

Course Changes for September 2020- Summary for Students

During these unprecedented times due to the global coronavirus pandemic, your wellbeing, health 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 Spanish and International Relations

Level 4

Introduction to the Study of Language and Culture	20 credits	From one semester to year long
The Arab World and the Word 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.
The Chinese World and the Word 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.
The French World and the Word 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.
The Spanish World and the Word 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.

For information on the following modules, please consult the equivalent document for the BA International Relations:

4PIRSxxxW Introduction to International Relations (core)

4PIRSxxxW Critical Perspectives on Global Politics (core)

4PIRS002W Democracy in Crisis (option)

4PIRS004W Global Governance and Development (option)

4PIRS007W The Politics of Migration (option)

Level 5

Expressions of Arabic Culture 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.
Expressions of Chinese Culture 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.
Expressions of French Culture 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.
Expressions of Spanish Culture 2	20 credits	The exam will change from closed book to open book format.

For information on the following modules, please consult the equivalent document for the BA International Relations:

5PIRS017W Theorising Politics and International Relations (core)

5PIRS007W Global Security (core)

5PIRS001W Nationalism and the State in the Global South (option)

5PIRS006W International Political Economy (option)

5PIRS008W Governance in Europe (option)

5PIRS010W Middle East Politics (option)

5PIRS005W Geopolitics (option)

Level 6

Developing Career Competences	20 credits	The references to external visits (4h) will be removed, and these 4 hours will be moved to the seminar hours, which will
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		increase accordingly from 20 to 24hrs and include external speakers.
People and Things on the Move	20 credits	This module will replace the fieldwork-based essay with an essay based on a set of questions set by the Module Leader as conducting fieldwork may not be possible in the current circumstances. The learning portfolio will also be removed as some of the elements are currently not feasible and so the essay will now count as 75% of the final mark. The oral presentation will remain at 25% of the final mark.

For information on the following modules, please consult the equivalent document for the BA International Relations:

6PIRS003W Contested Sovereignty: Jurisdiction and Power in contemporary international Relations (core)

6PIRS013W Postcolonial Politics and International Relations (option)

6PIRS002W American Power in a Multi-Polar World (option)

6PIRS006W Ethics Morality and World Order(s) (option)

6PIRS008W Foreign Policy and Diplomacy in a Changing World (option)

6PIRS010W Humanitarian Intervention and International Relations (option)

6PIRS019W Energy and Development in the Middle East and Central Asia (option)