

Course Information Document: Undergraduate

For students starting in Academic Year 2017/2018

1. Course Summary

Names of programme(s) and award title(s)	BSc (Hons) Psychology BSc (Hons) Psychology with International Year (see Annex A for details)
Award type	Dual Honours/Major/Minor <i>NB:</i> Students who study their two Principal subjects in humanities and/or social science subjects will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) (BA Hons). All students who study a science Principal subject are candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science (with Honours) (BSc Hons) irrespective of their second Principal subject.
Mode of study	Full time
Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award	Level 6
Duration	3 years 4 years with International Year
Location of study	Keele University – main campus
Accreditation (if applicable)	This programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society as providing the Graduate Basis for Chartered membership [GBC] – Dual and Major awards only. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist. For further details see section 12.
Regulator	Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
Tuition Fees	UK/EU students: Fee for 2017/18 is £9,250* International students: Fee for 2017/18 is £14,150** (if combined with a non laboratory-based Principal Subject) or £15,250** (if combined with a laboratory-based Principal Subject) The fee for the international year abroad is calculated at 15% of the standard year fee

* These fees are regulated by Government. We reserve the right to increase fees in subsequent years of study in response to changes in government policy and/or changes to the law. If permitted by such change in policy or law, we may increase your fees by an inflationary amount or such other measure as required by government policy or the law. Please refer to the accompanying Student Terms & Conditions. Further information on fees can be found at <http://www.keele.ac.uk/studentfunding/tuitionfees/>

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Additional Costs	Refer to section 16
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2. What is a Dual Honours programme?

Dual Honours degrees are degrees that are taken in two different subjects, resulting in an *X and Y* degree title, for example *Psychology and English*. If you are taking a Dual Honours programme, these will be the two subjects you applied for. These are referred to as your Principal Subjects.

In a Dual Honours degree you must take at least 120 credits in each Principal Subject, accrued over all three levels of study, with at least 30 credits in Year 1 (Level 4) and at least 45 credits in each of Years 2 and 3 (Levels 5 and 6) in each of two Principal Subjects. The remaining available credits can be filled with modules from these subjects or other subjects entirely.

What is a Major/Minor programme?

Major/Minor degrees are degrees that are taken in two different subjects, much like a Dual Honours degree, except that you will specialise in the Major subject. In a Major/Minor degree you will need at least 225 credits in your Major subject over your three years of study with at least two modules (30 credits) taken each year in your Major Subject, although some Principal Subjects will require you to take more than this and this will be stated in the relevant programme specification. You will also need 90 credits in your Minor subject with a minimum of 30 credits (two modules) taken in Year 1 (Level 4) and 45 credits (three modules) taken in Year 2 (Level 5).

Students taking the Minor Route in Psychology might not necessarily be able to demonstrate that they have achieved all of the Programme's learning outcomes.

3. Overview of the Programme

Psychology is a large and varied discipline concerned with the systematic study of mind, brain and behaviour. Researchers in Psychology utilise a wide range of techniques in order to understand how people think, feel, communicate, and act. The Psychology Programme at Keele covers topics such as the biological bases of behaviour, cognition, individual differences, human social interaction and lifespan development. It also provides students with training in the skills required to conduct quantitative and qualitative investigation in psychology.

4. Aims of the Programme

The broad aims of the programme are to enable you to:

- develop systematic and scientific understanding of the core areas of psychology and to afford competence in subject-specific and graduate level intellectual skills that will enable you to achieve accreditation by the British Psychological Society within the context of a Dual or Major Honours degree;
- facilitate the progressive development of your critical thinking and independent learning and to systematically apply these skills to specialist subject areas within the discipline of psychology and in devising and answering empirical research questions;
- develop a range of graduate attributes that transfer across different disciplines and provide a solid foundation for both further study after graduation and a range of careers.

5. What you will learn

The intended learning outcomes of the programme (what students should know, understand and be able to do at the end of the programme), can be described under the following headings:

- Subject knowledge and understanding
- Subject specific skills
- Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Subject knowledge and understanding

Successful students will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- the scientific basis for the discipline of psychology
- the core areas of biological psychology, cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences developmental psychology, social psychology and research methods
- the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning
- a range of influences on psychological functioning and a critical understanding of these influences along with their significance
- several specialised areas of psychology in detail
- application of psychological concepts to selected real-life problems
- a range of research paradigms, methods and analyses
- the ethical responsibilities of psychologists

Subject specific skills

Successful students will be able to demonstrate the following subject-specific skills:

- reason scientifically and critically about psychological theories, findings and research hypotheses;
- critically evaluate research literature in psychology and relate research issues to real life problems;
- detect meaningful patterns in behaviour and experience through the use of suitable research methods;
- pose, operationalise and critique psychological research questions;
- reason statistically and demonstrate competence using a range of statistical techniques;
- apply knowledge of ethical requirements to investigations;
- demonstrate an ability to use established techniques of analysis and enquiry accurately within psychology;
- communicate information to a specialist audience;
- produce a final year project that follows the conventions of scientific report writing used by psychologists.

Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Successful students will be able to demonstrate the following key/transferable skills:

- abstract information from a variety of primary and secondary sources and synthesise this information into a coherent understanding of the topic and practice within that topic area;
- assess the merit of contrasting theories and opinions making critical interpretations of data and text;
- critique the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of psychological knowledge;
- develop a sufficient level of conceptual understanding to enable the development of arguments and analysis that comment on advanced scholarship at the forefront of some areas of psychology ;
- apply their knowledge of a topic to identify a research question, initiate and carry out a project;
- effectively communicate ideas and research findings by written, oral and visual means;
- comprehend and use data effectively by interpreting complex sets of numerical, statistical and qualitative data;
- confidently demonstrate computer literacy by being able to word process, use email, the Internet, use databases and statistical software;
- solve problems by clarifying questions, considering alternatives and evaluating outcomes;
- work effectively within a group setting to achieve an end goal through pooled effort which involves recognizing and using appropriate material from others;
- undertake self-directed study and project management;

- take responsibility for their own learning by reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses, and identifying appropriate courses of action, in order to fulfil long-term ambitions.

6. How is the Programme taught?

Learning and teaching methods used on the programme vary according to the subject matter and level of the module. They include the following:

- **Lectures** where the lecturer provides students with a framework for reading and independent study. Some lecture classes may include video or audio presentations.
- **Tutorials and seminars** in small groups of around 15 students where key skills can be developed and issues central to the programme can be discussed in more depth. Students are expected to play a full part, and occasionally to lead, these discussions. Some seminars consist largely of student presentations.
- **Laboratory classes and workshops** involving larger classes in which students develop the basic practical skills necessary to conduct psychological research and explore ideas presented in lectures. In these sessions students will have the opportunity to work together in smaller groups, interact with the lecturer and reflect on their own learning.
- **Independent study** based on directed reading from textbooks, academic journals, and coursework materials.
- **Web-based learning** using the University's virtual learning environment (KLE). The KLE is used to give students easy access to a wide range of resources and research tools, and as a platform for online discussions, quizzes and blogs.
- In the final year students will have the opportunity to undertake a piece of **independent research** supervised and supported by a member of staff.

Apart from these formal activities, students are also provided with regular opportunities to talk through particular areas of difficulty, and any special learning needs they may have, with their Personal Tutors or module lecturers on a one-to-one basis.

These learning and teaching methods enable students to achieve the learning outcomes of the programme in a variety of ways. For example:

- Lectures and independent study allows students to gain a systematic understanding of psychological ideas and how they may be used in the course of seminars and tutorials to analyse a variety of contemporary psychological issues.
- Tutorials and seminars provide opportunities for students to ask questions about and discuss issues in psychology and to present their own ideas to members of staff and other students using an appropriate medium of communication.
- Laboratory classes and workshops allow students to develop their knowledge of how ideas in psychology can be researched and to apply the skills they have learned in order investigate psychological questions in a systematic and rigorous manner.
- Independent study and web-based activities encourage students to reflect on their own learning and take responsibility for its development by addressing areas of difficulty, perhaps by discussing them with their fellow students or by getting additional help from a member of staff.
- Undertaking a research project with the support of an experienced and active researcher allows students to formulate relevant research questions and devise a feasible and ethically sound strategy for answering them.

7. Teaching Staff

Our current core teaching staff comprises highly qualified staff with specialist qualifications in Psychology, plus Teaching Fellows. Most academic staff have doctorates (PhDs or the equivalent) in psychology and most hold (or are completing) qualifications in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Several members of current staff are Fellows of the Higher Education Academy, three are Senior Fellows and one is a Principal Fellow. All

academic staff are active researchers and many have had work widely published. More information about Psychology Staff Members is available on the School website [<http://www.keele.ac.uk/psychology/people/>].

The University will attempt to minimise changes to our core teaching teams, however, delivery of the programme depends on having a sufficient number of staff with the relevant expertise to ensure that the programme is taught to the appropriate academic standard.

Staff turnover, for example where key members of staff leave, fall ill or go on research leave, may result in changes to the programme's content. The University will endeavour to ensure that any impact on students is limited if such changes occur.

8. What is the Structure of the Programme?

The academic year runs from September to June and is divided into two semesters. The number of weeks of teaching will vary from course to course, but you can generally expect to attend scheduled teaching sessions between the end of September and mid-December, and from mid-January to the end of April.

Our degree courses are organised into modules. Each module is usually a self-contained unit of study and each is usually assessed separately with the award of credits on the basis of 1 credit = 10 hours of student effort. An outline of the structure of the programme is provided in the tables below.

There are four types of module delivered as part of this programme. They are:

- Compulsory core module – a module that you are required to study on this course;
- Programme approved elective module – subject-related modules that count towards the number of subject credits required by your degree.

Year 1 (Level 4)

Compulsory Core modules	Credits	Programme Approved Elective modules	Credits
Introduction to Social and Developmental Psychology	15	Understanding self and others better: an introduction to counselling theories	15
Introduction to Research Design	15	Distress and Mental Health	15
Introduction to Biological & Cognitive Psychology	15	Natural, unnatural, supernatural: the psychology of unusual phenomena	15
Introduction to Statistics for Psychology	15	Applied Psychology	15

Year 2 (Level 5)

Compulsory Core modules	Credits	Programme Approved Elective modules	Credits
Developmental & Social Psychology	15	None	
Survey & Qualitative Research Methods	15		
Biological Psychology, Perception & Cognition	15		
Cognitive & Biological Research Methods	15		

Year 3 (Level 6)

In semester 1 dual honours students select one module; major route students can select two modules in semester 1 and one module in semester 2. Minor route students are not expected to take Psychology modules in year 3

Compulsory Core modules	Credits	Programme Approved Elective modules	Credits
Final Year Project	30	Psychology in Education	15
Individual Differences and Conceptual and Historical Issues in Psychology	15	Making a Difference with Psychology	15

		The Psychology of Deviance	15
Additional compulsory modules for Major route students only		Groups, Crowds and Conflict	15
Key Readings in Cognitive Psychology	15	Faces, Forgetting and Forensic Psychology	15
Culture and Psychology	15	Health Psychology	15
		Current Perspectives on Autism*	15
		Everyday Memory & Amnesia*	15
		Happiness and Wellbeing*	15

Note 1. Students who take semester-long Study Abroad in Year 2 can take '*Research Methods in Social and Developmental Psychology for Third Year Study Abroad Students*' in Year 3 as a Psychology Elective module if required in order to fulfil BPS accreditation requirements.

Note 2. Current Perspectives on Autism, Everyday Memory & Amnesia, Happiness and Wellbeing are available only to Major route students.

For further information on the content of modules currently offered please visit:

www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/az

9. Final and intermediate awards

Credits required for each level of academic award are as follows:

Honours Degree	360 credits	<p>You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6.</p> <p>The number of Psychology credits you require depends on whether Psychology is taken as a Dual, Major or Minor subject.</p> <p>Dual Honours: You will require at least 120 credits in both Psychology and your other principal subject (out of 360 credits overall), with at least 30 credits in Year 1 (Level 4) and at least 45 credits in each of Years 2 and 3 (Levels 5 and 6) in each of your two Principal Subjects. You will also be required to take at least one Independent Study Project in your final year.</p> <p>Major route: You will require at least 225 credits in Psychology and at least 90 credits in your other Minor subject over the course of the degree. Students taking Psychology as a Major subject must obtain at least 30 credits in Psychology in each level of study.</p> <p>Minor route: You will require at least 90 credits in Psychology and at least 225 credits in your other Major subject over the course of the degree. Students taking Psychology as a Minor subject must obtain at least 30 credits in Psychology in Year 1 (level 4) and 45 credits in Psychology in Year 2 (level 5).</p>
Diploma in Higher Education	240 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher and at least 120 credits at level 5 or higher
Certificate in Higher Education	120 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher

Psychology with International Year: in addition to the above students must pass a module covering the international year in order to graduate with a named degree in Psychology with International Year. Students who do not complete, or fail the international year, will be transferred to the three-year Psychology programme.

10. How is the Programme assessed?

The wide variety of assessment methods used within Psychology at Keele reflects the broad range of knowledge and skills that are developed as you progress through the degree programme. Teaching staff pay particular attention to specifying clear assessment criteria and providing timely, regular and constructive feedback that helps to clarify things you did not understand and helps you to improve your performance. The following list is representative of the variety of assessment methods used within Psychology:

- **Unseen, seen and open book examinations** in different formats test students' knowledge of psychological theories and research, research methods and statistics. Examinations may consist of essay-based or multiple choice questions.
- **Essays and Lab Reports** test the quality and application of subject knowledge. In addition they allow students to demonstrate their ability to carry out basic independent research and to communicate their ideas effectively in writing in an appropriate scholarly style using the APA system of referencing.
- **Class tests** taken either conventionally or online via the Keele Learning Environment (KLE) assess students' subject knowledge and their ability to apply it in a more structured and focused way.
- **Research projects and reports** test student's knowledge of different research methodologies and the limits and provisional nature of psychological knowledge. They also enable students to demonstrate their ability to formulate research questions and to answer them using appropriate methods.
- **Oral and poster presentations and reports** assess individual students' subject knowledge and understanding. They also test their ability to work effectively as members of a team, to communicate what they know orally and visually, and to reflect on these processes as part of their own personal development.
- **Critiques and Reviews** of other scholars' work test students' ability to identify and summarise the key points of a text and to evaluate the quality of arguments and the evidence used to support them. In the case of work based on empirical research, reviews also assess students' knowledge of research methodologies and their ability to make critical judgements about the appropriateness of different strategies for collecting and analysing data.

Marks are awarded for summative assessments designed to assess your achievement of learning outcomes. You will also be assessed formatively to enable you to monitor your own progress and to assist staff in identifying and addressing any specific learning needs. Feedback, including guidance on how you can improve the quality of your work, is also provided on all summative assessments within three working weeks of submission, unless there are compelling circumstances that make this impossible, and more informally in the course of tutorial and seminar discussions.

11. Contact Time and Expected Workload

This contact time measure is intended to provide you with an indication of the type of activity you are likely to undertake during this programme. The data is compiled based on module choices and learning patterns of students on similar programmes in previous years. Every effort is made to ensure this data is a realistic representation of what you are likely to experience, but changes to programmes, teaching methods and assessment methods mean this data is representative and not specific.

Undergraduate courses at Keele contain an element of module choice; therefore, individual students will experience a different mix of contact time and assessment types dependent upon their own individual choice of modules. The figures below are an example of activities that a student may expect on your chosen course by year/stage of study. Contact time includes scheduled activities such as: lecture, seminar, tutorial, project

supervision, demonstration, practical classes and labs, supervised time in labs/workshop, fieldwork and external visits. The figures are based on 1,200 hours of student effort each year for full-time students.

Activity	Year 1 (Level 4)	Year 2 (Level 5)	Year 3 (Level 6)
Scheduled learning and teaching activities	21%	20%	13%
Guided independent Study	79%	80%	87%
Placements	0%	0%	0%

12. Accreditation

This programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society as providing the Graduate Basis for Chartered membership [GBC] – NB: Dual and Major routes only. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Please note the following:

- **Module Selection:** It is a requirement of the BPS that the Final Year compulsory module 'Psychology Project' is passed and that students achieve a minimum standard of Second Class Honours for GBC.
- **Study abroad:** Because studying abroad has potential implications for BPS accreditation students wishing to Study Abroad must discuss this in advance with the School of Psychology 'Study Abroad tutor' to identify that the modules studied at the partner institution cover material equivalent to that which would have been studied at Keele during their period of Study Abroad.

Psychology students who study abroad cannot be guaranteed accreditation for GBC, as the BPS make accreditation decisions for such students on a case-by-case basis after students have graduated.

13. Regulations

The University Regulations form the framework for learning, teaching and assessment and other aspects of the student experience. Further information about the University Regulations can be found at: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/student-agreement/>

A student who has completed a semester abroad will not normally be eligible to transfer onto the International Year option.

Specific requirements for admission with advanced standing and module exemptions

Applications for admission with advanced standing are considered on a case-by-case basis. Students may be accepted as direct entrants into the second year of the course if they have successfully covered the content of the Keele first year psychology course at another UK Higher Education Institution or overseas HEI (subject to appropriate university approval).

There is no provision for students to be granted exemption from individual psychology modules within a year of study. Students granted admission with advanced standing must take the full complement of modules for the year of study.

Attendance requirements

Undergraduate psychology modules are designed on the assumption that all students will attend all scheduled sessions of the module. Modules develop and assess skills which often can only be exercised in group settings, through attendance at timetabled sessions. Ethical considerations for research methods modules, and training considerations for modules pertinent to the adoption of professional roles, also require regular personal oversight of student activity by staff members. Such oversight can only be accomplished in a face-to-face situation.

Accordingly the School lays the expectation on every student of full attendance at every timetabled session within a module. Where active student contribution to a group activity is an explicitly designed component of the session (as is the case in all seminars, laboratory classes, and workshops) then attendance is a formal requirement. The School reserves the right to monitor attendance at any timetabled (and/or formally pre-arranged) session of any module without prior notice.

Failure to attend compulsory classes across the entire academic year without good cause will result in a graded series of academic warnings to students. Subsequent absence without good cause may result in the issuing of formal warnings from the programme director. Further absence may result in a formal University warning in accordance with Regulations. Failure to comply may result in the student being withdrawn from the University.

Study Abroad

Students may take a semester abroad ("Study Abroad") in their second year in a partner university (see Section 17). The British Psychological Society has given approval for "Study Abroad" as a component of the Single Honours Psychology Award. Providing that modules studied at the partner institution cover material equivalent to that which would have been studied at Keele during their period of "Study Abroad", students will be eligible for GBC.

Where modules taken at the partner institution do not cover material equivalent to that which would have been studied at Keele during their period of "Study Abroad", students wishing to work towards receiving the GBC of the British Psychological Society must take the required Keele Psychology modules (PSY-30122) in their final year.

Psychology students who study abroad cannot be guaranteed accreditation for GBC by the BPS. The BPS make accreditation decisions on such students on a case-by-case basis after students have graduated.

Re-assessments

There will be no consideration of attendance in calculating re-assessment marks for PSY-10018 and PSY-10017. Students are not permitted to undertake empirical work for the re-assessment of a methodology module if they cannot be supervised. There will be no consideration of seminar presentations, seminar performance in the reassessment of modules in which these activities are used in the initial assessment of the module (e.g. PSY-10018, PSY-10017).

14. What are the typical admission requirements for the programme?

Subject	A-level	Subjects not included	International Baccalaureate	BTEC	Access to Higher Education Diploma	GCSE requirements
Psychology (Dual Honours)	BBC	General Studies and Critical Thinking	32 points	DDM	Obtain Access to Higher Education Diploma with 30 Level 3 credits at Distinction	Maths @ C (or 4) English Language @ C (or 4)

Applicants who are not currently undertaking any formal study or who have been out of formal education for more than 3 years and are not qualified to A-level or BTEC standard may be offered entry to the University's Foundation Year Programme.

Applicants for whom English is not a first language must provide evidence of a recognised qualification in English language. The minimum score for entry to the Programme is Academic IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.

Please note: All non-native English speaking students are required to undertake a diagnostic English language assessment on arrival at Keele, to determine whether English language support may help them succeed with their studies. An English language module may be compulsory for some students during their first year at Keele.

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) is considered on a case-by-case basis and those interested should contact the Programme Director. The University's guidelines on this can be found here:
<http://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/accreditationofpriorlearning/>

15. Other learning opportunities

Study abroad (semester)

Students on the Psychology programme have the potential opportunity to spend a semester abroad in their second year studying at one of Keele's international partner universities.

Exactly which countries are available depends on the student's choice of degree subjects. An indicative list of countries is on the website (<http://www.keele.ac.uk/studyabroad/partneruniversities/>); however this does not guarantee the availability of study in a specific country as this is subject to the University's application process for studying abroad.

No additional tuition fees are payable for a single semester studying abroad but students do have to bear the costs of travelling to and from their destination university, accommodation, food and personal costs. Depending on the destination they are studying at additional costs may include visas, study permits, residence permits, and compulsory health checks. Students should expect the total costs of studying abroad to be greater than if they study in the UK, information is made available from the Global Education Team throughout the process, as costs will vary depending on destination.

Whilst students are studying abroad any Student Finance eligibility will continue, where applicable students may be eligible for specific travel or disability grants. Students studying in Erasmus+ destinations may be eligible for grants as part of this programme. Students studying outside of this programme may be eligible for income dependent bursaries at Keele.

Students travel on a comprehensive Keele University insurance plan, for which there are currently no additional charges. Some governments and/or universities require additional compulsory health coverage plans; costs for this will be advised during the application process.

Study Abroad (International Year)

A summary of the International Year, which is a potential option for students after completion of Year 2 (Level 5), is provided at Annex A.

Other opportunities

During their time at Keele, students also have the opportunity to hear from, and talk to, a range of guest speakers who are invited by the School to present the findings from up-to- date research they are currently carrying out in their own area of psychology.

16. Additional costs

As to be expected there will be additional costs for inter-library loans and potential overdue library fines, print and graduation.

We do not anticipate any further additional costs for this undergraduate programme.

17. Document Version History

Version history	Date	Notes
Date first created	October 2016	
Revision history	V2.0: 05/2017	Updates to Level 4 (Year 1) core modules including new module titles and changes to content to ensure breadth of progression, in line with BPS criteria. [Major change: reissued]
Date approved	12 May 2017	

Annex A

BSc (Hons) Psychology with International Year

International Year Programme
<p>Students registered for Dual Honours Psychology may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their period of study at Level 5 to the Dual Honours 'Psychology with International Year'. Students accepted onto this programme will have an extra year of study (the International Year) at an international partner institution after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.</p> <p>Students who successfully complete both the second year (Level 5) and the International Year will be permitted to progress to Level 6. Students who fail to satisfy the examiners in respect of the International Year will normally revert to the BSc (Hons) Psychology and progress to Level 6 on that basis. The failure will be recorded on the student's final transcript.</p> <p>Study at Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6 will be as per the main body of this document. The additional detail contained in this annex will pertain solely to students registered for BSc (Hons) Psychology with International Year'.</p>
International Year Programme Aims
<p>In addition to the programme aims specified in the main body of this document, the international year programme of study aims to provide students with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Personal development as a student and a researcher with an appreciation of the international dimension of their subject2. Experience of a different culture, academically, professionally and socially
Entry Requirements for the International Year
<p>Students may apply to the 4-year programme during Level 5. Admission to the International Year is subject to successful application, interview and references from appropriate staff.</p> <p>The criteria to be applied are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Performance (an average of 60% across all modules at Level 5 is normally required)• General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application for study abroad, interview during the 2nd semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's personal tutor, 1st and 2nd year tutors and programme director)
Student Support
<p>Students will be supported whilst on the International Year via the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phone or Skype conversations with Study Abroad tutor, in line with recommended Personal Tutoring meeting points.• Support from the University's Global Education Team
Learning Outcomes
<p>In addition to the learning outcomes specified in the main text of the Programme Specification, students who complete a Keele undergraduate programme with International Year will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Describe, discuss and reflect upon the cultural and international differences and similarities of different learning environmentsii) Discuss the benefits and challenges of global citizenship and internationalisationiii) Explain how their perspective on their academic discipline has been influenced by locating it

within an international setting.

In addition, students who complete BSc (Hons) Psychology with International Year' will be able to:

- iv) be able to communicate effectively in an international setting;
- v) be able to reflect on previous learning within an international context.

These learning outcomes will all be assessed by the submission of a satisfactory individual learning agreement, the successful completion of assessments at the partner institution and the submission of the reflective portfolio element of the international year module.

Course Regulations

Students registered for the 'BSc (Hons) Psychology with International Year' are subject to the course specific regulations (if any) and the University regulations. In addition, during the International Year, the following regulations will apply:

Students undertaking the International Year must complete 120 credits, which must comprise *at least 40%* in the student's discipline area.

This may impact on your choice of modules to study, for example you will have to choose certain modules to ensure you have the discipline specific credits required.

Students are barred from studying any Psychology module with significant overlap to Level 6 modules to be studied on their return. Significant overlap with Level 5 modules previously studied should also be avoided.

Additional costs for the International Year

Tuition fees for students on the International Year will be charged at 15% of the annual tuition fees for that year of study, as set out in Section 1. The International Year can be included in your Student Finance allocation, to find out more about your personal eligibility see: www.gov.uk

Students will have to bear the costs of travelling to and from their destination university, accommodation, food and personal costs. Depending on the destination they are studying at additional costs may include visas, study permits, residence permits, and compulsory health checks. Students should expect the total costs of studying abroad be greater than if they study in the UK, information is made available from the Global Education Team throughout the process, as costs will vary depending on destination.

Students studying in Erasmus+ destinations may be eligible for grants as part of this programme. Students studying outside of this programme may be eligible income dependent bursaries at Keele.

Students travel on a comprehensive Keele University insurance plan, for which there are currently no additional charges. Some Governments and/or universities require additional compulsory health coverage plans; costs for this will be advised during the application process.