

Structure of A900 Foundation Year

The Foundation Year programme comprises fifteen modules: twelve BIOL modules delivered by Biomedical and Life Sciences (BLS) and three CHEM modules delivered by the Chemistry department. In addition, student learning is supported by a weekly tutorial programme, which is delivered by Lancaster Medical School.

There have been some changes to the component modules for 2020-21. These changes were made in response to previous student feedback and after consultation with Foundation Year students in 2019-20. The current module schedule is outlined below:

Michaelmas term	BIOL 111: Molecules of Life	BIOL 121: Impact of Microbes	BIOL 131: Biomedical Science in Practice
	BIOL 112: Cell Structure & Function	BIOL 122: Anatomy & Tissue Structure	CHEM 102: Organic Structure
Lent term	BIOL113: Genetics	BIOL 123: Infection & Immunity	BIOL 133: Introduction to Epidemiology
	CHEM 114: Chemical Reaction Kinetics	BIOL 124: Hormones & Development	CHEM 104: Organic Reactivity & Mechanism
Summer term	BIOL 115: Protein Biochemistry	BIOL 125: Human Physiology	BIOL135: Diagnosis in Biomedical Science

If you have any questions about the change to the component modules of the A900 programme, please contact the Director of Studies, Dr Karen Grant (k.grant1@lancaster.ac.uk).

A900 Foundation Year for Medicine & Surgery, 2020-21: Impact of COVID-19 on teaching

Lancaster University has reviewed all of the teaching in Foundation Year to identify the best way to deliver quality teaching and an excellent student experience, whilst ensuring the safety of our students and staff. The current plans for October – December 2020 are outlined below.

The measures outlined below are in addition to the standard safety measures of regular cleaning of teaching spaces, regular hand washing, provision of hand sanitiser where hand washing facilities are not available, and the wearing of face coverings in areas of campus where social distancing is more difficult to ensure.

Lectures and workshops:

Lectures and workshops will be delivered online. Pre-recorded lectures will be supplemented with 'live' online Q&A or topic focussed sessions.

Some workshops may be delivered in person but most workshops will be delivered 'live' online and will include interactive elements. These sessions will also be recorded, for students who are unable to attend the 'live' online session.

Laboratory Practical sessions (BIOL modules):

Labs will be delivered in person but using social distancing and other measures to mitigate against COVID-19 transmission. Practical sessions will be supported by pre-lab supporting materials and other online learning resources.

Laboratory Practical sessions (CHEM modules):

Labs will be delivered in person. Class sizes will be reduced to ensure appropriate physical distancing can be maintained. To accommodate smaller class sizes, staff will provide shorter, more-focused sessions supplemented with online resources, which students will complete in advance of the in-person teaching.

Foundation Year students will have fewer lab classes than students who are enrolled on Chemistry degree programmes. For Foundation Year students, some of the lab classes will be replaced with an alternative workshop or a 'dry' lab.

Weekly Tutorial programme:

The tutorial programme is designed to support your learning and prepare you for successful progression to A100, Medicine & Surgery.

The programme will include some in-person sessions, where appropriate physical distancing can be maintained, and some online sessions, for instance by live interactive webinar.

You will also have regular meetings with your academic tutor throughout Foundation Year and these will be in person, wherever possible.