

Course Information Document: Undergraduate

Academic Year 2021/22

1. Course Summary

Names of programme and award title(s)	BA or BSc (Hons) Education BA or BSc (Hons) Education with International Year (see Annex for details)
Award type	Combined Honours
Mode of study	Full-time
Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award	Level 6
Normal length of the programme	3 years; 4 years with the International Year between years 2 and 3
Maximum period of registration	The normal length as specified above plus 3 years
Location of study	Keele Campus
Accreditation (if applicable)	Not applicable
Regulator	Office for Students (OfS)
Tuition Fees	<p>UK students:</p> <p>Fee for 2021/22 is £9,250*</p> <p>International/EU students:</p> <p>Fee for 2021/22 is £15,500**</p> <p>or £16,000** (if combined with a laboratory-based Principal Subject)</p> <p>The fee for the international year abroad is calculated at 15% of the standard year fee</p>

How this information might change: Please read the important information at <http://www.keele.ac.uk/student-agreement/>. This explains how and why we may need to make changes to the information provided in this document and to help you understand how we will communicate with you if this happens.

* 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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2. What is a Combined Honours programme?

NB: 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.

Combined Honours degrees are degrees that are taken in two different subjects, resulting in an X and Y degree title. If you are taking a

Combined Honours programme, these will be the two subjects you applied for. These are referred to as your Principal Subjects.

In a Combined Honours degree you must take at least 135 credits in each Principal Subject (270 credits in total), accrued over all three levels of study, with at least 45 credits at each level of study (Levels 4, 5 and 6) in each of two Principal Subjects (90 credits per year). The remaining available credits can be filled with modules from these subjects or other subjects entirely.

As a Combined Honours student you can choose to study just one subject in your final year of study, taking a minimum of 90 credits in this subject. This will result in an X with Y degree title.

3. Overview of the Programme

The academic study of Education has evolved from being part of the teacher education programme in the 1960s to a subject in its own right. Education courses vary in their focus but most explore education from many different angles - including how education relates to the economy, how it has been shaped historically, how it affects people's life chances, how it helps form their identities, how those who work in education are organised and how learners learn. Though not a programme of training in itself, an undergraduate Education programme provides knowledge, understanding and critical analysis to inform current and future professionals. A Combined Honours programme offers students a strong basis for a wide range of employment opportunities now available in educational institutions, as well as in other organisations and economic enterprises engaged in education and training.

4. Aims of the programme

The broad aims of the programme are to:

- introduce students to major perspectives from which education may be studied, and to explore the inter-connexions between them. Such perspectives include philosophical, historical, psychological, cultural and sociological approaches.
- enable students to become informed and constructive participants in discussion about present and future developments in education and professional practice, against the wider background of social, cultural and economic change.
- enable students to become competent and confident independent researchers, capable of higher degree study, and of conducting informed, critical enquiry in their chosen profession.
- contribute to students' development of a range of skills - including those of independent research, collaborative teamwork, the writing of essays and reports, and the composition of presentations of various kinds, involving both writing and wider, multi-media resources.
- help students develop skills and attitudes, which will enable them to become lifelong learners.

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 a conceptually informed understanding of contemporary education policy in Britain and explain and analyse the significance of historical, social, political and economic contexts on education policy and responses to it.
- Describe and evaluate key educational concepts, theories and issues of policy in a systematic way, and in relation to your chosen principal subjects, and apply key principles across educational systems

Subject specific skills

Successful students will be able to:

- Define and describe the process of learning including some of the key paradigms and their impact on educational practices and evaluate their own learning in the context of higher education
- Read, analyse and evaluate key texts in the form of policy documents, speeches or reports for the purpose of engaging in debates about issues in education, as well as your chosen principal subjects
- Formulate research questions and identify the most appropriate research strategies for answering them taking into account relevant ethical considerations.

Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Successful students will be able to:

- Present and comment on the conclusions of theoretical and empirical work on education to a range of audiences and in a variety of appropriate formats.
- Use the knowledge and skills they have acquired as the basis for more advanced learning or professional training.

Keele Graduate attributes

Engagement with this programme will enable you to develop your intellectual, personal and professional capabilities. At Keele, we call these our ten Graduate Attributes and they include independent thinking, synthesizing information, creative problem solving, communicating clearly, and appreciating the social, environmental and global implications of your studies and activities. Our educational programme and learning environment is designed to help you to become a well-rounded graduate who is capable of making a positive and valued contribution in a complex and rapidly changing world, whichever spheres of life you engage in after your studies are completed.

Further information about the Keele Graduate Attributes can be found here: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/journey/>

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** which provide students with a framework for reading and independent study. Some lectures will draw on the perspectives of professionals or those working in the educational system and/or will make use of video and audio presentations.
- **Workshops** where students have the opportunity to work together in smaller groups and interact with the lecturer and reflect on their own learning. A series of essay writing workshops are offered in the first semester of year 1 and the dissertation, in year 3, is also supported by workshops.
- **Seminars** in small groups where key issues can be discussed in more depth. These meetings rely on the active participation of students and in some cases students will be asked to lead the seminar or tutorial individually, in pairs or groups and to make presentations based on their reading and understanding of key policy and research issues in Education.
- **Independent study**, which is supported by directed reading. Module guides or booklets, which accompany each module, specify the weekly content and direct students to key reading from textbooks, research monographs, academic journals, official government publications and the media.
- **Web-based learning** using Keele University's virtual learning environment (KLE). The KLE is an online learning environment that provides a range of tools to support your learning, including access to documents and other resources such as quizzes, discussion boards, assignments and announcements.
- **Individual meetings** with members of staff (supervisors) to support students as they engage in a piece of independent research.
- **Individual tutorials** may also be arranged informally with module tutors or supervisors and which enable students to discuss particular areas of difficulty and any particular learning needs they may have.

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 allow students to gain a systematic understanding of key concepts, ideas and policy issues and how they may be used in the course of seminars to analyse a variety of contemporary educational problems.
- Seminars, tutorials and online discussions provide opportunities for students to ask questions about, and suggest answers to, educational problems, and to present their own ideas to members of staff and other students using an appropriate medium of communication.
- Workshops, seminars, tutorials 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 dissertation with the support of a supervisor (an experienced member of staff) allows students to formulate relevant research questions and devise a feasible and ethically sound strategy for answering them.

7. Teaching Staff

Currently our core teaching staff comprises a number of Professors, senior lecturers and lecturers. A number of our team have doctorates and all are active researchers whose work across many aspects of Education has been widely published in books, research monographs and leading international journals. Students studying Education at Keele benefit from being taught by staff working across a diverse range of Programmes within the School.

The current staff group has extensive experience of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level in universities in the UK, Greece, Algeria, Egypt, Bahrain and Italy. They all hold teaching qualifications and are (or are in the process of becoming) members of the Higher Education Academy.

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 programme to programme, 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 three types of module delivered as part of your programme. They are:

- Compulsory modules - a module that you are required to study on this course;
- Optional modules - these allow you some limited choice of what to study from a list of modules;
- Elective modules - a free choice of modules that count towards the overall credit requirement but not the number of subject-related credits.

A summary of the credit requirements per year is as follows, with a minimum of 90 subject credits (compulsory plus optional) required for each year across both of your Principal Subjects. This document has information about *Education* modules only; please also see the document for your other subject.

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/>

Year	Compulsory	Optional		Electives	
		Min	Max	Min	Max
Level 4	30	15	30	0	15
Level 5	30	15	30	0	15
Level 6	30	15	30	0	15

Module Lists

Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Understanding Learning	EDU-10033	15	Semester 1
Education in Britain: past, present, future	EDU-10030	15	Semester 2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Childhood, Policy and Education	EDU-10029	15	Semester 1
Back to the Future: issues in the history of schooling	EDU-10067	15	Semester 1
Too Poor to Learn: Poverty, Education and Social Policy	EDU-10072	15	Semester 2
Modern Democracies	PIR-10055	15	Semester 2
Classical Sociology	SOC-10014	15	Semester 2

Level 5

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Education Matters: Contemporary Issues and Debates in Education	EDU-20024	15	Semester 1
Research Strategies and Methods in Education	EDU-20020	15	Semester 2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Play, Power and Pedagogy	EDU-20023	15	Semester 1
Reflective Teaching: Critical and reflective approaches to teaching in secondary education	EDU-20028	15	Semester 1
Education placement	EDU-20029	15	Semester 1
Progressive Education and its Discontents	EDU-20034	15	Semester 1
Special Education: introduction to theory and practice	EDU-20019	15	Semester 2
COMPARATIVE EDUCATION	EDU-20022	15	Semester 2
Education placement	EDU-20029	15	Semester 2

Level 5 Module Rules

If students choose EDU-20020 Research Strategies and Methods in Education, they should be barred from taking SOC-20046 and CRI-20020. This is to ensure that students take only one research methods module.

Level 6

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Independent Research Project - ISP	EDU-30071	30	Semester 1-2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
The making of professionals: Education, Health and Social Work	EDU-30064	15	Semester 1
Inclusive Education	EDU-30093	15	Semester 1
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH	EDU-30106	15	Semester 1
Race, Politics and Education	EDU-30072	15	Semester 2
Education, Work and Identity	EDU-30073	15	Semester 2
Higher Education: policy and the student experience	EDU-30074	15	Semester 2
Educating for Global Citizenship	EDU-30082	15	Semester 2

If you choose to specialise in this subject in your final year you will study the following modules:

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Independent Research Project - ISP	EDU-30071	30	Semester 1-2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
The making of professionals: Education, Health and Social Work	EDU-30064	15	Semester 1
Inclusive Education	EDU-30093	15	Semester 1
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH	EDU-30106	15	Semester 1
Race, Politics and Education	EDU-30072	15	Semester 2
Education, Work and Identity	EDU-30073	15	Semester 2
Educating for Global Citizenship	EDU-30082	15	Semester 2

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>You must accumulate a minimum of 135 credits in each Principal Subject (270 credits in total), with at least 45 credits at each level of study (Levels 4, 5 and 6) in each of two Principal Subjects (90 credits per year). Your degree title will be 'subject X and subject Y'.</p> <p>If you choose to study one Principal subject in your final year of study a minimum of 90 credits in that subject is required. Your degree title will be 'subject X with subject Y'.</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

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

10. How is the Programme Assessed?

The wide variety of assessment methods used on this programme 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 on your programme:

- **Examinations** in different formats test students' knowledge of educational theories and the findings of educational research and their ability to apply that knowledge to a range of educational and social problems. Examinations may be 'seen', where the essay questions are seen in advance of the examination, or 'unseen' where questions are drawn from module themes but the students do not know the questions in advance of the examination.
- **Essays** also test the quality and application of subject knowledge. In addition they allow students to demonstrate their ability to carry out basic bibliographic research and to communicate their ideas effectively in writing in an appropriate scholarly style using the Harvard system of referencing.
- **Reviews of other scholars' work or policy** initiatives 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.

- **Research design projects** test students' knowledge of different research methodologies and the limits and provisional nature of educational knowledge. They also enable students to demonstrate their ability to formulate research questions and to answer them using an appropriate strategy and to report the findings of their research.
- **Oral presentations and reports** assess students' subject knowledge and understanding. They also test their ability to manage their learning and work effectively to communicate what they know orally and visually, and to reflect on these processes as part of their own personal development.
- **Portfolios** may consist of a range of different pieces of work but routinely include a requirement that students provide some evidence of critical reflection on the development of their own learning.
- **Workshops** require students to design a teaching and learning activity that can be used in school-based settings, preparing students for a teaching career.

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

	Scheduled learning and teaching activities	Guided independent Study	Placements
Year 1 (Level 4)	17%	83%	0%
Year 2 (Level 5)	15%	85%	0%
Year 3 (Level 6)	10%	90%	0%

12. Accreditation

This programme does not have accreditation from an external body.

13. University 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.

14. Other Learning Opportunities

Study abroad (semester)

Students on the 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 in the Annex for the International Year.

Other opportunities

Students are also regularly invited to attend seminars hosted within the School and those held more widely within the University. Students also learn through placements in schools and in the wider community.

15. Additional Costs

Students registered for the optional second year Education Placement module or the School Engagement and Outreach module will be required to complete a DBS check ahead of the start of the module. The current charge is £44. If a student registers for any of these optional modules, they will also be expected to arrange and pay for travel to and from their placement school for each of the six placement visits (Education Placement Module). Students in the School Engagement and Outreach module might also have to travel to schools (but do not have to as there will be opportunities for them to engage in activities on campus) and will be expected to cover the costs of travel. Distances vary and indicative distances range from 2 to 7 miles from the Keele Campus.

Activity	Estimated cost
Field courses - optional (for students taking 'Education Placement' and 'School Engagement and Outreach') - DBS check	£44
Travel - (for students taking optional modules 'Education Placement' and 'School Engagement and Outreach') - travel to and from placements (when required)	£30
Total estimated additional costs	£74

These costs have been forecast by the University as accurately as possible but may be subject to change as a result of factors outside of our control (for example, increase in costs for external services). Forecast costs are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they remain representative. Where additional costs are in direct control of the University we will ensure increases do not exceed 5%.

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 costs for this programme.

16. Annex - International Year

Combined Honours Education with International Year

Please note: in order to be eligible to take the International Year option your other subject must also offer this option. Please refer to the information published in the course document for your other subject.

International Year Programme

Students registered for this Combined Honours programme may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their period of study at Level 5 to the Combined Honours programme in both their principal subjects, providing that they meet the progression criteria outlined in this document. Students accepted onto the International Year programme will have an extra year of study at an international partner institution after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.

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 Combined Honours programme without the International Year and progress to Level 6 on that basis. The failure will be recorded on the student's final transcript.

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 the International Year option.

International Year Programme Aims

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:

1. Personal development as a student and a researcher with an appreciation of the international dimension of their subject
2. Experience of a different culture, academically, professionally and socially

Entry Requirements for the International Year

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.

The criteria to be applied are:

- Academic Performance (an average of 60% across all modules in Semester 1 at Level 5 is normally required. Places on the International Year are then conditional on achieving an average mark of 54% across all Level 5 modules with no module fails. Where no Semester 1 marks have been awarded performance in 1st year marks and ongoing 2nd year assessments are taken into account)
- 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)

Students may not register for both an International Year and a Placement Year.

Student Support

Students will be supported whilst on the International Year via the following methods:

- Phone or Skype conversations with Study Abroad tutors, in line with recommended Personal Tutoring meeting points.
- Support from the University's Global Education Team

Learning Outcomes

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:

1. Describe, discuss and reflect upon the cultural and international differences and similarities of different learning environments
2. Discuss the benefits and challenges of global citizenship and internationalisation
3. Explain how their perspective on their academic discipline has been influenced by locating it within an international setting.
4. Design, plan and critically evaluate research projects with respect to education, record relevant information accurately and systematically and be able to reflect on a range of sources in a critical manner.
5. Integrate, apply and develop enhanced principles relating to the analysis of education; recognise, describe and explain cultural phenomena across national boundaries and reflect critically upon problems relating to education.

Please note that students on Combined Honours programmes with International Year must meet the subject-specific learning outcomes for BOTH their principal subjects.

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 International Year are subject to the programme-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 module with significant overlap to the 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.

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