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) Photography

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 Photography 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), you 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 well-being.

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.

The tables on the next page set out information about delivery of individual core (not option) modules in semester 1 only. Currently we expect semester 2 modules will run as outlined in the Course Handbook, and we will endeavour to ensure that practical activities are delivered on site where possible, but this will be of course be subject to the situation regarding social distancing requirements at the time.

Level 4

4IMAG001W: The Photographic Eye	40 CREDITS	Some practical sessions will be delivered onsite within photography facilities, within small groups and adhering to social distancing requirements. Other activities online. Submission of coursework online.
4IMAG002W Photography from Invention to Mass Medium	20 CREDITS	Lectures delivered online. Assessment by essay submitted online

Level 5

5IMAG001W: Photography Beyond the Frame	20 CREDITS	Some practical sessions and workshops will be delivered onsite within photography facilities, within small groups and adhering to social distancing requirements. Other activities online. Submission of coursework online.
5IMAG002W: Vision and Technology	20 CREDITS	Lectures and tutorials delivered online. Assessment by written coursework submitted online.
5IMAG016W: Advanced Research Methods	20 CREDITS	Lectures and tutorials delivered online. Assessment by written coursework submitted online.

Level 6

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6IMAG001W	20	Some practical sessions and workshops will be delivered
Major Project 1	CREDITS	onsite within photography facilities, within small groups and
		adhering to social distancing requirements.
		Other activities online. Submission of coursework online.
6IMAG002W	40	Lectures and tutorials delivered online.
Dissertation	CREDITS	Assessment submitted online during semester 2.
(year long)		
6IMAG004W	20	Lectures and tutorials delivered online
Professional Futures	CREDITS	Assessment submitted online during semester 2.
(year long)		