

Programme Specification: Undergraduate

For students starting in Academic Year 2020/21

1. Course Summary

Names of programme and award title(s)	BSc (Hons) Neuroscience BSc (Hons) Neuroscience with International Year (see Annex for details) BSc (Hons) Neuroscience with Work Placement Year (see Annex for details) BSc (Hons) Studies in Neuroscience BSc (Hons) Studies in Neuroscience with International Year BSc (Hons) Studies in Neuroscience with Work Placement Year
Award type	Single Honours
Mode of study	Full-time
Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award	Level 6
Normal length of the programme	3 years; 4 years with either an Applied Life Sciences Placement or International Year between years 2 and 3
Maximum period of registration	The normal length as specified above plus 3 years
Location of study	Keele Campus
Accreditation (if applicable)	All routes, excluding the 'Studies in' routes, are accredited by the Royal Society of Biology. For further details see the section on Accreditation.
Regulator	Office for Students (OfS)
Tuition Fees	<p>UK/EU students:</p> <p>Fee for 2020/21 is £9,250*</p> <p>International students:</p> <p>Fee for 2020/21 is £16,250**</p> <p>The fee for the international year abroad is calculated at 15% of the standard year fee</p> <p>The fee for the work placement year is calculated at 20% of the standard year fee</p>

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* 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 more or less exclusively on this subject. In keeping with Keele's commitment to breadth in the curriculum, the programme also gives you the opportunity to take some modules 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 Neuroscience programme at Keele provides students with a strong grounding in the key principles of neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neuropharmacology, cognitive neuroscience and neuropathology. The first year of the programme provides students with a broad coverage of cell and molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, human physiology and introduces the anatomy and physiology of the nervous system. In the second year, students explore key concepts in neuroscience including how the brain develops, the mechanisms underlying learning and memory, how drugs affect the nervous system, the anatomy of the human nervous system, and how electrical activity in the brain works to control function. In the final year, students will explore how the brain governs behaviour, the mechanisms underlying neuropathology, how our sensory systems work, and understand how the brain can regenerate and repair itself. During the programme students will receive training in a range of practical techniques, and have the opportunity to undertake their final year research project in one of our research laboratories. In the second year of the programme students can opt to spend a semester abroad studying at one of our partner universities, or a year abroad studying or working in industry or a partner research institute.

Distinctive features of this programme are:

- Lectures underpinned by practical classes and the opportunity to undertake an experimental project in the final year
- Options of a study abroad year or work placement year
- Small specialised teaching team

4. Aims of the programme

The broad aims of the programme are to:

- provide you with knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to neuroscience;
- produce skilled and motivated graduates who are suitably prepared for further study or for employment within or outside their field;
- cultivate interest in neuroscience, within a caring and intellectually stimulating environment;
- promote the development of a range of employability skills to enable you to undertake relevant postgraduate study.

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:

- U - Subject knowledge and understanding
- S - Subject specific skills
- I - Intellectual skills
- E - Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Subject knowledge and understanding

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

- U1 cellular and gross anatomical features of the, developing and adult, peripheral and central nervous system
- U2 neuronal function, from a single cell to simple neuronal networks
- U3 the ionic principles underlying neuronal activity
- U4 the biochemical principles of cellular and systemic physiological systems
- U5 pharmacological principles of neuronal function, and the interaction with pharmaceutical agents
- U6 the basic experimental skills appropriate to the discipline of neuroscience
- U7 the approaches to acquiring, interpreting, analysing data from a variety of sources, including the use of statistics
- U8 neuronal mechanisms of cognitive function, and the relationship to the same phenomena at the behavioural level
- U9 cellular mechanisms underlying pathology of the nervous system
- U10 the contribution of research to the development of neuroscience knowledge
- U11 the use of anatomical and pharmacological terminology in neuroscience
- U12 the relevance of neuroscience to medical problems and improving the quality of life

Subject specific skills

Successful students will be able to:

- S1 use a range of techniques for the acquisition and analysis of information relevant to the subject

- S2 use a range of laboratory techniques to ensure competence in experimental skills.
- S3 record and analyse data in a manner that ensure validity, accuracy, calibration, precision, and reliability
- S4 formulate a hypothesis to design, conduct, analyse, report and evaluate experiments.
- S5 recognise philosophical and ethical issues relevant to the subject, and appreciate the need for ethical standards and professional codes of conduct.
- S6 work safely and responsibly in the laboratory, with awareness of standard procedures

Intellectual skills

Successful students will be able to:

- I1 assess the merits of contrasting theories, paradigms, concepts or principles
- I2 think independently, set tasks and solve problems by a variety of methods
- I3 make reasoned decisions and develop reasoned arguments
- I4 obtain and interpret several lines of subject-specific evidence to formulate and test hypotheses
- I5 make critical interpretations, evaluations and judgements of data and text
- I6 analyse, synthesise and summarise information critically, including published research or reports
- I7 apply scientific understanding to familiar and unfamiliar problems, and emphasise the interdisciplinary nature of science and the validity of different points of view
- I8 take responsibility for their own learning and reflect upon that learning

Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Successful students will be able to:

- E1 develop an adaptable, flexible, sustainable and effective approach to study and work, including time management, creativity and intellectual integrity
- E2 acquire, analyse, synthesise, summarise and present information and ideas from a wide range of sources: textual, numerical, verbal, graphical
- E3 prepare, process, interpret and present data using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques, statistical programmes, spreadsheets and programs for presenting data visually
- E4 use the internet and other electronic sources critically as a means of communication and a source of information
- E5 cite and reference work in an appropriate manner, avoiding issues with plagiarism
- E6 communicate effectively to a variety of audiences by written, spoken and graphical means using appropriate techniques and scientific language
- E7 develop skills necessary for self-managed and lifelong learning, including working independently, organisational, enterprise and knowledge transfer skills
- E8 work with others to achieve an objective in a respectful manner that is accepting of the viewpoints and opinions of others and evaluates the roles and development of team members
- E9 motivate themselves and sustain that motivation over an extended period of time
- E10 identify and work towards targets for personal, academic and career development

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** where the lecturer provides students with a framework for reading and independent study. Some lecture classes may feature guest speakers from a clinical or research-based area
- **Interactive learning** in large classes where students have the opportunity to work together in smaller groups, interact with the lecturer and reflect on their own learning
- **Practicals** in laboratories are particularly important and involve the study of processes relevant to neuroscience and provide training in a wide range of research techniques
- **Tutorials and seminars** in small groups of students where key issues can be discussed in more depth. Students are expected to play a full part and, occasionally, to lead these discussions. Some tutorials and seminars consist largely of student presentations

- and some are based on scientific papers studied in advance
- **Independent study** based on directed reading from text books, research papers and research reviews
- **Web-based learning** using the University's virtual learning environment (KLE). The KLE is used to give students easy access to a wide range of resources and research tools, and as a platform for online discussions and quizzes
- Students will be expected to undertake a substantive **research project** supervised and supported by a member of staff

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

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

- Lectures and independent study allow students to gain knowledge and understanding of neuroscience and its component subjects such as physiology and genetics
- Seminars, tutorials and online discussions provide opportunities for students to ask questions about the subject, and to present their own ideas to members of staff and other students using an appropriate medium of communication
- Interactive lectures, seminars, tutorials and web-based activities encourage students to reflect on their own learning and take responsibility for its development by addressing areas of difficulty, perhaps by discussing them with their fellow students or by getting additional help from a member of staff
- Laboratory practicals allow students insight into the practical aspect of neuroscience and use a range of relevant scientific techniques
- Undertaking an experimental project with the support of an experienced researcher allows students to formulate relevant research questions and devise, carry out and analyse experiments to answer them

7. Teaching Staff

Our core teaching staff are mainly from the School of Life Sciences. Teaching staff from the School of Pharmacy, School of Medicine and the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust also contribute to the Programme. Most staff are active in research. For information on the research interests and qualifications of staff from the School of Life Sciences, please see the School web page at: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/lifesci/people/>. In addition, some elements of the course will be delivered by staff from the School of Medicine, the Royal Stoke University Hospital, and the School of Pharmacy.

As part of probationary requirements, new staff must complete a postgraduate certificate in teaching at HE level, which is recognised by SEDA. Several Life Sciences' staff members have been awarded Keele's prestigious Excellence in Teaching and Learning awards and several were awarded a KeeleSU Education Award for personal tutoring.

There is a growing culture of higher education research and several members of staff are active in this field, with members of staff having already completed an MA in Teaching and Learning and several others in the process of doing so. In recent years several teaching innovation projects have been run by Life Sciences staff and several new projects have been proposed. Members of the School of Life Sciences hold recognised or accredited teaching qualifications and a number are Fellows or Associates of the Higher Education Academy (HEA) and a number are Senior Fellows of the HEA.

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

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

8. What is the structure of the Programme?

The academic year runs from September to June and is divided into two semesters. The number of weeks of teaching will vary from programme to programme, but you can generally expect to attend scheduled teaching sessions between the end of September and mid-December, and from mid-January to the end of April. Our degree courses are organised into modules. Each module is usually a self-contained unit of study and each is usually assessed separately with the award of credits on the basis of 1 credit = 10 hours of student effort. An outline of the structure of the programme is provided in the tables below.

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

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

A summary of the credit requirements per year is as follows, with a minimum of 90 subject credits (compulsory plus optional) required for each year.

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/>

Year	Compulsory	Optional		Electives	
		Min	Max	Min	Max
Level 4	120	0	0	0	0
Level 5	120	0	0	0	0
Level 6	60	45	60	0	15

Module Lists

Level 4

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Biochemistry	LSC-10064	30	Semester 1
Introduction to Neuroscience	LSC-10047	30	Semester 1-2
Physiology and Anatomy	LSC-10074	30	Semester 1-2
Molecular Cell Biology	LSC-10066	30	Semester 2

Level 5

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Neurone to Brain	LSC-20075	15	Semester 1
Neurodevelopment	LSC-20077	15	Semester 1
Neuroanatomy	LSC-20079	15	Semester 1
Neuroscience Research Methods	LSC-20078	30	Semester 1-2
Neuropharmacology	LSC-20061	15	Semester 2
Learning & Memory	LSC-20076	15	Semester 2
Cell Signalling	LSC-20085	15	Semester 2

Level 6

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Behavioural Neuroscience	LSC-30052	15	Semester 1
Brain Disease	LSC-30063	15	Semester 1
Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System	LSC-30039	15	Semester 2
Current Research Topics in Neuroscience	LSC-30042	15	Semester 2

Optional modules	Module Code	Credits	Period
Advances in Medicine	LSC-30028	15	Semester 1
Tropical Biology Field Course	LSC-30066	15	Semester 1
Applied Regenerative Medicine	LSC-30068	15	Semester 1
Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP	LSC-30038	30	Semester 1-2
Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment)	LSC-30045	30	Semester 1-2
Clinical Pathology	LSC-30009	15	Semester 2
Special Senses	LSC-30053	15	Semester 2

Level 6 Module Rules

- Students must choose either Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (LSC-30045) or Double Applied Life Sciences Placement (LSC-30038)
- In addition, students choose 30 credits of option modules from the table above, or 15 credits of options from the table above and a free-standing elective.

The Tropical Biology Field Course occurs during the summer vacation prior to commencing level 6, module LSC-30066 then forms the write-up part of the field course in semester 1 of level 6 (3rd year).

Learning Outcomes

The table below sets out what students learn in the programme and the modules in which that learning takes place. Details of how learning outcomes are assessed through these modules can be found in module specifications.

Level 4

Subject Knowledge and Understanding	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
U1 cellular and gross anatomical features of the, developing and adult, peripheral and central nervous system.	Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
U2 neuronal function, from a single cell to simple neuronal networks.	Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
U3 the ionic principles underlying neuronal activity.	Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
U4 the biochemical principles of cellular and systemic physiological systems.	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
U5 pharmacological principles of neuronal function, and the interaction with pharmaceutical agents.	Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
U6 the basic experimental skills appropriate to the discipline of neuroscience.	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
U7 the approaches to acquiring, interpreting, analysing data from a variety of sources, including the use of statistics.	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
U8 neuronal mechanisms of cognitive function, and the relationship to the same phenomena at the behavioural level.	Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 All modules with practical sessions
U9 cellular mechanisms underlying pathology of the nervous system.	Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 All modules
U10 the contribution of research to the development of neuroscience knowledge.	Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules, particularly Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I

Subject Specific Skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
S1 use a range of techniques for the acquisition and analysis of information relevant to the subject	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules with practical sessions, Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I
S2 use a range of laboratory techniques to ensure competence in experimental skills.	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules
S3 record and analyse data in a manner that ensure validity, accuracy, calibration, precision, and reliability	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules with practical sessions, Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I
S4 formulate a hypothesis to design, conduct, analyse, report and evaluate experiments.	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules, particularly Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I
S5 recognise philosophical and ethical issues relevant to the subject, and appreciate the need for ethical standards and professional codes of conduct.	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules where there are written assessments
S6 work safely and responsibly in the laboratory, with awareness of standard procedures	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules especially those with associated laboratory work

Intellectual skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
I1 assess the merits of contrasting theories, paradigms, concepts or principles	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules
I2 think independently, set tasks and solve problems by a variety of methods	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules, particularly Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I
I3 make reasoned decisions and develop reasoned arguments	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules with practical sessions
I4 obtain and interpret several lines of subject-specific evidence to formulate and test hypotheses	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules, particularly Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I
I5 make critical interpretations, evaluations and judgements of data and text	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules
I6 analyse, synthesise and summarise information critically, including published research or reports	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Most modules will have some element of group work, particularly Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I
I7 apply scientific understanding to familiar and unfamiliar problems, and emphasise the interdisciplinary nature of science and the validity of different points of view	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules, particularly Clinical Applications of Biomedical Science I
I8 take responsibility for their own learning and reflect upon that learning	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 All modules

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
E1. develop an adaptable, flexible, sustainable and effective approach to study and work, including time management, creativity and intellectual integrity	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
E2. acquire, analyse, synthesise, summarise and present information and ideas from a wide range of sources: textual, numerical, verbal, graphical	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066
E3. prepare, process, interpret and present data using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques, statistical programmes, spreadsheets and programs for presenting data visually	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066
E4. use the internet and other electronic sources critically as a means of communication and a source of information	Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066
E5. cite and reference work in an appropriate manner, avoiding issues with plagiarism	Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Biochemistry - LSC-10064
E6. communicate effectively to a variety of audiences by written, spoken and graphical means using appropriate techniques and scientific language	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066
E7. develop skills necessary for self-managed and lifelong learning, including working independently, organisational, enterprise and knowledge transfer skills	Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Biochemistry - LSC-10064
E8. work with others to achieve an objective in a respectful manner that is accepting of the viewpoints and opinions of others and evaluates the roles and development of team members	Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074
E9. motivate themselves and sustain that motivation over an extended period of time	Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Biochemistry - LSC-10064
E10. identify and work towards targets for personal, academic and career development	Molecular Cell Biology - LSC-10066 Introduction to Neuroscience - LSC-10047 Biochemistry - LSC-10064 Physiology and Anatomy - LSC-10074

Level 5

Subject Knowledge and Understanding	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
U1 cellular and gross anatomical features of the, developing and adult, peripheral and central nervous system.	Neurodevelopment - LSC-20077 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079
U2 neuronal function, from a single cell to simple neuronal networks.	Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075
U3 the ionic principles underlying neuronal activity.	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061
U4 the biochemical principles of cellular and systemic physiological systems.	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085
U5 pharmacological principles of neuronal function, and the interaction with pharmaceutical agents.	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085
U6 the basic experimental skills appropriate to the discipline of neuroscience.	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Neurodevelopment - LSC-20077
U7 the approaches to acquiring, interpreting, analysing data from a variety of sources, including the use of statistics.	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
U8 neuronal mechanisms of cognitive function, and the relationship to the same phenomena at the behavioural level.	Learning & Memory - LSC-20076
U9 cellular mechanisms underlying pathology of the nervous system.	Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076
U10 the contribution of research to the development of neuroscience knowledge.	Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078

Subject Specific Skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
S1 use a range of techniques for the acquisition and analysis of information relevant to the subject.	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
S2 use a range of laboratory techniques to ensure competence in experimental skills.	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
S3 record and analyse data in a manner that ensure validity, accuracy, calibration, precision, and reliability .	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
S4 formulate a hypothesis to design, conduct, analyse, report and evaluate experiments.	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
S5 recognise philosophical and ethical issues relevant to the subject, and appreciate the need for ethical standards and professional codes of conduct.	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
S6 work safely and responsibly in the laboratory, with awareness of standard procedures.	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078

Intellectual skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
I1 assess the merits of contrasting theories, paradigms, concepts or principles	Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085
I2 think independently, set tasks and solve problems by a variety of methods	Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079
I3 make reasoned decisions and develop reasoned arguments	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
I4 obtain and interpret several lines of subject-specific evidence to formulate and test hypotheses	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061
I5 make critical interpretations, evaluations and judgements of data and text	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076
I6 analyse, synthesise and summarise information critically, including published research or reports	Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
I7 apply scientific understanding to familiar and unfamiliar problems, and emphasise the interdisciplinary nature of science and the validity of different points of view	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061
I8 take responsibility for their own learning and reflect upon that learning	Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
E1. develop an adaptable, flexible, sustainable and effective approach to study and work, including time management, creativity and intellectual integrity	Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085
E2. acquire, analyse, synthesise, summarise and present information and ideas from a wide range of sources: textual, numerical, verbal, graphical	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
E3. prepare, process, interpret and present data using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques, statistical programmes, spreadsheets and programs for presenting data visually	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
E4. use the internet and other electronic sources critically as a means of communication and a source of information	Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075
E5. cite and reference work in an appropriate manner, avoiding issues with plagiarism	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
E6. communicate effectively to a variety of audiences by written, spoken and graphical means using appropriate techniques and scientific language	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
E7. develop skills necessary for self-managed and lifelong learning, including working independently, organisational, enterprise and knowledge transfer skills	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076
E8. work with others to achieve an objective in a respectful manner that is accepting of the viewpoints and opinions of others and evaluates the roles and development of team members	Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
E9. motivate themselves and sustain that motivation over an extended period of time	Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078
E10. identify and work towards targets for personal, academic and career development	Cell Signalling - LSC-20085 Neuroscience Research Methods - LSC-20078 Learning & Memory - LSC-20076 Neuroanatomy - LSC-20079 Neuropharmacology - LSC-20061 Neurone to Brain - LSC-20075

Level 6

Subject Knowledge and Understanding	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
U1 cellular and gross anatomical features of the, developing and adult, peripheral and central nervous system.	Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Special Senses - LSC-30053 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience
U2 neuronal function, from a single cell to simple neuronal networks.	Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Special Senses - LSC-30053 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience
U3 the ionic principles underlying neuronal activity.	Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Special Senses - LSC-30053 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Current Research Topics in Neuroscience
U4 the biochemical principles of cellular and systemic physiological systems.	Advances in Medicine - LSC-30028 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Special Senses - LSC-30053 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience, Advances in Medicine.
U5 pharmacological principles of neuronal function, and the interaction with pharmaceutical agents.	Advances in Medicine - LSC-30028 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience, Advances in Medicine.
U6 the basic experimental skills appropriate to the discipline of neuroscience.	Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045
U7 the approaches to acquiring, interpreting, analysing data from a variety of sources, including the use of statistics.	Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045
U8 neuronal mechanisms of cognitive function, and the relationship to the same phenomena at the behavioural level.	Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052
U9 cellular mechanisms underlying pathology of the nervous system.	Advances in Medicine - LSC-30028 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Special Senses - LSC-30053 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Clinical Pathology - LSC-30009 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience

Subject Knowledge and Understanding	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
U10 the contribution of research to the development of neuroscience knowledge.	Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Advances in Medicine - LSC-30028 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience

Subject Specific Skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
S1 use a range of techniques for the acquisition and analysis of information relevant to the subject	Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement
S2 use a range of laboratory techniques to ensure competence in experimental skills.	Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045
S3 record and analyse data in a manner that ensure validity, accuracy, calibration, precision, and reliability	Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045
S4 formulate a hypothesis to design, conduct, analyse, report and evaluate experiments.	Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045
S5 recognise philosophical and ethical issues relevant to the subject, and appreciate the need for ethical standards and professional codes of conduct.	Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System
S6 work safely and responsibly in the laboratory, with awareness of standard procedures	Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045

Intellectual skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
I1 assess the merits of contrasting theories, paradigms, concepts or principles	Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience

Intellectual skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
I2 think independently, set tasks and solve problems by a variety of methods	Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Special Senses - LSC-30053 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience
I3 make reasoned decisions and develop reasoned arguments	Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Special Senses - LSC-30053 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience
I4 obtain and interpret several lines of subject-specific evidence to formulate and test hypotheses	Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience
I5 make critical interpretations, evaluations and judgements of data and text	Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience
I6 analyse, synthesise and summarise information critically, including published research or reports	Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Tropical Biology Field Course - LSC-30066 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience, Tropical Field Course.

Intellectual skills	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
<p>I7 apply scientific understanding to familiar and unfamiliar problems, and emphasise the interdisciplinary nature of science and the validity of different points of view</p>	<p>Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Regeneration and Repair in the Nervous System - LSC-30039 Current Research Topics in Neuroscience - LSC-30042 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Advances in Medicine - LSC-30028 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Behavioural Neuroscience, Brain Disease, Special Senses (or other option module), Regeneration and Repair, Current Research Topics in Neuroscience</p>
<p>I8 take responsibility for their own learning and reflect upon that learning</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>

Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)	
Learning Outcome	Module in which this is delivered
<p>E1. develop an adaptable, flexible, sustainable and effective approach to study and work, including time management, creativity and intellectual integrity</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>
<p>E2. acquire, analyse, synthesise, summarise and present information and ideas from a wide range of sources: textual, numerical, verbal, graphical</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>
<p>E3. prepare, process, interpret and present data using appropriate qualitative and quantitative techniques, statistical programmes, spreadsheets and programs for presenting data visually</p>	<p>Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement</p>
<p>E4. use the internet and other electronic sources critically as a means of communication and a source of information</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>
<p>E5. cite and reference work in an appropriate manner, avoiding issues with plagiarism</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>
<p>E6. communicate effectively to a variety of audiences by written, spoken and graphical means using appropriate techniques and scientific language</p>	<p>Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement</p>
<p>E7. develop skills necessary for self-managed and lifelong learning, including working independently, organisational, enterprise and knowledge transfer skills</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>
<p>E8. work with others to achieve an objective in a respectful manner that is accepting of the viewpoints and opinions of others and evaluates the roles and development of team members</p>	<p>Behavioural Neuroscience - LSC-30052 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment) - LSC-30045 Brain Disease - LSC-30063 Double Applied Life Sciences Placement - ISP - LSC-30038 Life Sciences Double Experimental Project, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement, Brain disease, Behavioural Neuroscience</p>
<p>E9. motivate themselves and sustain that motivation over an extended period of time</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>
<p>E10. identify and work towards targets for personal, academic and career development</p>	<p>All level 6 modules</p>

9. Final and intermediate awards

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

Honours Degree	360 credits	<p>You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>You must accumulate at least 270 credits in Biomedical Science or Applied Biomedical Science (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 Neuroscience.</p> <p>*An exemption applies for students transferring from a Combined Honours programme - see point 3.4 here: https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/regulationc3/</p> <p>N.B. The award will be 'Studies in Neuroscience' if a pass standard is not achieved in the Level 6 Double Experimental Project module or Double Applied Life Sciences Placement module (see Section 13 - Regulations). A 'Studies in Neuroscience' degree is not accredited by the Royal Society of Biology.</p>
Diploma in Higher Education	240 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher and at least 120 credits at level 5 or higher
Certificate in Higher Education	120 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher

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

Work Placement Year option: 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 including the 'with Work Placement Year' wording. Students who do not complete, or fail the work placement year, will be transferred to the three-year version of the programme.

10. How is the Programme Assessed?

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

- **Unseen examinations** in different formats test students' knowledge and understanding of neuroscience. Examinations may consist of essay, short answer and/or multiple choice questions.
- **Essays**, including those based on case study material, also test the quality and application of subject knowledge. In addition they allow students to demonstrate their ability to carry out basic bibliographic research and to communicate their ideas effectively in writing in an appropriate scholarly style using the Harvard system of referencing. The portfolio (Current Research Topics in Neuroscience) is similar, but has an additional emphasis on concisely summarising current research papers and emphasising what is new and important about the research paper.
- **Class tests** taken either conventionally or online via the Keele Learning Environment (KLE) assess students' subject knowledge and their ability to apply it in a more structured and focused way. These tests may for example focus on comprehension of a relevant research paper published in a science journal.
- **Dissertations** are critical reviews of other scholars' work and test students' ability to identify and summarise the key points of a text and to evaluate the quality of arguments and the evidence used to support them. In the case of work based on empirical research, reviews also assess students' knowledge of research methodologies and their ability to make critical judgements about the appropriateness of different strategies for collecting and analysing data.
- **Experimental projects** test students' knowledge of research methodologies and their ability to carry them out. They also enable students to demonstrate their ability to formulate research questions, design experiments, carry them out and analyse the results.
- **Laboratory reports** are formal summaries of work carried out in the laboratory, presenting analysed data and conclusions. They test a range of practical laboratory skills and the ability to collect analyse and present data.
- **Oral presentations** assess 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.
- **Poster presentations** are typically the result of group work activities where the group presents data, or findings in an academic poster format. They test the ability to present complex ideas in graphical format.
- **Case-based tutorials** allow small group interactive learning.

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

11. Contact Time and Expected Workload

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

Undergraduate courses at Keele contain an element of module choice; therefore, individual students will experience a different mix of contact time and assessment types dependent upon their own individual choice of modules. The figures below are an example of activities that a student may expect on your chosen course by year stage of study. Contact time includes scheduled activities such as: lecture, seminar, tutorial, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and labs, supervised time in labs/workshop, fieldwork and external visits. The figures are based on 1,200 hours of student effort each year for full-time students.

Activity

	Scheduled learning and teaching activities	Guided independent Study	Placements
Year 1 (Level 4)	27%	73%	0%
Year 2 (Level 5)	22%	78%	0%
Year 3 (Level 6)	13%	87%	0%

12. Accreditation

Students should note that to be awarded Royal Society of Biology accreditation they must achieve a minimum standard of 40% in the Life Sciences Double Experimental Project (with research skills assessment), or equivalent placement module. Students that condone this module may still be eligible for the award 'Studies in Neuroscience'.

13. University Regulations

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

If this programme has any exemptions, variations or additions to the University Regulations these will be detailed in an Annex at the end of this document titled 'Programme-specific regulations'.

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

See the relevant course page on the website for the admission requirements relevant to this programme:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/>

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.

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

15. 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 in-course

assessments and more general feedback on examinations.

- Tutors and demonstrators provide help and advice to students in laboratory sessions.
- Every student is allocated to a personal tutor who is responsible for reviewing and advising on students' academic progress on the programme.
- Personal tutors also act as a first point of contact for students on non-academic issues which 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 Centre.

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

16. Learning Resources

Neuroscience is taught in modern teaching rooms across the University, almost all of which are equipped with computers, internet access and electronic whiteboards or projection equipment. Rooms may be arranged either in traditional lecture format or more informally to allow students to work together in small groups.

Practical sessions are held in dedicated and up-to-date teaching laboratories within the School of Life Sciences.

The learning resources available to students on the Programme include:

- The extensive collection of books and journals relevant to undergraduate study held in the University Library. Much of this material is also accessible online to Keele students from anywhere in the world with a University username and password.
- A smaller collection of textbooks held in the Undergraduate Resource Room in the School of Life Sciences. The Resource Room is open at regular times during teaching periods and the resources are specifically related to the needs of students on programmes in the School of Life Sciences.
- The Keele Learning Environment (KLE) which provides easy access to a wide range of learning resources including lecture notes, electronic materials available in a repository maintained by the University Library and other resources - video, audio and text-based - accessible from external providers via the internet.

17. Other Learning Opportunities

Placement Year

Students have the option of spending a year between Level 5 and Level 6 on a placement year. Students may choose to spend the placement in the research laboratory or a partner university, or in industry.

Study abroad (semester)

Due to timetable constraints, students on the Neuroscience programme are not able to spend a semester abroad in their second year studying at one of Keele's international partner universities.

Study Abroad (International Year)

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

Other opportunities

During their time at Keele, Neuroscience students also have the opportunity to hear from, and talk to, a range of guest speakers and presenters including researchers from around the world. Some of these activities are timetabled as part of taught modules, others are organised separately but are widely advertised and undergraduate students are always welcome to attend. Students may also apply for Summer Vacation bursaries when available, e.g. <https://www.physoc.org/supporting-you/grants/summer-studentships/>. There is also a tropical field course option that occurs over the summer vacation before the final year.

18. Additional Costs

There will be additional costs for inter-library loans and potential overdue library fines, printing and graduation. Foreign Placements and the tropical field course are likely to incur additional costs for flights, transport, inoculations and accommodation.

Other than for the purchase of some textbooks, the value and quantity of which varies considerably from student to student, we do not anticipate any further costs for this undergraduate programme.

19. Quality management and enhancement

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

- The School Education Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring quality management and enhancement procedures and activities across the School.
- Individual modules and the 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.

- 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 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 annual programme review.
- Findings related to the 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 programme is considered and acted on at regular meetings of the 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 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: Biosciences (2015) <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements?indexCatalogue=document-search&searchQuery=biosciences&wordsMode=AllWords>
- c. Keele University Regulations and Guidance for Students and Staff: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations>
- d. RSB Handbook for Accreditation of Degrees https://www.rsb.org.uk/images/RSB_Accreditation_Handbook.pdf

21. Annex - International Year

Neuroscience with International Year

International Year Programme
<p>Students registered for this Single Honours programme may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their period of study at Level 5 to the International Year option. Students accepted onto this option will have an extra year of study (the International Year) at an international partner institution after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.</p> <p>Students who successfully complete both the second year (Level 5) and the International Year will be permitted to progress to Level 6. Students who fail to satisfy the examiners in respect of the International Year will normally revert to the standard programme 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 the International Year option.</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

Students may apply to the 4-year programme during Level 5. Admission to the International Year is subject to successful application, interview and references from appropriate staff.

The criteria to be applied are:

- Academic Performance (an average of 60% across all modules in Semester 1 at Level 5 is normally required. Places on the International Year are then conditional on achieving an average mark of 54% across all Level 5 modules with no module fails. Where no Semester 1 marks have been awarded performance in 1st year marks and ongoing 2nd year assessments are taken into account)
- General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application for study abroad, interview during the 2nd semester of year 2 (Level 5), and by recommendation of the student's personal tutor, 1st and 2nd year tutors and programme director)

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

Student Support

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

- Phone or Skype conversations with Study Abroad 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:

1. Describe, discuss and reflect upon the cultural and international differences and similarities of different learning environments
2. Discuss the benefits and challenges of global citizenship and internationalisation
3. Explain how their perspective on their academic discipline has been influenced by locating it within an international setting.
4. Use independent research skills to identify relevant information resources on a range of subjects related, or complementary, to Neuroscience.
5. Demonstrate the use of critical thinking skills, augmented by creativity and curiosity, in discussing the application of their International Year studies to Neuroscience.

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.

Regulations

Students registered for the International Year are subject to the programme-specific regulations (if any) and the University regulations. In addition, during the International Year, the following regulations will apply:

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

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

Students are barred from studying any module with significant overlap to the Level 6 modules they will study 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.

22. Annex - Work Placement Year

Neuroscience with Work Placement Year

Work Placement Year summary

Students registered for this programme may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their studies to the 'with Work Placement Year' option (NB: 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 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 the Work Placement Year option.

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:

1. Experience of working in a subject-related laboratory or work place within an industrial, academic or public institution either in the UK or abroad

Entry Requirements for the Work Placement Year

Admission to the Work Placement Year is subject to successful application, interview and references from appropriate staff. 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 with an overall module average of > 60%
- General Aptitude (to be demonstrated by application(s) to relevant placement providers with prior agreement from the Programme Lead, 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 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 both an International Year and a Work Placement Year.

Student Support

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

- Regular contact between the student and a named member of staff who will be assigned to the student as their University supervisor. The University supervisor will be in regular contact with the student throughout the year, and be on hand to provide advice (pastoral or academic) and liaise with the Placement supervisor on the student's behalf if required.
- One formal contact with the student during the placement year: the University supervisor will visit the student in their placement organization at around the 5 weeks after placement has commenced. This may be followed up with a second visit, or telephone call, if the need arises.
- Regular (at least weekly) supervision sessions will take place with the placement supervisor (or his/her nominee) throughout the duration of the placement.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate an ability to successfully work within their placement institution and to learn practical skills and develop their science base within the scope of their work project.

These learning outcomes will be assessed through the Work Placement Year module (LSC-30019 (15 credits) or LSC-30038 (30 credits)) which involves:

- Successful completion of the module.

Regulations

Students registered for the 'with Work Placement Year' option are subject to programme-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 either the Applied Life Sciences Placement (LSC-30019) module or Double Applied Life Sciences Placement (LSC-30038) module (combined honours and single honours courses respectively).
- In order to ensure a high quality placement experience, each placement agency will sign up to a placement contract (analogous to a service level agreement).
- Once a student has been accepted by a placement organisation, the student will make a pre-placement visit and a member of staff identified within the placement contract will be assigned as the placement supervisor. The placement supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that the placement experience meets the agreed contract agreed with the University.
- The placement student will also sign up an agreement outlining his/her responsibilities in relation to the requirements of each organisation.

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.

A small stipend may be available to students from the placement provider during the placement but this will need to be explored on a placement-by-placement basis as some organisations, such as charities, may not have any extra money available. Students should budget with the assumption that their placement will be unpaid.

Eligibility for student finance will depend on the type of placement and whether it is paid or not. If it is paid, this is likely to affect student finance eligibility, however if it is voluntary and therefore unpaid, should not affect student finance eligibility. 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.

23. Annex - Programme-specific regulations

Programme Regulations: Neuroscience

Final Award and Award Titles	<p>BSc (Hons) Neuroscience</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Neuroscience with International Year (see Annex A for details)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Neuroscience with Work Placement Year (see Annex B for details)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Studies in Neuroscience</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Studies in Neuroscience with International Year</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Studies in Neuroscience with Work Placement Year</p>
Intermediate Award(s)	<p>Diploma in Higher Education</p> <p>Certificate in Higher Education</p>
Last modified	August 2019
Programme Specification	https://www.keele.ac.uk/ga/programmespecifications

The University's Academic Regulations which can be found on the Keele University website (<https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/>)[1] apply to and regulate the programme, other than in instances where the specific programme regulations listed below over-ride them. These programme regulations list:

- *Exemptions* which are characterised by the omission of the relevant regulation.
- *Variations* which are characterised by the replacement of part of the regulation with alternative wording.
- *Additional Requirements* which set out what additional rules that apply to students in relation to this programme.

The following **exemptions, variations** and **additional requirements** to the University regulations have been checked by Academic Services and have been approved by the Faculty Education Committee.

A) EXEMPTIONS

The clause(s) listed below describe where an exemption from the University's Academic Regulations exists:

For the whole duration of their studies, students on this Programme are exempt from the following regulations:

- **No exemptions apply.**

B) VARIATIONS

The clause(s) listed below describe where a variation from the University's Academic Regulations exists:

Variation 1: No variations apply

Additional Requirements

The programme requirements listed below are in addition to the University's Academic Regulations:

Additional requirement 1: Royal Society of Biology Accreditation

Students must achieve a pass standard in the Life Sciences Double Experimental Project with research skills assessment (or, subject to agreement, Double Applied Life Sciences Placement) to attain an accredited degree. For students who do not fulfil the conditions of

this regulation, the degree award will be '*Studies in Neuroscience*' and the degree will not be accredited by the Royal Society of Biology.

Additional requirement 2: Attendance

Attendance at tutorials, seminars, workshops and laboratory sessions on this programme is compulsory. Failure to attend a class without good cause will result in an informal warning. Failure to attend any subsequent classes without good cause will lead to the issuing of a formal University warning in accordance with Regulation 1A9 and could result in the requirement to withdraw from the university. Attendance at lectures is expected, but is not compulsory.

Additional requirement 3: Self-Certification

Self-certification of illness as a reason for absence from compulsory classes will be accepted for no more than two periods of absence, each covering no more than 7 days, per semester. Any subsequent absence for reasons of illness must be accompanied by a doctor's note.

Additional requirement 4: Laboratory, lecture and tutorial classes

1. Wearing a laboratory coat is compulsory in all laboratories. Students will not be allowed to attend the laboratory class without a laboratory coat.
2. Students must wear appropriate clothing in the laboratories, including sensible footwear. Closed shoes and low heels should be worn. This is to avoid tripping and to protect the feet in the case of spillages. Long hair must be tied back. Students who are inappropriately dressed may, at the discretion of the member of staff in charge, be excluded from the class and recorded as being absent without good cause.
3. Students who arrive late to laboratory classes may, at the discretion of the member of staff in charge, be excluded from the class and recorded as being absent without good cause.
4. Students who display serious misconduct in any class may, at the discretion of the member of staff in charge, be excluded from the class and recorded as being absent without good cause. Serious misconduct involves wilful damage to property, injury or threat to persons, or persistent disruption of teaching.
5. The unauthorised use of mobile phones or headphones is not permitted in any class.
6. Students are not permitted to record, video or photograph taught sessions or meetings with staff, except with the permission in advance of the staff concerned. Permission will be given where this is part of an approved disability adjustment. Any permission to record, video or photograph is for personal use only and all recordings, videos or photographs remain the property of the presenter and Keele University.

Additional requirement 5: Health and Safety

Students are required to read and follow the procedures in the School of Life Sciences Safety Handbook, which is available from the Biomedical Science Noticeboard on the KLE.

[1] References to University Regulations in this document apply to the content of the University's Regulatory Framework as set out on the University website here <https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/>.

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