

## Programme Specification: Undergraduate

For students starting in Academic Year 2018/2019

### 1. Course Summary

<b>Names of programme(s) and award title(s)</b>	BA (Hons) Economics and Finance BA (Hons) Economics and Finance with International Year (see Annex A for details) BA (Hons) Economics and Finance with Work Placement Year (see Annex B for details) BA (Hons) Economics and Finance with Entrepreneurship Year (see Annex C for details)
<b>Award type</b>	Single Honours
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full time
<b>Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award</b>	Level 6
<b>Duration</b>	3 years 4 years with either the International Year, Work Placement Year or Entrepreneurship Year between years 2 and 3
<b>Location of study</b>	Keele University – main campus
<b>Accreditation (if applicable)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Regulator</b>	Office for Students (OfS)
<b>Tuition Fees</b>	<b>UK/EU students:</b> Fee for 2019/20 is £9,250*  <b>International students:</b> Fee for 2019/20 is £14,320**  The fee for the international year abroad is calculated at 15% of the standard year fee  The fee for either the work placement year or entrepreneurship year is calculated at 20% of the standard year fee
<b>Additional Costs</b>	Please refer to the Additional costs section

\* 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 Single Honours programme?**

The Single Honours programme described in this document allows you to focus predominantly on Economics and Finance. In keeping with Keele's commitment to breadth in the curriculum, the programme also gives you the opportunity to take some modules outside Economics and Finance, in other disciplines and in modern foreign languages as part of a 360-credit Honours degree. Thus, it enables you to gain, and be able to demonstrate, a distinctive range of graduate attributes.

## **3. Overview of the Programme**

The Economics and Finance Single Honours programme provides students with a thorough grounding in the twin disciplines of Economics and Finance. Based on a rich theoretical structure, Economics explains the economic behaviour of households, firms and government and covers a wide-range of applications associated with the operation of markets and government policy. Drawing both on Economics and on Accounting, Finance analyses the decision-making of investors (banks, hedge funds, portfolio managers) and the workings of financial markets with a wide range of practical applications. The two disciplines share a lot of common ground and students of this programme will benefit from the complementary perspectives by building more in-depth understanding. The wide range of electives available draw on Economics at large, Financial Economics, Statistics, Accounting, and related disciplines.

The programme also equips students with a range of skills, including statistical and data handling tools, to analyse economic and financial issues and problems from a variety of angles. This broad-based approach develops graduate attributes that are highly valued by prospective employers, whilst also providing a firm foundation for those wishing to pursue postgraduate study. In addition to its vocational dimension, the degree is designed to equip graduates with intellectual, professional and personal resources that they can draw upon throughout their lives. Graduates of this programme can pursue a career in a wide variety of sectors, including business/corporate sector, government/public sector, financial institutions or the charity sector.

The programme is academically rigorous, and delivered in a challenging but supportive learning environment that provides sound foundations enabling students to acquire a range of skills that are highly relevant for either subsequent careers or further study.

The four-year Placement option provides students with the opportunity to undertake a year-long professionally focused placement (minimum 30 weeks full-time (1,050 hours) or equivalent) between Levels 5 and 6 of their degree programme in a sector relevant to their degree. Students will gain substantial experience of a professional working environment relevant to their future career aspirations allowing for familiarisation of professional practice, enhanced skill development, and reflection upon programme content.

The four-year entrepreneurship option provides students with the enhanced opportunity to undertake a year-long placement within Keele's Innovation Hub, working on developing their own business idea (minimum 30 weeks full-time (1,050 hours) or equivalent) between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their degree programme.

The four-year International study option provides students with the opportunity to undertake a year-long study abroad programme taught in English at an international university between Levels 5 and 6 of their degree programme in a subject relevant to their degree. Students will gain substantial experience of study in a different culture to their own and additionally benefit from the opportunity to develop their knowledge and networks in specialist areas of Economics and Finance relevant to both international and home settings.

## **4. Aims of the Programme**

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

- Study the disciplines of economics and finance and benefit from their complementary perspectives;
- Describe and explain a diverse range of real-world finance and economics phenomena in terms of a

small set of unifying principles;

- Understand, evaluate and combine theoretical models and analysis with up-to-date factual knowledge about the economy and business behaviour, both 'real' (i.e., non-financial) and financial;
- Understand, evaluate and combine theoretical and empirical models and analysis with up-to-date factual knowledge about the economy, finance and public policy;
- Develop the knowledge and skills for independent:
  - sophisticated analysis and reasoning using relevant economic and finance concepts and methods;
  - understanding and formulation of proposals concerning practical problems and policies;
  - conduct of your own research exercising appropriate levels of scholarship;
- Acquire knowledge and skills that enable you to develop independence and self- confidence in your own-work and the ability to cooperate with colleagues;
- Become familiar with the main quantitative methods of economic research and develop the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of real economic and business data.

## **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:

- Apply economic and related, mainly accounting, reasoning to a variety of topics in the economy, business behaviour, government policy and finance;
- Utilise a variety of theory-based and model-based analytical methods for use in economics or finance;
- Become familiar with a range of methods, tools and skills, including verbal, graphical, mathematical and econometric representation of economic ideas, and the capability to analyse and interpret relevant economic or financial data.

### **Subject specific skills**

Successful students will be able to:

- Demonstrate familiarity with analytical, quantitative methods and critical ability and their applications in economic and financial problem- solving and decision-making
- Organise, present and analyse data drawing appropriate inference;
- Apply the main empirical (statistical/econometric) methods of economic research and the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of real economic and business data;
- Organise, present and communicate their reasoning, policy analysis and accompanying data in an effective way;
- Express themselves clearly, fluently and effectively by writing in a scholarly manner.

### **Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)**

Successful students will be able to:

- Communicate using a variety of medium to a range of audiences
- Work effectively both as an individual and as part of a group or a team, recognising and respecting the viewpoints of others;
- Work with numerical data from a wide range of sources;

- Work effectively with information technology;
- Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving;
- Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including enthusiasm, time-management, versatility, creativity, intellectual integrity, interactivity and responsiveness to feedback.

### 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:

- **Traditional lectures** accompanied by suggested reading for independent study, intended to provide a core framework of subject knowledge on which a systematic understanding of major principles can be built. Some lecture classes may feature activities such as mock auctions, quizzes that involve voting, or other interactive activities
- **Tutor-led seminars** where students contribute to or lead a discussion on key topics or make a presentation on a specific point so as to develop critical thinking and permit the reflective individual expression of that core understanding
- **Problem-based tutorials** (often based on scenarios rooted in the real world) in which students are expected to offer answers or solutions to previously provided problems but which also offer opportunity for students to direct specific questions to tutors and develop better understanding of the issues in question. These tutorials enable students to acquire and refine key accounting skills
- **Practical, computer laboratory based classes** where students acquire the hands-on skills associated with describing, analysing and interpreting business data
- **Directed independent study** where students are referred to specific materials or asked to research and find information independently, which may extend to undertaking an independent research project under the supervision of an experienced tutor. Other opportunities for directed independent study are available in our computer laboratories which are equipped with Bloomberg information terminals and Sage accounting software allowing students to interact with real world data and situations
- Students may undertake **Web-based self-study** exercises using the University's virtual learning environment (KLE). The KLE gives students easy access to a wide range of resources and research tools and permits the use of online discussion, quizzes and 'blogs' in teaching and learning whilst permitting students to develop improved IT knowledge
- In addition, students who complete the placement programme will conduct a **skills audit** in relation to their 'fit' to sector skill demands, whilst critically evaluating their learning from the placement context.

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.

## 7. Teaching Staff

Currently our core teaching staff of the Economics and Finance Group of Keele Management School comprises three professors, three senior lecturers and four lecturers who maintain a strong commitment to excellence and innovation in teaching and research. All staff are active in research, continually presenting and publishing academic papers at national and international conferences, in books and in internationally ranked economics and finance journals. Teaching is informed by research and, continually updated, is at the forefronts of developments in the field. The Economics and Finance group regularly receives excellent scores and feedback by external examiners and students participating in the National Student Survey (NSS), while the University of Keele has earned a 'Gold' in the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

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 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.

Year	Compulsory	Optional		Electives	
		Min	Max	Min	Max
1	75	15	45	0	30
2	90	0	30	0	30
3	60	30	60	0	30

### Module lists

#### Year 1 (Level 4)

Compulsory modules	Credits	Optional modules	Credits
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>		<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	
		<b>Choose a min of one of the following:</b>	
Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028	15	Quantitative Methods 1 ECO-10026 <sup>1</sup>	15
Accounting Principles MAN-10015	15	Management in Context MAN-10018 <sup>2</sup>	15
		Business Law LAW-10027	15
		The British and Global Economy ECO-10025	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 1) ENL-90003 <sup>3</sup>	15
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>		<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>	

Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029	15	Financial Accounting MAN-10024	15
Quantitative Methods 2 ECO-10027	15	Multinational Enterprise Business Perspectives MAN-10026 <sup>4</sup>	15
Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017	15		

#### Notes

- (1) This module is compulsory for anyone who does not have A Level Maths (or equivalent). The module cannot be taken by anyone who already had A Level Maths (or equivalent)
- (2) You need to choose this module if you wish to choose Social Enterprise and Alternative Organising (MAN-20093) at level 5
- (3) Open only to non-native speakers of English and successful completion of ENL-10031 (EAP 1) with a score of over 60%, or ENL-90006 (EAP 2), or equivalent or by recommendation of the Language Centre. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.
- (4) Recommended for those wishing to take a Placement Year.

### Year 2 (Level 5)

Compulsory modules	Credits	Optional modules	Credits
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>		<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	
Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046	15	Banking ECO-20045	15
Finance 1 ECO-20007	15	Cost and Management Accounting MAN-20049 <sup>1</sup>	15
Statistics with Bloomberg ECO-20049	15	Professional Development MAN-20090 <sup>2</sup>	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 1) ENL-90003 <sup>3</sup>	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 2) ENL-90004 <sup>4</sup>	15
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>		<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>	
Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037	15	Contemporary Issues in Economics ECO-20040	15
Finance 2 ECO-20051	15	Social Enterprise and Alternative Organising MAN-20093 <sup>5</sup>	15
Introduction to Econometrics ECO-20042	15		

#### Notes:

- (1) Prerequisite: Financial Accounting MAN-10024
- (2) Recommended for those wishing to take a placement year
- (3) Open only to non-native speakers of English and successful completion of ENL-10031 (EAP 1) with a score of over 60%, or ENL-90006 (EAP 2), or equivalent or by recommendation of the Language Centre. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.
- (4) Open only to NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH after successful completion of AEB1 (Academic English for Business 1) with a score of under 60% or equivalent. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year
- (5) Pre-requisite: Management in Context (MAN-10018)

For students undertaking a four-year version of the programme, the work placement, entrepreneurship year or international year options are taken between the second and third years of the programme. The work placement year encourages reflection on programme content from the first two years and represents a chance to put programme material into practice. A summary of the International Year is provided at Annex A; a

summary of the Work Placement Year is provided at Annex B; and a summary of the Entrepreneurship Year is provided at Annex C.

### Year 3 (Level 6)

Compulsory modules	Credits	Optional modules	Credits
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>		<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	
Dynamic Macroeconomics ECO-30033	15	<b>Choose a min of one of the following:</b>	
Investment Management ECO-30053	15	Applied Econometrics ECO-30050	15
Advanced Topics in Microeconomics ECO-30047	15	International Finance ECO-30037	15
		SME Live Project MAN-30072	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 2) ENL-90004 <sup>1</sup>	15
		Advanced Business English Communication ENL-90005 <sup>2</sup>	15
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>		<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>	
Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	15	<b>Choose a min of one of the following:</b>	
		Data Analysis ISP ECO-30051	15
		Analysing Company Performance ISP MAN-30064	15
		<b>Choose a min of one of the following:</b>	
		Industrial Organisation ECO-30046	15
		Labour Economics ECO-30032	15

#### Notes:

- (1) Open only to NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH after successful completion of AEB1 (Academic English for Business 1) with a score of under 60% or equivalent. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.
- (2) Open only to THIRD-YEAR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH on successful completion of AEB2 or EAP4; or AEB1 or EAP3 with a score of over 60%; or equivalent. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year

Students may choose to study elective modules which are offered as part of other programmes in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and across the University. These include:

- Modules in other subjects closely related to Economics and Finance.
- Modules in other subjects in which they may have a particular interest.
- Modules designed to help students for whom it is not their first language to improve their use of English for Academic Purposes.
- Modern foreign languages modules at different levels in French, German, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and Chinese (Mandarin).
- Modules related to the development of graduate attributes, student volunteering, and studying abroad as part of the University's exchange programme.

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit: [www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/az](http://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/az)

### Learning Outcomes

The table below sets out what students learn in each year of the Programme, the modules in which that learning takes place, and the main ways in which students are assessed on their learning. In Year 1 (Level 4) and Year 2 (Level 5) these learning outcomes are achieved in the compulsory modules which all students are required to

take. Some of these outcomes may also be achieved or reinforced in elective modules together with other outcomes not stated here. In Year 3 (Level 6) the stated outcomes are achieved by taking any of the modules offered in each semester.

#### Year 1 (Level 4)

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Apply economic and related, mainly accounting, reasoning to a variety of topics in the economy, business behaviour, government policy and finance.	Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028 Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029	Online test; unseen examination
Utilise a variety of theory-based and model-based analytical methods for use in economics or finance;	Quantitative methods 2 ECO-10027 Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028 Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029	Class test; unseen examination; online test
Become familiar with a range of methods, tools and skills, including verbal, graphical, mathematical and econometric representation of economic ideas, and the capability to analyse and interpret relevant economic or financial data.	Quantitative methods 2 ECO-10027 Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028 Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029	Class test; unseen examination; online test

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Demonstrate familiarity with analytical, quantitative methods and critical ability and their applications in economic and financial problem-solving and decision-making	Quantitative methods 2 ECO-10027 Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029	Class test; online test; unseen examination
Organise, present and analyse data drawing appropriate inference;	Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029	Online test; unseen examination
Express themselves clearly, fluently and effectively by writing in a scholarly manner.	All modules at this level	Class test; online test; unseen examination

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Communicate using a variety of	All modules at this level	Class test; online test; unseen examination

medium to a range of audiences;		
Work with numerical data from a wide range of sources;	Quantitative methods 2 ECO-10027	Class test; unseen examination
Work effectively with information technology;	Quantitative methods 2 ECO-10027	Class test; unseen examination
Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving;	Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028 Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029	Online test; unseen examination
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity and intellectual integrity.	All modules at this level	Class test; online test; unseen examination

## Year 2 (Level 5)

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Explain the behaviour of economic and financial actors and markets in terms of a small set of unifying principles	Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046 Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037	Essay; coursework; unseen examination
Analyse and interpret relationships between economic and financial variables and draw appropriate quantitative inferences	Statistics with Bloomberg ECO-20049 Introduction to Econometrics ECO-20042	Online tests; unseen examination; portfolio; report
Understand in-depth aspects of the economic and financial world	Contemporary issues in economics ECO-20044 Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Essay; unseen examination; online tests

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Critically evaluate economic and finance theories and apply them to the analysis of economic and financial agents and markets	Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037 Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046	Essay; unseen examination; portfolio; report
Apply analytical reasoning and critical thinking	Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037 Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046 Contemporary issues in	Essay; unseen examination; online tests

	Economics ECO-20040 Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	
Utilise economic and financial data from a wide range of sources and work effectively with information technology	Statistics with Bloomberg ECO-20049	Online tests; unseen examination
Assess the effect of policies and other changes on households, firms and aggregate economy	Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037 Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046 Contemporary issues in Economics ECO-20040	Essay; unseen examination

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Evaluate and make use of abstract theories in analysing and resolving problems working independently	Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037 Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046 Contemporary issues in Economics ECO-20040 Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Essay; unseen examination; online tests
Develop, present and communicate effectively complex arguments supported by appropriate evidence	Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037 Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046 Contemporary issues in Economics ECO-20040 Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Essay; unseen examination; online tests
Develop and sustain effective approaches to independent learning and study, including time management, creativity and intellectual integrity	Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037 Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046 Contemporary issues in Economics ECO-20040 Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Essay; unseen examination; online tests

### Year 3 (Level 6)

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		

Understand, interpret and critically evaluate theories, concepts and research at the forefront of economics and finance	Investment Management ECO-30053 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	Essay; unseen examination; class test
Utilise a variety of mathematical, analytical and statistical skills to analyse economic, finance and business data and interpret the behaviour of economic and financial actors in this light	Data Analysis ISP ECO-30051 OR Analysing Company Performance ISP MAN-30064	Report
Understand, evaluate and formulate policy proposals		

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Describe and make critical judgements about developments in current areas of economic and financial research	Investment Management ECO-30053 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	Essay; unseen examination
Formulate, present and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, advanced ideas and arguments concerning the economic and financial world	Investment Management ECO-30053 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	Essay; unseen examination
Have advanced numeracy (mathematical, statistical, software-related) skills enabling them to collect, interpret and process economic, business and financial data	Data Analysis ISP ECO-30051 OR Analysing Company Performance ISP MAN-30064	Report

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Work independently but also in teams, exercising creativity, scholarly integrity, enthusiasm, incentive and time-management	All Modules	Report; essay; unseen examinations
Present and communicate scholarly and similar work in a confident and effective way and with a variety of	All Modules	Report; essay; unseen examinations

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Think through issues and problems in an analytical, informative and quantitatively specific way	Investment Management ECO-30053 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048 Data Analysis ISP ECO-30051 OR Analysing Company Performance ISP MAN-30064	Essay; unseen examination; report

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Understand, interpret and critically evaluate theories, concepts and research at the forefront of economics and finance	Corporate Finance ECO-30038 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	Essay; unseen examination; class test
Utilise a variety of mathematical, analytical and statistical skills to analyse economic, finance and business data and interpret the behaviour of economic and financial actors in this light	Data Analysis ISP ECO-30051 OR Analysing Company Performance ISP MAN-30064	Report
Understand, evaluate and formulate policy proposals		

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Describe and make critical judgements about developments in current areas of economic and financial research	Corporate Finance ECO-30038 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	Essay; unseen examination
Formulate, present and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, advanced ideas and arguments concerning the economic and financial world	Corporate Finance ECO-30038 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	Essay; unseen examination
Have advanced numeracy (mathematical, statistical, software-related) skills enabling them to collect, interpret and process economic, business and	Data Analysis ISP ECO-30051 OR Analysing Company Performance ISP MAN-30064	Report

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<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>		
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>	<b>Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used</b>
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Work independently but also in teams, exercising creativity, scholarly integrity, enthusiasm, incentive and time-management	All Modules	Report; essay; unseen examinations
Present and communicate scholarly and similar work in a confident and effective way and with a variety of means	All Modules	Report; essay; unseen examinations
Think through issues and problems in an analytical, informative and quantitatively specific way	Corporate Finance ECO-30038 Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048 Data Analysis ISP ECO-30051 OR Analysing Company Performance ISP MAN-30064	Essay; unseen examination; report

## 9. Final and intermediate awards

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

<b>Honours Degree</b>	360 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6  You must accumulate at least 270 credits in Economics and Finance (out of 360 credits overall), with at least 90 credits in each of the three years of study, to graduate with a named single honours degree in Economics and Finance.
<b>Diploma in Higher Education</b>	240 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher and at least 120 credits at level 5 or higher
<b>Certificate in Higher Education</b>	120 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher

**Economics and Finance 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 Economics and Finance with international year. Students who do not complete, or fail the international year, will be transferred to the three-year Economics and Finance programme.

**Economics and Finance with Work Placement Year:** in addition to the above students must pass a non-credit bearing module covering the work placement year in order to graduate with a named degree in Economics and Finance with work placement year. Students who do not complete, or fail the work placement year, will be transferred to the three-year Economics and Finance programme.

**Economics and Finance with Entrepreneurship Year:** in addition to the above students must pass a non-credit bearing module covering the entrepreneurship year in order to graduate with a named degree in Economics and Finance with entrepreneurship year. Students who do not complete, or fail the entrepreneurship year, will be transferred to the three-year Economics and Finance programme.

## 10. How is the Programme assessed?

The wide variety of assessment methods used within Economics and Finance 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 Economics and Finance:

- **Essays** including those based on case study material, test the quality and application of subject knowledge. In addition, they allow you to demonstrate your ability to carry out basic bibliographic research and to communicate your ideas effectively in writing in an appropriate scholarly style using the Harvard system of referencing. Essays may be individual or based on working in a group and may also include a computational aspect
- **Class tests** taken either conventionally or online via the Keele Learning Environment (KLE) as Computer based tests assess your subject knowledge and your ability to apply it in a more structured and focused way compared to essays
- **Final examinations**, in different formats, test your knowledge and understanding of the module. Examinations may consist of essay, short answer, multiple choice questions and computational answers depending on the module
- **Individual report**, where you produce a document that sets out your response to the task, including your recommendations and conclusions
- **Group presentation**, where you collaborate with a group of fellow students and present your findings to other students on the module and the module tutor
- **Portfolios** where you assemble pieces of work to demonstrate your engagement with and understanding of a topic, either individually or in a group
- **Work Placement** reflection on work placement activity and development of employability skills

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)	Placement Year	Year 3 (Level 6)
Scheduled learning and teaching activities	21%	20%	0%	19%
Guided independent Study	79%	80%	0%	81%
Placements	0%	0%	100%	0%

## 12. Accreditation

Not applicable.

## 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/>

### Course Regulations

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

A student is not allowed to study both the International Year option and the Work Placement Year or Entrepreneurship Year option.

## 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
Economics and Finance	BBC	None	30 points	DMM	Obtain Access to Higher Education Diploma with 112 UCAS Tariff points including a minimum of 15 Level 3 credits at Distinction.	GCSE English Language at grade C (or 4) and Maths at grade B (or 6).

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/ga/accreditationofpriorlearning/>

## 15. How are students supported on the programme?

Support for student learning on the Programme is provided in the following ways:

- Module tutors are responsible for providing support for learning on the modules. They also give individual feedback on module assessments and more general feedback on examinations.
- Every student is allocated to a personal tutor who is responsible for reviewing and advising on students' academic progress.
- Personal tutors also act as a first point of contact for students on non-academic issues that may affect their learning and can refer students on to a range of specialist health, welfare and financial services co-ordinated by the University's Student Services.
- Student Voice Representatives – provide a focus for issues at module and year level to be raised.
- Students for whom English is not their first language are offered language classes, facilities and services by the University's Language Centre. In addition to credit-bearing modules on English for academic study, students also have access to one-to-one tutorials for individual help and advice, and to a wealth of resources for self-study and practice.

All members of teaching staff on the Economics and Finance Programme are available to see students during office hours, if available, and by appointment.

Placement Tutor: Whilst students will be expected to find their own placements, Keele Management School has a placement officer who will assist in providing support throughout the placement process. In addition to this, students undertaking the placement degree programme will be provided with an academic tutor, based at Keele. Support offered will ensure the appropriateness of the placement prior to starting the Placement Year, and email/telephone/face-to-face contact throughout the placement at regular intervals.

## **16. Learning Resources**

Teaching takes place in a variety of lecture theatres and tutorial rooms all of which have appropriate audio-visual equipment. Copies of set texts are available in the campus library with an increasing number available as e-books, together with electronic access to a wide variety of relevant academic journals.

All modules make extensive use of the Keele Learning Environment meaning that students have access to detailed module materials (lecture notes, tutorial activities, journal articles and so on) anywhere and anytime that they have access to the internet.

SAGE accounting software is installed in a variety of PC labs in the Darwin building and campus library and Bloomberg information terminals are available in the Darwin building.

## **17. Other learning opportunities**

### **Study abroad (semester)**

Students on the Economics and Finance 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.

### **Work Placement Year**

Students have the opportunity to apply directly for the 4-year Economics and Finance with Placement Year degree programme or to transfer onto the 4-year degree programme at the end of Year-1 and in Year-2 at the end of Semester 1. Students who are initially registered for the 4-year degree programme may transfer onto the 3-year degree programme at any point in time, prior to undertaking their year-long placement. To be eligible for the placement year, students must have a good University attendance record. They must also have passed all Year 1 and Year 2 Semester 1 modules. Students must have met the progression requirements to proceed to their final year of study prior to commencing a placement.

Students wishing to take the placement year should meet with the Programme Director to obtain their signature to confirm agreement before they will be allowed to commence their placement.

International students who require a Tier 4 visa must check with the Immigration Compliance Team prior to commencing any form of placement.

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

### **Entrepreneurship Year**

Students have the opportunity to apply directly for the 4-year Economics and Finance with Entrepreneurship Year degree programme or to transfer onto the 4-year degree programme at the end of Year-1 and in Year-2 at the end of Semester 1. Students who are initially registered for the 4-year degree programme may transfer onto the 3-year degree programme at any point in time, prior to undertaking their Entrepreneurship Year. To be eligible for the Entrepreneurship year, students must have a good University attendance record. They must also demonstrate a viable new business idea and suitability to undertake entrepreneurial activity. This will be assessed during Year 2, through submission of a proposal, presentation and interview.

Students who require a Study Visa to undertake the programme in the UK (including Tier 4) are not able to add in an Entrepreneurship Year due to UK Home Office (UKVI) restrictions. If a student has existing Immigration permission (Visa) to be in the UK, they may be able to carry out entrepreneurship activities depending upon the specific conditions of their visa category.

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

### **Enhanced Degree: With Language Competency/With Advanced Language Competency**

Economics and Finance students successfully completing a series of language elective modules have the opportunity to gain an enhanced degree title including their language competency such as, "BA (Hons) Economics and Finance with competency in Japanese". Students taking language modules of at least 60 credits counting towards their main degree at Keele, and successfully completing minimum stage 6 in the chosen language, will be awarded an enhanced degree title with the designation 'with competency in [Language]'.

Students taking language modules of at least 60 credits counting towards their main degree at Keele, and successfully completing stage 10 in the chosen language, will be awarded an enhanced degree title with the designation 'with advanced competency in [Language]'.

## **18. Additional costs**

### **Work Placement Year Costs**

Students will be responsible for organising their own placement, with the support of the placement officer. This allows students to choose when and where to carry out their placement, taking into consideration the potential living and travel expenses, for which they will be responsible. Students are encouraged to consider the potential costs incurred in carrying out the placement at the time of setting these up. Further guidance and support on these considerations is available from the placement officer.

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 undergraduate programme.

## **19. Quality management and enhancement**

The quality and standards of learning in Economics and Finance are subject to a continuous process of monitoring, review and enhancement.

- The Learning and Teaching Committee of the Keele Management School is responsible for reviewing and monitoring quality management and enhancement procedures and activities across the School.
- Individual modules and the Economics and Finance Programme as a whole are reviewed and enhanced every year in the annual programme review which takes place at the end of the academic year and as part of the University's Curriculum Annual Review and Development (CARD) process.
- The programmes are run in accordance with the University's Quality Assurance procedures and are subject to periodic reviews under the Internal Quality Audit (IQA) process.

Student evaluation of, and feedback on, the quality of learning on every Economics and Finance module takes place every year using a variety of different methods:

- The results of student evaluations of all modules are reported to module leaders and reviewed by the Programme Committee as part of the Curriculum Annual Review and Development (CARD) process.
- Findings related to the Economics and Finance Programme from the annual National Student Survey (NSS), and from regular surveys of the student experience conducted by the University, are subjected to careful analysis and a planned response at programme and School level.
- Feedback received from representatives of students in all three years of the Economics and Finance Programme is considered and acted on at regular meetings of the Programme's Student Staff Voice Committee.

The University appoints senior members of academic staff from other universities to act as external examiners on all programmes. They are responsible for:

- Approving examination questions
- Confirming all marks which contribute to a student's degree
- Reviewing and giving advice on the structure and content of the programme and assessment procedures

Information about current external examiner(s) can be found here:

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/ga/externalexaminers/currentexternalexaminers/>

## **20. The principles of programme design**

The Economics and Finance Programme described in this document has been drawn up with reference to, and in accordance with the guidance set out in, the following documents:

- a. UK Quality Code for Higher Education, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code>
- b. QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Economics (2015) and Finance (2016) [http://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-economics-15.pdf?sfvrsn=69e3f781\\_8](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-economics-15.pdf?sfvrsn=69e3f781_8)  
[http://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-finance-16.pdf?sfvrsn=dd9ef781\\_8](http://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-finance-16.pdf?sfvrsn=dd9ef781_8)
- c. Keele University Regulations and Guidance for Students and Staff: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations>

## 21. Document Version History

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Revision history

Version number <sup>1</sup>	Author	Date	Summary of and rationale for changes
2.0	Teresa Oultram	April 2019	(i) Progression threshold of 60% for the Placement Year removed – now required only to pass year 1 and year 2 semester 1 modules. (ii) Replacement compulsory modules in year 2 and 3 (iii) Addition of Entrepreneurship Year option

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<sup>1</sup> 1.1, 1.2 etc. are used for minor changes and 2.0, 3.0 etc. for major changes (as defined in the University's Guidance on processes supporting curriculum changes)

## Annex A

### Economics and Finance with International Year

#### International Year Programme

Students registered for Single Honours Economics and Finance may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their period of study at Level 5 to the Single Honours 'Economics and Finance 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.

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 BA Economics and Finance 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 'BA Economics and Finance with International Year'.

#### 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 at Level 5 is normally required)
- General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application for study abroad, interview during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's personal tutor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year tutors and programme director)

#### Student Support

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

- 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

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:

- i) Describe, discuss and reflect upon the cultural and international differences and similarities of different learning environments

- ii) Discuss the benefits and challenges of global citizenship and internationalisation
- iii) Explain how their perspective on their academic discipline has been influenced by locating it within an international setting.

In addition, students who complete 'BA Economics and Finance with International Year' will be able to:

- iv) Design, plan and critically evaluate research projects with respect to Economics and Finance, recording relevant information accurately and systematically and be able to reflect on a range of sources in a critical manner.
- v) Integrate, apply and develop enhanced principles relating to the analysis of Economics and Finance, to recognise, describe and explain cultural phenomena across national boundaries and reflect critically upon problems relating to contemporary society and culture.

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 'BA Economics and Finance 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 Economics and Finance 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](http://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.

## Annex B

### Economics and Finance with Work Placement Year

#### Work Placement Year summary

Students registered for Single Honours Economics and Finance may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their studies to the Single Honours 'Economics and Finance with Work Placement Year'. Students accepted onto this programme will have an extra year of study (the Work Placement Year) with a relevant placement provider after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.

Students who successfully complete both the second year (Level 5) and the Work Placement Year will be permitted to progress to Level 6. Students who fail to satisfactorily complete the Work Placement Year will normally revert to the 3-year BA Economics and Finance programme 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 'BA Economics and Finance with Work Placement Year'.

#### Work Placement Year Programme Aims

In addition to the programme aims specified in the main body of this document, the Work Placement Year aims to provide students with:

- The opportunity to carry out a long-term placement based learning experience (minimum 30 weeks equivalent of full-time work) between Years 2 and 3 (Levels 5 and 6) of their degree programme.

#### Entry Requirements for the Work Placement Year

Students have the opportunity to apply directly for the 4-year 'with work placement year' degree programme, or to transfer onto the 4-year programme at the end of Year-1 and in Year-2 at the end of Semester 1. Students who are initially registered for the 4-year degree programme may transfer onto the 3-year degree programme at any point in time, prior to undertaking the year-long work placement. Students who fail to pass the work placement year, and those who fail to meet the minimum requirements of the work placement year module (minimum 30 weeks full time (1,050 hours), or equivalent, work placement), will be automatically transferred onto the 3-year degree programme.

The criteria to be applied are:

- A good University attendance record and be in 'good academic standing'.
- Passed all Year-1 and Year-2 Semester 1 modules
- General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application(s) to relevant placement providers with prior agreement from the Programme Lead, interview during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's personal tutor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year tutors and Programme Lead)
- Students undertaking work placements will be expected to complete a Health and Safety checklist prior to commencing their work experience and will be required to satisfy the Health and Safety regulations of the company or organisation at which they are based.
- (*International students only*) Due to visa requirements, it is not possible for international students who require a Tier 4 Visa to apply for direct entry onto the 4-year with Work Placement Year degree programme. Students wishing to transfer onto this programme should discuss this with student support, the academic tutor for the work placement year, and the Programme Lead. Students should be aware that there are visa implications for this transfer, and it is the student's responsibility to complete any and all necessary processes to be eligible for this programme. There may be additional costs, including applying for a new Visa from outside of the UK for international students associated with a transfer to the work placement programme.

Students may not register for the Work Placement Year if already enrolled on either the International Year (see Annex A) and an Entrepreneurship Year (see Annex C).

If for any reason you feel you may not fulfil these criteria, please contact Sharon Farrow, Student Placement Officer via email at [s.farrow@keele.ac.uk](mailto:s.farrow@keele.ac.uk) or book an appointment online [www.keele.ac.uk/careerhub-login](http://www.keele.ac.uk/careerhub-login)

### Student Support

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

Students are responsible for securing their own placement, however our dedicated Student Placement Officer is able to support student job searches, and will also network with a range of employers in order to source suitable opportunities.

Support includes one to one appointments, group sessions, weekly placement bulletins, and job application and interview preparation (CV reviews, mock interviews etc.).

Students are supported throughout their placement by the administrative lead and academic lead of the placement module. There is regular contact between the University, the student and the employer throughout the placement. A key element within the placement year is a visit that usually takes place mid-way through the placement and it is undertaken by a staff member of Keele Business School. Students also have access to various guides in terms of their assessment via KLE as well as the opportunity for 1-2-1 virtual meetings with the academic lead to discuss their progress.

### Learning Outcomes

In addition to the learning outcomes specified in the main text of the Programme Specification, students who complete 'Economics and Finance with Work Placement Year' will be able to:

- Evaluate their own employability skills (via a SWOT Analysis) together with an analysis of sector skill demands to create Intended Placement Outcomes in order to develop the skill areas which they have identified as being weak or needing further enhancement;
- Develop, through practice on placement, the employment-related skills identified through their SWOT analysis and Intended Learning Outcomes;
- Reflect on and apply academic themes, concepts and theory as explored at Level 4 and Level 5 to complex real situations on work placement;
- Reflect on and critically evaluate their learning from the work placement and previous learning;
- Explain how their chosen professional or placement sector operates and what skills are needed to develop their career.

These learning outcomes will be assessed through the non-credit bearing Work Placement Year module (MAN-30068) which involves:

- The submission of two portfolios of evidence, one at the beginning of the placement (usually after six weeks into the placement) and one at the end of the placement and before the start of their final year of undergraduate studies.

### Course Regulations

Students registered for the 'Economics and Finance with Work Placement Year' are subject to course specific regulations (if any) and the University regulations. In addition, during the Work Placement Year, the following regulations will apply:

- Students undertaking the Work Placement Year must successfully complete the zero-credit rated 'Placement Year' module (MAN-30068)

Students will be expected to behave professionally in terms of:

- i) Conforming to the work practices of the organisation; and

- ii) Remembering that they are representatives of the University and their actions will reflect on the School and have an impact on that organisation's willingness (or otherwise) to remain engaged with the placement.

#### **Additional costs for the Work Placement Year**

Tuition fees for students on the Work Placement Year will be charged at 20% of the annual tuition fees for that year of study, as set out in Section 1. The Work Placement Year can be included in your Student Finance allocation; to find out more about your personal eligibility see: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Students will have to bear the costs of travelling to and from their placement provider, accommodation, food and personal costs. Depending on the placement provider additional costs may include parking permits, travel and transport, suitable clothing, DBS checks, and compulsory health checks.

Eligibility for student finance will depend on the type of placement and students are required to confirm eligibility with their student finance provider.

International students who require a Tier 4 visa should check with the Immigration Compliance team prior to commencing any type of paid placement to ensure that they are not contravening their visa requirements.

## Annex C

### Economics and Finance with Entrepreneurship Year

#### Entrepreneurship Year summary

Students registered for Economics and Finance may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their studies to the Single Honours 'Economics and Finance with Entrepreneurship Year'. Students accepted onto this programme will have an extra year of study (the Entrepreneurship Year) located within the Incubation hub at Keele after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.

Students who successfully complete both the second year (Level 5) and the Entrepreneurship Year will be permitted to progress to Level 6. Students who fail to satisfactorily complete the Entrepreneurship Year will normally revert to the 3-year Economics and Finance programme 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 'Economics and Finance with Entrepreneurship Year'.

#### Entrepreneurship Year Programme Aims

In addition to the programme aims specified in the main body of this document, the Entrepreneurship Year aims to provide students with:

- The opportunity to develop a business idea into a live enterprise project within Keele's incubator for a minimum of 30 weeks (full-time equivalent work) but can be longer with access to expertise from Entrepreneurs in Residence.

#### Entry Requirements for Entrepreneurship Year

Students have the opportunity to apply directly for the 4-year 'with entrepreneurship year' degree programme, or to transfer onto the 4-year programme at the end of Year-1 and in Year-2 at the end of Semester 1. Students who are initially registered for the 4-year degree programme may transfer onto the 3-year degree programme at any point in time, prior to undertaking the entrepreneurship. Students who fail to pass the entrepreneurship year, and those who fail to meet the minimum requirements of the entrepreneurship year module (minimum 30 weeks full time (1,050 hours), or equivalent activity within the incubator), will be automatically transferred onto the 3-year degree programme.

The criteria to be applied are:

- A good University attendance record and be in 'good academic standing'.
- A suitable business idea and demonstration of ability to benefit from time in the incubator, assessed through the submission of a proposal, presentation and interview during year 2.
- Students who require a Study Visa to undertake the programme in the UK (including Tier 4) are not able to add in an Entrepreneurship Year due to UK Home Office (UKVI) restrictions. If a student has existing Immigration permission (Visa) to be in the UK, they may be able to carry out entrepreneurship activities depending upon the specific conditions of their visa category.

Students may not register for Entrepreneurship Year if already enrolled on either the International Year (see Annex A) or a Work Placement Year (see Annex B)

#### Student Support

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

Students are supported throughout the year by the administrative lead and academic lead of the entrepreneurship module. There will also be a programme of support offered by the Entrepreneurs in Residence.

Students also have access to various guides in terms of their assessment via KLE as well as the opportunity for 1-2-1 meetings with the academic lead to discuss their progress.

### **Learning Outcomes**

In addition to the learning outcomes specified in the main text of the Programme Specification, students who complete 'Economics and Finance with Entrepreneurship Year' will be able to:

- Create an innovative business venture and critically evaluate its potential viability
- Demonstrate understanding of the barriers to start-up enterprise growth and success
- Evaluate and apply a range of strategic decisions to maximise the viability of the start up
- Reflect on one's own entrepreneurial knowledge, skills, behaviour, and learning process

These learning outcomes will be assessed through the non-credit bearing Entrepreneurship Year module (MAN-30075) which involves:

- i) the submission of a portfolio of evidence demonstrating the activities and learning taken place during the year and a detailed synopsis of how the business idea has progressed.

### **Course Regulations**

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

- Students undertaking the Entrepreneurship Year must successfully complete the zero-credit rated 'Entrepreneurship Year' module (MAN-30075)

Students will be expected to behave professionally in terms of:

- (i) conforming to the work practices of the incubation hub

### **Additional costs for the Entrepreneurship Year**

Tuition fees for students on the Entrepreneurship Year will be charged at 20% of the annual tuition fees for that year of study, as set out in Section 1. The Entrepreneurship Year can be included in your Student Finance allocation; to find out more about your personal eligibility see: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Students will have to bear the costs of accommodation, food and personal costs.