

# Study abroad at the University of Leeds

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## Welcome to Leeds

Tailor your experience by choosing from a wide range of subjects and take advantage of life-changing opportunities. Here you'll have an exceptional student experience.

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Rankings 2023

Study among experts who share your passion for your subject. Research will be at the heart of your studies and you'll hear about new discoveries as they're happening. Make an impact, learn how to define problems and find the answers. We were awarded a Gold rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework, the highest award possible, reflecting the quality of our teaching.

Teaching here is designed to be flexible, offering a blend of face-to-face and online learning. Our digital learning environment is interactive and engaging, using the latest multimedia facilities to stimulate discussion between you and your tutors, to give you a supportive and community focused experience.

You'll join our community of students and academics from all over the world, providing a culturally diverse and interesting environment in which to live and study. On our single-site campus you'll be just a ten-minute walk from the City Centre of Leeds.

## Your learning environment

Choose from a wide range of modules that include both traditional and innovative subjects. You'll find all the facilities you'll need to support and enhance your academic studies.

Our University Library is one of the major academic research libraries in the UK. Four libraries on campus provide a variety of different working environments, including flexible group study areas and silent individual study spaces.

A single login will give you access to all University IT services. You'll benefit from personalised content, like your timetable and library record, on our mobile app. You'll have access to more than 1,800 PCs across our cafés and clusters, free, high-speed wi-fi in most areas, and a secure email account with access to email, calendar, contacts and tasks, wherever you are.

## Sport and fitness

The University has three sporting venues and if you live in University Accommodation you will get free membership for The Edge, our indoor sports facility, which has a 250-station fitness suite, a 25m swimming pool, sauna and steam room and more than 70 classes per week.

## Leeds University Union

Develop your team working and leaderships skills and make new friends by joining a club or society. The award-winning Leeds University Union (LUU) gives you access to over 300 activities, clubs and societies so you can try something new or continue an existing interest. You'll have the opportunity find what's right for you through the Union's 'give-it-a-go' sessions. There's also a student advice centre, shops, bars and clubs.

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most  
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*“Choosing University of Leeds for my year abroad has proven to be a true blessing – the Study Abroad Programme has given me the chance to grow, explore and learn more about myself, my relationships, my community and academic ambitions.”*

**Valeria Elsesser,**  
**Heidelberg University, Germany**



## Leeds the city

Leeds is in Yorkshire, Northern England – a lively, multicultural city in the middle of Great Britain. It's one of the largest financial and business services centres in the UK outside London, and a centre for culture and entertainment, with world-class art collections, several theatres and museums, and many bars and restaurants.

The city is one of the UK's top shopping destination and boasts over two miles of traffic free shopping and beautiful Victorian and Edwardian arcades, with shops of every kind. Leeds has a vibrant nightlife, with clubs and bars offering music for all tastes. There are lots of live music venues, including the University's students' union.

With over 60,000 students, Leeds is one of the UK's most exciting cities. Its comparative affordability and student-friendly atmosphere make it an ideal place to live and learn for a semester or a year.

Its central location makes Leeds a perfect starting point for trips to London, Manchester or Edinburgh, all within three hours on the train. The city is well connected to the rest of the UK by affordable and extensive coach and rail services.

Leeds Bradford Airport is only 30 minutes away from the University and provides regular flights to cities across Europe. A flight to Paris or Amsterdam takes only 90 minutes.

Leeds is one of the UK's greenest cities, with more than 4,000 hectares of green space. You'll find many areas of natural beauty and interest around the city, such as Roundhay Park, Temple Newsam, Harewood House and Kirkstall Abbey.

The Yorkshire Dales, Peak District and Lake District national parks are all within easy reach of Leeds. Historic locations like York, Harrogate, Haworth and Scarborough are just a day trip away.

## What can I Study?

Our exchange and study abroad students are taught alongside home and international students taking full undergraduate degree programmes. Modules (courses) are available in the following subject areas:

### Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Classics, Cultural Studies, Cultures and Societies, Design†, English Language and Literature, Fashion Design & Marketing\*, Fine Art, History, History of Art, Languages, Linguistics, Medieval Studies, Media and Communication†, Music, Performance Design and Management, Philosophy, Theatre and Performance, Theology and Religious Studies.

### Faculty of Biological Sciences

Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Microbiology, Pharmacology, Sport Sciences/Physiology.

### Faculty of Business

Accounting and Finance, Business Analytics, Economics, Human Resource Management, International Business, Management, Marketing.

### Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

Aviation Engineering, Chemical and Process Engineering\*, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Colour Science, Computing, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Materials Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering\*, Physics and Astronomy, Product Design.

### Faculty of Environment

Environmental Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Geography, Geological Sciences, Geophysical Sciences, Sustainability and Environmental Management, Transport Studies.

### Faculty of Medicine and Health

Healthcare Studies, Medical Physics, Psychology.

### Faculty of Social Sciences

Childhood Studies, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Education, Law, Parliamentary Studies, Politics and International Studies, Sociology, Social Policy.

### Skills modules

Career Development, Inter-Disciplinary Ethics, Leeds Skills electives, Languages for All.

Find out more about studies at Leeds  
[www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad)

† Must be majoring at home university

\* Must study at Leeds for the full academic year

## Entry requirements

For entry in either September 2023 or January 2024, applicants must have completed at least one year of study and be in good academic standing at their home university, with a grade of Upper Second Class (UK system), GPA of 3.0 (US system), 5.5 (Australian system) or equivalent. Some subject areas will expect to see a portfolio of work or performance recording before accepting applicants onto particular modules, for example Studio Fine Art, Design and Music Performance.



*“Going to the University of Leeds has proven to be about so much more than education. Getting out of my comfort zone and exploring the city, country and myself has forced me to become more conscious and globally aware.”*

**Grace Schafer**  
**Northern Arizona University**

## Language requirements

If English isn't the main language of your home country then applicants are required to submit evidence of their level of English language. The standard entry requirement is IELTS 6.0 (overall), with 5.5 in each component, or equivalent qualification.

However some teaching schools have higher language requirements (IELTS 6.5 overall with 6.0 in each component or equivalent qualification), including Business, English, Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies, Linguistics, Law, Media and Communication, Philosophy, Politics and International Studies.

Full details about language requirements and English language courses can be found at [www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages)

These requirements are correct at time of going to print. Please check the website for any updates. [www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad)

## English language programme and Study Abroad/Exchange

Applicants who want to take an English language course before their semester or year of study should apply via the Study Abroad Office for a combined English Language and Study Abroad Programme. Applicants may be required to submit a Secure English Language Test certificate and may be restricted to Level 1 and 2 modules during their semester or year of study.

Applicants study English in the Language Centre, then complete a semester or year of regular modules. There are a number of entry points depending on the academic calendar at your home institution and your level of English.

Applicants meeting the English language requirements but wishing to improve their English can also take English language modules at the Language Centre during their regular semester or year of study.

## Application procedure

Exchange students must first be nominated by their home institution. All applicants should then complete an online application form, accessed from the Study Abroad website.

### As part of the process you must also upload your supporting documents:

- an official transcript from your home institution
- a description of the grading system at your home institution
- a copy of the personal information page of your passport
- if necessary, evidence of English language ability.

### Fee-paying Study Abroad Programme

The University welcomes applications from students applying directly onto the Study Abroad programme and paying tuition fees directly to the University of Leeds. Students can choose to study for one semester or the full academic year.

Please contact the Study Abroad Office for information about current tuition fees.

### Application deadlines

#### Semester 1 (September start)

To apply for semester 1 or a full year the starting month is September with a deadline for application of 15 April.

#### Semester 2 (January start)

To apply for semester 2 the starting month is January with a deadline for application of 31 October.



### Accommodation

The University offers a wide range of catered and self-catered accommodation for a range of budgets [www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingprepare](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingprepare)

New international students are guaranteed University accommodation if the accommodation application deadline is met.

For information on accommodation deadlines for the year of your entry visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodationdates](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodationdates)

Find out more details at [www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad)

Read how to get here by air, train, bus  
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# 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)

Strategic partners may be able to take part in our Open Access scheme for the admission of students who don't meet standard entry requirements. If you would like to discuss our Open Access scheme or 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

Language evidence is not required when applying from a country on the UKVI exceptions list:

[www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english](http://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english)

All other applicants will need to provide English Language evidence to the University as part of their application. The standard entry requirement is IELTS 6.0 (overall), with 5.5 in each component, or equivalent qualification.

At our discretion applicants for a single semester, and who are taking a taught degree programme in the medium of English at their home university, do not need to provide English Language evidence, if they apply for a Visitor Visa which allows them to remain in the UK for up to 6 months.

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

[www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages)

## 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'.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudy](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudy)

Priority will be given to students who study the related subject as their degree major. Specific academic subject guidance should be checked at [www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingschoolguidance](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingschoolguidance)

Medicine and Dentistry modules cannot be studied unless students are applying via a specific exchange agreement with these disciplines.

## Postgraduate module (course) information

Some teaching schools may allow exchange students to apply for postgraduate modules. The postgraduate module catalogue can be accessed from [www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingsstudy](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingsstudy)

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.

## 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.

## 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)
- Healthcare (HECS)
- 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, Design and Performance Music

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

Students should send a portfolio (Fine Art and Design) or performance recording (Music) to the relevant teaching School to obtain permission to apply for studio/performance modules.

The portfolio check process can be found at

[www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingschoolguidance](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingschoolguidance)

## 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

[www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingapply](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingapply)

Students applying for core Design, studio Design or studio Fine Art modules should submit a portfolio of work to the relevant school prior to their formal application. Further guidance can be found at [www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingschoolguidance](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingschoolguidance)

## 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 September, January, July and August. The language requirements and fees information for these courses are at [www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages)

# Leeds International Summer School (LISS) academic information

## Minimum GPA requirements

50 average (University of Leeds system)  
2.5 (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

Language evidence is not required when applying from a country on the UKVI exceptions list:

[www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english](http://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english)

All other applicants will need to provide English Language evidence to the University as part of their application. The entry requirement is IELTS 5.5 (overall), with 5.0 in each component, or equivalent qualification.

At our discretion applicants for Leeds International Summer School, and who are taking a taught degree programme in the medium of English at their home university, do not need to provide English Language evidence, if they apply for a Visitor Visa.

Please note we must base decisions on the language level shown on the last evidence the student submits.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply)

## 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.

## Undergraduate module (course) information

Students should choose one 10-credit module from block one of LISS and/or one 10-credit module from block two.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/summerstudy](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/summerstudy)

## Module (course) duration

All LISS modules comprise two weeks of intensive study

- block one module – two weeks
- block two module – two weeks.

## Application form

Students choose modules during their online application.

Students can apply directly to LISS online at

[www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply)

## Pre-sessional language courses

If students do not meet the language requirement for LISS, they may be eligible to study the undergraduate pre-sessional English course taught by the Language Centre.

[www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply)

Application procedure		
	Study abroad and exchange	Leeds International Summer School
Supporting documents – all applicants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transcript of records (in English)</li> <li>2. Description of the grading system at the home university</li> <li>3. Copy of the information page of the applicant's passport or ID card</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transcript of records (in English)</li> <li>2. Supporting statement</li> </ol>
Supporting documents if necessary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English language certificate (TOEFL/IELTS) if required</li> <li>2. European language questionnaire (for non-English taught modules)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English language certificate (IELTS/TOEFL/TOIEC) if required</li> <li>2. Scholarship application, for students who meet the eligibility requirements (optional)</li> </ol>
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.
Module enrolment outcome	Module enrolment will be confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September start – from mid-June</li> <li>• January start – four weeks after the student submits their module choices</li> </ul> If students are not accepted for all their module choices they will be given the opportunity to select new modules.	Module enrolment will be confirmed after students pay the non-refundable LISS deposit (payable within one week of receiving their LISS acceptance).
Visa application (non EU nationals)	<a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroadvisa">www.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroadvisa</a>	

