

COVID Information for Higher Education Applicants and Current Students



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Our approach to Covid-19 is to follow National government guidance and regulations alongside both Association of Colleges and Office for Students recommendations, and to keep all our people safe. We are adapting to the changing world and are making sure that your learning doesn't have to be put on hold. This may mean that teaching could be online or in person, however we will ensure you have access to the highest quality teaching and the best possible student experience.

The following table lays out the Stages of Operations we will move through as the current pandemic roadmap progresses and further announcements are made about the impact of the pandemic on higher education. Whilst this provides an overview of our institutional approach, you will also be kept informed of programme-specific changes or updates by your Course Coordinator.

Our Stages of Operations illustrate the stages for programme delivery and how things may change in the future (depending on National government requirements). Following the most recent operational guidance for Higher Education providers (August 2021) we are at **Stage 1**.

| Stage | Tuition (All Students) | Facilities and services | Health and safety measures |
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| Stage 1 | Standard on-campus delivery for all students, with some blended learning in place in line with the College Digital Learning Strategy. | All student and campus services open. | Some measures may remain in line with government and public health guidance. |
| Stage 2 | Blended learning is in place (typically two-thirds face-to-face, one-third delivered digitally), with face-to-face teaching prioritised for all programmes. | Careers and Student support services are being offered both remotely and face-to-face. Additional Health and Safety measures remain in place in high-use areas such as canteens, the library and the HE study / common room spaces | Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged. |

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| Stage 3 | <p>Mix of online and blended learning, prioritising the continuation of face-to-face provision for certain programmes. Opportunities for students on practical programmes to access specialist resources are maximised.</p> | <p>Essential services are open, on a reduced hours basis with booking essential for the library and HE Study Room. Careers and student support services will be delivered as a blend of online and face-to-face.</p> | <p>Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Face coverings must be worn in all indoor settings where adequate social distancing cannot be maintained or guaranteed ie. In communal areas and corridors (unless exemptions apply). Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged.</p> |
| Stage 4 | <p>The majority of teaching activity will be done remotely while we retain face-to-face provision for priority courses (eg healthcare and education courses), and in as limited number of situations as possible.</p> | <p>Essential services are open, on a reduced hours and capacity basis with booking essential for the library and HE Study Room. Careers and student support services will be delivered remotely, unless there are specific requirements for face-to-face arrangements.</p> | <p>Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged.</p> |
| Stage 5 | <p>Return to full lockdown. Campus teaching is restricted to students on PSRB accredited programmes that require face-to-face delivery</p> | <p>All campus-based services are delivered digitally. The library is open for pre-booked visits only.</p> | <p>Health and safety measures are in place, in line with government and public health guidance. Asymptomatic testing for all those coming onto campus is strongly encouraged.</p> |