Welcome to the Foundation Years at Keele
History

Keele degrees: innovative since 1949

Depth and breadth

Dual honours

Foundation Year

Included transfer courses and breadth (level four)
Current Foundation Years

• 2000: FY changed to widening access

• Group of level three programmes

• For students without prerequisite background for chosen principal programmes

• Integrated and stand alone programmes are available
Integrated Programmes

Science
- One or two science subjects

Health
- All Health Faculty programmes

Humanities
- One or two humanities subjects
- Not including science

Social Science
- Just social science subjects

Stand Alone Programmes

General FY
- Tailored to your individual needs
Over The Summer

• You will be asked to confirm your second subject if taking one
• We will be asking for details of certain qualifications (this will affect the module programme)
• We will put together a programme of modules for each individual student
• A letter is sent out to all students giving details of where they have to be on the first Monday of Semester.
First Monday
– meet for induction talk and to go through programme of modules
  (need to say at this point if not sure what degree subject want to progress to as programme can be adjusted to accommodate this).

– attend UNISMART talk
  The Live Survival Guide to University Life
Induction Week

Rest of the Week

• Various talks – from FY staff
• Initial sessions for some core modules
• Social Gathering – to meet other FY students and FY Tutors
• Freshers Fair and Society Sign Up
Science Foundation Year

• **Core modules**
  - Communication Skills (10 credits)
  - Academic Development (10 credits)
  - Numeracy (10 credits)

• **Many prescribed subject-specific modules**

• **Leads to principal programmes:**
  - one or two sciences
  - one science and a social science
  - one science and a humanity
**Humanities Foundation Year**

- **Core modules**
  - Writing skills (10 credits)
  - Seminar skills (10 credits)
  - Academic Development (10 credits)
  - IT Skills (2 x 10 credits)
  - Critical Thinking (10 credits)

- **Fewer prescribed subject-specific modules**

- **Leads to principal programmes:**
  - Single or Dual Honours humanities (not with a Science)
Social Science Foundation Year

• **Core modules**
  - Writing skills (10 credits)
  - Seminar skills (10 credits)
  - Academic Development (10 credits)
  - IT Skills (2 x 10 credits)
  - Critical Thinking (10 credits)

• **Fewer prescribed subject-specific modules**

• **Leads to principal programmes:**
  - Single Honours social science
  - Dual Honours with two social sciences
Health Foundation Year

• **Core Modules**
  - Academic Development (10 credits)
  - Communication Skills (10 credits)
  - Biology x 2 (2 x 10 credits)
  - IT for Health (10 credits)
  - Personal Development (10 credits)

• + Various combinations of the following
  Chemistry (2 modules) - Maths (3 modules) - Psychology
  Active Anatomy - Counselling Skills - Biomechanics

• **Leads to principal programmes:**
  Medicine           Pharmacy
  Physiotherapy      Midwifery
  Nursing (adult, child, mental health or learning disability)
Assessment

Assessment for modules vary:
- Essays
- Class Tests
- Exams
- Group Projects
- Presentations
- Workbooks
- Reports

If students fail a module or do not obtain required threshold marks, they will be offered reassessment.
Integrated Programmes

Progression

• Initially registered for a particular subject combination
• Passing the FY leads to automatic progression
• Passing with 120 credits leads to (virtual) Foundation Certificate
• Can change degree programme during the year subject to FY modules taken and course availability (not in Health FY)
• In May asked to confirm degree subject(s)
Integrated Programmes

Progression

• **Medicine and Pharmacy**
  Pass all modules with at least 70%

• **Physiotherapy**
  Pass all modules with at least 65%

• **Midwifery**
  Pass all modules with at least 60%

• **Nursing**
  Pass all modules with at least 50%
Integrated Programmes

Progression

• **Chemistry/Medicinal Chemistry/Forensic Science**
  Pass all Chemistry modules with at least 60%

• **Biochemistry/Biomedical Sciences**
  Pass all Chemistry modules with at least 60% and pass all FY modules with an average of 60%

• **Biology/Human Biology/Neuroscience**
  Pass all FY modules with an average of 60%

• **Pharmaceutical Science, Technology & Business**
  Pass all FY modules with at least 60%
Integrated Programmes

Progression

- **Physics/Astrophysics**
  Pass all Physics modules including ‘Numerical Skills for Physics’ and obtain an average of 60% across all Foundation Year modules, with no less than 50% in any module.

- **Dual Honours Mathematics**
  Pass all Maths modules with at least 60%

- **Single Honours Mathematics**
  Pass all Maths modules with at least 70%
Integrated Programmes
Progression

• **Dual Honours Psychology**
  Pass ‘Introduction to Psychology’ and ‘Introduction to Child Psychology’ with at least 50%

• **Single Honours Psychology**
  Obtain an average of 60% across all FY modules, with no less than 50% in both Psychology modules.

• **Law**
  Pass ‘Introduction to Law’ with at least 55%
Integrated Programmes
Progression

• **Single Honours Sociology**
  Pass all Foundation Year modules with at least 70%

• **Single Honours Criminology**
  Pass all Foundation Year modules with at least 70%
Integrated Programmes

Progression

• **Single Honours English/Creative Writing/English & American Literatures**
  Pass all Foundation Year modules with at least 70%

• **Single Honours History**
  Pass all Foundation Year modules with at least 60%

• **Dual Honours History**
  Obtain an average of 50% across all FY modules, with at least 60% in all History modules
General Foundation Year

Additional Information

• Assessment is as for integrated programmes
• Successful students will be awarded a Certificate of Foundation Year Studies
• But no guarantee of progression to Keele degrees
• Students need to apply through UCAS to universities of their choice
• Can be studied full time over one year or part time over two years
• Course fees are £5,500 payable in instalments
• No student loan or grant available
Students have weekly meetings with their tutors in small groups as well as several 1:1 sessions throughout the year.
Support - FY Office

Programmes Manager - Libby Smith
FY Administrators
- Jayne Roberts
- Jill Griffiths
- Dianne Foulkes
Support within Keele University

Subject tutors and school offices
Student Support and Development Services
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Students’ Union
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