

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 Sociology and Criminology

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.

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

4CRIM007W Researching Crime and Society	20 credits	The module will no longer feature a street art walking tour of East London.
4SOCL001W Thinking Sociologically	20 credits	The In-Class Test will be replaced with a Textual Analysis to be submitted online.
4CRIM001W The Criminological Imagination	40 credits	All coursework will stay the same, apart from perhaps CW 4: (Group Presentation) in semester 2, which may have to be delivered online.
4SOCL003W London Explored	20 credits	<p>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.</p> <p>The Learning Outcomes for points 3, 4 and 5 will be modified as follows:</p> <p>3. Reflect critically on quantitative research methods used to study London;</p> <p>4. Evaluate two quantitative research projects on London/urban issues in the UK;</p> <p>5. Produce a professional written evaluation of two research projects.</p>
4SOCL004W Understanding Race	20 credits	The module will no longer feature a walking tour of Black London.
4SOCL007W Introducing Gender	20 credits	The module will feature an online version of the Field Trip to the National Gallery.
4CRIM003W Controversies in Criminal Justice	20 credits	<p>Assignments have been changed to the following:</p> <p>CW1: 1,500 worded letter on a criminal justice issue / policy (1,500 words – 50%).</p> <p>CW2: Reflective account on writing a letter on a criminal justice issue / policy (1,500 words -50%).</p>
4CRIM004W Psychology and Crime	20 credits	CWK 1: The In- class test will become a Multiple-Choice Questions examination (50%).
4CRIM005W Crime and the London Underworld	20 credits	<p>CWK1: 1,500-word Field Walk Report which is weighted at 50% will be replaced with a 1,500-word Reflective Report weighted at 50%.</p> <p>CWK2: The End of Module In-Class Test weighted at 50% will be replaced with a 1,500-word essay weighted at 50%.</p>

		Subject to social distancing restrictions being removed, The Krays and Gangs of Soho walking tours will be replaced with DVDs and discussion groups.
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Level 5

5CRIM008W Research Methods in Sociology and Criminology	20 credits	The practical, hands-on workshop format with in-depth focus on two methods (secondary quantitative data analysis and qualitative interviews) will be replaced with more critical engagement with research questions, epistemology and the politics of research, and 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. CW1: The Secondary Data Analysis will be replaced by a Weekly Workbook (20%), CW2: The In-Depth interview will be replaced by a Research Proposal (80%).
5SOCL001W Modern Social Theory	20 credits	CW1: The In-Class test will take place online. CW2: The 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 Group Presentation assessment will be replaced by a conceptual map.
5SOCL011W Food Taste and Consumption	20 credits	The module will no longer feature fieldtrips to Soho and Borough market. Both will be replaced with a virtual fieldtrip.
5CRIM004W Gender, Crime and Justice	20 credits	CW2: Previously an Exam (50%), will now be a timed assessment which will take place online.
5CRIM006W Forensic Criminal Psychology	20 credits	Lectures will be pre-recorded and delivered online with discussion board. Practical Online sessions will be delivered in a mixture of live online sessions on BB Collaborate Ultra, with weekly tutorials, live Q & A sessions and discussion board. The assessment will be amended as follows: CW 1: A learning portfolio (10%) CW 2: Offender profiling report (55%) CW3: Group presentation (35%) Submitted electronically.

Level 6

6SOCL004W Making Bodies	20 credits	The Field Trip to the Natural History Museum will no longer take place, but an alternative 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 practical's will be moved into an online format, including those with external guests and speakers.
6CRIM004W Human Rights and Global Justice	20 credits	The individual presentation of an essay plan (CWK 1) will take place over Blackboard Ultra Collaborate, and not face-to-face.
6CRIM009W Immigration, Crime and Control	20 credits	Depending on the guidance: lectures, seminars and field trips will take place online; CW1 will be an analysis of a written debate as opposed to a group debate.
6CRIM010W Work Experience in Criminology and Criminal Justice	20 credits	70 hours minimum placement will be reduced to 35 hours minimum; however, it remains that students will be expected to spend a total of 70 hours on work-related experience, including CV writing, contacting organisations and applying for roles. Students will be able to do on-site placements, but only once placements are approved by the University.
6CRIM007W Issues in State Crime	20 credits	Lectures, seminars and fieldtrips will take place online. The assessment will be amended as follows: CW1: learning portfolio (10%) CW2: essay plan (25%) CW3: essay (65%) Submitted electronically.