

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Education – PGT
– MA IEG

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Subject: Our responses to the Check-In Survey in Week 8

Dear IEG Students,

Thank you very much for your feedback during the 'Week 8 Check-In Survey'.

I am pleased to say that the MA in International Education and Globalisation course had a very positive response regarding the questions 'I am satisfied with my education experience', and 'I am satisfied with my wider university experience'.

In fact, the Department of Education had some of the highest positive scores across the entire university.

With regard to your specific comments, please see the points below:

- You said that the recordings are useful, as you get to learn something new each time you watch them. We will continue to record LOILS and Seminars in Semester 2 and upload them to Moodle.
- You said that the careers advice you are receiving is not specific enough. We will introduce some specific advice during the Complementary Programme Seminars in Semester 2.
- You said that you like the opportunity to discuss your previous teaching and learning experiences with the other students. We will continue to give you opportunities for discussion, in both the LOILS and Seminars. Further, we will increase the CP and EP Seminars on Friday to 70-minutes, which will ensure more time for reflection and discussion.
- You said that the IPT sessions are important. We will continue in Semester 2 to offer you the four-hour block of IPT on Friday mornings.
- You said that the combination and blend of Teams/Moodle/Outlook is working well. We will continue to use Teams for LOILS, and we will continue to ensure pre-reading and session materials are placed on Moodle well in advance of the sessions.

These issues were raised at the SSLC Meeting (on Friday 11th December).

Lastly, please remember that the Unit Evaluations for both EGC and EIGC are now live. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Best Regards,

Tristan

An update on enhancements to IEG in Semester 2

Dear IEG students,

Thank you for your inputs this Semester. We are already looking forward to our second semester, and welcoming back those of you who arrived here in Semester 1 alongside the last two remote students who will be joining us in-person in Semester 2.

We have a range of plans in place 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 MA IEG 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 the Department of Education, we have used your feedback to enhance the way we deliver the Bath Blend. We have addressed comments associated with workload 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:

- We will be continuing with our 4-hour IPT sessions on Friday mornings. This will involve the core Learning and Culture unit, plus the normal CP and EP sessions. This will continue in Room 1E 3.6. The seminars will be 70-minutes long, allowing more time for discussions.
- The Optional units (LOILS and seminars) will all be delivered online.
- We will continue to deliver the Complementary Programme sessions with David Busby on alternate Monday mornings, and RMIEG (focusing on Quantitative Research) on the other Monday mornings.
- A new development for Semester 2 is that Tianqi will be providing a one-hour session online to support your Dissertation ideas and provide further general academic support. This will be offered Tuesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings. You will be asked to sign up each week for one of the sessions, so that they are small enough to offer you individualised support.

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 plan to stay with us here in Bath over the winter break, or are returning home for the vacation, we are looking forward in February 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 contact Tristan or Nicola.

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,