

## Programme Specification: Undergraduate

### For Academic Year 2026/27

#### 1. Course Summary

<b>Names of programme and award title(s)</b>	BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology with International Year (see Annex for details) BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology with Work Placement Year (see Annex for details)
<b>Award type</b>	Single Honours
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full-time
<b>Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award</b>	Level 6
<b>Normal length of the programme</b>	3 years; 4 years with either the International Year or Placement Year between years 2 and 3
<b>Maximum period of registration</b>	The normal length as specified above plus 3 years
<b>Location of study</b>	Keele Campus
<b>Accreditation (if applicable)</b>	This programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as providing the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) subject to conditions. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist. For further details see the section on Accreditation.
<b>Regulator</b>	Office for Students (OfS)
<b>Tuition Fees</b>	<p><b>UK students:</b></p> <p>Fee for 2026/27 is £9,790*</p> <p><b>International students:</b></p> <p>Fee for 2026/27 is £18,200**</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/>

\*\* These fees are for new students. We reserve the right to increase fees in subsequent years of study by an inflationary amount. Please refer to the accompanying Student Terms & Conditions for full details. Further information on fees can be found at <http://www.keele.ac.uk/studentfunding/tuitionfees/>

#### 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

Are you curious to understand why certain people act in certain ways? Why and how groups form or conflicts start? Would you like to learn more about the human mind, people's emotions, and behaviours? Do you want a more in-depth understanding about human behaviour and sociology? Psychology is a scientific discipline that explores a variety of different sub-disciplines that help us to answer these and other crucial questions about human behaviour.

The Psychology with Sociology programme at Keele covers the core British Psychology Society required content: developmental, social, biological, and cognitive psychology, as well as why there are individual differences within each of these areas. Sociology is a related discipline of study that explores fundamental questions about society, social relationships, institutions, and culture. In this programme, you will also be introduced to fundamental topics in sociology, ethics, and social theory with the opportunity to explore further sociological topics in depth as you progress through the programme. This breadth of topics allows you to explore multiple areas of psychology and sociology and consider how psychology can be applied to many different areas of life beyond university.

Studying Psychology with Sociology will also train you to be a responsible and ethical researcher throughout your degree, with mini projects in the first and second years before completing a larger dissertation in your final year under supervision from an expert in your chosen field. You will gain skills in how to conduct research and interpret qualitative/non-numerical and quantitative/numerical data to draw conclusions that advance our understanding of how people think and behave. In addition, you will develop critical thinking skills in your sociology modules, providing core and essential skills for working in various fields in the future.

Our programme is delivered in a variety of ways, meaning there is something to suit everyone. You will have both large and small group teaching, guided online learning via videos and readings, as well as independent study. You will be guided through your learning of psychological theory and practical research skills by passionate and supportive staff who are available to provide additional encouragement should you need it. Graduating with a degree in psychology will open many opportunities for you both as a professional psychologist (e.g., educational psychologist, forensic psychologist, etc.) or in other areas such as teaching/childcare, counselling, HR, researcher, data analyst, police officer, prison work, social work, marketing, healthcare, and many more.

### 4. Aims of the programme

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

- develop systematic and scientific understanding of the core areas of psychology, as well as specialised knowledge in certain areas of psychology, a broad understanding of sociology, and to afford competence in subject-specific and graduate level intellectual skills that will enable you to achieve membership via Graduate Basis for Chartership of the British Psychological Society within the context of a single honours degree;
- think critically and reflexively about social structures, institutions and phenomena, question assumptions, and understand the underlying causes of social issues.
- facilitate the progressive development of your critical thinking and independent learning and to systematically apply these skills to=psychology developing both your attributes as a potential future practitioner and in devising and answering empirical research questions;
- develop a range of graduate attributes that transfer across different disciplines and provide a solid foundation for both further study after graduation and a range of careers.
- identify and employ appropriate research tools and data analysis skills to design and carry out empirical research, including quantitative and qualitative methods, and data analysis, considering the ethical issues related to this.

### 5. What you will learn

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

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

#### Subject knowledge and understanding

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

- the scientific basis for the discipline of psychology
- the core areas of biological psychology, cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences, developmental psychology, social psychology and research methods
- the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning
- a range of influences on psychological functioning and a critical understanding of these influences along with their significance
- a range of research paradigms, methods and analyses
- the ethical responsibilities of psychologists
- specialised areas of psychology in detail
- application of psychological concepts to selected authentic problems
- potential solutions to current social problems from a sociological perspective.
- the role of the sociological imagination in making sense of public and private concerns.

- contemporary sociological theories, including poststructural, intersectional, and non-Western perspectives, in the context of global and digital transformations
- complexities and challenges of the modern world and the role of sociological perspectives in understanding and navigating these issues.
- independent skills in defining problems and developing expertise in interpreting and evaluating research within particular areas of sociology.
- systematic understandings of key aspects of social life, judging the merits of competing sociological explanations.

### **Subject specific skills**

Successful students will be able to:

- reason scientifically and critically about psychological theories, findings and research hypotheses
- critically evaluate research literature in psychology and relate research issues to authentic problems
- detect meaningful patterns in behaviour and experience through the use of suitable research methods
- pose, operationalise and critique psychological research questions, including those in business or work contexts.
- reason statistically and demonstrate competence using a range of statistical techniques
- reflect on dimensions of qualitative research design and demonstrate an ability to use a range of qualitative data collection techniques and analytical approaches
- apply knowledge of ethical requirements to investigations
- demonstrate an ability to use established techniques of analysis and enquiry accurately within psychology
- communicate information to a specialist audience
- produce a final year dissertation that follows the conventions of scientific report writing used by psychologists
- identify and describe key sociological theories, concepts, and perspectives through reference to a range of legitimate sources.
- explain the basic principles, methods and forms of analysis used in sociological inquiry.
- conform to academic conventions relating to sociological inquiry, reflect on own performance, and present materials in a coherent and professional fashion.
- demonstrate a critical appreciation for how sociological concepts and theories can be applied to real-world examples and case studies to illustrate their relevance and implications.
- evaluate the increasing complexity of sociological knowledge.
- assess social thought and recognise the contingency and critique of the sociological enterprise, suggesting possibilities for future work.

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

Successful students will be able to:

- abstract information from a variety of primary and secondary sources and synthesise this information into a coherent understanding of the topic and practice within that topic area
- assess the merit of contrasting theories and opinions making critical interpretations of data and text
- critique the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of psychological knowledge
- develop a sufficient level of conceptual understanding to enable the development of arguments and analysis that comment on advanced scholarship at the forefront of some areas of psychology
- apply their knowledge of a topic to identify a research question, initiate and carry out a project
- effectively communicate ideas and research findings by written, oral and visual means
- comprehend and use data effectively by interpreting complex sets of numerical, statistical and qualitative data
- confidently demonstrate computer literacy by being able to word process, use email, the Internet, use databases and statistical software
- solve problems by clarifying questions, considering alternatives and evaluating outcomes
- work effectively within a group setting to achieve an end goal through pooled effort which involves recognizing and using appropriate material from others
- undertake self-directed study and project management
- take responsibility for their own learning by reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses, and identifying appropriate courses of action, in order to fulfil long-term ambitions
- develop and present their own views, as well as devise solutions to problems, on the basis of valid forms of argumentation
- effective time-management and organisational skills to meet deadlines and prioritise tasks.
- active listening and note-taking abilities during lectures, seminars, and group discussions
- prepare well-structured and coherent written assignments for the exposition of complex information and data.
- mobilise advanced written and oral skills into different personal and professional settings.

### **Keele Graduate Attributes**

The Keele Graduate Attributes are the qualities (skills, values and mindsets) which you will have the opportunity to develop during your time at Keele through both the formal curriculum and also through co- and extra-curricular activities (e.g., work experience, and engagement with the wider University community such as acting as ambassadors, volunteering, peer mentoring, student representation, membership and leadership of clubs and societies). Our Graduate Attributes consist of four themes: **academic expertise, professional skills, personal effectiveness, and social, environmental and ethical responsibility**. You will have opportunities to engage actively with the range of attributes throughout your time at Keele: through your academic studies, through self-assessing your own strengths, weaknesses, and development needs, and by setting personal development goals. You will have opportunities to discuss your progress

in developing graduate attributes with, for example, Academic Mentors, to prepare for your future career and lives beyond Keele.

## 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:

- **Teaching sessions** where the lecturer provides students with a framework for reading and independent study. Some classes may include video or audio presentations. Teaching sessions allow students to gain a systematic understanding of psychological ideas and how they may be used to analyse a variety of contemporary psychological issues.
- **Flipped learning** where students are provided with materials in advance of a class to engage with and provide a thorough background on a topic. They can then go to a teaching session and engage with the material via discussions, debates, and other interactive opportunities to further their understanding of the background information. Flipped learning allows students to work through guided preparation work set by tutors in their own time and at their own pace. They will then have the opportunity to explore topics in greater depth in the classroom with tutor support. This approach means that the more challenging aspect of learning, applying knowledge, is done with the support of a tutor.
- **Asynchronous learning** supports our teaching sessions via a range of off-timetable activities. Tutors will provide students with activities to complete outside of class, these are designed to prepare them for class or cement their learning from class. Some modules will provide detailed online materials (i.e., a "flipped" classroom outlined above) in which students work through materials at their own pace and apply that learning to problems in class supported by their tutor. Other modules might provide smaller activities such as quizzes, ask students to read and respond to questions on a particular journal article, amongst many other things. Asynchronous learning will be hosted on our virtual learning environment, the KLE, using Sways or other online methods. Asynchronous learning allows students to take responsibility for their learning and its development, by engaging with content and activities designed to encourage students to learn and think.
- **Tutorials and seminars** in small groups of around 30 students where key skills can be developed and issues central to the programme can be discussed in more depth. Students are expected to play a full part, and occasionally to lead, these discussions. Some seminars consist largely of student presentations. These types of classes provide opportunities for students to ask questions about and discuss issues in psychology and to present their own ideas to members of staff and other students using an appropriate medium of communication
- **Laboratory classes and workshops** involving larger classes in which students develop the basic practical skills necessary to conduct psychological research and explore ideas presented in teaching sessions. In these sessions students will have the opportunity to work together in smaller groups, interact with the lecturer and reflect on their own learning. Practical sessions such as these allow students to develop their knowledge of how ideas in psychology can be researched and to apply the skills they have learned in order to investigate psychological questions in a systematic and rigorous manner.
- **Independent study** based on directed reading from textbooks, academic journals, and coursework materials. This encourages students to reflect on their own learning and take responsibility for its development.
- In the final year students will have the opportunity to undertake a piece of **independent research** supervised and supported by a member of staff. Undertaking a **research dissertation** with the support of an experienced and active researcher allows students to formulate relevant research questions and devise a feasible and ethically sound strategy for answering them.

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 Academic Mentors or module lecturers on a one-to-one basis.

## 7. Teaching Staff

Our current core teaching staff comprises highly qualified staff with specialist qualifications in Psychology. Most academic staff have doctorates (PhDs or equivalent) in psychology and most hold (or are completing) post-graduate qualifications in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. The majority of our staff are Associate Fellows, Fellows, or Senior Fellows of the Higher Education Academy. All academic staff are active researchers and scholars whose work has been widely published in books, research monographs, and leading international journals. This research and scholarship informs the teaching that takes place in the School. This means that we are teaching cutting edge knowledge, with staff often actively researching in that area, meaning students can talk to the people generating the knowledge they are learning. Additionally, some of our staff actively research teaching and learning within higher education, so how we teach is also at the forefront of higher education practice. More information about Psychology Staff Members is available on the School website [<http://www.keele.ac.uk/psychology/people/>].

The permanent teaching staff of the Sociology Programme consists of a number of Professors, Senior Lecturers and Lecturers. All current members of staff have doctorates in Sociology or closely related disciplines, such as Anthropology. Around half of the group have professionally accredited teaching qualifications. All members of the teaching staff are research active and members of the research institutes at Keele, including the Keele Institute for Social Inclusion. The Sociology group publish books and articles on international presses and in international journals. The teaching group also has extensive experience of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level at universities in the UK, Europe, Canada, and Japan.

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 two 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;

### Global Challenge Pathways

This programme includes the option for you to take a Global Challenge Pathway. These modules offer you an exciting opportunity to work with students and staff from different disciplines to explore topical global issues such as power and conflict, health inequalities, climate change, generative AI, social justice, global citizenship, and enterprise from different perspectives.

Global Challenge Pathways can either be taken as one 15-credit module at Levels 4, 5 and 6, or one 15-credit module at Levels 5 and 6. For more information about our Global Challenge Pathways please visit:

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

### Modern Languages or Certificate in TESOL

Alternatively, you could choose to study modules with the University Language Centre. The Language Centre offers three pathways; The Language Specialist, The Language Taster, and The Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Language (TESOL). Language Centre modules are available separately for students at Levels 4 and 5. At Level 6 they are included within the Global Challenge Pathways.

If you choose the Language Specialist pathway, you will automatically be enrolled on a Semester 2 Modern Language module as a continuation of your language of choice. Undertaking a Modern Languages module in Semester 2 is compulsory if you wish to continue to the Language Specialist Global Challenge Pathway the following academic year.

For more information about Language Centre option modules available to you please visit the following webpages.

For Level 4 and 5 students please visit: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/languagecentre/languagecentreoptions/>

For Level 6 students please visit: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/students/academiclife/global-challenge-pathways/>

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The programme has been designed to provide students with the foundational knowledge, as required by the British Psychological Society, which is covered by the compulsory psychology modules outlined below. At level 4, modules provide the required foundational learning. The rest of the degree is customisable, meaning students can choose from some optional modules from both psychology and sociology.

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

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

A summary of the credit requirements per year is as follows.

Year	Compulsory	Optional	
		Min	Max
Level 4	90	30	30
Level 5	90	30	30
Level 6	90	30	30

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## Module Lists

### Level 4

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Understanding people	PSY-10052	30	Semester 1-2
First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher	PSY-10056	30	Semester 1-2
Society, People, Place: Global Issues and Local Realities	SOC-10039	30	Semester 1-2

<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics	PSY-10054	30	Semester 1-2
Distress and Mental Health	PSY-10026	15	Semester 2

### **Level 5**

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Contemporary Social Theory	SOC-20049	15	Semester 1
Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher	PSY-20074	30	Semester 1-2
Understanding People in Depth	PSY-20076	30	Semester 1-2
Globalisation and its Discontents	SOC-20043	15	Semester 2

<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Flexible Work Placement (Level 5)	NAT-20011	15	Semester 1-2
Health Psychology	PSY-20054	15	Semester 2
Child Psychology in Practice	PSY-20058	15	Semester 2
Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community	PSY-20064	15	Semester 2
Families and Households: Diversity and Change	SOC-20041	15	Semester 2

### **Level 5 Module Rules**

Students cannot take both Flexible Work Placement (Level 5) and Flexible Work Placement (Level 6)

### **Level 6**

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Professional Skills for Researchers	PSY-30196	15	Semester 1
Being a Psychology Researcher	PSY-30194	30	Semester 1-2
Social Futures	SOC-30061	30	Semester 1-2
Grand Challenges in Psychology	PSY-30140	15	Semester 2

<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Psychology in Education	PSY-30127	15	Semester 1
Gender and Sexualities	PSY-30166	15	Semester 1
Flexible Work Placement (Level 6)	NAT-30008	15	Semester 1-2
Professional Experience in Education	NAT-30012	15	Semester 1-2
Morality in Action: Justice, Society, and Climate Change	PSY-30186	30	Semester 1-2
Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change	PSY-30204	30	Semester 1-2
Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice	PSY-30172	15	Semester 2
Beyond Human	SSC-30001	15	Semester 2

### **Level 6 Module Rules**

Students cannot take both Flexible Work Placement (Level 5) and Flexible Work Placement (Level 6)

Students cannot take both Flexible Work Placement (Level 6) and 'Professional Experience in Education'

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### **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**

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
the scientific basis for the discipline of psychology	Understanding people - PSY-10052 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
the core areas of biological psychology, cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences, developmental psychology, social psychology and research methods	Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054
a range of influences on psychological functioning and a critical understanding of these influences along with their significance	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054
specialised areas of psychology in detail	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054
application of psychological concepts to selected authentic problems	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
a range of research paradigms, methods and analyses	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
potential solutions to current social problems from a sociological perspective.	Society, People, Place: Global Issues and Local Realities - SOC-10039
the role of the sociological imagination in making sense of public and private concerns.	Society, People, Place: Global Issues and Local Realities - SOC-10039

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
reason scientifically and critically about psychological theories, findings and research hypotheses	Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
critically evaluate research literature in psychology and relate research issues to authentic problems	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
detect meaningful patterns in behaviour and experience through the use of suitable research methods	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
pose, operationalise and critique psychological research questions	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
reason statistically and demonstrate competence using a range of statistical techniques	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
reflect on dimensions of qualitative research design and demonstrate an ability to use a range of qualitative data collection techniques and analytical approaches	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
apply knowledge of ethical requirements to investigations	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
demonstrate an ability to use established techniques of analysis and enquiry accurately within psychology	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
communicate information to a specialist audience	Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
Identify and describe key sociological theories, concepts, and perspectives through reference to a range of legitimate sources.	Society, People, Place: Global Issues and Local Realities - SOC-10039
Explain the basic principles, methods and forms of analysis used in sociological inquiry.	Society, People, Place: Global Issues and Local Realities - SOC-10039

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
abstract information from a variety of primary and secondary sources and synthesise this information into a coherent understanding of the topic and practice within that topic area	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
assess the merit of contrasting theories and opinions making critical interpretations of data and text;	Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
critique the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of psychological knowledge	Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054
develop a sufficient level of conceptual understanding to enable the development of arguments and analysis that comment on advanced scholarship at the forefront of some areas of psychology	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
apply their knowledge of a topic to identify a research question, initiate and carry out a project	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
effectively communicate ideas and research findings by written, oral and visual means	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
comprehend and use data effectively by interpreting complex sets of numerical, statistical and qualitative data	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
confidently demonstrate computer literacy by being able to word process, use the Internet, use databases and statistical software	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
solve problems by clarifying questions, considering alternatives and evaluating outcomes	First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
work effectively within a group setting to achieve an end goal through pooled effort which involves recognizing and using appropriate material from others	Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054
undertake self-directed study and project management	Distress and Mental Health - PSY-10026 Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
take responsibility for their own learning by reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses, and identifying appropriate courses of action, in order to fulfil long-term ambitions	Understanding people - PSY-10052 Exploring and Applying Psychological Topics - PSY-10054 First Steps in Becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-10056
effective time-management and organisational skills to meet deadlines and prioritise tasks.	Society, People, Place: Global Issues and Local Realities - SOC-10039
active listening and note-taking abilities during lectures, seminars, and group discussions.	Society, People, Place: Global Issues and Local Realities - SOC-10039

## **Level 5**

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
the scientific basis for the discipline of psychology	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
the core areas of biological psychology, cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences, developmental psychology, social psychology and research methods	Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
a range of influences on psychological functioning and a critical understanding of these influences along with their significance	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
specialised areas of psychology in detail	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
application of psychological concepts to selected authentic problems	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
a range of research paradigms, methods and analyses	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
the ethical responsibilities of psychologists	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
evaluate contemporary sociological theories, including poststructural, intersectional, and non-Western perspectives, in the context of global and digital transformations.	Contemporary Social Theory - SOC-20049
assess the complexities and challenges of the modern world and the role of sociological perspectives in understanding and navigating these issues.	Globalisation and its Discontents - SOC-20043

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
reason scientifically and critically about psychological theories, findings and research hypotheses	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
critically evaluate research literature in psychology and relate research issues to authentic problems	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
detect meaningful patterns in behaviour and experience through the use of suitable research methods	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
pose, operationalise and critique psychological research questions	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
reason statistically and demonstrate competence using a range of statistical techniques	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
reflect on dimensions of qualitative research design and demonstrate an ability to use a range of qualitative data collection techniques and analytical approaches	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
apply knowledge of ethical requirements to investigations	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
demonstrate an ability to use established techniques of analysis and enquiry accurately within psychology	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
communicate information to a specialist audience	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
conform to academic conventions relating to sociological inquiry, reflect on own performance, and present materials in a coherent and professional fashion.	Contemporary Social Theory - SOC-20049
demonstrate a critical appreciation for how sociological concepts and theories can be applied to real-world examples and case studies to illustrate their relevance and implications.	Contemporary Social Theory - SOC-20049

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
abstract information from a variety of primary and secondary sources and synthesise this information into a coherent understanding of the topic and practice within that topic area	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
assess the merit of contrasting theories and opinions making critical interpretations of data and text;	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
critique the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of psychological knowledge	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
develop a sufficient level of conceptual understanding to enable the development of arguments and analysis that comment on advanced scholarship at the forefront of some areas of psychology	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
apply their knowledge of a topic to identify a research question, initiate and carry out a project	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
effectively communicate ideas and research findings by written, oral and visual means	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
comprehend and use data effectively by interpreting complex sets of numerical, statistical and qualitative data	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
confidently demonstrate computer literacy by being able to word process, use the Internet, use databases and statistical software	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
solve problems by clarifying questions, considering alternatives and evaluating outcomes	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074
work effectively within a group setting to achieve an end goal through pooled effort which involves recognizing and using appropriate material from others	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
undertake self-directed study and project management	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Child Psychology in Practice - PSY-20058 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
take responsibility for their own learning by reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses, and identifying appropriate courses of action, in order to fulfil long-term ambitions	Health Psychology - PSY-20054 Wellbeing & Mental Health in the Community - PSY-20064 Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074 Understanding People in Depth - PSY-20076
prepare well-structured and coherent written assignments for the exposition of complex information and data.	Next Steps in becoming a Psychology Researcher - PSY-20074

## **Level 6**

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
the scientific basis for the discipline of psychology	Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
the core areas of biological psychology, cognitive psychology, personality and individual differences, developmental psychology, social psychology and research methods	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
the inherent variability and diversity of psychological functioning	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
a range of influences on psychological functioning and a critical understanding of these influences along with their significance	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
specialised areas of psychology in detail	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
application of psychological concepts to selected authentic problems	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
a range of research paradigms, methods and analyses	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
the ethical responsibilities of psychologists	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196
define problems and developing expertise in interpreting and evaluating research within particular areas of sociology.	Social Futures - SOC-30061
systematic understandings of key aspects of social life, judging the merits of competing sociological explanations	Social Futures - SOC-30061

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
reason scientifically and critically about psychological theories, findings and research hypotheses	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
critically evaluate research literature in psychology and relate research issues to authentic problems	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
detect meaningful patterns in behaviour and experience through the use of suitable research methods	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
pose, operationalise and critique psychological research questions	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
apply knowledge of ethical requirements to investigations	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
demonstrate an ability to use established techniques of analysis and enquiry accurately within psychology	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
communicate information to a specialist audience	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
produce a final year dissertation that follows the conventions of scientific report writing used by psychologists	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
evaluate the increasing complexity of sociological knowledge.	Social Futures - SOC-30061
assess social thought and recognise the contingency and critique of the sociological enterprise, suggesting possibilities for future work	Social Futures - SOC-30061

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
abstract information from a variety of primary and secondary sources and synthesise this information into a coherent understanding of the topic and practice within that topic area	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
assess the merit of contrasting theories and opinions making critical interpretations of data and text;	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
critique the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of psychological knowledge	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
develop a sufficient level of conceptual understanding to enable the development of arguments and analysis that comment on advanced scholarship at the forefront of some areas of psychology	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
apply their knowledge of a topic to identify a research question, initiate and carry out a project	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
effectively communicate ideas and research findings by written, oral and visual means	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
comprehend and use data effectively by interpreting complex sets of numerical, statistical and qualitative data	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
confidently demonstrate computer literacy by being able to word process, use the Internet, use databases and statistical software	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
solve problems by clarifying questions, considering alternatives and evaluating outcomes	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
work effectively within a group setting to achieve an end goal through pooled effort which involves recognizing and using appropriate material from others	Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194
undertake self-directed study and project management	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
take responsibility for their own learning by reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses, and identifying appropriate courses of action, in order to fulfil long-term ambitions	Psychology in Education - PSY-30127 Grand Challenges in Psychology - PSY-30140 Gender and Sexualities - PSY-30166 Wellbeing & Mental Health Practice - PSY-30172 Being a Psychology Researcher - PSY-30194 Professional Skills for Researchers - PSY-30196 Health, Illness, and Behaviour Change - PSY-30204
mobilise advanced written and oral skills into different personal and professional settings.	Social Futures - SOC-30061

## 9. Final and intermediate awards

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

<b>BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology</b>	360 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6 You must accumulate at least 270 credits in your main subject (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 this subject.
<b>Diploma in Higher Education</b>	240 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher and at least 120 credits at level 5 or higher
<b>Certificate in Higher Education</b>	120 credits	You will require at least 120 credits at level 4 or higher

**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:

- **Coursework and Lab Reports** test the quality and application of subject knowledge. In addition, they allow students to demonstrate their ability to carry out basic independent research and to communicate their ideas effectively by writing in an appropriate scholarly style using academic conventions in writing.
- **Research projects and reports** test student's knowledge of different research methodologies and the limits and provisional nature of psychological knowledge. They also enable students to demonstrate their ability to formulate research questions and to answer them using appropriate methods.
- **Oral and poster presentations and reports** assess individual students' subject knowledge and understanding. They also test their ability to work effectively as members of a team, to communicate what they know orally and visually, and to reflect on these processes as part of their own personal development.
- **Designing interventions** which present students with a scenario (or selection) which describes a problem that would be found in the 'real world', e.g., how to engage low achieving students in education. They are required to produce a psychologically informed solution, including mechanisms of delivery and evaluation.
- **Critiques and Reviews** of other scholars' work test students' ability to identify and summarise the key points of a text and to evaluate the quality of arguments and the evidence used to support them. In the case of work based on empirical research, reviews also assess students' knowledge of research methodologies and their ability to make critical judgements about the appropriateness of different strategies for collecting and analysing data.

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

## 11. Contact Time and Expected Workload

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

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

## Activity

	Scheduled learning and teaching activities	Guided independent Study	Placements
<b>Year 1 (Level 4)</b>	35.3%	64.7%	0%
<b>Year 2 (Level 5)</b>	29.6%	64.2%	6.3%
<b>Year 3 (Level 6)</b>	18.7%	81.3%	0%

## 12. Accreditation

This programme is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as providing the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership [GBC]. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Please note the following:

- **Module Selection:** It is a requirement of the BPS that the Final Year compulsory module 'Being a Psychology Researcher' (PSY-30194) is passed and that students achieve a minimum standard of Second Class Honours for GBC.

## 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/>

### English for Academic Purposes

Please note: All new international students entering the university will provide a sample of Academic English during their registration. Using this sample, the Language Centre may allocate you to an English language module which will become compulsory. This will replace any GCP modules. *NB:* students can take an EAP module only with the approval of the English Language Programme Director and are not able to take any other Language modules in the same academic year.

English Language Modules at Level 4:

- Business - ENL-90003 Academic English for Business Students (Part 1); ENL-90004 Academic English for Business Students (2)
- Science - ENL-90013 Academic English for Science Students
- General - ENL-90006 English for Academic Purposes 2; ENL-90001 English for Academic Purposes 3; ENL-90002 English for Academic Purposes 4

English Language Modules at Level 5:

- Business - ENL-90003 Academic English for Business Students (Part 1); ENL-90004 Academic English for Business Students (2)
- Science - ENL-90013 Academic English for Science Students
- General - ENL-90006 English for Academic Purposes 2; ENL-90001 English for Academic Purposes 3; ENL-90002 English for Academic Purposes 4

English Language Modules at Level 6:

- Business - ENL-90003 Academic English for Business Students (Part 1); ENL-90004 Academic English for Business Students (2); ENL-90005 Advanced Business English Communication
- Science - ENL-90013 Academic English for Science Students
- General - ENL-90006 English for Academic Purposes 2; ENL-90001 English for Academic Purposes 3; ENL-90002 English for Academic Purposes 4

**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:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/programmesandmodules/recognitionofpriorlearning/>

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

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

- The Programme Director is responsible for overseeing the general operation of the programme, chairing the programme committee, representing the programme at other committees, resources and facilities, giving general advice to students during the programme.
- The Programme Lead is responsible for overseeing this specific programme. Each specialist programme has a dedicated Programme Lead, who will represent this programme at committees and feed up to the Programmes Director. The Programme Lead will be able to give more specific advice around their programme.
- Module leaders are responsible for providing support for learning on the modules for which they are responsible. They are also responsible for organising feedback and being available for one-to-one meetings.
- Every student is allocated to an Academic Mentor who usually retains this role throughout their mentees' time at university. The Mentor is responsible for reviewing and advising on students' academic progress. Students have regular meetings with their Academic Mentor during their first year and are invited for individual progression reviews in their second and third years of study.
- The Student Experience and Support Officers (SESO) are responsible for supporting students with non-academic issues which may affect their learning and can refer students on to a range of specialist health, welfare and financial services coordinated by the University's Student Services. There is a SESO based within each school, so students get consistent support from someone they are familiar with.
- In addition to the University's central careers service there is a designated School of Psychology careers tutor. Students are encouraged to consult with the careers tutor for any assistance in deciding upon career options and for assistance in applying for jobs. The Psychology Noticeboard on the KLE also contains a 'Careers' folder with a range of resources for students.
- Students with disabilities or medical problems will meet with a member of the University's Disability Support and Inclusion service and the School of Psychology Disability Inclusion Tutor where appropriate, at the start of the programme to discuss any special requirements they may have. Procedures will then be implemented according to the nature of the student's disability or medical problem. These procedures can range, for example, from allowing extra time for assessments to allocating additional support staff in classes.

All members of teaching staff on the Psychology Programme are available to see students during advertised weekly office hours or via appointment booking systems.

Academic Support Tutors who run psychology-specific learning support workshops (e.g. essay-writing, statistics support, revision sessions) outside of the planned curriculum. Our Academic Support Tutors are also available by appointment to provide students with one-to-one support.

## 16. Learning Resources

Most of the teaching in Psychology is carried out in the same building, which contains five lecture rooms, two teaching laboratories, and a number of seminar rooms. These rooms may be arranged either in traditional lecture format or more informally to allow students to work together in small groups. All of the rooms are equipped with computers, and electronic whiteboards or projection equipment. There is a psychology 'Learning Resources' room with computers which is available to undergraduate and postgraduate students for independent study, several of our teaching spaces are also open to student for independent study (when not in use for teaching), and also a number of student project rooms that are available to be used by undergraduate students to carry out project work.

## 17. Other Learning Opportunities

### 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.

### 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 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. Eligibility rules are included in the Annex.

Students wishing to take the work 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 in the Annex for the Work Placement Year.

## 18. Additional Costs

### Optional costs

There may be optional costs that students can choose to incur to enhance their learning experience. These are not required to complete the course. Details of these optional costs are outlined below to help you plan accordingly.

Student membership of the British Psychological Society: £33

Optional Field Trip for Cognitive Development to Trentham Monkey Forest: £13.90 (student concession rate at the time of writing), plus travel costs.

Additional costs may be incurred where a student elects to take a module requiring off-campus travel. It may be possible for a student to design a dissertation (PSY-30194) that requires off-campus travel, which will vary depending on specific activity required.

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

Students may also incur general expenses related to university study, such as for printing, textbooks and other materials. Students who undertake a placement may be responsible for additional costs, such as travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs. For further information, please refer to the [additional costs](#) information.

## 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 Revalidation 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: Psychology (September 2023): [https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/sbs/sbs-psychology-23.pdf?sfvrsn=5b58ae81\\_3](https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/sbs/sbs-psychology-23.pdf?sfvrsn=5b58ae81_3)
- c. Keele University Regulations and Guidance for Students and Staff: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations>
- d. BPS 2019: Standards for the accreditation of undergraduate, conversion and integrated Masters programmes in psychology January 2019: [https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/bps.org.uk/files/Accreditation/Undergraduate%20Accreditation%20Handbook%20\(2017\).pdf](https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/bps.org.uk/files/Accreditation/Undergraduate%20Accreditation%20Handbook%20(2017).pdf)

## 21. Annex - International Year

### BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology with International Year

<b>International Year Programme</b>
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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.

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.

Study at Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6 will be as per the main body of this document. The additional detail contained in this annex will pertain solely to students registered for the International Year option.

### **International Year Programme Aims**

In addition to the programme aims specified in the main body of this document, the international year programme of study aims to provide students with:

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

### **Entry Requirements for the International Year**

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

The criteria to be applied are:

- Academic Performance (an average of 55% 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 55% across all Level 5 modules. Students with up to 15 credits of re-assessment who meet the 55% requirement may progress to the International Year. 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 Academic Mentor, 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 Academic Mentoring 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. Communicate effectively in an international setting
5. Reflect on previous learning within an international context

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

### **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](http://www.gov.uk)

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

Students who meet external eligibility criteria 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**

### **BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology 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. Substantial experience of work with a relevant placement provider, including familiarisation with the professional working environment.
2. The opportunity to reflect upon how work with a relevant placement provider draws upon psychological principles, skills, theories or methods

#### **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, (\* or equivalent, work placement), will be automatically transferred onto the 3-year degree programme.

\* We recommend where possible students undertake a placement of between 9 - 12 months on a full-time basis to maximize academic and personal growth. However, the Work Placement Year mandates a minimum of 24 weeks in duration, ideally on a full-time basis, but no less than 21 hours per week. This enables those undertaking an unpaid placement to work on a part-time basis alongside.

The criteria to be applied are:

- A good University attendance record and be in 'good academic standing'.
- Academic Performance (an average of 50% across all modules in Semester 1 at Level 5 is normally required. Places on the Work Placement Year are then conditional on achieving an average mark of 50% across all Level 5 modules. Students with up to 15 credits of re-assessment who meet the 50% requirement may progress to the Work Placement Year. Where no Semester 1 marks have been awarded performance in 1st year marks and ongoing 2nd year assessments are taken into account)
- 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.
- Two formal contacts with the student during the placement year: the University supervisor will visit the student in their placement organization at around 5 weeks after the placement has commenced, and then visit again (or conduct a telephone/video call tutorial) at around 15 weeks into the placement.
- 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. communicate effectively and professionally in a work setting;
2. reflect on previous learning within a work context;
3. evaluate their own employability skills and develop these through practice in the work place;
4. apply psychological theory learnt as part of the taught degree to real situations in the work place;
5. reflect on their work placement activities and experiences and evaluate the impact on their employability skills;
6. explain the role of the placement provider from a psychological perspective with reference to their own role, experience and relevant psychological theory.

These learning outcomes will be assessed through the non-credit bearing Work Placement Year module (NAT-30010) which involves:

1. the submission of a reflective diary to the University supervisor;
2. a presentation about their placement experience to an audience of other students coming off placement and those about to go out on placements. The audience is also likely to contain academic supervisors and other interested staff from the School of Psychology;
3. a placement supervisor's report.

### **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 the zero-credit rated 'Work Placement Year' module (NAT-30010)
- 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](http://www.gov.uk)

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

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: BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology**

<b>Final Award and Award Titles</b>	BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology
<b>Intermediate Award(s)</b>	Diploma of Higher Education Certificate of Higher Education
<b>Last modified</b>	July 2024
<b>Programme Specification</b>	<a href="https://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/programmespecifications">https://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/programmespecifications</a>

The University's Academic Regulations which can be found on the Keele University website (<https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/>)<sup>[1]</sup> 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: Admission with advanced standing and module exemptions**

This programme varies from Regulation C3.5.10 (Recognition of Prior Learning).

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

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

### **Variation 2: Reassessments**

Regulation D1.12 (Reassessment)

2.1 Students are not permitted to undertake empirical work for the re-assessment of a methodology module if they cannot be supervised. There will be no consideration of seminar presentations in the reassessment of modules in which these activities are used in the initial assessment of the module.

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<sup>[1]</sup> 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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