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Applications

Application and nomination deadlines

- Semester 1 (Fall or Full Year): 31 May 2021
- Semester 2 (Spring): 31 October 2021

How to apply

We have an online application system. Please refer to the information on the applications web page for more information:

www.le.ac.uk/studyabroad-apply

Supporting documents

- Current official university transcript (3.0 CGPA)
- Passport ID-page scan
- Personal statement
- English Language qualification (if required)

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 and dates

Semester one: 27 September 2021 – 16 January 2022

Vacation: 17 December 2021 – 10 January 2022

Semester 1 exams take place in early to mid-January 2022.

Many departments will offer alternative assessments, such as essays or lab-work, to replace January examinations. If you are joining us for Semester 1 only, and are able to arrange alternative assessments for all of your modules, you may depart at the end of term one, prior to the Christmas break.

Students taking modules in Biological Sciences, Engineering, Geology, and/or Mathematics are required to remain on campus and sit examinations in January. No exceptions can be made for classes in these subjects.

Semester two: 10 January 2022 – 10 June 2022

Vacation: 1 April 2022 – 3 May 2022

Semester 2 exams take place in mid-late May 2022.

Arrivals

We provide a free Airport Bus Service for new students at the beginning of each intake. The precise date for the service will be provided in students' offer letters, but the provisional dates for 2021/22 are as follows:

- Semester 1 arrivals: Mid to late September 2021
- Semester 2 arrivals: Early to late January 2022

Students are required to book a place in advance to reserve a seat. University representatives will be at

the airport on the day to welcome students. Buses will depart London Heathrow Airport and take students to University of Leicester halls of residence.

For information on how to book the Airport Bus Service please view our "Travel to Leicester" web page:

www.le.ac.uk/studyabroad-travel

Orientation programme

We run an Orientation at the beginning of each semester (September and January). During Orientation students will be able to attend our Welcome Talk, complete registration and confirm their modules. We strongly encourage students to attend Orientation. A full schedule will be sent to students before they arrive.

Examination dates

Study Abroad students joining us for Semester 1 may be able to request alternative assessments. Students taking modules in Biological Sciences, Engineering, Geology, Maths will be required to stay on campus for the exams.

Erasmus students joining us in Semester 1 and Full Year students will be required to stay on campus for the January exams.

- Semester 1 exams take place in early to mid-January 2022
- Semester 2 exams take place in mid to late May 2022



Visas and requirements

Student Visa

Students coming to the UK for more than 6 months will need to apply for a Student Visa.

Please note that if a student requires a Student 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 or equivalent.

Students applying for a Student Visa will be required to demonstrate that they have money for any course fees, plus a specified amount of money for each calendar month of their course to cover their living costs. For more information visit:

www.gov.uk/student-visa

Standard Visitor Visa

Students joining us for less than 6 months may be able to enter the UK with a Standard Visitor Visa. Visa Nationals will need to apply for the Standard Visitor Visa in advance.

www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa

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.

Visas Team:

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English language requirements

In order to study at the University of Leicester, your written and spoken English must be good enough for you to fully understand, and benefit from, your classes. There are a number of ways in which you can demonstrate your English language ability.

For more information, please see here:

www.le.ac.uk/language-requirements

As a general guide, please see below the IELTS requirements for each subject area:

- Science* and ELTU modules: 6.0 IELTS or equivalent (*Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Physics.)
- Law modules: 6.5 IELTS including 6.0 in writing
- All other modules: 6.5 IELTS. Geography modules at least 6.0 in each component.
- In addition to the overall scores listed above, to obtain a Student Visa, applicants must achieve a minimum score of 5.5 in IELTS (or equivalent) in each of the four components: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Subject areas

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

Language of instruction: English

Class restrictions and 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 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 students require Management modules. Engineering modules are available to year-long students only.

Students will be able to fully confirm their module selection during Orientation programme. Selecting classes from different levels (100/200/300) and departments may clash. We recommend that students seeking credit transfer should 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.





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.

Room applications

Applications can be made through the accommodation portal: https://rooms.le.ac.uk/student_portal
A deposit of £250 is required to secure the booking. Be sure to apply for the contract length that matches your study offer dates.

Accommodation is guaranteed for students who apply before the deadline (1 September for Semester 1/Full Year students and 7 December for Semester 2 students).

Contracts

Incoming Study Abroad students are able to select from the following contract types:

Semester one: This contract begins on the Semester 1 arrival date, and ends the weekend following the January examination period.

Term one: Study Abroad students not taking modules in Biological Science, Engineering, Geology and/or Mathematics, and who are thus not required to stay for the January examinations, may select this contract, which ends before the semester 1 vacation.

Full year students: This contract begins on the Semester 1 arrival date, and ends the weekend following the May examination period.

Semester two: This contract begins on the Semester 2 arrival date, and ends the weekend following the May examination period.

We recommend that you apply for the shortest contract you think you need, because you will be required to pay the room fee for the full length of your contract, even if you decide to depart before the contract end date. However, you can always apply to extend your stay if you need or wish to do so.

Costs

Leicester is consistently rated one of the most affordable places in the UK. How much each student spends will depend on their choices. Please see here for details on how to estimate living costs during your studies:

www.le.ac.uk/living-costs

For information on how much funding you will need to evidence if you are joining us on a Student Visa, visit:

www.gov.uk/student-visa

Fall Term 1 budget example (September to December)

- Hall room: £1,356
(OSV, Beaumont Hall, self-catered, single bedroom with washbasin, £113 pw for 12 weeks)
- Books: £30.00
- Bedding pack: £60.00
- Bus pass: £78 (Monday - Saturday pass)
- Laundry: £60
- Sports Centre membership: £150
- Mobile phone and pay-as-you-go sim plan: £40.00
- TOTUM card: £14.99
- 16-25 Rail card: £30.00
- Personal expenses: £800.00

Total: £2,619





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