc Economics and Finance BSc Economics and Econometrics BSc Economics, Econometrics and Finance
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Summary of Overall Plans

Because of current UK Government guidelines on social distancing, the University has decided that there will be no 'face-to-face' lectures in Autumn Term, and is assuming for planning purposes that this will remain the case for the whole academic year. Lecture material will instead be delivered online, through the University's vle ('virtual learning environment'), normally in the form of (specially) pre-recorded videos made available on the module's vle site.

Face-to-face contact will be maintained as far as possible for seminars, practicals, workshops etc. However social distancing here implies that face-to-face groups will have to be smaller than usual, and therefore more numerous than usual in each module. This in itself increases the demand, from all Departments, on teaching space. So some 'rationing' of face-to-face meetings is necessary. Overall, therefore, a student typically will have fewer face-to-face meetings than usual, but in smaller groups than usual.

For first-year ('Stage 1') students we are planning to run the normal schedule of face-to-face seminar meetings in the following modules:

- ECO00013C *Microeconomics 1*
- ECO00014C *Macroeconomics 1*
- ECO00017C *Economic Data Analysis 1*
- ECO00018C *Historical Perspectives on Economic Growth*

Your other modules will be delivered entirely online, typically using the vle's online-conferencing tools. These are:

- ECO00011C *Probability 1*
- ECO00012C *Statistics 1*
- ECO00016C *Mathematics 1*

Because of travel restrictions, self-isolation etc, some students may be unable to join us here at York, and will be participating only online. For those elements of a module that are face-to-face, our intention is to provide as near as possible equivalent online contact for these students. Those elements of a module that are online only will be accessible equally to all students.

Also because of social distancing, the University is planning for there to be no closed examinations in 2020-21. Some of

your modules will be assessed by exam, but 'open' (i.e. with access to course materials) and online. Some other assessments may be changed from exam to project or essay-type assessment. We are working to finalise the details of this.

The following modules run through the whole year:

- ECO00013C *Microeconomics 1*
- ECO00014C *Macroeconomics 1*
- ECO00018C *Historical Perspectives on Economic Growth*

Normally each of these would be assessed at the end of the year, in Summer Term. However, with a view to promoting student engagement, especially in the context of extensive use of online delivery in 2020-21, we are planning instead for 'dual assessment' in these modules, with a student's final mark aggregated from two separate assessments, the first occurring approximately half way through the module, and the second in Summer Term. The first assessment would provide at least 30% of the final mark. We are working to finalise the details of this.

Programme Structures

We have no plans to change programme structures at Stage 1, or to withdraw or reschedule any Stage 1 modules.