

STUDY ABROAD FACTSHEET

2021/22

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History of Keele University

Keele University is situated on an estate with extensive woods, lakes and parkland, formally owned by the Sneyd family. The Sneyd family came into possession of the Keele Estate in the mid-16th century. Before the Sneyds, the area was owned by the Knights Templar, a medieval Military Order. The first Keele Hall was built in 1580 and it was rebuilt in 1860. The hall has Grade II listing from English Heritage for its architectural importance. The University itself was founded as the University College of North Staffordshire in 1949 and received its Charter as the University of Keele in 1962. Keele University celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2019.



Keele mission

We are committed to making a difference in society by providing innovative, high-quality education for students from all backgrounds and by undertaking world-leading research that transforms understanding and brings benefit to society, communities and individuals. Keele will provide a high quality educational experience for students shaped by outstanding research, contributing positively to social, environmental and economic agendas locally, nationally and internationally.

Important dates 2021/2022

Semester 1 (Fall)

Arrival: 22 September 2021*
Orientation: 23 - 26 September 2021
Teaching: 27 September - 19 December 2021
Exams: 10 - 21 January 2022**
Departure: 22 January 2022***
Semester end: 21 January 2022

Semester 2 (Spring)

Arrival: 19 January 2022
Orientation: 20 - 21 January 2022
Teaching: 24 January - 6 May 2022
Exams: 9 - 27 May 2022
Departure: 28 May 2022
Semester end: 10 June 2022

*Students may need to arrive earlier than this date subject to government quarantine rules.

**students should check their accommodation agreement for departure dates as they may be required to find extra accommodation for any exams late in the period

*** Alternative assessment can be arranged upon request for students whose University semester starts in January



Academic information

Language of Instruction: English

Faculties

Academic Schools within the University are organised within the three following faculties:

- **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences** *not available to exchange/student abroad students with the exception of Rehabilitation* (Schools of Nursing and Midwifery, Pharmacy, Health and Rehabilitation, Medicine)
- **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** (Schools of Law, Social, Political and Global Studies, Keele Business School, Humanities)
- **Faculty of Natural Sciences** (Schools of Computing and Mathematics, Life Sciences, Physical and Geographical Sciences, Psychology)

Course load requirements: Students are required to carry a full course load to meet UKBA visa requirements. A full course load is usually made up of four 15-credit modules or 30 ECTS per semester.

For more information about our degrees, visit:
www.keele.ac.uk/ugcourses

Nomination and application deadlines

Nomination deadline: 15 March 2020

Application deadline: 30 April 2020

Application deadline for Pre Sessional English course: 15 April 2020

Nomination deadline: 30 September 2020

Application deadline: 15 October 2020

Application process

Keele's application process is online and students will be given the link to the relevant application once nomination has been confirmed. As part of the application process students will be required to submit a variety of documents which are particularly important if a Tier 4 visa issued by the UKVI is required. Standard application documents are as follows:

Exchange students (i.e. home university has a formal agreement with Keele)

- Personal Statement as completed within application
- Evidence of English Language (if applicable)
 - IELTS 5.5 overall with no component less than 5.5
- Passport copy
- Transcript of Records (scanned copy is accepted)
- Details of any previous UK visas

Study abroad students (i.e. home university does not have a formal agreement with Keele and tuition fees are applicable)

- ALL documents as above with the addition of:
 - Nomination letter from home university

Language requirements

As teaching at Keele is in English, all students must be able to prove they have a sufficient level of English to be able to cope with the course from the beginning. If they are a non native English speaker, students will need to submit an appropriate English Language qualification or attend one of our pre-sessional English courses.

For study abroad and exchange students we ask for IELTS 5.5 overall with no component less than 5.5.

Information about our pre-sessional courses can be found on our website:

www.keele.ac.uk/study/languagecentre/pre-sessional/courseoverview/#entry-requirements

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Course registration information

The module catalogue is released each May for the upcoming academic year and outlines which modules are available to students and which semester they are being held. Keele outlines its modules as being either level 4, 5 or 6 and this corresponds to 1st, 2nd or 3rd year modules respectively.

We will send a Module Choice Form to students when they have applied, which allows them to pre-register on their chosen course. Some of the modules may clash and alternative courses may need to be chosen when students arrive at Keele. Courses are finalised during the first few days of the semester by meeting the Subject Tutors and Personal Tutor. Further details about this will be given during International Orientation. **PLEASE SEE COVID-19 INFORMATION SECTION BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

University grading system

Keele courses are divided into modules. Successful completion of a module will result in a student gaining a pre-defined number of credits at a specific level. Modules are assessed at the end of the module on a percentage scale.

Class I	70 - 100%
Class II i	60 - 69%
Class II ii	50 - 59%
Class III	40 - 49%
Fail*	35 - 39%
Fail	0 - 34%

These are the final degree classifications and all marks above 40 are considered to be satisfactory. The majority of students receive marks in the 50 - 69% range. A mark of below 40% for an individual module is a fail and no credits are awarded for the module.

*Grade may be compensated at the discretion of the subject board

Accommodation

The University has five Halls of Residence on campus, with a total of over 3,000 rooms, all within easy walking distance of our restaurants, the Students' Union and the teaching buildings. We also have a Hall off campus with 140 bedrooms.

We offer a wide range of types of rooms, from basic study bedrooms with shared washing facilities, to premier ensuite rooms with private bathrooms. Accommodation applications will ask students for their preferences and we will do our best to give them the type of accommodation requested, but cannot guarantee this.

All rooms have basic furnishings (bed, wardrobe, desk, chair, bedside cabinet and lamp) and are centrally heated. The electricity supply is 240 AC, mostly requiring 13-amp fused plugs for any electrical equipment. Bed sizes will either be a standard single or three-quarter double, depending on room type.

For more information about accommodation visit:
www.keele.ac.uk/studyatkeele/accommodation

<p>Immigration requirements</p> <p>www.keele.ac.uk/sas/academicsservices/immigration/</p>	<p>The general rules for visas are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student is coming to study in the UK on a study abroad or exchange placement for six months or less, they can enter the UK on a Short Term Study Visa (STSV). This allows students to enter the UK and study for up to six months. • If a student is coming to study in the UK on a study abroad or exchange placement for more than six months, a Tier 4 visa will be required. The University will issue a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) which is an electronic record held by the UKVI and will be issued only once the student has fulfilled all the conditions of the Exchange or Study Abroad offer at Keele. <p>These rules can vary depending on nationality and other factors. Visit www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa to check eligibility. We would advise students to arrange their visa in advance. Students should be aware of the mandatory Immigration Health Surcharge added to the cost of visa applications for all students.</p> <p>Keele's Immigration team provides advice for students on their website: www.keele.ac.uk/sas/academicsservices/immigration and can be contacted at visa@keele.ac.uk.</p>
<p>Before arrival</p>	<p>To help students to plan their semester or year at Keele, the following web pages will help to organise catering packages, bedding packs and assist with budgeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.keele.ac.uk/welcome/undergraduate/pre-arrivalpreparation • www.keele.ac.uk/discover/accomodation/essentialinformation/whatweprovidewhattobring
<p>Arriving in the UK</p>	<p>International Student Support operates a Meet and Greet Airport Collection service for all new students who are arriving in the UK for the first time.</p> <p>In September there is a pickup at Manchester International Airport and London Heathrow Airport. In January there is a pick-up from Manchester International Airport only. On these days, our friendly Pre-sessional Ambassadors will welcome visiting students to the UK and ensure they are safely transported to Keele campus.</p>
<p>Orientation</p>	<p>There is an orientation programme for all visiting students in September and January. In September visiting students will join other full-time degree-seeking international students. There will also be some individual sessions specifically for exchange and study abroad students.</p>



COVID-19 Information

UK Government guidance is currently being reviewed every month; please refer to our dedicated webpage for the most updated information: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/>

Alternatively do not hesitate to contact the team at global.opportunities@keele.ac.uk

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