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Study Abroad Fact Sheet 2024/25



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Study Abroad Applications

Application and nomination deadlines

– Semester 1 (Fall or Full Year): 31 May

– Semester 2 (Spring): 31 October

How to apply:

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

le.ac.uk/cite/study-abroad-unit/how-to-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.



Visas

Student Visa

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

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.

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English Language requirements

In order to study with us your English must be good enough for you to succeed in your classes. There are multiple ways you can demonstrate this.

If you are coming for only one semester, ask your home university about the alternative options for demonstrating your English level.

The full list of accepted methods can be accessed via the link below:

le.ac.uk/study/international-students/english-language-requirements

Equivalent IELTS requirements per subject:

- Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Physics and ELTU: IELTS 6.0, with 5.5 in each component.
- Law: IELTS 6.5, with 6.0 in writing
- Geography: IELTS 6.5, with 6.0 in each component.
- All other modules: IELTS 6.5, with 5.5 in each component.

5.5 or above in each component (reading, writing, listening, speaking) of the IELTS exam or equivalent is the base requirement for Student Visa purposes in addition to the requirements above.

Test results must be no more than 2 years old.



Programme

Academic calendar and dates

For term dates please see our website:

le.ac.uk/cite/study-abroad-unit/dates

Our Semester 1 typically ends in mid-January. 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, Chemistry, Geology, Informatics 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 1 exams take place in early to mid-January.

Semester 2 exams take place in mid-late May.

Welcome Programme

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

Arrivals

We provide a free Airport Bus Service for new students at the beginning of each intake. Provisional dates are:

Semester 1: Mid-September

Semester 2: Early January

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.

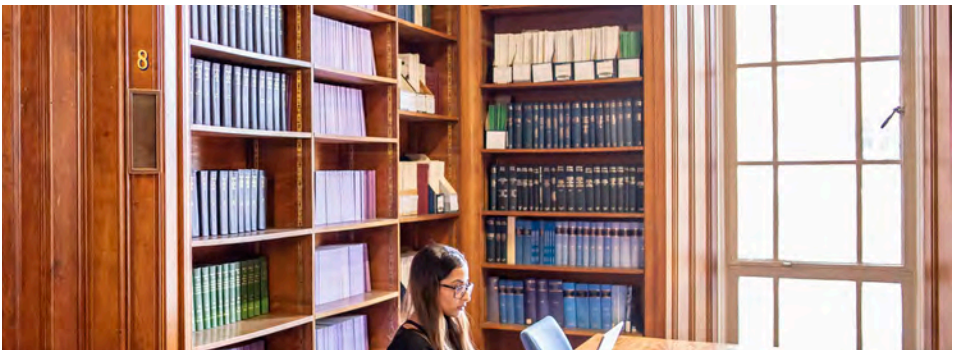
More information on how to book this service can be found at the link below:

le.ac.uk/study/welcome/your-next-steps/plan-travel/airport-collection-service



Subject areas

- Ancient History and Archaeology
- Biological Sciences
- Business (Economics and Management)
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Criminology and Sociology
- Engineering
- English Literature and English Language
- Geography and Geology
- History and History of Art and Film
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media and Communication
- Modern Languages
- Physics and Astronomy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology



Class timetables and restrictions

At the University of Leicester we call the individual classes that you will study “modules”. As a Study Abroad student you can apply for modules from a wide range of academic fields.

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.

Students will be able to fully confirm their module selection when they arrive in Leicester. Selecting classes from different levels (i.e. 1000/2000/3000) and departments may increase the chances that you will have timetable clashes. We recommend that students seeking credit transfer should have a full list of approved alternative modules in case they need to change their module list when they arrive on campus. There will be a two-week window after arrivals when students can adjust their module lists.





Accommodation

We have three vibrant housing locations for students: Oadby Student Village (OSV), City Living and Freeman's. The OSV is approximately a 40 minute walk from the main campus, with a free shuttle bus available during term-time. Shops and a supermarket are nearby, as is the University's Botanical Garden. City Living and Freeman's are approximately a 5 to 10 minute walk from the main campus. All halls offer social events for students throughout the year.

le.ac.uk/study/accommodation

Room applications

Applications can be made through the accommodation portal:

rooms.le.ac.uk/student_portal

An initial payment of £250 is required to secure the booking. Accommodation is guaranteed for students who apply before 1 September (for students starting in Semester 1) or mid-December (for students starting in Semester 2).

Contracts

Incoming Study Abroad students are able to select from two contract types: a shorter one that includes just the teaching period and a longer one that includes the exam period.

Students only need to stay for the exam period if they are taking modules in Biological Science, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Informatics or Mathematics.

We strongly recommend that you apply for the shortest contract you think you may need because you will be required to pay the room fee for the full length of your contract. You can always extend your stay if you wish.



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 our dedicated Fees webpage for information on costs for your stay with us.

le.ac.uk/cite/study-abroad-unit/tuition-fees-and-costs

The British Council provides guidance on the costs of living and studying in the UK on their website:

<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/cost-studying>

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



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