

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department for Health – UG – Sport and Exercise Science programmes

To all of our Health and Exercise Science students,

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 this year.

We have a range of plans to resume our Bath Blend of learning and teaching – learning from how things went last semester - 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 this Department, 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. The key actions we have taken as a response to your comments that we would draw to your attention are as follows:

- The inclusion of more lab-based and practical skills session during IPT, within the constraints set by COVID-19 regulations.
- The introduction of a 'sign in' system, whereby students can send their intention to attend an IPT session, and staff can plan activities with a better knowledge of how many students will be attending.
- Ensuring that 'essential' vs. 'optional' materials and activities are clearly signposted in the relevant Moodle areas.
- Promotion of activities to facilitate student interaction and generate a better student experience beyond the academic aspects – we note that this was one of the major issues emerging from your feedback.

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

We have learnt a lot during this exceptional year about what works best when teaching online, in person, and blending these together, so are looking forward to building on all of this

to continue to offer you high quality learning and teaching next Semester. And of course, the safety and wellbeing of our community will remain a priority.

If you have any questions regarding this email, please speak to your Director of Studies (Dr Oliver Peacock).

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.

Finally, we appreciate it has been a long and difficult semester for most students, with many frustrations. So we hope you have managed to come through it with your senses of humour and optimism intact, ahead of what we hope will be a much more positive year in 2021. Many of your tutors have told me how much they have enjoyed the interactions that they did manage to have with you, whether in person or online, which were often highlights of their week. We very much look forward to trying to create opportunities for more of the same from February onwards.

Take care of yourselves, and enjoy your Christmas break,

Best wishes

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