



Key Data on Institution

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Study Abroad Applications

Application Deadlines

- Semester 1 (Fall or Full Year): 21 April 2017
- Semester 2 (Spring): 6 October 2017

How to Apply

We will be switching to an online application system. Please refer to the information on the applications webpage for more information: www2.le.ac.uk/offices/international/overseas-exchange/incoming/study-abroad/how-to-apply

Supporting documents:

- Current university transcript
- Passport ID-page scan
- English Language qualification (if required)

We no longer require references for applicants from partner universities that satisfy our 3.0 CGPA requirement. As part of the application form students should include contact details for academic referees should we need to obtain a reference. Students that do not meet our 3.0 CGPA requirement should request their home university's Study Abroad adviser to contact us to discuss their nomination.

Programme

Academic Calendar & Dates

The academic year at the University of Leicester is divided into terms and semesters. Examination periods cross-over terms. There are two semesters and three terms (Fall, Spring, Summer).

Please view the 'Dates and Calendar' webpage for more information: www2.le.ac.uk/offices/international/overseas-exchange/incoming/study-abroad/programmes-1/dates-of-programme

Orientation Week Programme

Twice each year we run an Orientation Week Programme for our study abroad students. A student should attend Orientation when they arrive. Orientation weeks are held in September and January of each year. Each week includes the Airport Bus Service, welcome talks, registration, visa guidance, academic information, and social events. A full schedule will be sent to students before they arrive.

Airport Bus Service

- Semester 1 arrivals: 18 September 2017
- Semester 2 arrivals: 8 January 2018

The Airport Bus Service is free of charge, but students are required to book a place in advance to reserve a seat. Booking instructions are included in our Joining Instructions booklet. The Study Abroad Team will be the airport on the day to welcome students. Buses will depart London Heathrow Airport and take students to University of Leicester hall accommodation.

Examination Dates

- Semester 1 exams end 12 January 2018
 - Semester 2 exams end 8 June 2018
 - Year: students staying with us for the full year are expected to attend examination periods in January and June
- Study Abroad students joining us for a semester only can request alternative assessment for most departments, these students will be able to depart early in December or May. Please see the 'Exams' section for departments that require exams.

Vacation & Independent Study

The vacation periods can surprise some of our overseas students. This time could be spent on campus or used by students for independent travel. However students should note that this time is intended for independent study and preparation for the exam period which directly follows. Please see the academic calendar webpages for dates.

Transcripts

The Study Abroad team will send two copies of a student's transcript directly to their home university. We do this as many students depart before transcripts are released by our Registry Office in July. We ask for the home university's assistance in providing one copy to the student.

Visas

Study Abroad Advisers are not permitted to give visa advice. However once a student has been sent a study offer and a student number, they are welcome to contact our team of Visa Advisers in the University of Leicester Student Welfare Service.

Please note that if a student requires a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK, they will need to obtain at least a 5.5 in each band (reading, writing, speaking, listening) of the IELTS exam.

Students applying for a Tier 4 visa will be required to demonstrate that they have money for any course fees, plus £1,015 for living costs for each calendar month of their course.

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/international/overseas-exchange/incoming/study-abroad/offer-holders-study-abroad/visas-new/visas>



Academic Information & Modules

Language of instruction: English

English Language Requirements

If English is not your native language and/ or language of instruction at university level in a country where English is the native language you will need to satisfy our English Language requirements: https://le.ac.uk/student-life/international-students/english-language-requirements?uol_r=ac618e60

- Science* modules: 6.0 IELTS
(*Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Physics. Also the ELTU)
- Law modules: 7.0 IELTS
- All other modules: 6.5 IELTS

Academic Departments

- American Studies
- Ancient History & Archaeology
- Biological Sciences (*exams apply*)
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Economics
- Engineering (*exams apply*)
- English Language (ELTU)
- English Literature
- Geography
- Geology (*exams apply*)
- History
- History of Art & Film
- Law
- Management Studies
- Mathematics (*exams apply*)
- Media & Communication
- Modern Languages (French, Italian, Spanish, Translation Studies)
- Natural Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Political and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

Class Restrictions & Timetables

All module (class) requests are considered on a case by case basis. An academic department may refuse a student's module request based on academic pre-requisites, English Language requirements, or full class sizes. **The School of Management has very small class sizes so prior-approval for requests is required.** Please contact us as soon as possible if your student requires Management modules.

Timetables are confirmed two weeks before classes begin. Classes from different levels (100/ 200/ 300) and departments may clash. We recommend students seeking credit transfer to have a full list of approved alternative modules in case they need to change their class list when they arrive on campus. There will be a two-week window after arrivals when students can adjust their class lists.

Exams

Most departments will offer alternative assessments, such as essays or lab-work, to replace the examinations. This permits students to depart early in December or May according to their semester choice. However some departments require students to remain on campus throughout the examination periods in January and June. **Students studying any modules in Biological Sciences, Engineering, Geology, and/ or Mathematics are required to remain on campus and sit examinations in January and/ or June.** No exceptions can be made for classes in these subjects.

Accommodation

Locations: Halls are grouped as either Oadby Student Village (OSV) or City Living. The OSV is approximately a 40 minute walk from the main campus, so many students choose to buy a bus pass. Shops and a supermarket are nearby, and students can enjoy the University's botanical garden. City Living halls are approximately a 10 minute walk from the main campus. All halls offer social events for students throughout the year.

Contract Lengths: when students submit their hall request the dates of the booking contract may not match the study abroad programme dates. If this happens we ask students to email accommodation@le.ac.uk to request an adjustment of the booking contract.

Room Applications: We will provide students with a step-by-step guide after they receive their student number. A deposit of £250 is required to secure the booking. Applications can be made through the accommodation portal: https://rooms.le.ac.uk/student_portal/

Costs

Surveys by HSBC (2014/ 2015) have found that the University of Leicester is the most affordable place for undergraduate students in the UK.

How much each student spends will depend on their choices, however we estimate that students should budget approximately £800 per month for a student lifestyle to cover accommodation, lighting, heating, food, and personal expenses.

Proof of additional funds will be required for students joining us on a Tier 4 visa:

<https://le.ac.uk/student-life/advice/budgeting>

Fall Term 1 budget example (September to December)

- Hall room with meal-plan £1,752.00
(OSV, Beaumont Hall, essential catered, single bedroom with washbasin, £146.00pw for 12 weeks)
- Books £30.00
- Bedding pack £24.00
- Bus pass £135
- Study Tours £84
- Sports Centre membership £133.00
- Mobile phone and pay-as-you-go sim plan £75.00
- NUS card £12.00
- 16-25 Railcard £30
- Personal expenses £800.00

Total: £3,075

What's not included?

Students are welcome to opt-in and purchase extra services and facilities if they wish: Books, Miscellaneous items, Bus passes, Sports Centre membership, catering.

Books: Typically our students do not buy many books, but rather use many texts and journals which are available from our library, including multiple copies of essential textbooks.

Miscellaneous items: Shop@le can be used to purchase bedding, kitchen equipment, and bathroom towel packs which can be delivered to hall accommodation rooms before students arrive.

Buses: frequent bus services are run throughout the city by private companies. Reduced fare student bus passes can be purchased online or at the Students' Union on campus.

Sports Centres: There are two Sports Centres run by the University of Leicester, located in the Oadby Student Village and the main campus. Each Sports Centre has a swimming pool, exercise equipment, and fitness classes. New members are invited to schedule a mini-health check and create a tailored fitness plan when they join.

Food: Students that choose 'essential-catered' rooms in university halls will have a meal-plan included in the price of their room booking. Students that choose 'self-catered' rooms are welcome to book a meal-plan at an additional cost. Plans can be purchased per term, or for the full year. All catering outlets on campus are available to students to purchase meals and snacks as required.