

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"> • BA Social Policy - Applied Social Science • BA Social Policy • BA Social Policy, Crime and Criminal Justice
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Summary of Overall Plans

Students on these programmes will be invited to engage in learning in a variety of ways, with flexibility built in to allow us to maximise face-to-face teaching in line with any shifts in the government guidance on physical distancing. Lectures will be pre-recorded and made available through Yorkshare, our Virtual Learning Environment, and small tutorial group teaching will be offered to all students in classrooms. Online teaching will include structured seminar activities and materials to complement tutorial group work.

We'll timetable all students for weekly face-to-face teaching. First year students will receive face-to-face tutorials for all four of their modules on a fortnightly basis so that they have on average two tutorials each week. All students (including those who aren't able to attend campus as well as those who might be self-isolating) will have access to a full programme of structured learning materials to accompany the lecture material for every module as well as online discussion groups led by teaching staff, that will facilitate further group interactions and meet the same learning outcomes.

We'll be continuing to assess students through a combination of coursework, and online exams and have ensured that presentation and group work elements are retained in key modules so that students have the opportunity to work and learn together, and develop a full range of academic skills.

Programme Structures

For first years in Social Policy and Applied Social Science, we plan to offer a new core module 'Contemporary Issues in Social and Political Science' which will replace the module 'Introducing Sociology and Social Psychology'. We keep our curriculum under constant review and this module will better meet the learning outcomes for these programmes and enable students to develop close ties within their learning community earlier in their studies.

Further changes or information of note

We will provide online supervision meetings for all first year students, with the option to meet academic supervisors face-to-face where needed. We will also enrol all incoming first years on our 'Preparing to study' module and, as well as our full induction programme, we will continue to run our Peer Assisted Learning programme to support first years in their studies and strengthen academic skills development.