



Studying Abroad at
Keele
University.



About us...

- The University was founded in 1949 on the estate of Keele Hall which was built in 1580.
- Near to Stoke-on-Trent, the home of the pottery industry since the mid-eighteenth century.
- A residential campus situated in the countryside in the Heart of England.
- We are only one hour away from Birmingham and Manchester, and less than a two-hour train ride from London.
- Currently about 8,000 students study at Keele, approximately 150 are part of our Study Abroad programme for international students. Over 95 nationalities are represented in the student body.
- Keele offers indoor and outdoor sports facilities and there are many sporting clubs which students can join.
- The Students' Union is the focus for social life on campus and also offers a wide range of student societies to choose from.
- The International Student Support Officer organises trips for all international students to places of interest in the surrounding area.



What can I study?

Keele offers a wide range of introductory, intermediate and advanced courses for students. You will be able to choose an academic programme to suit your own needs and interests. Students may find that subjects they have already taken are taught with a different perspective and emphasis to that which is available at their home institution.

Where will I live?

All visiting students who apply by the deadline are offered accommodation on campus, but may also live in the local town if they wish.

Who can study at Keele?

You can be an **Exchange Student** if you are studying at one of our partner universities in Australia, Hong Kong, South Korea, Canada, South Africa or the USA. A list of our partner universities can be found on our website.

You can be an **Erasmus Student** if you are studying at one of our partner universities in another part of Europe. We currently work with universities in the Czech Republic, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Turkey and Sweden – a full list can be found on our website.

You can be a **Study Abroad Student** if you are studying at a university with whom we do not have a student exchange programme. We have special arrangements with many universities in France, Germany, South Korea, Japan, China and the U.S.A. As a Study Abroad student you will be liable to pay tuition fees at either the European or overseas rate.

How long can I study at Keele?

The academic year is split into two semesters: Autumn and Spring. Within each semester there is a three week break for New Year and a four week break at Easter. Students can study for either an academic year or a semester only. The Autumn semester runs from the end of September to the end of January, and the Spring semester runs from the end of January to the beginning of June.



How many courses / modules / hours will I study?

Each degree course at Keele is made up of a number of credit-rated modules. All modules are worth 7.5 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System). Students are expected to follow a full workload of classes equal to that of a Keele student. Therefore you are expected to follow 30 ECTS credits in each semester you are at Keele. This will be 4 modules per semester.

Courses are taught by lectures, seminars, tutorials and where appropriate, laboratory classes. Considerable emphasis is placed on independent study so contact time in class may be less than in other countries. Your contact hours are likely to be 10-16 hours per week if you are studying Humanities or Social Sciences, and slightly more if you are taking classes involving laboratory work. Each module requires a workload of 150 hours per semester.



Orientation Programme

All international students arrive at Keele a couple of days before the British/Home students in order to 'settle in' to Keele life. There are a number of introductory talks and all of the information provided is vital to help you adjust to life in the UK.

How do I choose my classes?

All modules available at Keele can be found in the Module Catalogue:

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/aa/undergraduate/sci/modulecatalogue/>

Some modules do have restrictions placed upon them so you will need to be aware of this when selecting modules.



How will I be assessed and will I get a transcript?

Assessment will usually take the form of class participation, essays and/or examinations. All your marks will be recorded and at the end of your period at Keele both you and your home institution will be provided with a transcript of your grades.



Why study at Keele?

Scenery: Set in the grounds of an English Stately Home with over 600 acres of landscaped parkland, fields, woodlands and lakes.

Location: Situated in the Heart of England, with easy access to the Peak District, Lake District and Wales for those who like the countryside, or Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and London for those who like the city.

Community: Most students live on campus as do many members of staff, and facilities such as the Campus Store, newsagents, bookshop and various eating places and bars mean all the essentials are within easy reach!

Variety: From archery to volleyball, the Athletic Union offers a wide range of sporting societies. If sport is not for you, then try out one of the Students' Union societies, from Amnesty International to the Rock-Gospel Choir, there is something for all.

Friendship: Meet students and staff from over 95 countries and learn about different cultures and customs.

Study: The opportunity to study a wide range of subjects taught by enthusiastic staff.



What the students say...

"There were many factors that made my experience at Keele so meaningful. I think the best thing about Keele was the people that I met and the friendships that developed while I was there. It helped that the area was small and the Keele community was so strong. Having a strong community around me helped me to never feel homesick or alone."

"The best things about Keele were the well organised lectures, making new friends, variety of sports available, places to party and events."

"I was able to meet a variety of people from all different backgrounds and able to learn and take stuff away from them. I think that this will come in handy in the future."

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How do I apply?

The application forms and further details about the Study Abroad Programme can be found on our website. If you are applying as an Exchange or ERASMUS student your application forms must be signed and submitted by the Exchange or ERASMUS Coordinator at your home institution.

How can I find out more?

All the information for Prospective Students can be found on our website: <http://www.keele.ac.uk>