

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 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 Sociology

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.

In accordance with the best practices in e-learning, we will not attempt to replicate lectures and seminars online, but will instead substitute a range of equivalent learning activities to address the Learning Outcomes of our course. These activities will also provide opportunities for feedback and discussion with fellow students and module leaders.

We will bring you onsite for practical sessions where we are able to and where Government guidance allows, but if such sessions take place offsite we will make arrangements to ensure that you have free access to any required software.

Depending on circumstances, we hope to increase the time you spend on campus in a way that is safe for you and your lecturers. 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

4SOCL001W Thinking Sociologically	20 credits	The In-Class Test will be replaced with a Textual Analysis to be submitted online.
4SOCL003W London Explored	20 credits	The Group Presentation will be changed to a piece of coursework: Report Evaluation (50%). The online version of this module will have revised content for weeks 7-12 and will not involve group work. Learning Outcomes 3, 4 and 5 will be modified as follows: 3. Reflect critically on quantitative research methods used to study London; 4. Evaluate two quantitative research projects on London/urban issues in the UK; 5. Produce a professional written evaluation of two research projects.
4SOCL004W Understanding Race	20 credits	The module will no longer feature a walking tour of Black London.
4SOCL005W Researching Society	20 credits	The module will no longer feature a street art walking tour of East London.
4SOCL006W Introducing Media and Cultural Studies	20 credits	The Critical reading of <i>Oxford Street at Christmas</i> will be replaced with an alternative online activity.
4SOCL007W Introducing Gender	20 credits	The module will feature an online version of the field trip to the National Gallery.

Level 5

5SOCL001W Modern Social Theory	20 credits	The in-class test for CW1 will take place online and CW2, a seen examination will be replaced by an essay.
5SOCL003W Work Experience	20 credits	If students are not able to secure a placement, an alternative will be arranged.
5SOCL006W Emotional Life	20 credits	The module will no longer feature a fieldtrip in week 12 to the Foundling Museum. This will be replaced with a final summary lecture.
5SOCL008W Youth Culture and Identity	20 credits	The learning outcomes have been modified for this module as follows: References have been removed - Campaign Material in the first learning outcome and reference to Oral in the third learning outcome. The Group Presentation will be replaced by a Conceptual Map (40%).

5SOCL011W Food Taste and Consumption	20 credits	The module will no longer feature fieldtrips to Soho and Borough market. Both fieldtrips will be replaced with a virtual fieldtrip.
5CRIM008W Research Methods in Sociology and Criminology	20 credits	<p>This module will replace practical, hands-on workshop formats that focus on two methods (secondary quantitative data analysis and qualitative interviews), with more critical engagement with research questions, epistemology and the politics of research. Different research methods/research designs will be introduced/discussed within the overall framing of 'researching injustice and inequality'. IT sessions will take place online, if computer rooms are unavailable.</p> <p>CW1: Secondary Data Analysis will be replaced by a Weekly Workbook (20%), CW2: An In- Depth interview will be replaced by a Research Proposal (80%).</p>

Level 6

6SOCL004W Making Bodies	20 credits	The field trip to the Natural History Museum will no longer take place, but an alternative session will be arranged.
6SOCL006W Perils and Pleasures	20 credits	The module will no longer feature a walking tour to Winter Wonderland. This will be replaced with an extended summary lecture.
6SOCL007W Making the News	20 credits	The guest speaker from <i>The Guardian</i> will not be available for the next presentation of this module. This will be replaced with a short video of the talk given by the speaker in 2018, followed by a brief summary lecture.
6SOCL009W Consuming Race	20 credits	This module will no longer include a study visit to a relevant art or museum exhibition in London. This will be replaced by a virtual tour using the Google Arts and Culture website and app. The first assessment, a critical reading of an art or museum exhibition, will remain the same, but require students to use online resources rather than their own photographs and field notes.
6SOCL011W Gender, Education and Identity	20 credits	The onsite workshops and practicals will be moved into an online format including those with external guests and speakers.