



STUDY ABROAD

at Keele University

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WELCOME TO KEELE



We're Keele and We're different

Located in the heart of England, our campus of over 600 acres is the biggest in the UK and welcomes students of over 120 nationalities each year. Our study abroad students help us to create a genuinely diverse student body on campus and we are thrilled that you are considering Keele as your study abroad destination. Studying abroad is a life changing experience where you get the opportunity to challenge yourself, enhance your language skills and make lifelong friends.

Keele has always dared to be different when it comes to the courses we offer. Keele's study abroad programme offers you the chance to study subjects from Astrophysics to Media and Psychology as a truly inter-disciplinary experience.

We are proud to have been awarded 'University of the Year for Student Experience in 2017'* in addition to being consistently ranked in the top three in England for student satisfaction.

We hope you choose to study abroad at Keele and discover for yourself what makes Keele different.



Shortlisted for University of the Year 2020



100+ Erasmus+, Exchange and Study Abroad partners around the world

Top 10

Top 10 in England for Geography and Top 20 for Nursing and Midwifery, Pharmacy and Neuroscience

1st

1st in England for student satisfaction



Britain's biggest single site campus at 600+ acres

Top 25

Global top 25 for campus sustainability

Gold

Awarded Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

97%

of research was classed as world leading or of international importance

Top 100

Keele ranked in the top 100 universities in Europe





WHERE IS KEELE?

Ideally situated at the heart of the UK

The closest towns to Keele University are Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent both of which have a rich history in pottery, ceramics and decorative arts. Both towns offer plenty to see and do as well as having great facilities and perfectly located to visit other parts of the UK, with both Manchester and Birmingham being under an hour away.

MANCHESTER



BIRMINGHAM

LONDON

90

MINUTES FROM LONDON

45

MINUTES FROM BIRMINGHAM

45

MINUTES FROM MANCHESTER

90

MINUTES FLIGHT TO PARIS

4

HOURS BY TRAIN TO EDINBURGH

2.5

HOURS BY TRAIN TO THE LAKE DISTRICT



STUDY ABROAD AT KEELE



As a study abroad student at Keele, you get the opportunity to fully immerse yourself into university life. You can spend either one semester or a full year at Keele, attending lectures and seminars with other Keele students.

Keele University offers a number of opportunities for inbound students including:

Student Exchange: your university has an agreement with Keele and fees are paid to your home university. European students may still be able to study with us on exchange but please see our website for up to date information. This can be for a year or a semester.

Study Abroad: if your university does not have an agreement with Keele, you can study here as a fee paying visiting student. This can be for a year or a semester.

Short Programmes: we have agreements with universities to run short programmes of between 2-4 weeks during the academic year or during the summer. These are subject specific and a fee is payable. Contact Global Opportunities for more information.

**Term Dates**

The academic year at Keele runs from September to June and is split into two semesters.

Semester one:
September to January

Christmas vacation:
mid December to mid
January

Exam period:
January

Semester two:
January to June

Easter vacation:
March/April

Exam period:
May

Tuition Fees

Students from a university where we have an agreement do not pay tuition fees to Keele. Fees for your year abroad will be confirmed by your home university.

Study abroad students are expected to pay a visiting student fee for a semester or year. Fees for study abroad students can be found on our website: www.keele.ac.uk/studyabroad



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Choosing your course

The study abroad programme at Keele offers a flexible structure allowing you to study a range of modules in subject areas that interest you.

You can choose up to 120 credits across the year or 60 credits per semester. Keele is split into three Faculties and then into Schools. You can study in the majority of schools with some exceptions in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The module catalogue can be found on the website www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/

Students also have access to Keele's unique British Cultural Studies programme that examines Britishness: what is it and how it has developed over time. From cups of tea and our love for queuing to football hooliganism and the Royal Family, British Cultural studies is the key to understanding all things British!



Faculty of Humanities and Social Science

American Literature	Media, Communications and Culture
Criminology	Music and Music Technology
Education	Politics, International Relations and Philosophy
English	Social, Political and Global Studies
Film Studies	Social Science and Public Policy
History	Sociology
Humanities	
Keele Business School	
Law	
Liberal Arts	



Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences*

Allied Health Professions	Pharmacy and Bioengineering
Counselling	Primary, Community and Social Care
Medicine	Social Work
Nursing and Midwifery	



Faculty of Natural Sciences

Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry	Life Sciences
Computing and Mathematics	Physics and Astrophysics
Forensic Science	Chemical and Physical Sciences
Geography, Geology and the Environment	Psychology



LIFE ON CAMPUS

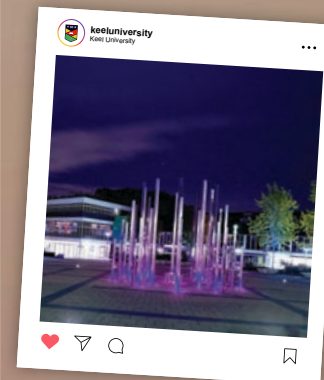
Everything's on your doorstep at Keele, with the most important facilities within walking distance at the centre of campus - which at over 600 acres is the biggest in the UK.

We want you to make the most of your time at Keele and we recognise that student life is more than just studying. All students are encouraged to get involved in the wide range of activities that take place across the University. Clubs and societies are a great way to meet new people and gain new skills, whether it's dance, sports or film making, you can get involved and try something new!



"I love the Keele campus. It provides so many nice places to chill and relax. Moreover, I enjoy going on a walk to nearby Keele village or in the woods."

Florian Michelmann,
JGU, Germany



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Library

Our 24/7 library on campus offers fantastic facilities and study space. The campus library, and separate Health Library, both offer free WIFI, excellent support, a choice of study spaces and access to extensive print and online resources.
www.keele.ac.uk/library

Students' Union

The Students' Union has everything you need whether you're grabbing a bite to eat, enjoying a coffee with friends, or waiting to dance the night away with performances from your favourite artists! Why not grab yourself some famous Keele merchandise from the SU shop too!

Union Square

With everything you need on your doorstep, Union Square is the hustle and bustle of campus with all things food, health, and study. Here you'll find, the Students' Union, Costcutter store, Pharmacy, Post Office, food and drink venues, as well as the Library and Chapel. We also have an Islamic Centre on campus, GP surgery and student support team as well as security available 24/7.

Sports Centre

With a gym, dance studio and both indoor and outdoor facilities, the Sport Centre has a wide range of activities to get involved with during your time at Keele - whether you play for fun or are competing at a national level!

Social Spaces

Central to campus, the Chancellor's social space is a great place to chill between lectures or meet friends for a chat and drink or group study. During Tuesday evenings it's home to a host of activities, including crafts, societies and film nights.

Food and Drink

Whether you want to stop off for a coffee between lectures or enjoy lunch with friends, there's plenty of eateries across campus to enjoy, open from morning till evening. There's something for everyone including our vegan and vegetarian options, foods from around the world, traditional and homemade dishes as well as meals for on-the-go from one of our campus shops.

Common Rooms and Halls Bars

Our halls common rooms and bars are open to all students whether you live on campus or off campus. These social spaces offer a place for you to relax and meet up with friends, in between lectures, in the evenings and at the weekend. Throughout the week, the campus bars serve a range of drinks (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) and food: hosting a range of activities, including quiz nights and karaoke!





YOUR HOME FROM HOME

Accommodation

We understand that it can be daunting living away from home and in a different country, but with our range of safe and sociable accommodation, you'll soon feel at home.

The University has five Halls of Residence on campus, with a total of over 3,000 rooms, all within easy walking distance of our restaurants, the Students' Union and the teaching buildings. We also have a Hall off campus with 140 bedrooms. Accommodation applications will ask students for their preferences and we will do our best to give you the type of accommodation requested, but cannot guarantee this.

Halls and facilities

Both single and mixed-sex accommodation is available, and there is the option of ensuite or shared bathroom facilities. We offer specially adapted rooms for students with disabilities. All rooms have wireless internet.

Facilities vary between halls, but most have their own common rooms and all have a launderette.

Accommodation fees

University accommodation represents great value for money. Accommodation fees cover Internet connection, basic personal possessions insurance and all utility services.

Fees vary according to hall and/or room facilities. Please see the website for details of our accommodation fees.

Safety and support

Student safety is one of our highest priorities and we have a 24 hour security team. Many accommodation buildings have student swipe-card entry systems and each hall of residence has a team of resident assistants on call during evenings and weekends.

Single gender

We have single gender accommodation in our traditional accommodation blocks (rooms with or without a washbasin or shared 4 person flats). All of our premier flats and premier ensuite rooms are mixed gender as these rooms have their own bathrooms - kitchens are shared between male and female students.



STUDENT SUPPORT

It's important to us that your time at Keele is spent feeling happy and healthy. Our Student Services teams provide support across all areas of student life from academic support and exam help to mental health and nutrition. Alongside the Global Opportunities Team, Students Services at Keele is a one stop shop for information, support and guidance based in the Tawney building on campus. They support every single Keele student, whatever you need throughout the whole year.



Global Opportunities

Throughout your time at Keele, the Global Opportunities Team (or GOT as we're affectionately known, but not to be confused with the famous TV show!) will be there to support you and answer any questions you have. We act as a liaison between you and your home university and Keele school wherever possible and will be your main contact from application to returning home.

International Student Support

International Student Support are here to support all International, EU and EEA students at Keele University. They provide specialist help and advice with any visa or immigration queries, information on working in the UK and assistance with any personal or academic issues you may have. They are responsible for the International Welcome at the beginning of the academic year and organise airport pickup at the beginning of each semester.

www.keele.ac.uk/internationalstudents/

English Language

Keele's Language Centre provides individual and group language and academic skills guidance for international students at all levels—from beginners to near-native speakers. Our credit-bearing modules are designed to help students develop the skills essential for success with their studies and research, and bookable 1:1 tutorials ensure as-needed, personalised English language support year-round.

Faith

Faith can be a central part of life. At Keele, we celebrate our diversity and do our best to offer appropriate support and provision to everyone – regardless of religion, faith, or background. We have chaplains and faith advisers from some of the major religions who can offer any student or member of staff support and guidance.

Academic Support

All students are assigned personal and subject tutor to support you academically during your time at Keele. There are lots of resources available online and in person to guide you through academic life at Keele.

www.keele.ac.uk/students/academiclife/

Counselling and Mental Health

We understand that coming to Keele is an exciting and happy time but that it can bring stress and challenges. We have a team of qualified mental health professionals on campus who work closely with you to give you the support you need. The service is accessible to all students and free of charge.

Disability Support

Keele's disability team are there to work with students before and during your stay to put in place any reasonable measures that may be required. They will liaise with you to arrange any adaptations to your accommodation or academic life wherever possible.





HOW TO APPLY

You are eligible to apply for study abroad at Keele if you have completed a minimum of one academic year at your home university. You must be registered as a student at the time of your application. For exchange students, a valid agreement must be in place at the time of applying. A full list of current partnerships can be found on the website:

www.keele.ac.uk/study/studyabroad/ourpartneruniversities

As part of the application process, you will be expected to submit a variety of documents:

- Nomination from your home university;
- Transcript of records;
- Passport copy;
- English language evidence if applicable (see below for further information);
- Personal statement;
- Details of any previous UK visas;
- Nomination letter from home university (study abroad students only).

Your application will be submitted online, the link will be sent to you by the Global Opportunities Team once we have received a nomination from your home university.

English language requirements

All non-native English speakers are required to provide evidence of English language ability with an application. The standard requirements would be:

- Overall IELTS (or equivalent) score of 5.5 with no component less than 5.5

If you do not meet the level of English required, we may be able to offer you a pre-session English course to bring you up to the required level. Further information can be found on the website www.keele.ac.uk/study/languagecentre/pre-sessional

Visas and Immigration

Before applying you should check www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa to determine if you require a visa to study in the UK.

Due to the ongoing Brexit negotiations, eligibility for a UK visa is unclear. Please check on the website: www.keele.ac.uk/sas/academicservices/immigration for further information or contact visa@keele.ac.uk with any queries.


Please note, passports should be valid for at least 6 months after the end of a mobility.



Connect with us

We are sure that Keele is a place where you will find a warm welcome and the Global Opportunities Team are here to advise you at any time, with anything from pre-arrival questions to providing your academic transcript at the end of your study abroad period.

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