

The Year Ahead  
**FFACT – 2020/21**

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How we as lecturers teach and how you as students learn will be different next year. What you learn will, however, be just the same and we want the experience to remain as 'normal' as possible. Remote teaching and learning, where it happens in unusual ways, is part of our future, in the short term. We are committed to keeping as much of it on campus as we can. We also want to ensure that what you do on campus is as safe and productive as possible.

The following will give you a sense of coming academic year. Please read it carefully. This document should be read in tandem with IADT's response to Covid-19 protocol available [here](#). There is a lot in that document but the institute also has a FAQ section that answers a lot of the general questions [here](#) and is very useful.

This is a complex and dynamic situation and things will change. Take the following as a 1<sup>st</sup> step to your return to IADT. In a couple of weeks we will arrange talks with your lecturers who will go through this with you again, in more detail, and once you return we will have more complete timetables.

**On Campus Provision 2020/2021**

Based on our present information and guidance the following will apply

- Years 2/3/4 return 14<sup>th</sup> September. Year 1 students start 28<sup>th</sup> Sept (Dedicated full 1<sup>st</sup> week for Year 1)
- Because of social distancing, rooms will only take a set amount of people
- Each student year group will be divided into pods of set amounts that will not change for the first term. This is to assist with contact tracing should someone contract the virus. Pods will be between 10 and 20 students depending on the year group and programme.
- You will not have a dedicated desk space - we need to rotate everyone through all the spaces over the week – evening classes might be a possibility
- Larger studio spaces will be used to teach multiple pods at once if social distancing allows
- With adequate breaks, students can be in larger spaces for extended periods under supervision and where faces coverings are worn
- Students can expect to be on campus twice a week on average
- When on campus your time will be focused on learning safely and once you are finished classes we ask that you leave the campus
- Once on campus you will all be timetabled for all activities including lunch/study/making time/library – the canteen will be available but in a limited capacity
- Work spaces are available but not as open bookable spaces – they will be scheduled for supervised making time
- Where appropriate, classes will be moved to remote learning – on campus time will be focused on practical learning
- Periods of intensive practice-based learning are preferable on campus
- Where feasible, activities such as classes or student project work may take place outdoors

- Fieldwork should continue mindful of 2m physical social distancing
- All project work should be mindful of social distancing
- **When you are thinking of a project and what you are going to make or do – think of how you will manage it in a world with Covid-19**

### Health & Safety – Key principles

- The key principle is that everyone shares responsibility for ensuring social distancing is being maintained and that everyone follows the health and safety guidelines
- Facial coverings are to be required in all spaces where a 2 metre distance cannot be maintained (e.g. all technical spaces, some classroom, all studio and lab spaces) except where there are legitimate reasons for not wearing a mask (see definition in the IADT return to work [protocols](#) and [HSE guidelines](#))
- Wherever possible we must minimise contact – come to campus, attend classes and leave when finished your timetabled activities
- Everyone must maintain correct respiratory coughing and sneezing [etiquette](#)
- Class attendance will be recorded to help with contact tracing – we also encourage the use of the HSE [app](#)
- Protective screens will be installed in smaller spaces where people need to be in close proximity or face visors will be worn with a face covering
- A special covid-19 cleaning regime will be in place however we must all clean our own spaces too before we begin and once we are finished in a space - equipment and surfaces in your immediate area should be fully cleaned when you are finished with them and before you first use them.
- Blue paper roll and appropriate sprays will be provided for each location/station
- All Film & Media Staff & Students to complete the Screen Skills Ireland return to work AV sector course – (certs to be kept on file by year heads) <https://www.screenskillsireland.ie/course/covid-19-return-to-work-training-for-the-audio-visual-av-sector/>
- Other students to complete HSA Return to work safely course - (certs to be kept on file by year heads) [https://www.hsa.ie/eng/topics/covid-19/hsa\\_return\\_to\\_work\\_safely\\_online\\_courses/hsa\\_return\\_to\\_work\\_safely\\_online\\_courses.html](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/topics/covid-19/hsa_return_to_work_safely_online_courses/hsa_return_to_work_safely_online_courses.html)

### Timetable outline

It has been frustrating for many of you not to have received timetables for the year thus far. Typically, the timetable rolls over from year to year, however this year, because of the vast amount of changes, that has not been possible. We are still working to finalise the timetables, in the meantime the following is a guide so you can get a sense of how and when you will be on campus.

For the **Dept of Film and Media and the Dept of Design & Visual Arts** the following is an outline timetable for semester one for on campus activity.

### Week A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Space 1	Year 1	Year 1	Various	Year 2	Year 2
Space 2	Year 3	Year 3	Various	Year 4	Year 4

**Week B**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Space 1	Year 2	Year 2	Various	Year 1	Year 1
Space 2	Year 4	Year 4	Various	Year 3	Year 3

The logic of the above is:

- All year groups from all programmes are on a similar pattern
- One full year group and one pod on campus at any given time (this is based on a programme having a space that can safely accommodate same).
- Weeks would run A-B-A-B-A-B-A etc. (Logic being it gives a year group a run of 4 days over a weekend to allow for bigger projects).
- Students can expect to be on campus on average twice a week
- It is not a fixed plan – variations are possible at local levels with periodic changes for intensive studio work or similar for a given year group.
- Wednesday held as a flexible day to assign to a year group or pod depending on the week and time needed on campus
- Remote teaching and learning will take place on the other days.

The **Department of Technology and Psychology** will follow a similar logic to the above; however, as students do not typically work in defined (studio) spaces, the outline timetable and the approach will be somewhat different:

- First year students can expect to be on campus for one or two days per week
- Years 2-4 can expect to be on campus for one or two days every second week
- The majority of classes will take place online, with practical classes/labs/tutorials taking place on campus
- There will be some room for flexibility at a module level with possible variations to this approach to suit the requirements of a specific subject

**Induction for Students**

- In the first two weeks of term (Sept 14 – 25<sup>th</sup>) induction will be provided to all Years 2,3, & 4 students on the new protocols and practices (details to follow)
- 1<sup>st</sup> years will have a dedicated full week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> of September (other years will not be on campus)

**Technology resources**

- Microsoft Teams or Blackboard are the preferred platform for remote teaching.
- Some lectures or parts of lectures will be recorded so you can look back at them – we are also investing in simple multi camera set ups that will allow teaching to be more dynamic.

**Studio & Filed work Protocols**

We are working on risk assessments and out of that protocols that will apply to working in studio spaces and out and about.

## Useful Resources

IADT web site Covid-19 updates

<https://iadt.ie/news/coronavirus-update/>

IADT Covid-19 Response Protocol

<https://iadt.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/IADT-COVID-19-Response-Protocol-V-1.2-1.pdf>

IADT Return to campus FAQs

<https://iadt.ie/study/academic-year-2020-21/>

Government advice on how to stop the spread of the pandemic

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/cf9b0d-new-public-health-measures-effective-now-to-prevent-further-spread-o/>

HSE web site

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/returning-to-work-safely.html>

Helpful info videos from HSE

[https://www.hsa.ie/eng/topics/covid-19/covid-19\\_videos/](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/topics/covid-19/covid-19_videos/)

Face Coverings

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/face-masks-disposable-gloves.html>

HEI – Public Health Implementation guidelines

[http://www.thea.ie/contentFiles/components/gdNews/34/Public-Health-Implementation-Guidelines-for-HEIs\\_05\\_08\\_20\\_Final.pdf](http://www.thea.ie/contentFiles/components/gdNews/34/Public-Health-Implementation-Guidelines-for-HEIs_05_08_20_Final.pdf)