



# STUDY ABROAD AT LEICESTER

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I have no words to describe how incredible, wonderful, amazing and absolutely perfect this experience has been for me. To all of you in doubt: go.



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# WELCOME TO LEICESTER

We've got the world-leading courses. We've got the friendly campus. And we've got the passion and facilities to help you thrive.

Come to Leicester and we'll make your time here unforgettable. You'll leave with a renewed sense of purpose, greater confidence, and the drive to tackle whatever life and work throw at you.

This is your next step. We'll help you find your feet – then find out what you're made of.

If you're looking for reasons to choose Leicester, we've got plenty.

## **A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES**

Whatever you're passionate about, chances are you'll find a course that interests you. Our degrees come in all shapes and sizes.

## **IN THE HEART OF THE UK**

Just an hour train ride from London, and within easy reach of major airports, Leicester is really accessible. It's also cycle-friendly and has a good quality bus service.

## **LOCAL FEEL, GLOBAL MINDSET**

Leicester has a thriving international community waiting to welcome you. In fact, you'll be sharing the campus and classrooms with students from over 110 different countries.

No matter how far you've come, we want you to feel at home – and provide specialist staff to make sure you enjoy the best experience possible.

## **THE BRIGHTEST MINDS**

Learning at Leicester is progressive, thoughtful, and research-driven. Our academics are some of the best in the world at what they do, and will bring out the best in you too.

## **CHEAPER LIVING COSTS**

Compared to many cities here and abroad, Leicester's living costs are quite low. In fact, it's consistently rated one of the most affordable places in the UK.

## **EVERY KIND OF HELP**

Welfare support, academic assistance, or just everyday advice – we're here for whatever you need.

## **SOMETHING SPECIAL**

We're the UK's only living war memorial – a university built by local citizens to honour those who served in the First World War.



## CAMPUS LIFE

Our campus is small enough to feel at home, big enough to branch out and experience new things.

Life at Leicester is more than just what happens in class. You can join a student group or society, make use of our first-rate sporting facilities, or all of the above – it's up to you.

Either way, getting involved in campus life is worth it. And chances are you'll make some great memories – and even greater friends.

### SPACES DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND

Wherever you walk around campus, you'll come across cosy corners, green patches, and other spaces to meet up with friends, take time out, or get ahead on your assignments.

### A UNION FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS

Just by coming to Leicester, you're a member of the Students' Union. The organisation supports over 200 student clubs and societies. It also has jobs and volunteering opportunities, as well as great services – including welfare support and academic advice.

### ALWAYS HERE TO HELP

Whatever kind of support you need, you can rest assured – we'll be there to help. The Student Services Centre (SSC) is your first port of call for any questions, information or advice.

### ACCOMMODATION

You're guaranteed a place in University of Leicester accommodation if you apply before the deadline. We offer a variety of fun and safe living options for you to choose from, including catered or self-catered accommodation.

To help you get to know your neighbours, there are regular social events and there is plenty of support on hand if you need it.

[www.le.ac.uk/accommodation-ug](http://www.le.ac.uk/accommodation-ug)

## SETTLING IN

We run an Orientation Programme before classes begin in September and January of each year. We will even pick you up at Heathrow Airport – just book a place on the Airport Bus Service.

The Orientation Programme is the perfect time to get yourself up to speed, and you can:

- Complete registration
- Attend welcome talks
- Visit your department
- Enjoy social events

We will send you a full schedule before you arrive.

## CULTURAL TOURS

One of the best aspects of the study abroad experience is immersing yourself in a new culture and exploring your new home. We organise cultural tours to must-see destinations across the UK, such as Edinburgh, Wales, Stonehenge or York. As well as allowing you to discover the UK, cultural tours are a great way to meet fellow students.



## WELCOME TO THE CITY OF LEICESTER

Leicester is a city bursting with character, culture and colour. It's as affordable as it is friendly, and located right in the heart of the UK.

We're proud to say it also ranks as the second happiest city in the country. Given the amount of things you can do, see and experience here – this isn't too hard to believe.

It is an amazing experience... to discover a new culture, live abroad by yourself, understand how studies in a foreign country are taught, develop your independent skills and capacities and meet new different people.



# APPLY TO LEICESTER

Wherever you are right now, we want to make applying to Leicester easy.

We offer two main pathways to study with us:

## 1) Exchange programmes

If your home university holds an exchange agreement with the University of Leicester, apply through your Exchange Coordinator. We will inform partner universities of the nomination and application process. Students successfully selected by their home universities will be directed how to submit an application by the required deadline.

**2) Direct applicants:** If your university does not have an exchange partnership with the University of Leicester but they are happy for you to study with us for a semester or a full year.

In both cases, applications are made online. For the latest information see [www.le.ac.uk/global-opportunities](http://www.le.ac.uk/global-opportunities)

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Dates

You can join us for a semester or a full year. Our full academic year runs from September to June.

### Credit System

Do make sure that modules taken at Leicester can be taken as an accredited part of your degree programme. You should check with your home university if credit transfer is permitted.

Students can choose 60 University of Leicester credits per semester, or 120 per year.

### Assessments for Semester One

Exams for Semester One take place in January.

Study Abroad students may be offered alternative assessments. However, you will need to stay for the January exams if you are studying:

- Biological Sciences
- Engineering
- Geology
- Mathematics

### Entry Visa and Residence Permit

If you do not have EU/EEA nationality, you may need permission to enter the UK. Please check:

[www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa)

If you require visa advice or guidance please refer to the UKVI website, or contact a Visa Adviser in our Welfare Office with any questions at [visas@le.ac.uk](mailto:visas@le.ac.uk).

### English Language

If English is not your first language, you should provide evidence of your proficiency:

- Science\* Modules: 6.0 IELTS/ 80 TOEFL iBT (\*Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Physics. Also the ELTU)
- Law Modules: 7.0 IELTS/ 100 TOEFL iBT
- All other modules: 6.5 IELTS/ 90 TOEFL iBT

If you require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK, you will need to obtain at least a 5.5 in reading, writing, listening and speaking in IELTS (or equivalent).



## HOW TO FIND US

**By Train:** Leicester lies at the intersection of the London-Sheffield line and the Birmingham-Standed line. Journey times are: from London 70 minutes; Sheffield 75 minutes and Birmingham 60 minutes.

The University may be reached on foot in 15 minutes from the station.

**By Air:** There are direct bus services to Leicester from the regional airports: Birmingham Airport and East Midlands Airport and from London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Luton airports as well as direct trains from London Stansted.

**By Car:** From M1 (North and South) Junction 21/M69: Follow A563 Outer Ring Leicester South/East for four miles to lights at junction with A50/A5199 Northampton road. Turn left, signposted A50/A5199 City Centre, and follow the Welford Road for 1.4 miles to junction with University Road.

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best UK university\*

\*Times Higher Education  
World University Rankings 2019

**94.4%**  
employability\*

\*latest DLHE

**Top 10 UK university**  
for producing CEOs\*

\*Emolument.com

**Top 25**  
UK University targeted by  
leading employers\*

\*The Graduate Market 2019

**Top 20**  
Students' Union\*

\*voted 15<sup>th</sup> best in the country by  
students on StudentCrowd

**3<sup>rd</sup> most affordable**  
city\*

\*NatWest's Student Living Index

**2<sup>nd</sup> happiest city**  
in the UK\*

\*9NINE Super Seed

 **Leicester stands**  
together\*

\*HeForShe - 1 of only 10 University  
IMPACT Champions worldwide

**Top 35**  
world university for sustainability\*

\*UI GreenMetric World University  
Rankings 2018

**Top 100**  
Europe's most innovative  
universities\*

\*Reuters 2019

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