

Covid-19 – S2 Wk4 Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Social and Policy Science – UG

From: Peter Manning <pm734@bath.ac.uk>
Sent: 22 March 2021 11:36
To: SP-U@courses.bath.ac.uk
Cc: Joe Devine <ecsjd@bath.ac.uk>; Shaun Stephenson-McGall <sussam@bath.ac.uk>
Subject: Week 4 check in survey - SPS response

Dear All,

We hope everyone is well as we move toward the Easter break.

We wanted to write to you about the latest “check in survey” from Week 4, Semester 2. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and it will help us work on enhancing our teaching delivery for the remainder of the semester.

This year has presented significant challenges for staff and students. Overall, from unit evaluations to these check in surveys, student feedback has been very positive, which is very encouraging. Across the check in surveys, highlights include the availability and responsiveness of staff, the quality of teaching offered in SPS, the flexibility for learners afforded by the Bath Blend.

We recognise that there are still issues to improve on in the remainder of S2. Based on the recent survey, we can highlight:

- One area for improvement highlighted was around the use of Moodle platforms and other online learning support platforms. ***Earlier in the semester, we had organised staff training and support on the use of Zoom, Panopto and other key online platforms. We will recirculate them as ‘refreshers’ to help staff provide learning resources online as consistently and accessibly as possible.***
- Students highlighted the challenges of learning in terms of wellbeing and academic support in the current context, and that navigating support services could be helped. ***We have asked Unit Convenors to advertise the University [Wellbeing Services](#) and [Academic Skills Centre](#) on all Moodle pages.***

More broadly, as you know the Government is expected to pronounce on future easing of lockdown. This may impact all of us at the University. As soon as we have information, we will of course communicate with you.

Finally, please be assured that we will continue to look at ways that we can improve teaching delivery for this academic year. We will continue to explore ways to better support students (and staff) in blended learning, and at all possible ways to enhance our in person teaching sessions.

Best wishes

Joe Devine and Pete Manning

Dr Pete Manning | Lecturer in Sociology and Director of Teaching
Department of Social and Policy Sciences | University of Bath