

Programme Specification: Undergraduate

For students starting in Academic Year 2018/2019

1. Course Summary

Names of programme(s) and award title(s)	<p>BA or BSc (Hons) Finance</p> <p>BA or BSc (Hons) Finance with International Year (see Annex A for details)</p> <p>BA or BSc (Hons) Finance with Work Placement Year (see Annex B for details)</p> <p>BA or BSc (Hons) Finance with Entrepreneurship Year (see Annex C for details)</p>
Award type	<p>Combined Honours</p> <p><i>NB:</i> Students who study their two Principal subjects in humanities and/or social science subjects will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts (with Honours) (BA Hons).</p> <p>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.</p>
Mode of study	Full time
Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award	Level 6
Duration	<p>3 years</p> <p>4 years with either the International Year, Work Placement Year or Entrepreneurship Year between years 2 and 3</p>
Location of study	Keele University – main campus
Accreditation (if applicable)	Not applicable
Regulator	Office for Students (OfS)
Tuition Fees	<p>UK/EU students: Fee for 2019/20 is £9,250*</p> <p>International students: Fee for 2019/20 is £14,320** or</p>

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	<p>£14,690** (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> <p>The fee for either the work placement year or entrepreneurship year is calculated at 20% of the standard year fee</p>
Additional Costs	Please refer to the Additional costs section

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2. What is a Combined Honours programme?

Combined Honours degrees are degrees that are taken in two different subjects, resulting in an *X and Y* degree title, for example *Finance and Marketing*. 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, for example *Finance with Marketing*.

3. Overview of the Programme

Finance is the study of financial markets, institutions and participants, their behaviour, strategies and market outcomes from a variety of perspectives. The study of Finance offered here possesses a clear and coherent intellectual structure based mainly on Economics but also engages with other subjects such as mathematics, accounting, business management, law and others. The discipline is based on a theoretical framework but also makes extensive use of empirical techniques and analysis that find application in a wide-range of practical real world problems. Finance provides essential knowledge for the understanding of business behaviour, strategy and corporate performance and this makes the subject a central plank for the study of business, management and related areas.

Finance at Keele

Finance is taught by the Economics Group at the School of Management. The programme provides students with an opportunity to learn about decision making of investors and the role of financial markets in an economy with a wide range of practical applications. The programme is academically rigorous, and delivered in a supportive and challenging learning environment that provides sound foundations that enables 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 enhanced opportunity to undertake a year-long professionally focused placement (minimum 30 weeks full-time (1,050 hours) or equivalent) between the 2nd and 3rd year 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 2nd and 3rd 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 the 2nd and 3rd year 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 Finance relevant to both international and home settings.

4. Aims of the Programme

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

- study the discipline of Finance mainly from an Economics viewpoint but also drawing on Accounting, Management and others
- become familiar with the key principles, concepts and models used in financial analysis and use them to explain a diverse range of phenomena in the financial world
- understand, evaluate and combine theoretical models and analysis with up-to-date factual knowledge about finance
- become familiar with the main quantitative methods of financial research and have the opportunity to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data
- develop the capability to undertake and report on their own research using relevant concepts in finance and methods in a well-balanced and concise manner, exercising appropriate levels of scholarship

5. What you will learn

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

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

Subject knowledge and understanding

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

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a number of key concepts that are present in decision-making problems in finance such as moral hazard, adverse selection, information asymmetry, arbitrage, optimal risk-sharing, and informational efficiency
- utilise a variety of theory-based and model-based analytical methods in finance
- utilise a range of tools, including economic reasoning, graphical, mathematical and econometric methods to represent ideas and formulate arguments in finance
- become familiar with the main quantitative methods of financial research and have the opportunity to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data

Subject specific skills

Successful students will have acquired:

- advanced reasoning capabilities, using surveys of existing theories, critical and analytical thinking and formal tools and methods including graphical, mathematical and statistical/econometric tools
- a familiarity with the main empirical (statistical/econometric) methods of financial research and the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data
- an ability to organise, present and analyse financial data and draw appropriate inferences
- an ability to organise, present and communicate their reasoning and policy analysis in an effective way
- an ability to write in a scholarly manner

Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Successful students will be able to:

- communicate and make effective oral presentations
- 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 time management, flexibility, creativity and intellectual integrity

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 are the main conduit for the dissemination of subject-based material and lecture-based teaching promotes the associated Learning Outcomes
- tutor-led seminars aim to develop students' analytical and critical thinking, give opportunities for problem-solving, presentations and the conduct of teamwork and as such contribute towards the fulfilment of a variety of Learning Outcomes related to subject knowledge, subject-related-skills and generic skill development
- computer-based classes (e.g. those held in the Bloomberg terminals) enable students to acquire (subject-related and generic) skills associated with collecting, analysing and interpreting business data
- directed independent study in own time, making use of a variety of resources such as own library, Library facilities, the University's virtual learning environment (KLE) a wider Internet, promotes subject knowledge; subject-related skills such as analytical thinking and problem solving; and generic skills such as self-management, the conduct of independent scholarly and research work, and IT literacy
- a variety of methods of assessment develop students' ability to express themselves in a scholarly manner, fluently, confidently and in a variety of ways (orally and in writing)
- in addition, students who complete the placement programme will further their subject knowledge and a variety of skills, including self-management, versatility and adaptability in a new environment

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 Keele Management School comprises of 48 full time academic staff members – professors, lecturers and teaching fellows. Most staff members have teaching qualifications and those that do not are actively working to attain them. A number of staff have PhD qualifications and a number have professional qualifications. All members of staff seek to ensure that module content represents up to date standards and legislation and reflects current relevant research, including the results of their own research.

The school maintains a strong commitment to excellence and innovation in teaching and research. Teaching is informed by research with teaching staff presenting and publishing academic papers at national and international conferences, in books and in internationally ranked journals.

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 this 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.

Module lists

Year 1 (Level 4)

Compulsory modules	Credits	Optional modules	Credits
Semester one		Semester one	
Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028	15	Quantitative Methods 1 ECO-10026 ¹	15
		British and Global Economy ECO-10025	15
		Management in Context MAN-10018 ²	15
		Business Law LAW-10027	15
		Accounting Principles MAN-10015 ³	15
		British and Global Economy ECO-10025	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 1) ENL-90003 ⁸	15
Semester two		Semester two	
Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017	15	Quantitative Methods 2 ECO-10027 ⁴	15
		Financial Accounting MAN-10024 ^{5,6}	15
		Multinational Enterprise Business Perspectives MAN-10023	15
		Introductory Macroeconomics ECO-10029 ⁷	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) Required if want to take Social Enterprise and Alternative Organising (MAN-20093) in year 2
- (3) Required for those wanting to take Financial Accounting MAN-10024

- (4) This Module will be a prerequisite for ANY of the statistical/econometrics Modules in subsequent years, i.e. Statistics with Bloomberg, Introductory Econometrics ECO-20042, Applied Econometrics and Data Analysis (ISP) or if you are considering specialising in Economics in year 3
- (5) Prerequisite Accounting Principles MAN-10015
- (6) Required for those wanting to take Cost and Management Accounting MAN-20049 in year 2
- (7) Required for those wanting to take International Finance in ECO-30037 in year 3
- (8) 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

Year 2 (Level 5)

Compulsory modules	Credits	Optional modules	Credits
Semester one		Semester one	
Finance 1 ECO-20007	15	Intermediate Microeconomics ECO-20046 ¹	15
Statistics with Bloomberg ECO-20049	15	Cost and Management Accounting MAN-20049 ²	15
		Professional Development MAN-20090 ³	15
		Banking ECO-20045	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 1) ENL-90003 ⁴	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 2) ENL-90004 ⁵	15
Semester two		Semester two	
Finance 2 ECO-20051	15	Introduction to Econometrics ECO-20042 ⁶	15
		Open Economy Macroeconomics ECO-20037 ⁷	15
		Social Enterprise and Alternative Organising MAN-20093 ⁸	15
		Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility MAN-20082	15

Notes:

- (1) This Module is prerequisite for Advanced Topics in Microeconomics (ECO-30047) AND Industrial Organisation (ECO-30046).
- (2) Recommended for those considering a Placement Year
- (3) Prerequisite Financial Accounting MAN-10024 and Accounting Principles MAN-10015
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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
- (6) This Module is required for those wishing to take Applied Econometrics in year 3. Note you must do an ISP/Dissertation in year 3 in either this subject or the other subject area - if wishing to do the Data Analysis ISP, then this module becomes compulsory.
- (7) Prerequisite: Introduction to Macroeconomics (ECO-10029). In turn, this Module is prerequisite for Dynamic Macroeconomics (ECO-30033).
- (8) Prerequisite 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
Semester one		Semester one	
Investment Management ECO-30053	15	International Finance ECO-30037	
		Applied Econometrics ECO-30050 ¹	15
		Advanced Topics in Microeconomics ECO-30047 ²	15
		Dynamic Macroeconomics ECO-30033 ³	15
		SME Live Project	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 2) ENL-90004 ⁴	15
		Academic Business English ENL-90005 ⁵	15
Semester two		Semester two	
Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	15	Labour Economics ECO-30046	15
		Industrial Organisation ECO-30046 ⁶	15
		Analysing Company Performance (ISP) MAN-30064 ⁷	15
		Data Analysis (ISP) ⁸	15

Note:

- (1) Prerequisite Introduction to Econometrics (ECO-20042)
- (2) Prerequisite: Intermediate Microeconomics (ECO-20046)
- (3) Prerequisite: Open Economy Macroeconomics (ECO-20037)
- (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) 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.
- (6) Prerequisite: Intermediate Microeconomics (ECO-20046)
- (7) Prerequisite: Accounting Principles (MAN10015)
- (8) Prerequisite Introductory Econometrics (ECO-20042). Note you must do an ISP/Dissertation in either this subject or the other subject area.

NB: if you choose to specialise in Finance in your final year you will study the following modules:

Compulsory modules	Credits	Optional modules	Credits
Semester one		Semester one	
Investment Management ECO-30053	15	Applied Econometrics ECO-30050 ¹	15
International Finance ECO-30037	15	Advanced Topics in Microeconomics ECO-30047 ²	15
		Dynamic Macroeconomics ECO-30033 ³	15
		SME Live Project	15
		Academic English for Business Students (Part 2) ENL-90004 ⁴	15
		Academic Business English ENL-90005 ⁵	15
Semester two		Semester two	
Risk Management with Derivatives ECO-30048	15	Labour Economics ECO-30046	15
		Industrial Organisation ECO-30046 ⁶	15

		Choose ONE of the following:	
		Analysing Company Performance (ISP) MAN-30064 ⁷	15
		Data Analysis (ISP) ⁸	15

Note:

- (1) Prerequisite Introduction to Econometrics (ECO-20042)
- (2) Prerequisite: Intermediate Microeconomics (ECO-20046)
- (3) Prerequisite: Open Economy Macroeconomics (ECO-20037)
- (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) 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.
- (6) Prerequisite: Intermediate Microeconomics (ECO-20046)
- (7) Prerequisite: Accounting Principles (MAN10015)
- (8) Prerequisite Introductory Econometrics (ECO-20042). Note you must do one of these Independent Study Project/Dissertations Modules.

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 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

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)

Subject Knowledge and Understanding		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a number of key concepts that are present in decision-making problems in finance such as moral hazard, adverse selection, information	Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017	Online test; unseen examination

asymmetry, arbitrage, optimal risk-sharing, and informational efficiency		
Utilise a variety of theory-based and model-based analytical methods in finance	Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017	Online test; unseen examination
Utilise a range of tools, including economic reasoning, graphical, mathematical and econometric methods to represent ideas and formulate arguments in finance	Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017 Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028	Online test; unseen examination

Subject Specific Skills		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Advanced reasoning capabilities, using surveys of existing theories, critical and analytical thinking and formal tools and methods including graphical, mathematical and statistical/econometric tools	Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028	Online test; unseen examination
A familiarity with the main empirical (statistical/econometric) methods of financial research and the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data	Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and communicate their reasoning and policy analysis in an effective way	Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028 Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to write in a scholarly manner	Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028 Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017	Online test; unseen examination

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Work with numerical data from a wide range of sources	Introductory Microeconomics ECO-10028	Online test
Work effectively with information technology	Economics of Financial Markets ECO-10017	
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity and intellectual integrity	all modules at this level	

Year 2 (Level 5)

Subject Knowledge and Understanding		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a number of key concepts that are present in decision-making problems in finance such as moral hazard, adverse selection, information asymmetry, arbitrage, optimal risk-sharing, and informational efficiency	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test; unseen examination
Utilise a variety of theory-based and model-based analytical methods in finance	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test; unseen examination
Utilise a range of tools, including economic reasoning, graphical, mathematical and econometric methods to represent ideas and formulate arguments in finance	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test; unseen examination

Subject Specific Skills		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
A familiarity with the main empirical (statistical/econometric) methods of financial research and the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and analyse financial data and draw appropriate inferences	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and communicate their reasoning and policy analysis in an effective way	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to write in a scholarly manner	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	unseen examination

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Work with numerical data from a wide range of sources	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test, unseen examination

Work effectively with information technology	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test
Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity and intellectual integrity	Finance 1 ECO-20007 Finance 2 ECO-20051	Online test

Subject Specific Skills		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
A familiarity with the main empirical (statistical/econometric) methods of financial research and the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and analyse financial data and draw appropriate inferences	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and communicate their reasoning and policy analysis in an effective way	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	Online test; unseen examination
An ability to write in a scholarly manner	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	unseen examination

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Work with numerical data from a wide range of sources	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	Online test, unseen examination
Work effectively with information technology	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	Online test
Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	Online test
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity and intellectual integrity	Asset Pricing ECO-20041 Portfolio Choice ECO-20044	Online test

Year 3 (Level 6)

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

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a number of key concepts that are present in decision-making problems in finance such as moral hazard, adverse selection, information asymmetry, arbitrage, optimal risk-sharing, and informational efficiency	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
Utilise a variety of theory-based and model-based analytical methods in finance	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
Utilise a range of tools, including economic reasoning, graphical, mathematical and econometric methods to represent ideas and formulate arguments in finance	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
Become familiar with the main quantitative methods of financial research and have the opportunity to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination

Subject Specific Skills		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Advanced reasoning capabilities, using surveys of existing theories, critical and analytical thinking and formal tools and methods including graphical, mathematical and statistical/econometric tools	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
A familiarity with the main empirical (statistical/econometric) methods of financial research and the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and analyse financial data and draw appropriate inferences	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and communicate their reasoning and policy analysis in an effective way	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
An ability to write in a scholarly manner	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Work with numerical data from a wide range of sources	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
Work effectively with information technology	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment
Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity and intellectual integrity	Investment Management ECO-30053	Assignment; unseen examination

Subject Specific Skills		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Advanced reasoning capabilities, using surveys of existing theories, critical and analytical thinking and formal tools and methods including graphical, mathematical and statistical/econometric tools	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination
A familiarity with the main empirical (statistical/econometric) methods of financial research and the ability to use professional software tools for the analysis of financial and business data	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and analyse financial data and draw appropriate inferences	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination
An ability to organise, present and communicate their reasoning and policy analysis in an effective way	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination
An ability to write in a scholarly manner	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)		
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered	Principal forms of assessment (of the Level Outcome) used
<i>Successful students will be able to:</i>		
Work with numerical data from a wide range of sources	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination
Work effectively with information technology	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment
Demonstrate effective skills in	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination

problem-solving		
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity and intellectual integrity	Corporate Finance ECO-30039	Assignment; unseen examination

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>Combined Honours:</p> <p>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 X <i>and</i> Y (e.g. 'Finance and Marketing').</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 X <i>with</i> Y (e.g. 'Finance with Marketing').</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

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

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

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

10. How is the Programme assessed?

The wide variety of assessment methods used within 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 Finance:

- **Unseen closed and open book examinations** in different formats test students' knowledge and understanding of the subject. Examinations may consist of essay, short answer and/or multiple choice questions, and paper comprehension.

- **Essays** allow you to demonstrate your ability to articulate ideas clearly using argument and reasoning skills and with close reference to the contexts and critical concepts covered in the modules. Essays also develop and demonstrate research and presentation skills (including appropriate scholarly referencing).
- **Exercises** test students' ability to frame and solve analytical and numerical questions. They demonstrate student competence and familiarity with a range of mathematical techniques that form the everyday tool-kit of the modern economist.
- **Class tests** taken either conventionally or online via the Keele Learning Environment (KLE)
- **Dissertations** enable students to explore in depth an area of particular interest through a substantial piece of focused research and writing, and test their ability to formulate and answer research questions.
- **Research projects and reports** test student's knowledge of different research methodologies and the limits and provisional nature of knowledge. They also enable students to demonstrate their ability to formulate research questions and to answer them using appropriate methods.
- **Oral and poster presentations and reports** assess individual students' subject knowledge and understanding. They also test their ability to work effectively as members of a team, to communicate what they know orally and visually, and to reflect on these processes as part of their own personal development.
- **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.
- **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)	Year 3 (Level 6)
Scheduled learning and teaching activities	19%	20%	19%
Guided independent Study	81%	80%	81%
Placements	0%	0%	0%

12. Accreditation

This programme does not have accreditation from an external body.

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
Finance	BBC	None	30 points including Standard Level Maths or Maths Studies at 5 or above	DMM	Obtain Access to Higher Education Diploma with 30 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?

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.

There is a Programme Director responsible for all aspects of coordination of the undergraduate Finance programme. S(he) may be consulted on a wide range of issues and, among other things, commonly may be approached to provide a reference for job and other applications.

The University allocates every student to a personal tutor who is responsible for reviewing and advising on students' academic progress in their degree studies. Personal tutors act as a first point of contact for students on non-academic issues which may affect their learning and can refer students 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 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, KMS 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 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 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 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

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) 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

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 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 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 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 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 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/qa/externalexaminers/currentexternalexaminers/>

20. The principles of programme design

The 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:

- UK Quality Code for Higher Education, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code>
- QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Finance (2016) http://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/sbs-finance-16.pdf?sfvrsn=dd9ef781_8
- 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 ¹	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) Changes to compulsory modules in years 2 and 3 (iii) Addition of Entrepreneurship Year option

¹ 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

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

- different learning 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 'Combined Honours Finance with International Year' will be able to:

- iv) Design, plan and critically evaluate research projects with respect to 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 Finance, to recognise, describe and explain cultural phenomena across national boundaries and reflect critically upon problems relating to contemporary society and culture.

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 'Combined Honours 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 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

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

Finance with Work Placement Year

Work Placement Year summary

Students registered for Combined Honours Finance may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their studies to the Combined Honours 'Finance with Work Placement Year'. For Combined Honours students the rules relating to the work placement year in the subject where the placement is organised are to be followed. 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 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 '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
- 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 or book an appointment online 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 '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 '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

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

Finance with Entrepreneurship Year

Entrepreneurship Year summary

Students registered for Finance may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their studies to the Combined Honours '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 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 '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 '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 '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

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