Study Abroad at the University of Leeds

At the heart of the city of Leeds, West Yorkshire, the University was founded in 1904. It’s now home to over 38,000 students, including 11,000 international students from over 170 countries.

Globally renowned for the quality of our teaching and research, we are ranked in the top 100 universities (QS World University Rankings 2020) and are part of the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities. Our students rate us too – in the National Student Survey 2018 we had an ‘overall satisfaction’ score of 88%.

www.leeds.ac.uk/about
Leeds is a lively, multicultural city, surrounded by beautiful, accessible countryside. It’s just two hours by train from London and three hours from Edinburgh. The city centre has over 1,000 shops, over 300 bars and restaurants, 16 galleries and museums and four major theatres.

www.leeds.ac.uk/citylife
Incoming study abroad and semester or year exchange

Through the study abroad and exchange programmes students are able to spend one or two semesters studying at the University of Leeds, and can transfer the credits earned back to their home universities. All exchange and study abroad students are taught with home and international students who are taking a full degree programme. There are a wide variety of modules (courses) available across seven faculties and there are pre-sessional and in-sessional English courses to help students develop their English language skills.

studyabroad@leeds.ac.uk
www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad

Leeds International Summer School (LISS)

Leeds International Summer School offers students the opportunity to study at the University of Leeds and immerse themselves in British culture as part of an exciting two or four week programme each July. Taking advantage of the vibrant, student-friendly city of Leeds, and the history, culture and natural beauty of the area, the summer school combines world-class tuition with local knowledge, academic-related field trips, and a wide variety of social activities.

summer@leeds.ac.uk
www.leeds.ac.uk/summer
Study abroad and exchange academic information

Minimum GPA requirements
60 average (University of Leeds system)
3.0 (US system)
5.5 (Australian system – on the 7.0 scale)

If a student has not met the grade requirement and there were factors that negatively affected their grades, please contact the Study Abroad Office as we can take mitigating circumstances into account and review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Minimum language requirements
IELTS 6.0 overall with no component lower than 5.5.

Non-native speakers of EU/EEA nationality are expected to meet level B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Please note: 1) We must base decisions on the language level shown on the last certificate the student submits. 2) Some teaching schools have a higher requirement than our standard minimum.

Course load per semester
60 Leeds credits per semester/120 credits for the full academic year.

Students may take 50 credits per semester and still be considered a full-time student, but must have this agreed with their home university.

10 Leeds credits (5 ECTS) is equivalent to 100 hours of study, including lectures, seminars and independent learning.

Undergraduate module (course) information
As a study abroad student you can apply for modules from across the University. Please look at our module catalogue and search by ‘incoming study abroad’.

Priority will be given to students who study the related subject as their degree major. Specific academic subject guidance should be checked at

Postgraduate module (course) information
Some teaching schools may allow exchange students to apply for postgraduate modules. The postgraduate module catalogue can be accessed from

Pre-requisites must be met and applicants should carefully consider if there are suitable modules available before submitting an application.

Applicants should note that academic transcripts for postgraduate modules are not released until the November after studies have ended.

Module (course) duration
Some modules take two semesters (the full academic year) to complete. These modules are listed as ‘Semester 1 and 2’ in the module catalogue. Students cannot study a ‘Semester 1 and 2’ module if they are coming to Leeds for one semester only.

Most modules in these schools are ‘Semester 1 and 2’ modules:
- Chemical and Process Engineering (CAPE)
- Design (Fashion Design and Fashion Marketing modules)
- Electronic and Electrical Engineering (ELEC)
- Healthcare (HECS)
- Languages Cultures and Societies (ARAB, FREN, GERM, ITAL, SPPO)
- Law (LAW)
- Mechanical Engineering (MECH and PDES)

Therefore, students coming to Leeds for one semester only, would need to choose modules in other disciplines or teaching schools to make up their credit load. They will need to consider carefully if their intended programme of study meets the requirements of their home University.

Fine Art and Design studio modules
Studio practice modules in the teaching schools of Fine Art and Design are open to students studying these subjects as majors at their home university.

Before students submit a formal application they should send a portfolio to the relevant teaching School to obtain permission to apply for studio modules. The portfolio check process can be found at

Nomination from partner institution
Nomination instructions will be sent to partners and agents in February and September. All students must be nominated and have applied by the deadline.

Application form
Nominated applicants apply online at

Students applying for studio Design or Fine Art modules should submit a portfolio of work to the relevant school prior to their formal application. Further guidance can be found here

Pre-sessional language courses
If students do not meet our standard minimum entry requirements, the Language Centre offers a range of pre-sessional courses starting in April, July, August and October. The language requirements and fees information for these courses are at
Leeds International Summer School (LISS)
academic information

Minimum GPA requirements
56 average (University of Leeds system)
2.8 (US system)
5.0 (Australian system – on the 7.0 scale)

If a student has not met the grade requirement and there were factors that negatively affected their grades, please contact the Study Abroad Office as we can take mitigating circumstances into account and review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Minimum language requirements
IELTS 5.5 overall with no component lower than 5.0.

We must base decisions on the language level shown on the last certificate the student submits.

Non-native English speakers of EU/EEA nationality are expected to meet Level B2 on the CEFR.

Course load per semester
10 Leeds credits per two-week block/20 credits for the full four-week programme.

10 Leeds credits (5 ECTS) is equivalent to 100 hours of study, including lectures, seminars and independent learning.

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<td>3. Portfolio of work for Music</td>
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| Acceptance decision from the University of Leeds | Once students have applied to the University of Leeds, their application will be reviewed within six weeks. | Once students have applied to LISS, their application will be reviewed within three weeks. |

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<td>2. January start – four weeks after the student receives their formal acceptance</td>
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| Visa application (non EU nationals) | www.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroadvisa |
Student support

Arrival and orientation
Before they arrive, students will receive information about the Facebook buddy group and their orientation programme, which includes compulsory welcome talks and social events.
www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingprepare
Students can also talk to current students about their experiences and to ask questions about what it’s like to study in Leeds through our Link to Leeds Ambassador Scheme.
www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds

Accommodation
University of Leeds accommodation is guaranteed to all new international students who apply by the application deadline. There is a wide range of accommodation available – on and off campus, catered and self-catered and en-suite or standard (not en-suite).
accommodation.leeds.ac.uk

Study Abroad Office
The Study Abroad Office drop-in service is always a point of contact for your students during their time at Leeds.
www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad
Each full-year or single-semester student is allocated to a parent school, which becomes the main point of contact for your students after they have arrived. Parent schools monitor attendance and provide students with a personal tutor.
The study abroad coordinator (for full-year or single semester students) is an academic point of contact for your students.

Global Community
The Global Community team organise events and activities which enable our study abroad students to make the most of their time in Leeds and the UK. This varied programme runs throughout the year, with special trips and events organised within and out of term time.
www.leeds.ac.uk/globalcommunity

Skills@library
Skills@library offers lots of services to students to support their academic studies. These include one-to-one appointments and workshops on structuring essays, critical thinking and more. There are also Flying Start resources, aimed at all students new to the University of Leeds.
library.leeds.ac.uk/skills

Disability Services
The Disability Services team helps students with physical disabilities, learning difficulties or mental health conditions throughout their time at Leeds. Our expert team will work with students before their arrival make any necessary arrangements to support their time at Leeds.
students.leeds.ac.uk/disabledstudents

International Student Office
The International Student Office can offer advice about immigration and living in the UK.
students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents

Student Counselling and Wellbeing Service
The Student Counselling and Wellbeing Service provides free professional and confidential counselling, wellbeing and mental health support through one-to-one appointments, workshops, groups and web-based self-help.
students.leeds.ac.uk/supportandwellbeing
Student opportunities

Leeds for Life
This service supports personal and professional development and helps students get the most out of their time at the University of Leeds.
www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsforlife

Leeds University Union (LUU)
Independent of the University, the students’ union (Leeds University Union) represents the student community. The students’ union building is at the centre of campus, with a range of facilities and services for students, including Student Advice. LUU runs over 300 student-led clubs and societies, offering students leadership responsibilities and the chance to meet people who share their interests.
www.luu.org.uk

The Careers Centre
All students and alumni have access to Careers Centre services. The Careers Centre can help students prepare for job applications and interviews, as well as hosting events on campus that bring together students and employers.
careerweb.leeds.ac.uk

Sport and fitness
Whether you want to keep fit, play sport socially or compete at a high level, you’ll find everything you need at Leeds to be active and feel your best.
sport.leeds.ac.uk
## Important dates

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<td>Non EU nationals: 31 March (preferred)</td>
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<td>July and August start: 31 March</td>
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<td>October start: 31 July</td>
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<td>First three days of LISS</td>
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Examinations

There are two exam periods at the University of Leeds: one in January and one in May/June.

If Semester 1 students find that teaching at their home university clashes with the January exam period, they can apply to take exams at their home university. They will pay a fee for this.

If students need to re-sit all or part of a module, the re-sit period is in August. These resits may be taken overseas if appropriate. This will involve a fee.

LISS modules are assessed by other means, such as coursework, presentations, practical assignments in class.

www.students.leeds.ac.uk/personalisedexamarrangements

Top 3 in the UK for student experience

Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018
All undergraduate official transcript of records will be released in mid-July after the results are officially released.

Semester 1 only students will receive an electronic provisional transcript in late February. Please note that these marks remain provisional, and are therefore subject to change, until they are officially released in July.

Postgraduate marks are officially released in November, so official transcripts for students who have taken postgraduate modules may not be available until this time. LISS students will receive their transcripts in September.
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