

## Programme Specification: Undergraduate

### For students starting in Academic Year 2024/25

#### 1. Course Summary

<b>Names of programme and award title(s)</b>	BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management with International Year (see Annex for details) BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management with Work Placement Year (see Annex for details) BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management with Entrepreneurship 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 Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) - 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 2024/25 is £9,250*</p> <p><b>International students:</b></p> <p>Fee for 2024/25 is £21,900**</p> <p>The fee for the international year abroad is calculated at 15% of the standard year fee</p> <p>The fee for either the work placement year or entrepreneurship year is calculated at 20% of the standard year fee</p>

**Please note this document applies to Level 5 repeat (Year 2 repeat) and Level 6 (Year 3) students in 2024/25. Level 4 and Level 5 students should refer instead to the Business Management and Human Resources document.**

**How this information might change:** Please read the important information at <http://www.keele.ac.uk/student-agreement/>. This explains how and why we may need to make changes to the information provided in this document and to help you understand how we will communicate with you if this happens.

\* 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*

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## **2. What is a Single Honours programme?**

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

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

The Business and Human Resource Management Programme is a Single Honours Degree that enables students to specialise in Human Resource Management within the broader context of studying business and management. The Business and Human Resource Management Programme at Keele offers a unique insight into Business and Human Resource Management and Employment Relations by a main provider of courses in HRM in the UK. The programme is designed to promote students' ability to engage either in graduate employment, in HR or in business more generally, or to undertake further postgraduate study in Human Resource Management, Business Management and related subjects. Both subjects are established, key Social Science disciplines which possess a clear and coherent intellectual structure that engages with a broad range of other subjects, including international business, environmental science, politics, psychology, law and sociology.

The Single Honours programme is delivered by Keele Business School and has been developed from our commitment to the responsibilities of business and their managers to wider social improvement. As a signatory to the Principles of Responsible Management Education, we promote reflection on a broad range of issues that have informed research interests here for over 20 years, including the promotion of gender equality, developing socially responsible practices and respect for difference and diversity. Our undergraduate programme is taught by colleagues from across the school and exposes students to new areas of research and development in the discipline as well as to the foundations of business and human resource management.

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

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

The four-year Entrepreneurship option provides students with the enhanced opportunity to undertake a year-long placement within Keele's Innovation Hub, working on developing their own business idea (minimum 30 weeks full-time (1,050 hours) or equivalent) between levels 5 and 6 of their degree programme.

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

## **4. Aims of the programme**

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

- Think, talk, and write about Business and Human Resource Management in a systematic way, drawing on the intellectual traditions and scholarly methods of social sciences.
- Understand, evaluate and critically reflect on a range of concepts, theories and techniques relevant to contemporary developments in management.
- Understand, evaluate and apply a range of theories about the nature of the task of managing people at work.
- Appreciate the theory and empirical reality of Business and Human Resource Management in its historical,

social, political, legal and economic contexts.

- Develop an ability to draw from relevant complementary disciplines in order to explore and better understand organisations and work.
- Develop an understanding of the ways in which organisations operate, the role of managers in changing external and internal environments and in organisational activity.
- Acquire a critical understanding of the nature and development of Business and Human Resource Management, including managerial practices and worker organisation.
- Acquire a critical understanding of the role and impact of organisation's activities in society, including the responsibilities and challenges that can arise in a variety of sectors.
- Develop the capability to investigate and learn independently in social science disciplines, to gather relevant information and to evaluate, question and creatively synthesise this information in critical analysis.
- Acquire a range of relevant key skills (such as communication, working with others, self-improvement and problem solving) in preparation for employment or further study.
- Develop familiarity with suitable scholarship techniques, the methods of social scientific research and the limitations of different methodologies.
- Become familiar with the main quantitative and qualitative methods of social scientific research used in the collection and analysis of employment data.

## **5. What you will learn**

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

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

### **Subject knowledge and understanding**

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

- The contested nature of the employment relationship and its regulation.
- The main processes and actors in the regulation of the employment relationship.
- HRM theories and concepts and their relevance to organisations.
- Historical, social, political, legal and economic contexts of Business and Human Resource Management.
- Organisations, the changing environment in which they operate and how they are managed.
- The activity and impacts of managers and the people they employ, their operations, business policy, ethics and strategies.
- Issues familiar to social science that affect or influence the business environment such as globalisation, diversity, ethical or responsible business practice and technological change.

### **Subject specific skills**

Successful students will be able to:

- Describe and evaluate the application of key concepts and theoretical approaches to a range of contemporary problems in the management of labour and organisations.
- Explain and analyse the impact of social inequality and diversity and the significance of the historical, social, political, legal and economic contexts on the management of labour and the response of labour.
- Critically evaluate the effectiveness of current Business and Human Resource Management strategies and policies within organisations, and recommend enhanced strategies and policies.
- Assess and present the conclusions of theoretical and empirical work in Business and Human Resource Management to a range of audiences and in a variety of appropriate formats.
- Frame a research problem in the management of organisations and labour, deciding upon the factors that may be considered relevant to the purpose of the research.
- Utilise a variety of theories to analyse developments in the management of organisations.
- Utilise a variety of methods of communicating ideas in management including graphical, poster-based, and essay exposition.
- Apply logical reasoning based on knowledge of management to a variety of theoretical and applied topics and problems.
- Organise, present and analyse data using a methodology appropriate to social research.
- Frame a research problem, deciding upon the quality and limitations of a given approach

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

Successful students will be able to:

- Communicate using a variety of medium to a range of audiences.
- Work effectively both as an individual and as part of a group or a team, recognising and respecting the viewpoints of others and developing understanding and awareness of leadership styles and their impacts upon projects.
- Work effectively with information technology, literature searches and library resources.
- Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving.
- Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity, intellectual integrity and professional management skills.

## The 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 and ethical awareness**. 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:

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

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

## 7. Teaching Staff

Currently Keele Business School comprises of 34 full time academic staff members in various subject areas - professors, senior lecturers, lecturers and teaching fellows. Most staff members have teaching qualifications and those that do not are actively working to attain them. A number of staff have PhD qualifications and a number have professional qualifications. All members of staff seek to ensure that module content represents up to date standards and legislation and reflects current relevant research, including the results of their own research.

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

The University will attempt to minimise changes to our core teaching teams, however, delivery of the programme

depends on having a sufficient number of staff with the relevant expertise to ensure that the programme is taught to the appropriate academic standard.

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

## 8. What is the structure of the Programme?

The academic year runs from September to June and is divided into two semesters. The number of weeks of teaching will vary from course to course, but you can generally expect to attend scheduled teaching sessions between the end of September and mid-December, and from mid-January to the end of April/early May. 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.

Optional modules include Global Challenge Pathways - a choice of modules from different subject areas that count towards the overall credit requirement but not the number of subject-related credits.

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 (except for the TESOL pathway). **Information about Global Challenge Pathways can be found after the module lists for Level 6.**

### Language modules

Students on this programme will also be able to study language modules offered by the Language Centre, as part of a Global Challenge Pathway. You can enrol on either a Modern Language module [more information available at this [link](#)] (Semester 1 only) Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (Semesters 1 and 2) module (ENL-10053), or the Intercultural Explorer pathway (ENL-10057). See the Global Challenges Pathway information under the module lists for more details.

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.

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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 5	75	45	45
Level 6	60	60	60

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## Module Lists

### Level 5

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Employee Resourcing	HRM-20017	15	Semester 1
Employment Relations	HRM-20018	15	Semester 1
Organisational Behaviour	MAN-20055	15	Semester 1
Developing Professional Knowledge and Practice in HRM	HRM-20019	15	Semester 1-2
Managing Human Resources	HRM-20015	15	Semester 2

<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Managing in the Multinational Corporation	MAN-20084	15	Semester 1
Academic English for Business Students (Part 1)	ENL-90003	15	Semester 1-2
Academic English for Business Students ( 2)	ENL-90004	15	Semester 1-2
Operations and Quality Management	MAN-20053	15	Semester 2
Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility	MAN-20082	15	Semester 2
International Supply Chain Management	MAN-20083	15	Semester 2
Social Enterprise and Alternative Organising	MAN-20093	15	Semester 2

## **Level 5 Module Rules**

1. MAN-20084 Managing In the Multinational Corporation: Prerequisite: either Global Business Environments (MAN-10022) OR Introduction to International Business (MAN-10023)
2. ENL-90003 Academic English for Business Students (Part 1): Open only to non-native speakers of English on recommendation of the Language Centre. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.
3. ENL-90004 Academic English for Business Students (Part 2): open only to NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH on recommendation of the Language Centre. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.

### **Optional module selection:**

Choose a minimum of zero and a maximum of 15 credits from Semester 1 modules and a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 45 credits from Semester 2 optional modules

**In 2024-25, Level 5 of this programme is only offered for students who repeat the year at Level 5.**

The following modules are required for CIPD accreditation: HRM-20015, HRM-20017, HRM-20018 and HRM-20019.

For students undertaking a four-year version of the programme, the work placement, entrepreneurship year or international year options are taken between the second and third years of the programme. The work placement year encourages reflection on programme content from the first two years and represents a chance to put programme material into practice. Summaries of the International Year, Work Placement Year and Entrepreneurship Year are provided in the Annexes to this document.

## **Level 6**

<b>Compulsory modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Employee Development	HRM-30029	15	Semester 1
Pay and Performance Management	HRM-31119	15	Semester 1
Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP	HRM-31120	15	Semester 2
Enterprise Business Plan	MAN-30070	15	Semester 2

<b>Optional modules</b>	<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Period</b>
Advanced Business English Communication	ENL-90005	15	Semester 1
Business Strategy	MAN-30048	15	Semester 1
Comparative Business Cultures	MAN-30056	15	Semester 1
Academic English for Business Students (Part 1)	ENL-90003	15	Semester 1-2
Academic English for Business Students (2)	ENL-90004	15	Semester 1-2
Labour Economics	ECO-30032	15	Semester 2
Contemporary Issues in Management	MAN-30047	15	Semester 2
Marketing and Globalisation	MAN-30060	15	Semester 2
Managing International Projects	MAN-30065	15	Semester 2

## **Level 6 Module Rules**

1. HRM-31119 Pay and Performance Management: Students must have completed Year 1 module Foundations of HRM (HRM-10007) or Year 2 modules Employment Relations (HRM-20018) or Managing Human Resources (HRM-20015) as a pre-requisite.
2. HRM-31120 Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP: Pre-requisites: Managing Human Resources (HRM-20015) and/or Employee Resourcing (HRM-20017)
3. ECO-30032 Labour Economics: Pre-requisites: Introductory Microeconomics (ECO-10028) or equivalent; Introduction to Econometrics (ECO-20042) or equivalent.
4. MAN-30047 Contemporary Issues in Management: Successful completion of MAN-10018 Management in Context
5. ENL-90003 Academic English for Business Students (Part 1): Open only to non-native speakers of English on recommendation of the Language Centre. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.
6. ENL-90004 Academic English for Business Students (2): Open only to NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH on recommendation of the Language Centre. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.
7. ENL-90005 Advanced Business English Communication: Open only to THIRD-YEAR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH on recommendation of the Language Centre. Cannot be taken with other ENL- module (English Language module) in the same academic year.

Language modules: You can enrol on a Modern Language module (Semester 1 or Semester 2).

### **Optional module selection:**

Choose a minimum of 15 credits and a maximum of 45 credits from Semester 1 optional modules and a minimum of 15 credits and a maximum of 45 credits from Semester 2 optional modules.

The following modules are required for CIPD accreditation: HRM-31119 and HRM-31120.

### Global Challenge Pathways (GCPs)

Students have the option of taking a Global Challenge Pathway, which includes one 15-credit module at Levels 4, 5 and 6, or one 15-credit module at Levels 5 and 6. Students who started a Global Challenge Pathway at Level 4 will continue with the same pathway at Level 5. Students joining Global Challenge Pathways at Level 5 can join any pathway (except TESOL). Students at Level 6 will continue with the same Global Challenge Pathway they studied at Levels 4 and/or Level 5.

Global Challenge Pathways offer students the chance to fulfil an exciting, engaging route of interdisciplinary study. Choosing a pathway, students will be presented with a global issue or 'challenge' which directly relates to societal issues, needs and debates. They will be invited to take part in academic and external facing projects which address these issues, within an interdisciplinary community of students and staff. Students completing a Global Challenge Pathway will receive recognition on their degree certificate.

<p><b>Digital Futures</b></p>	<p>The Digital Futures pathway offers you the opportunity to take an active role in current debates, cutting-edge research, and projects with external partners, addressing both the exciting potential and the challenges of disruptive digital transformation across all spheres of life.</p> <p>Part of a diverse and interdisciplinary pathway community, you will engage in exciting, impactful collaborative project work in innovative formats on areas that matter most to you. Engaged in real-world scenarios as digital citizens, you will expand, deepen, and mobilise knowledge and skills to drive inclusive, empowering, and sustainable change at local and global levels.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: A digital life: challenges and opportunities (GCP-10005)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Digital World - People, Spaces, and Data (GCP-20005)</b></p> <p><b>Level 6 Module: Digital Citizenship and Sustainable Futures (GCP-30005)</b></p>
<p><b>Climate Change &amp; Sustainability</b></p>	<p>Through the Climate Change &amp; Sustainability pathway you will develop the skills, understanding and drive to become agents of change to tackle climate change and wider sustainability challenges.</p> <p>You will hear from international partners to learn about climate change and sustainability in different international contexts; lead your own projects to drive real change in your communities; and be part of educating and supporting others to help achieve a more sustainable future.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Climate Change and Sustainable Futures: Global Perspectives (GCP-10009)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Climate Change and Sustainability: Action and Activism (GCP-20009)</b></p> <p><b>Level 6 Module: Skills for Sustainability (GCP-30009)</b></p>



<p><b>Social Justice</b></p>	<p>The Social Justice pathway is based upon a transformative methodology which centres the student's role as 'agents of change' to reflect upon decolonising and feminist, perspectives on social justice, to forge critical outputs to transform the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>You will develop research and engagement skills with local, national, and international partners from Universities, NGOs, International Human Rights frameworks. You will engage with key societal challenges focused upon the Sustainable Development Goals, to develop an intersectional response from identity-based perspectives on race, gender, sexualities and disabilities. The pathway will allow you to monitor and critically evaluate policies and human rights treaties, and produce and disseminate digitally fluent, international and sustainable project findings.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Reflections on Social Injustices, Past and Present (GCP-10003)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Strategic Interventions for Social Justice (GCP-20003)</b></p> <p><b>Level 6 Module: Transforming Social Justice; Global Perspectives (GCP-30003)</b></p>
<p><b>Enterprise &amp; the Future of Work</b></p>	<p>In order to meet the challenges set out in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals we need to understand the power of enterprise and prepare for the future contexts of work, creativity and disruption. By providing you with the skills, knowledge and understanding of global challenges this pathway will prepare you to be part of future-facing solutions. This module will support you in developing creative, original thinking, allowing you to collaborate on projects that persuade and effect change, setting you up to thrive in future environments of work and innovation.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Enterprise and the Future of Work (GCP-10007)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Enterprise and the Future of Work: Collaborate to Innovate (GCP-20007)</b></p> <p><b>Level 6 Module: Enterprise and the Future of Work: Designing Change (GCP-30007)</b></p>
<p><b>Global Health Challenges</b></p>	<p>By taking the global health challenge pathway you will develop solutions to improve the health and quality of life for particular people and communities, engaging with these groups to co-design interventions.</p> <p>This pathway will provide you with skills that go beyond a focus on health and will allow you to develop your ability to work in a team and lead change in society. The knowledge, skills and work experience will complement your core degree and enhance your career opportunities and graduate aspirations.</p> <p><b>Level 4 Module: Key concepts and challenges in global health (GCP-10001)</b></p> <p><b>Level 5 Module: Using Evidence to Improve Global Health (GCP-20001)</b></p> <p><b>Level 6 Module: Working to Improve Global Health (GCP-30001)</b></p>

**Languages & Intercultural Awareness**

Communication within and across cultures is inseparable from language, and development of intercultural awareness can enable you to actively contribute to the shaping of an international future. The Language and Intercultural Awareness pathway allows you to engage in genuine interdisciplinary and international exchange and to understand and explore the link between language, culture and communication. Each of the strands we offer provides you with skills and direct experience for active engagement in working to face global challenges.

**The Language Specialist:** Become a specialist in one of our languages and graduate with a degree title that includes '... with competency in (Language)' or '... with advanced competency in (Language)'.

**The Language Taster:** Explore a new language every year.

**The Certificate in TESOL** (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages): **(NB: only available if starting from Level 4)** Enhance your undergraduate degree by studying the Trinity College Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). As an internationally recognised qualification, you can teach around the world, enabling you to travel whilst helping people develop their English Language Skills. You will also develop many transferable skills which will enhance your future employability.

**The Intercultural Explorer:** Through an interdisciplinary understanding of intercultural communication - as both an academic discipline and as a tool to promote and engage in global activity, you will explore the concept of culture. Module content and assessments allow you to examine in-depth the role of both culture and language in, for example, the UN sustainability goals.

**Modules available:**

**The Language Specialist:**

Any Semester 1 Language Module (the level at which you enter will be determined by your previous language learning experiences).

**The Language Taster:**

Any Semester 1 Language Module (the level at which you enter will be determined by your previous language learning experiences)

**The Certificate in TESOL (NB: only available if starting from Level 4):**

ENL-10053 TESOL 1

ENL-20007 TESOL 2

ENL-30009 TESOL 3

**The Intercultural Explorer:**

ENL-10057 The stories we live by

ENL-20009 Who do you think you are?

Information on Global Challenge Pathways can be found here:  
<https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/globalchallengepathways/>

**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 5**

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
The contested nature of the employment relationship and its regulation.	Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017
The main processes and actors in the regulation of the employment relationship	Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017
Human Resource Management theories and concepts and their relevance to organisations	Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015
Historical, social, political and economic contexts of Business and Human Resource Management	Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017
Organisations, the changing environment in which they operate and how they are managed	Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055
The activity and impacts of managers and the people they employ, their operations, business policy, ethics and strategies	Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055
Issues familiar to social science that affect or influence the business environment such as globalisation, diversity, ethical or responsible business practice and technological change	Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Describe and evaluate the application of key concepts and theoretical approaches to a range of contemporary problems in the management of labour and organisations.	Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Employment Relations - HRM-20018
Explain and analyse the impact of social inequality and diversity and the significance of the historical, social, political and economic contexts on the management of labour and the response of labour.	Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Employment Relations - HRM-20018
Critically evaluate the effectiveness of current Business and Human Resource Management strategies and policies within organisations, and recommend enhanced strategies and policies.	Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055
Assess and present the conclusions of theoretical and empirical work in Business and Human Resource Management to a range of audiences and in a variety of appropriate formats.	Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055
Frame a research problem in the management of organisations and labour, deciding upon the factors that may be considered relevant to the purpose of the research.	Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017
Utilise a variety of theories to analyse developments in the management of organisations	Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Employment Relations - HRM-20018
Utilise a variety of methods of communicating ideas in management including graphical, poster-based, and essay exposition	Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 All compulsory modules at this level
Apply logical reasoning based on knowledge of management to a variety of theoretical and applied topics and problems	Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 All compulsory modules at this level
Organise, present and analyse data using a methodology appropriate to social research	Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015
Frame a research problem, deciding upon the quality and limitations of a given approach	Employee Resourcing - HRM-20017 Employment Relations - HRM-20018 Managing Human Resources - HRM-20015 Organisational Behaviour - MAN-20055

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Communicate using a variety of medium to a range of audiences	All modules at this level
Work effectively both as an individual and as part of a group or a team, recognising and respecting the viewpoints of others and developing understanding and awareness of leadership styles and their impacts upon projects	All modules at this level
Work effectively with information technology, literature searches, library resources	All modules at this level
Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving	All modules at this level
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity, intellectual integrity and professional management skills	All modules at this level

## **Level 6**

<b>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
The contested nature of the employment relationship and its regulation.	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120
Human Resource Management theories and concepts and their relevance to organisations.	Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119 Employee Development - HRM-30029 Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120
Organisations, the changing environment in which they operate and how they are managed	All compulsory modules at this level
The activity and impacts of managers and the people they employ, their operations, business policy, ethics and strategies	Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119 Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120
Issues familiar to social science that affect or influence the business environment such as globalisation, diversity, ethical or responsible business practice and technological change	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 All compulsory modules at this level

<b>Subject Specific Skills</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Describe and evaluate the application of key concepts and theoretical approaches to a range of contemporary problems in the management of labour and organisations.	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 All compulsory modules at this level
Critically evaluate the effectiveness of current Business and HRM strategies and policies within organisations, and recommend enhanced strategies and policies.	All compulsory modules at this level
Assess and present the conclusions of theoretical and empirical work in Business and Human Resource Management to a range of audiences and in a variety of appropriate formats.	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119 All compulsory modules at this level
Frame a research problem in the management of organisations and labour, deciding upon the factors that may be considered relevant to the purpose of the research.	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119
Utilise a variety of theories to analyse developments in the management of organisations	Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119 Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 All compulsory modules at this level
Utilise a variety of methods of communicating ideas in management including graphical, poster-based, and essay exposition	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119 Enterprise Business Plan - MAN-30070
Apply logical reasoning based on knowledge of management to a variety of theoretical and applied topics and problems	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119
Organise, present and analyse data using a methodology appropriate to social research	Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120 Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119 All compulsory modules at this level
Frame a research problem, deciding upon the quality and limitations of a given approach	Pay and Performance Management - HRM-31119 Researching Contemporary Issues in HRM - ISP - HRM-31120

<b>Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes)</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Module in which this is delivered</b>
Communicate using a variety of medium to a range of audiences	All modules at this level
Work effectively both as an individual and as part of a group or a team, recognising and respecting the viewpoints of others and developing understanding and awareness of leadership styles and their impacts upon projects	All modules at this level
Work effectively with information technology, literature searches, library resources	All modules at this level
Demonstrate effective skills in problem-solving	All modules at this level
Demonstrate and sustain effective approaches to learning and study, including time management, flexibility, creativity, intellectual integrity and professional management skills	All modules at this level

## 9. Final and intermediate awards

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

<b>Honours Degree</b>	360 credits	<p>You will require at least 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>You must accumulate at least 270 credits in 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.</p> <p>*An exemption applies for students transferring from a Combined Honours programme - see point 3.4 here: <a href="https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/regulationc3/">https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/regulationc3/</a></p>
<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.

**Entrepreneurship Year option:** in addition to the above students must pass a non-credit bearing module covering the entrepreneurship year in order to graduate with a named degree including the 'with Entrepreneurship Year' wording. Students who do not complete, or fail the entrepreneurship 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:

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

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

## 11. Contact Time and Expected Workload

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

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

### Activity

	<b>Scheduled learning and teaching activities</b>	<b>Guided independent Study</b>	<b>Placements</b>
<b>Year 1 (Level 4)</b>	17%	83%	0%
<b>Year 2 (Level 5)</b>	16%	84%	0%
<b>Year 3 (Level 6)</b>	14.7%	85.3%	0%

## 12. Accreditation



The HRM programme is approved by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) against the CIPD Intermediate Level Diploma in Human Resource Management. Successful completion of this programme will give students CIPD Associate membership. This is the CIPD's first level of professional membership; it means that you can use the designatory letters 'Assoc CIPD' after your name and you can transfer from student membership to become an Associate and professional member of the CIPD (Assoc CIPD).

### 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/>

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

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

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

See the relevant course page on the website for the admission requirements relevant to this programme: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/study/>

Applicants who are not currently undertaking any formal study or who have been out of formal education for more than 3 years and are not qualified to A-level or BTEC standard may be offered entry to the University's Foundation Year Programme.

Applicants for whom English is not a first language must provide evidence of a recognised qualification in English language. The minimum score for entry to the Programme is Academic IELTS 6.0 or equivalent, with no subtest scores below 5.5.

#### 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:

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

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

## 16. Learning Resources

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

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

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

## 17. Other Learning Opportunities

### Study abroad (semester)

Students on the programme have the potential opportunity to spend a semester abroad in their second year studying at one of Keele's international partner universities. Please note that students cannot take both a Global Challenge Pathway (GCP) and the semester abroad option.

Exactly which countries are available depends on the student's choice of degree subjects. An indicative list of countries is on the website (<http://www.keele.ac.uk/studyabroad/partneruniversities/>); however this does not guarantee the availability of study in a specific country as this is subject to the University's application process for studying abroad.

No additional tuition fees are payable for a single semester studying abroad but students do have to bear the costs of travelling to and from their destination university, accommodation, food and personal costs. Depending on the destination they are studying at additional costs may include visas, study permits, residence permits, and compulsory health checks. Students should expect the total costs of studying abroad to be greater than if they study in the UK, information is made available from the Global Opportunities Team throughout the process, as costs will vary depending on destination.

Whilst students are studying abroad any Student Finance eligibility will continue, where applicable students may be eligible for specific travel or disability grants. Students who meet external eligibility criteria may be eligible for grants as part of this programme. Students studying outside of this programme may be eligible for income dependent bursaries at Keele. Students travel on a comprehensive Keele University insurance plan, for which there are currently no additional charges. Some governments and/or universities require additional compulsory health coverage plans; costs for this will be advised during the application process.

### Study Abroad (International Year)

A summary of the International Year, which is a potential option for students after completion of year 2 (Level 5), is provided 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. To be eligible for the placement year, students must have a good University attendance record. They must also have passed all Year 1 and Year 2 Semester 1 modules. Students must have met the progression requirements to proceed to their final year of study prior to commencing a placement.

Students wishing to take the 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.

### **Entrepreneurship Year**

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

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

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

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

Students successfully completing a series of language elective modules have the opportunity to gain an enhanced degree title including their language competency. Students taking language modules of at least 60 credits counting towards their main degree at Keele, and successfully completing minimum stage 6 in the chosen language, will be awarded an enhanced degree title with the designation 'with competency in [Language]'. Students taking language modules of at least 60 credits counting towards their main degree at Keele, and successfully completing stage 10 in the chosen language, will be awarded an enhanced degree title with the designation 'with advanced competency in [Language]'.

## **18. Additional Costs**

### **Work Placement Year Costs**

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

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%.

As to be expected there will be additional costs for inter-library loans and potential overdue library fines, print and graduation.

Professional Costs: CIPD membership fees could be applicable (for indication purposes, for July 2023-July 2024 this was £40 joining fee and £104 student membership fee per year but subject to review by the CIPD)

## **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: Business and Management (2015) [https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-](https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements?indexCatalogue=document-search&searchQuery=business&wordsMode=AllWords)

[code/subject-benchmark-statements?indexCatalogue=document-search&searchQuery=business&wordsMode=AllWords](https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements?indexCatalogue=document-search&searchQuery=business&wordsMode=AllWords)

**c.** Keele University Regulations and Guidance for Students and Staff: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations>

## 21. Annex - International Year

### Business and Human Resource Management with International Year

<b>International Year Programme</b>
<p>Students registered for this Single Honours programme may either be admitted for or apply to transfer during their period of study at Level 5 to the International Year option. Students accepted onto this option will have an extra year of study (the International Year) at an international partner institution after they have completed Year 2 (Level 5) at Keele.</p> <p>Students who successfully complete both the second year (Level 5) and the International Year will be permitted to progress to Level 6. Students who fail to satisfy the examiners in respect of the International Year will normally revert to the standard programme and progress to Level 6 on that basis. The failure will be recorded on the student's final transcript.</p> <p>Study at Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6 will be as per the main body of this document. The additional detail contained in this annex will pertain solely to students registered for the International Year option.</p>
<b>International Year Programme Aims</b>

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 MS Teams conversations with Study Abroad tutor, in line with recommended Academic Mentoring meeting points.
- Support from the University's Global Opportunities 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. Design, plan and critically evaluate research projects with respect to Business and Human Resource Management.
5. Record relevant information accurately and systematically and reflect on a range of sources in a critical manner.
6. Integrate, apply and develop enhanced principles relating to the analysis of Business and Human Resource Management.
7. To recognise, describe and explain cultural phenomena across national boundaries and reflect critically upon problems relating to contemporary society and culture.

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

### **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 Opportunities 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**

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

#### **Entry Requirements for the Work Placement Year**

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

The criteria to be applied are:

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

Students may not register for the Work Placement Year if already enrolled on either the International Year and an Entrepreneurship Year.

## **Student Support**

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

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

## **Learning Outcomes**

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

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

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

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

## **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 (MAN-30068)

Students will be expected to behave professionally in terms of:

(i) conforming to the work practices of the organisation; and

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

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

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

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

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 - Entrepreneurship Year**

### **Business and Human Resource Management with Entrepreneurship Year**

#### **Entrepreneurship Year summary**

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

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

#### **Entrepreneurship Year Programme Aims**



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

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

### **Entry Requirements for the Entrepreneurship Year**

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

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

Students may not register for Entrepreneurship Year if already enrolled on either the International Year or a Work Placement Year.

### **Student Support**

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

- Students are supported throughout the year by the administrative lead and academic lead of the entrepreneurship module. There will also be a programme of support offered by the Entrepreneurs in Residence.
- Students also have access to various guides in terms of their assessment via KLE as well as the opportunity for 1-2-1 meetings with the academic lead to discuss their progress.

### **Learning Outcomes**

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

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

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

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

### **Regulations**

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

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

Students will be expected to behave professionally in terms of:

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

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

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

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

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