

Dear All, *Level 6 BSC Psychology and Counselling 2021/2022,*

Following the recent message you will have received about the teaching delivery plan for 2021-22, we are now in a position to be able to share our preliminary plans for the structure of the Semester One on-campus sessions in the 2021/22 academic year with you. This document relates only to the planned on-campus activity. The supporting online resources will exist around this and further details about them will be made available through our Moodle platform early in September.

For your convenience, I have also attached a pdf to this email for further viewing.

On-campus Taught Session Structure

As we have indicated, each module will have a set number of days where students are expected to come on to campus for dedicated taught sessions. We have designed each of our taught session days based upon a successful model that we have used over the last few years with our postgraduate and weekend undergraduate provision courses. Please see the table below for the broad structure that will be applied to most modules*:

Table 1: Structure of taught session days

9.30-11	Session 1 (90 minutes)
11-11.30	Comfort break (30 minutes)
11.30-12.30	Session 2 (60 minutes)
12.30-1.15	Lunch (45 minutes)
1.15-2.45	Session 3 (90 minutes)
2.45-3	Comfort break (15 minutes)
3-4	Session 4 (60 minutes)

As you can see, whilst we have moved the start time to 9.30 (later than previously to allow for travel) we are able to fit five hours of taught sessions into one day using this model. Each module leader may approach this structure differently, and so whilst some may cover a different area of the module in each session, others may use one session for practical work on a topic and then another session on discussion of that same topic; information about the taught day structures for each module will be found on module Moodle pages at the start of the semester.

It is also important to note that staff are structuring their module taught sessions according to where they fall in the semester timetable; we will not be expecting the preparation for a taught session in the first week of the semester to be the same as that required for a session later in the semester. Whilst the main content of these sessions will be recorded for students who are unable to attend a specific session due to illness or self-isolation requirements, the expectation is that students attend these on-campus sessions to maximise their learning and wider student experience.

* Please note that the module ECPS6009 Reflexive Counselling Skills has a different taught structure due to the nature of the content and teaching methods.

Taught session dates

We are aware that many students need to know the dates of taught sessions in order to arrange work and child care provision. Therefore we are releasing the information below as a provisional guide only until the official timetable is released by the university on 6th September. Students will be placed into groups and, for obvious reasons given the Covid situation, under no circumstances during the year may students move between groups. The university has a legal obligation to follow mandated health and safety measures that still involve control of numbers in rooms and being able to identify individuals who enter teaching spaces. Information about group allocation will be released after the resit exam board at the end of this month once we know student numbers for each cohort. The creation and monitoring of these groups is carried out at a faculty level; therefore please do not request movement between groups from your Programme Manager as they are unable to arrange this.

Table 2: BSc Psychology and Counselling Level Six Semester One (optional modules will be as chosen by each student)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 th September Induction week				
27 th September ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	28 th	29 th September ECPS6003 Prejudice & Discrim	30 th	1 st
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 th October ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	5 th	6 th October ECPS6003 Prejudice & Discrim	7 th	8 th
11 th October ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	12 th	13 th October ECPS6003 Prejudice & Discrim	14 th	15 th October Social Psych PLC (Swansea)
18 th October ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	19 th	20 th ECPS6003 Prejudice & Discrim	21 st	22 nd
25	26	27	28	29
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st November ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	2 nd	3 rd November ECPS6005 Cognition in Action	4 th	5 th
8 th November	9 th	10 th November	11 th	12 th November

ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm		ECPS6005 Cognition in Action		Developmental Psych PLC (Carmarthen)
15 th November ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	16 th	17 th November ECPS6005 Cognition in Action	18 th	19 th
22 nd October ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	23 rd	24 th November ECPS6005 Cognition in Action	25 th	26 th
29 th November ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	30 th	1 st December ECPS6007 CBT & New Cog Therapy		
6 th December ECPS6009 Reflex Couns Skills GROUP A 9-12pm GROUP B 1-4pm	7 th	8 th December ECPS6007 CBT & New Cog Therapy	9 th	10 th December Health Psych PLC (Swansea)
3 rd January	4 th	5 th January ECPS6007 CBT & New Cog Therapy	6 th	7 th
10 th January	11 th	12 th January ECPS6007 CBT & New Cog Therapy	13 th	14 th

Please note that this timetable does not include dissertation meetings, research participation and data collection times, or other non-timetabled activities which, nonetheless, make up an important element of your wider learning and engagement with your area of study.

Psychology professional learning community (PLC) days.

In addition to these compulsory taught sessions for each module, we will also be holding additional optional “learning experience” sessions across the course of the academic year, some online, some on-campus. Further details of these will follow across the year, but we are particularly excited to introduce our new Psychology Professional Learning Community (Psych PLC) days, which will be held on campus on a monthly basis. These Psych PLC days will provide students with the opportunity to meet with staff, students, and external experts across programmes to share cutting edge developments, learn about career and employability opportunities, and develop project ideas.

Finally, it has been my pleasure to be your programme manager for over these past few years. I look forward to working with **Judith Marshall – Programme Manager/2021-2022** and the rest of the Psychology and Counselling Team during the next academic year.

We will be in touch with further information in due course, and are looking forward to seeing you all back on campus in the near future.

Warmest regards,

Ruth