Questions & Answers for students

Q. The University guidance states ‘Where scheduled teaching time is cancelled, steps will be taken to ensure that subsequent assessment for the affected courses (e.g. coursework, exams) does not address topics or issues which would have been covered by the missed teaching’. What does this mean in practice?

If material has not been delivered in the usual manner (including practicals, tutorials and lectures) it will not be examined. For example, exam papers will only include questions on material that has either been taught during the course or through outside reading and individual study as part of normal course activities. If you are unsure please contact your course organiser.

Q. What does ‘missed teaching’ mean?

The guiding principle we use is that exams will be amended (if necessary) so that only the learning outcomes that you are expected to have gained will be assessed; you won’t be asked directly about material that hasn’t been taught. The detailed interpretation of this principle will depend on the mode of delivery normally used in the course.

Simply posting lecture slides or lecture notes online, or posting lecture recordings from previous years, is not considered a substitute for lectures. Lecture recordings are revision tools primarily that support normal pedagogic activity.

Q. If lectures are rescheduled will I be examined on that content?

Yes. If the material to be delivered was rescheduled then it can still be examined.

Q. My coursework is primarily self-directed learning activity, is this to be examined?

Where coursework is assessed and is partly/fully taught in self-directed learning it can still be assessed.

Q. How will I know what course material is / is not examinable?

All course organisers will place a statement on the course Learn page as to what you should expect. You will be informed of this by the course teaching staff as early as possible to help you plan your revision effectively.

Q. What will exam boards be asked to do?

For all courses if any classes were cancelled as a result of the strike, this will be highlighted to exam boards along with any student concerns that have been raised for consideration and potential action.

We are continuously assessing the impact of the strike action on specific courses and the associated assessments. We understand that you might feel that your grades have been negatively impacted as a result of strike action. Please rest assured that we will follow rigorous exam board processes, using University issued guidance and recommendations, and will apply any adjustments required in a fair and consistent way.