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1) Changes to curriculum over past 2 years and plans for future, informed by evaluation and NSS

Although you may not realise it, our current Undergraduate Programmes are, in part, designed with respect to the feedback that we have received from previous students. At level one this has involved increasing seminar provision across the board; rewarding those students who demonstrate that they are dedicated to their studies; changing hand-in dates so that they are staggered in terms of workload; building in individual feedback sessions within module structures to help you to develop your writing skills; and, incorporating advanced study skills tasks so you are better prepared to be assessed when you start level two.

As well as making a few changes at level two to make sure you leave University with even more transferable skills, we have also recently remodelled our module provision at level three so that you get an opportunity to engage more closely with the research that is currently on-going within department.

And it doesn’t stop there. We’re currently thinking about how we can make even more alterations to level two so that we can continue to improve the programmes and your experience of them – if you have any suggestions please feel free to get in touch with Dr Tom Clark at t.clark@sheffield.ac.uk.
2) Postgraduate Gender Research Network

The next session of the Postgraduate Gender Research Network reading group will take place at 4pm on Wednesday 7th March in Hub 2, Jessop West (the glass room on floor 2). We will be reading Crenshaw (1989) on intersectionality. You can download this article from our uSpace site: http://uspace.shef.ac.uk/docs/DOC-60001. If you have any trouble accessing this please email s.kirkham@sheffield.ac.uk. All are welcome!

3) New publications

Matthias Benzer has an article in the "Journal of Classical Sociology": ‘Lifelong Death Penalty: Adorno, Beckett’s Drama, Sociology’. The article examines the sociological dimension of Adorno’s analyses of Beckett’s dramatic work. It unearths intersections between Adorno’s literary-critical writings on Beckett, on the one hand, and his sociological investigations of contemporary social life and methodological writings on nineteenth- and twentieth-century social science, on the other.

4) Careers Service

From Mon 5th – Friday 16th March the Careers Service will be running the online forum ‘All About Teaching’. This is a chance to ask any questions which you have about the day to day realities of what it’s like to be a teacher either in a primary or secondary school, as well as more practical issues covering entry requirements, training and funding. We’re pleased to have the support of a number of teachers and academic staff from the School of Education and the forum will be moderated by two University of Sheffield Careers Advisers. Links to the forum will be available via the Careers Service website.

There will also be a skills workshop on ‘Global and Cultural Awareness’ taking place on Tuesday 6th March, run by E.ON UK. All businesses recognise the value of diversity and cultural awareness and by attending this session you will learn ways to demonstrate cultural awareness within the workplace and gain tips on how to answer questions relating to diversity at interview. As places are limited it is essential to book in advance, via the Careers Service reception.

For full details of all Careers Service events over the next week, visit our website: www.shef.ac.uk/careers/events.
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