



Learning and Teaching at Carey

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Semester 2 2020

Why has Carey changed the timetable for Semester 2? In line with our Learning and Teaching Strategy we are wanting to intentionally and increasingly blend our on-site and distance student cohorts and create opportunities for ALL students in the class to engage with each other. Your feedback tells us that many of you really appreciated the opportunity to meet and interact with the wider class. We also are working hard on our blended and online learning approaches to better utilise educational technologies in ways that help us towards our strategic goals. To do this we are carrying forward the use of (fortnightly) Zoom classes which will hopefully enable some of the distance students to join in with the live (synchronous) class session. We will also be using web-based e-learning platforms to facilitate asynchronous interaction and collaboration. In order to fit in these different activities and keep the workload consistent we have reduced our onsite face-to-face classes to two hours.

Does this mean the learning hours have been reduced? No, we are required by NZQA to ensure that there are 50 hours approx. of “teacher-directed” learning over the 17-week semester (per course). This means there are approximately 100 hours of “student-directed” learning over the semester (per course). We believe that the two-hour onsite classes, the Zoom sessions and the online activities will have approximately the same “teacher-directed” learning hours as before.

Is the Zoom class just for distance students? No, the Zoom class is designed for ALL students – onsite and distance – to participate.

Will the classes still be recorded? Yes, we realise that some distance students will not be able to make it to the Zoom class (and were not planning on being at the onsite class either) so both sessions will be recorded and available on CareyOnline within 24-48 hours.

Why are the Zoom times just before the onsite class time? Can't they be on another day? We are aware that at the beginning of the year we advertised the onsite classes with a given timeslot. We are trying (for semester two) to stick as closely within that timeslot as possible to allow not disadvantage those who may have already arranged childcare or work schedules to allow them to attend classes onsite. We appreciate the times will not work for everyone, that is why the sessions are recorded.

If I am a distance student, can I attend the occasional onsite class? Yes, we would love to have you on campus. Come along on a Monday or Tuesday and have lunch with us before (or after) your class!

Can I attend the Zoom class from Carey? You will need to have access to a device to access the Zoom classes as they are online, however you are able to use Carey's wifi to do so. The teacher will NOT be in the lecture theatre, but Zooming from home or their office. We will be monitoring the access and wifi provision over the semester and have staggered the Zoom sessions so that multiple classes do not have Zoom at the same time. We do suggest that you may want to Zoom from home in the mornings to avoid the traffic – and to ease the load on Carey's wifi! However, you are welcome to come and use the library / Te Whare Oranga / Dining room to Zoom from!