

Information for continuing students: Teaching and Learning at Leeds Beckett University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22

Summary Information and Communication

1. Our aim, in the Academic Year 2021/22, is to ensure that our students experience Leeds Beckett University, and our courses, to their full. This means that we will do all we can to ensure you have a balance between traditional face-to-face teaching and, where this works well within the context of our learning environment, on-line delivery and support. In all cases, we will continue to follow guidance from Public Health England, the Department for Education and all other recognised government agencies in full and keep matters under close review at all times.
2. Current advice from the Department of Education is that we will be able to remove many social distancing restrictions, although this may be subject to local conditions and the rates of infection, as we move into the autumn. We aim to open up our campuses to the fullest extent possible, while maintaining an environment where students and staff can feel safe.
3. We will keep you informed of our response to any changes through updates on our [website](#); more specific updates will be provided by your School. You may find it helpful to refer to the Office for Students guidance and [FAQs for students](#) and the Office of Independent Adjudicators [FAQs for students](#). The current 2020/21 course specifications are available on our [course webpages](#). Course Handbooks will be available prior to your induction.

Undergraduate Material Information

INFORMATION FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

Our University's approach to teaching and learning in 2021/22 will continue to be informed and guided by Public Health England, the Department for Education and other relevant official bodies (such as the Office for Students). In responding to this guidance, we will adopt the following principles:

1. The health and safety of students and staff is our chief concern.
2. We aim to provide a learning environment which enables our students to feel part of a learning community, to build education and social relationships with each other and to engage as fully as possible with their courses and the University. We will continue to ensure that all of our students will be able to meet the learning outcomes of their courses, be assessed rigorously but fairly and be able to achieve the standards of outcome they would have expected. We will manage this within a traditional teaching environment which is enhanced, where appropriate, by on-line teaching, learning and support. We are conscious that not all of our students will be able, or ready, to engage with face-to-face teaching and will provide what support we can to ensure that other opportunities are available to you, if that is the case.
3. We will ensure that courses accredited by Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies will continue to receive that accreditation.
4. We will prioritise the accessibility of specialist space and equipment, that is important to enabling the successful completion of a module, or course, over general teaching space and study facilities.
5. Where PPE is an essential requirement for your course, the course team will provide details in advance of the re-commencement of your studies.
6. Assessment will take account of the prevailing conditions at the time. We do not intend to conduct on-campus formal examinations and on-line examinations will only be scheduled where it is stipulated by a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body.
7. We will continue to make on-campus learning and support facilities available to students through a mixture of physical and on-line environments, ensuring that everyone can get the support they need. We will maintain as much access to learning spaces as is permitted and much of your learning material will continue to be available online. You can book an appointment via telephone or online video chat with an adviser on our [website](#) or email the team at studentadvicehub@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.
8. We will maintain a stable teaching and learning environment, keeping our arrangements in place throughout each semester and ensuring that everyone is prepared for changes as the opportunity to make them arises. The 2021/22 academic calendar and term dates are available on our [website](#).
9. We anticipate that travel restrictions, and other health and safety considerations, may still have an impact on placements, internships, and travel (both domestic and international). We have successfully undertaken UK-based activities in 2020/21 and anticipate these will continue. However, we are not currently supporting international placements or exchange activities unless the location is the domicile address of the student concerned. Students

arriving from locations outside the UK will be subject to any required quarantine arrangements.

10. We will continue to offer support to students in hardship and those who have difficulties in gaining online access to their teaching and learning materials. Students can borrow laptops for use whilst on campus from lockers located in both libraries.
11. There will be no change to published fee levels for 2021/22.
12. We will maintain a focus on communication at course level, ensuring that all our students understand the situation as it affects their course and its particular requirements.

Key terms and conditions

Further important information for students is available on our [website](#). This includes information about your student contract, fees and funding, your rights of cancellation, the student protection plan and the University complaints process. It is essential that you re-read the information on this webpage carefully as it sets out the rights and obligations of your contract with the University and information about how to make a complaint.