

Hi All,

This is the first of the newsletters that you will be receiving direct from the Department of Statistics. Welcome to our community!

We aim to send out a newsletter every week or two weeks during term time, when there is suitable information for us to share.

You should also be receiving information from the central university teams to coordinate your enrolment, arrival and give you information about the Welcome Week activities.

This first newsletter is to collate and send out some bits of information to make sure that you receive it (apologies if you have already received some parts by other routes).

Maths Refresher Course

The Warwick Mathematics Institute is running a 4 week A'level refresher course. We believe that they are contacting you directly but in case the message has not come through there are brief details below.

The refresher course is expected to go live on Monday, September 7th and can be accessed from www.warwick.ac.uk/ma1k2

The course consists of 16 chapters, so you should aim to spread the work over the weeks preceding term and it is assessed via two computer-marked tests and an exam (marks are for feedback and will not count towards your university degree). They will be monitoring the discussion forum, where you will have the opportunity to ask questions - this is always a good idea! The course will remain live during term 1 but the tests and the exam will not be available after the start of term and they will not be monitoring the discussion forum.

In order to access the course, you will need to enrol and have a set up your University of Warwick IT services account.

On Campus Arrival Date

We are asking **ALL** students to register their study intent for term 1 2020 and provide their expected arrival date on campus and their ability to attend in person teaching sessions.

Please complete the form available here

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/statistics/currentstudents/studyintent> by the end of **16th September**.

If you are internationally domiciled (your permanent address is not in the UK), in recognition of the possible travel difficulties, you can provide your estimated date for arrival, up until the 11th January, without further explanation. Please note that we do believe that an on-campus experience is best for your continued engagement with the course, and if you are able to attend in person then we still recommend this.

If your permanent address is in the UK, you are expected to be able to attend on campus events unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you indicate that you will not be arriving for the start of term 1, you will be asked to provide your reasons. If you are arriving after 9th November then you will also be asked for supplementary detail / evidence.

Please complete the form, even if you have already provided details to the support office, so that we have the most up to date information in an accessible location.

IT for Online Learning for Statistics Students

We are developing a set of resources for students giving a guide to the systems, websites and applications that you will be using for your degree.

This will be released within the next two weeks and will give you information that will help you to access the Welcome Week activities.

Your course materials and engagement with the course can be accessed with a computer that follows the University of Warwick computer specification <https://warwick.ac.uk/compspec>. The only additional recommendation that we have as a department, is that you will need access to a device with a camera for taking images of handwritten work. This can be a mobile phone with a camera or a webcam attached to a computer or laptop.

Please note that you should not purchase any software as all required software will be provided. More information will be available in the guide about what you will need but in the meantime a full list of software available to students can be found here <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicessupport/software/list/>

I look forward to seeing you during the virtual events of Welcome Week. If you have any questions please ask and we will try to answer them.

Best wishes,
Lynne