

The School of History will primarily deliver its teaching in-person on-campus in line with UCC Guidance and national public health guidance and the sector specific guidance in the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation & Science's document [A Safe Return to Onsite Further and Higher Education and Research in 2021/22](#).

As stated in the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation & Science's guidance: "Higher and further education and training, and research are essential activities, and so the plan for 2021 to 2022 is for mainly on-site activity for all students, learners, and staff".

In accordance with the University and government guidance the teaching delivery plan for 2021/22 is face to face delivered lectures, where possible.

- Face to face teaching will be permitted with teaching spaces operating at **80%** of the normal (pre-Covid) room capacity. An overall **cap of 200** attendees (including the lecturer) will be applied in large lecture theatres.
- Lectures will be streamed live and recorded, where possible, but if recordings are made available they will be as a study aid only.
- By way of example: in a teaching space with a normal room capacity of 100 students, class sizes of up to 80 people (students and staff) can attend for face to face teaching.
- An updated **room capacity** guide is available through Buildings & Estates [here](#).
- Students will wear **face coverings** during lectures and other infection control measures will be in place.
- Lecture durations will be reduced to ensure sufficient time for a changeover between lectures (e.g. in a traditional 1 hour slot; lectures will start 5 minutes after the hour, allow for **45 minutes** of teaching time and then 10 minutes at the end for students to vacate prior to the arrival of the next class). To avoid congestion during lecture changeovers, students are asked not to take their seating prior to the designated hour slot.
- For 2 hour lecture slots, it is recommended that lecturers consider having a break at the midpoint to allow all to move outside and take a break from wearing a face covering if needed.

The University will adhere to national public health advice at all times and the safety of our students and staff will be paramount.

This Guidance will remain **under review** and respond to University decisions and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science's guidance. The University Management Team and updates to this Guidance will be published via the Campus Business Continuity Team and on the UCC website [here](#).

As we return to campus, it is important that we continue to adhere to the measures in place to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission including use of face coverings and good hand hygiene. Further information on these measures is available [here](#). Staff and students are encouraged to use the [UCC COVID Tracker App](#) daily before coming to campus. It is also important that if you are displaying any [symptoms of Covid-19](#) that you remain in self-isolation, do not attend campus and contact your doctor.