**Programme title: Master of Research (Biomedical Sciences/ Health/ Psychology)**

**Programme content**

All the learning outcomes of the programme will be maintained.

Your course will continue to be delivered through the core and optional modules that are specified for your programme. Crucially, this means that all of the learning outcomes for your programme will be maintained. In some instances, the order or duration of modules may have been changed to allow us to effectively deliver your programme to accommodate social distancing measures. Where we have made changes, they aim to provide support that maintains the quality of your learning experience.

**You will need to reenrol in order to be able to access modules and submit your dissertation and any other outstanding work**

 **Programme length**

We do not anticipate changes to the length of the programme unless public health guidance changes significantly.

**Programme delivery**

The following section only applies to students who are either starting in Sept 2020 or who have remaining taught modules. If you only have your dissertation remaining (i.e., you are Full Time and started in Sept 2019) you will not be affected by the points below in this section.

To be inclusive of your individual circumstances, we are planning to offer your course through a mixture of synchronous (delivered at a scheduled time and led by a member of staff) and asynchronous (activities designed and set by a member of staff, but completed in your own time) opportunities. We are planning to use a mixture of campus-based and virtual-learning environments to offer you an enhanced and flexible learning experience.

This programme will operate the remainder of any taught elements using exclusively online delivery. This will be achieved using a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials all supported by specific guided study. Teaching activities will be designed to enable you to rapidly integrate yourself with fellow-students on the course and staff members.

You should continue to meet with your supervisors regularly as agreed with your team.

We are currently busy establishing how the new academic year will be structured and timetabled. We are aiming to have more detailed information in our next communication which will be in August.

**Programme cost**

There are no changes to the fees for the programme.

However, you should familiarise yourself with the normal additional costs for your programme. These are detailed on our website via this link:

[Postgraduate Fees information](https://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/study/finance/Pages/Postgraduate%2C-Research-and-Part-Time-Students-.aspx)

**Assessment**

Our overall assessment strategy will remain unchanged, in that we will aim to assess all of your module learning outcomes. After our experiences of the first lockdown, we are designing inclusive and alternative assessments so that you will not be disadvantaged in the event of increased local restrictions being imposed. Specific assessment briefs will be provided, as normal, in your module handbooks, which will be available prior to the start the module.

**Award**

There is no change to the qualification awarded.

**Teaching location**

We are currently planning to deliver a proportion of your learning on the University campus estate, whilst following Government guidelines around social distancing. The campus is being populated with clear signage, one-way systems, safety screens, and sanitizer dispensers. We are modelling our provision based upon 2 metre, 1.5 metre and 1 metre distancing, to allow us to be as flexible as possible in preparation for October. As outlined in the programme delivery information above, we are planning to deliver your programme through a mixture of face-to-face, on-campus delivery, and online learning packages. All support will be designed to ensure that no student is disadvantaged in meeting the required learning outcomes of their modules.

**Complaints**

The information provided by the School (above) is the most recent available, taking account all the amendments to the Programme that have been made due to the Covid19 pandemic. Any further amendments will be brought to your attention as quickly as possible.

If you have any issues with the changes that have been implemented, then we would ask that you formalise your issue via the University Complaints Policy and Procedure. A link to the same can be found using:

<http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/registry/Pages/Complaints.aspx>

Procedural advice is available from the Complaints Manager who can be contacted on email at complaints@cardiffmet.ac.uk.