

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

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Subject: An update on enhancements to your course in Semester 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 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 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 are:

- We will continue with the IPT sessions on Wednesday afternoons;
- The IPT sessions will be linked to your core units and will give an opportunity to build a community;
- LOILs for each core unit will be scheduled throughout the week.

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 DoS, Reka or Deputy DoS, Adem.

Most of your tutors will be on annual leave between the 21st December and 4th January.

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,
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Subject: You Said, We did

Dear Students,

Thank you again for your response to the surveys we did to improve the quality of your learning and our way of teaching this semester.

We will keep listening to your thoughts and suggestions.

Please see what you said and what we did this term

You Said	We did
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online teaching and Moodle resources are excellent. I especially like the recordings of online lectures as I like to go over them again to take notes.• For the teaching part, I think I can get good support from my teachers. They are professional! And I can get a lot of advice about my career in the career centre which I am satisfied, too. I also applied for a language skill to join my interesting language learning. Although it is difficult in this situation, I can feel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you so much for your positive comments. As the team, including your tutors at MA TESOL and our other friends from the Career Centre, Academic Skills Centre, and Student Services, we are all doing our best to offer you high-quality learning and overall experience.

the effort that the university did for us students!

- Because of the COVID-19, I felt that the efficiency of online courses was low and there was little communication.
- No need to have the breakout room on the lecture, because the lecture time is limit, the Moodle forum is enough, I want to listen more from the professor.
- I personally prefer Teams to Zoom for the online course. Because sometimes we have valuable comments in chatting box. We can check it conveniently later in Teams but difficult to do it on Zoom.
- We offer more online sessions where you can e-meet or join the debate event and interact more extensively. Also, we offer more office hours and personal tutor meetings throughout the semester than usual.
- In Semester 2, we will aim to have LOIL sessions with fewer breakout rooms especially in the theory-oriented lectures, while using breakout rooms in the online seminar.
- Thank you for raising this point. We are aware that there are different strengths of the different technologies. We aim to select the most appropriate platform according to the technical requirements and pedagogical aims and needs of the sessions.

Wish you a lovely Christmas and a nice break 😊

Adem

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