

Course Changes for the academic year 2020-21

Due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and government guidance, we have had to make some changes to the programme in order to mitigate against risks to health and to give you the best possible academic experience in the circumstances.

We will continue to monitor and respond to the changing public health situation.

The changes are:

- All lectures will be delivered online in 2020-21 and will be a mix of pre-recorded and live Question and Answer sessions.

Part IA

For Part IA (first year) students:

- Supervisions will either be online, in-person or a mix of the two depending on group sizes and availability of suitable rooms.
- It is intended that fieldwork (day trips) and any associated physical lab classes, which would normally be taught in-person, will take place towards the end of the year if social distancing and space restrictions have eased. If this is not possible, we will provide virtual equivalents.
- Computer-based lab classes will be online. All software is open source and available for free. Students will be able to download this to their laptops or use computer facilities in Colleges where these are available.

Part IB

For Part IB (affiliated students joining the second year):

- Supervisions will either be online, in-person or a mix of the two depending on group sizes and availability of suitable rooms.
- Computer-based lab classes will be online. All software is open source and available for free. Students will be able to download this to their laptops or use computer facilities in Colleges where these are available.
- It is intended that any fieldwork (day trips) for option papers will take place towards the end of the year if social distancing restrictions have eased. If this is not possible, we will provide virtual equivalents or alternative data sets for analysis.



- Depending on numbers of students taking any particular paper, it is intended that any physical lab, in-person, classes will take place as normal (according to government guidance) or towards the end of the year if social distancing and space restrictions have eased. If this is not possible, we will provide virtual equivalents or alternative data sets for analysis.
- The Department remains committed to residential fieldtrips and in planning these will take account of all government guidance.