Course Changes for September 2020 – 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 whist 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 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) Film

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 working towards prioritising practice-based modules for on-site delivery to our enable students to use the Film studios and facilities. We would like you to continue to work practically and physically to develop your practice.

From teaching week 1 (21 September 2020), students at levels 4 and 5 will be studying onsite for a minimum of one day a week for the duration of the semester. All other teaching will take place online. Students at level 6 will be studying onsite for specific scheduled practical activities for the duration of the semester. This will be the equivalent of half a day a week. All other teaching will take place on-line. This is of course dependent upon government guidance. Your health and safety will be paramount, as we need to be confident that any provision we put in place will not compromise your health, safety and wellbeing.

With this is mind we are currently looking at delivering aspects of theoretical study with online lectures, these will be delivered live online or via pre-recorded video. There will also be significant practical guides to the use of cameras, editing techniques, sound design etc. developed to support your studies.

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 5

5CINE001W: Drama Production Skills and Major Projects	60 credits	Lectures and tutorials will be delivered online with discussion board. Redistributed supervised hours in studio/fieldwork from 150 studio to 90/60 split.

Level 6

6CINE005W: Documentary Production	20 CREDITS	Changes to ways and issues in dealing with documentary subjects and reweighting of hours to independent work
6CINE003W: Professional Practice in Film and Television	20 CREDITS	Alteration to allow for alternatives to placement Online delivery of masterclasses and seminars