

Study abroad at the University of Leeds



Come to Leeds for an extraordinary experience. Travel and immerse yourself in British culture.



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.



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.



"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

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.

Top 100
University in the
world

QS World University
Rankings 2026



31st most
international
University in the
world

Times Higher
Education 2025





Leeds the city

Leeds is in Yorkshire, Northern England – a lively, multicultural city in the middle of the United Kingdom. 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.

[†] Must be majoring at home university

* Must study at Leeds for the full academic year

Find out more about studies at Leeds leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad

Entry requirements

For entry in either September 2026 or January 2027, 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.

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 leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages.

These requirements are correct at time of going to print. Please check the website for any updates.

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.



“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

Application procedure

Exchange students must first be nominated by their home institution. All applicants should then complete an online application form, accessed at leeds.ac.uk/incomingapply.

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 Global Opportunities Team 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 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 leeds.ac.uk/accommodationdates


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