

**Subject: An update on enhancements to your course in Semester 2: YR 2**

Dear student,

We are looking forward to our second semester and welcoming those of you who have been away back to campus, as well as those of you who are joining us for the first time.

We have a range of plans to resume our Bath Blend of learning and teaching and to offer a mix of extra-curricular activities from February onwards.

Of course, all our plans are subject to whatever Covid rules are in place at the time, but we will be doing everything we can to make sure you have the best possible experience, in a safe environment, as you continue your studies with us here at Bath.

**Learning and teaching**

Thank you for your engagement with the Bath Blend in Semester 1 and for providing invaluable feedback in the two student surveys we have run over the past few weeks. In Architecture and Civil Engineering, we have used your feedback to enhance the way we deliver the Bath Blend. We have addressed comments associated with workload, learning resources, practical sessions and IPT delivery, while retaining flexibility in when you study. We continue to ensure that all learning outcomes can be achieved regardless of study mode.

Your timetable will be available to you from mid-January, when you'll be able to see what you can expect in Semester 2 in IPT and LOIL sessions. Key highlights we would draw to your attention, however, are:

- IPT sessions: Practical surveying and fieldwork (weeks 19-23, all day), Concrete and masonry (Structural Design and Construction) and soils/foundations group project work (weeks 24-31 AM/PM);
- Practical laboratory elements within Soil Mechanics and Foundation Design during IPT;
- Additional access to group study/work space in 4ES L6 on Mondays during the group project work;
- Greater coordination and consistency across units including organisation of Moodle pages and managing the overall workload;
- Timetabled release of pre-recorded content.

Please remember that if you are coming to campus for self-study sessions you need to book a slot via [the online booking system](#).

Whether you have stayed with us here in Bath over the winter break, you are returning to our beautiful city, or joining us for the first time, we are looking forward to continuing to

offer you high quality learning and teaching, building on all we have learnt so far in this exceptional year, whilst prioritising the safety and wellbeing of our community. If you have any questions regarding this email, please speak to your Director of Studies or Year Tutor

If you have any concerns relating to returning to campus / Bath or your personal wellbeing don't hesitate to contact your Personal Tutor or reach out to [Student Services](#) for further support.

If you would like to discuss your individual circumstances [The SU Advice & Support](#) service is also available remotely.

With best wishes,