**Programme title: MSc Sport & Exercise Science (with pathways in Biomechanics and Physiology)**

**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.

Of note for students intending to take the Exercise Psychology module, we have removed this module from our list of options this year. This also means that the ‘Physical Activity & Health’ pathway will not be available for students starting in the 2020/21 academic year. If you were intending to take this module you should contact the Programme Director (mghughes@cardiffmet.ac.uk) who can explain how study in this area can still be achieved within the programme.

Where your module choices include the Supervised Placement module (SSP7129), we will adhere to the national guidance provided by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA, June 2020) and any further guidance as stipulated by relevant professional, statutory or regulatory bodies (PSRB’s) linked to your programme of study. In general, we will aim to resume placements whenever possible ensuring safety and support for students to understand any risks and their options to manage these risks. If placements cannot run safely, where possible, they will be replaced with remote virtual placements with employers or flexible alternative assessments aimed to deliver the professional development learning outcomes linked to these modules of study.

**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 ‘Programme Delivery’ 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.

The programme will be delivered using a combination of on-campus and online teaching activities. Due to the constraints of social distancing you will have one day allocated to on-campus activities where seminars, tutorials and practicals will be prioritised above other sessions (e.g., lectures and some seminars) that will be given online. Using this model you should expect two days per week where ‘synchronous’ teaching will take place (i.e., 1 each of on and off-campus). The on-campus days will also serve to promote your integration within our academic community and develop your relationships with key staff on your programme of study. We are designing this curriculum to enable flexibility to be able to switch to fully online delivery if there are further local restrictions.

We are currently busy establishing how much of your scheduled learning will be time spent on-campus. We are aiming to have this 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**

Other than the removal of the ‘Physical Activity and Health’ pathway referred to earlier, there is no change to the qualifications possible from this programme.

**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.