

Temporary Modification – Summary for Students

During these unprecedented times due to the global coronavirus pandemic, your wellbeing, health and safety remain our primary concern. We have therefore made some temporary changes to your programme to enable you to continue your studies safely at our University.

We anticipate that these changes will be in place for the 2020/21 academic year. However, if it's possible, we will return courses to their normal operation earlier if UK Government guidance allows.

We feel the changes we are making will benefit you, ensuring you can complete your programme on schedule whilst continuing to receive the same high-quality education for the duration of your course.

We do recognise not everyone may feel comfortable with this change and so, in accordance with our Terms and Conditions, we are now giving all continuing students an option to withdraw from your programme without financial penalty. In practice this means you would not re-enrol in September and instead would receive a transcript for the credits you have achieved so far. Alternatively, you could defer your studies until the 2021/22 academic year when we hope to have returned to on campus delivery if Government guidance permits.

We do hope you choose to continue your studies with us at this difficult time for us all. The proposed changes to your course are designed to ensure you will continue to receive the highest quality of education whether this is delivered online or physically distanced on campus or, potentially, a blend of the two.

If you wish to withdraw or defer your studies, you have until the start of teaching week two (28th September 2020) to notify us of your decision without incurring tuition fees. Your Campus Registry will confirm the process for doing this. We do hope though that you will continue your studies and remain with our University community during the year ahead.

Course Name: BA (Hons) Digital Media and Communication

This course has both theoretical and practical elements and to ensure that you can complete your course we have made some changes to the way in which it is delivered to enable you to meet the learning outcomes of your award and complete your studies.

We are expecting that the majority of your course content in semester 1 of 2020/21 will be delivered online and we have made changes to the scheduling of your modules to make that possible, with your wellbeing, health and safety our main concern along with the continued quality of your education.

We will bring you in for face-to-face practical sessions where we are able to and where Government guidance allows. As the guidance evolves we will increase the time you spend on campus in a way that is safe for you. Details will be provided on your timetable and module Blackboard sites.

The tables below set out the changes we have made to individual modules. All other modules will run as outlined in the Course Handbook.

Level 4

4MEST009W Internet Cultures	20 credits	The module will run in semester 1. Lectures and seminars will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous learning. The first assignment (Lead the Discussion) will not be part of the assessment. The assignment weighting for the second assignment, (Social Media Portfolio)
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		will be raised to 50% to compensate for the withdrawal of the first assignment.
4MEST010W Introduction to Web Production and Design	20 credits	The module will run in semester 1. Lectures and workshops will be delivered online.
4MEST016W Media and Society	20 credits	The module will run in semester 1. Lectures and seminars will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous learning.
4MEST012W Intermediate Web Production and Design	20 credits	The module will run in semester 2. If necessary, lectures and workshops will be delivered online.
4MEST015W Media and Globalisation	20 credits	The module will run in semester 2. If necessary, lectures and workshops will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous learning. The assessment type has changed. There will now be a presentation (40%) and essay (60%).

Level 5

5MEST007W Theories of Media and Communication	20 credits	The module runs in semester 1. Lectures and seminars will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous/ synchronous learning. This module has been amended to have two, rather than 3 assessments. These are a Blog (45% of overall mark) and an Essay (55% of overall mark)
5MEST008W Advanced Web Production and Design	20 credits	The module will run in semester 1. Lectures and workshops will be delivered online.
5MEST015W Researching Media and Communication	20 credits	The module will run in semester 2. If necessary, lectures and seminars will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous learning.
5MEST009W Design for Mobile Platforms	20 credits	The module will run in semester 2. If necessary, lectures and workshops will be delivered online.

Level 6

6MEST007W Digital Media Production Project	20 credits	The module will run in semester 1 and 2. Lectures and workshops will be delivered online.
6MEST006W Dissertation	40 credits	The module will run in semester 1 and 2. Lectures, seminars and supervision will be delivered online.
6MEST008W Professional Experience	20 credits	The module will run in semester 2. If necessary, lectures and seminars will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous learning.
6MEST009W Contemporary Issues in Media Policy	20 credits	The module will run in semester 1. Lectures and seminars will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous learning.
6MEST010W Transforming Audiences	20 credits	The module will run in semester 2. If necessary, lectures and seminars will be delivered online, in combination with elements of asynchronous learning.