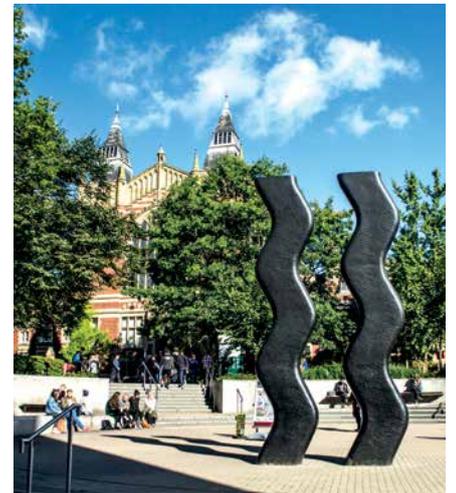
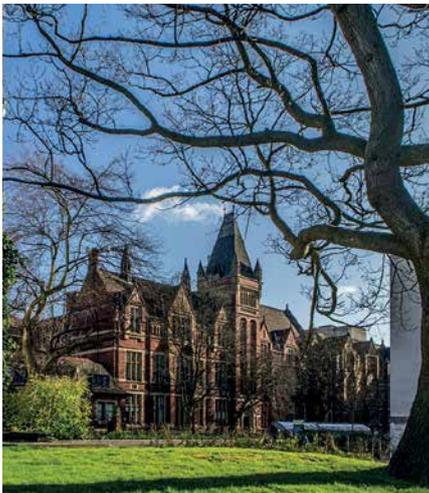




UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

# STUDY ABROAD

## at the University of Leeds



### The University of Leeds and surrounding area

The University of Leeds is in the heart of the city of Leeds, in West Yorkshire. Founded in 1904, the University has grown considerably and currently hosts 32,000 students, of which 7,000 are international students.

The University is a world top 100 university and it is renowned globally for the quality of its teaching and research. The University of Leeds is also part of the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities.

In the 2016 National Student Survey, 90% of final year Leeds students said they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of their course. Find out more about the University [www.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.leeds.ac.uk)

Leeds is a large, affordable and multicultural city, surrounded by easily accessible countryside. It is 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. Find out more about the city and University [www.leeds.ac.uk/aroundcampus](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/aroundcampus)

### Incoming study abroad, exchange and Erasmus+

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

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

### Leeds International Summer School (LISS)

Leeds International Summer School (LISS) offers students the opportunity to study at the University of Leeds and immerse themselves in British culture as part of an exciting four-week programme each July. Taking advantage of the vibrant, student-friendly city of Leeds, and the rich 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.

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

Academic information	Study abroad and exchange	Leeds International Summer School (LISS)
<b>Minimum GPA requirements</b>	2.1 (UK system) 3.0 (US system) 5.5 (Australian system)  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.	A high 2.2 (UK system) 2.8 (US system) 5.0 (Australian system)
<b>Minimum language requirements</b>	IELTS 6.0 overall with no component lower than 5.5. Erasmus+ students should be at B2 level on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Please note: some teaching schools have a higher requirement than our standard minimum: <a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages">www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages</a>	IELTS 5.5 overall with no component lower than 5.0.
<b>Course load per semester</b>	60 Leeds credits per semester/ 120 credits for the full academic year. Students may take 50 credits per semester and still be considered to be 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.	20 Leeds credits for the four-week summer period.
<b>Module (course) information</b>	Many teaching schools have specific guidance for incoming study abroad and exchange students: <a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudy">www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudy</a> The following teaching schools are in high demand with incoming study abroad and exchange students, so we recommend early application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Communication Studies</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Law</li> <li>• Politics</li> <li>• Sociology and Social Policy</li> <li>• Foreign Language Teaching Unit.</li> </ul>	Students should choose one 10-credit module from block one of LISS and one 10-credit module from block two. Students must attend for both blocks of LISS. Read more at: <a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/summerstudy">www.leeds.ac.uk/summerstudy</a>
<b>Module (course) duration</b>	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 the following schools are “Semester 1 and 2” modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemical and Process Engineering (CAPE)</li> <li>• Design (Fashion Design and Fashion Marketing modules)</li> <li>• Electronic and Electrical Engineering (ELEC)</li> <li>• Healthcare (HECS)</li> <li>• Languages Cultures and Societies (ARAB, FREN, GERM, ITAL, SPPO)</li> <li>• Law (LAW)</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering (MECH and PDES)</li> </ul> Therefore, students coming to Leeds for one semester only, would need to choose modules in other disciplines or schools to make up their necessary total credits. They will need to consider carefully if their intended programme of study meets the requirements of their home University.	All LISS modules comprise two weeks of intensive study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• block one module – two weeks</li> <li>• block two module – two weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Module (course) restrictions</b>	Students can request to take any module listed in the module catalogue as being “suitable for incoming study abroad (isa)”. Medicine and Dentistry modules cannot be studied unless students are applying via a specific exchange agreement with these disciplines.	N/A
<b>Nomination from partner institution</b>	Nomination instructions will be sent to partners and agents in February and September.	N/A
<b>Application form</b>	Nominated applicants apply online at: <a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingapply">www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingapply</a> Students choose modules during their online application.	Students can apply directly to LISS online at: <a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply">www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply</a> Students choose modules during their online application.

Application procedure	Study abroad and exchange	Leeds International Summer School (LISS)
<b>Supporting documents – all applicants</b>	<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. Signed academic reference</li> <li>3. Supporting statement</li> </ol>
<b>Supporting documents if necessary</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English language certificate (TOEFL/IELTS) if required</li> <li>2. Disability student support form if applicable*</li> <li>3. Foreign language questionnaire (for non-English taught modules)</li> <li>4. Portfolio of work for Music, Design and Fine Art applicants</li> <li>5. Academic reference for students paying tuition fees</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English language certificate (TOEFL/IELTS) if required</li> <li>2. Disability student support form if applicable*</li> </ol>
<b>Acceptance decision from the University of Leeds</b>	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 two weeks.
<b>Module enrolment outcome</b>	<p>Module enrolment will be confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for September start – from mid-June</li> <li>• for January start – four weeks after the student has been accepted</li> </ul> <p>If students are not accepted for all their module choices they will be given the opportunity to select new modules.</p>	Module enrolment will be confirmed after students pay the non-refundable LISS deposit (payable within one week of receiving their LISS acceptance).
<b>Visa application (non EU nationals)</b>	<a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroadvisa">www.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroadvisa</a>	

\* Please note: disclosing a disability will not affect your student's acceptance to the University of Leeds. Students who have a disability will be contacted by Disability Services about their specific needs.

## Student support and services

### Arrival and orientation

Students will receive an orientation programme prior to arrival as well as information about the Facebook buddy group, which they are encouraged to join. A series of activities, including compulsory welcome talks and social events are organised for students.

Read more about the welcome programme

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

### Accommodation

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

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

### 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 on our website

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

### Student support services

We have a range of services to support students:

- The Study Abroad Office is always a point of contact for your students during their time at Leeds.  
[www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad)
- Each full-year or single-semester student is allocated to a parent school and this school becomes the main point of contact for your students after they have arrived. Amongst other things, 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.
- The International Student Office is able to offer advice about immigration and living in the UK.  
[students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents)
- The Global Community team connects students socially. Amongst other events, there is a Global Café every Monday evening, with free tea, juice and biscuits.  
[www.students.leeds.ac.uk/globalcommunity](http://www.students.leeds.ac.uk/globalcommunity)

- Skills@library – offers lots of services to students to support their academic studies. These include one-to-one appointments and workshops on referencing, structuring essays, presentation skills, and more. For students adapting to a new academic system, there are also Flying Start resources, aimed at all students new to the University of Leeds.

[library.leeds.ac.uk/skills](http://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills)

- The Disability Services team is a point of contact for students with physical disabilities, learning difficulties or mental health conditions throughout their time at Leeds.

[students.leeds.ac.uk/disabledstudents](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/disabledstudents)

- Support and Wellbeing Services offer online resources to help students through difficulties they may experience. There is also a free Student Counselling Service, offering one-to-one appointments, as well as group workshops.

[students.leeds.ac.uk/askingforhelp](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/askingforhelp)

## Student opportunities

### Leeds for Life

This service helps students get the most out of their time at the University of Leeds by supporting personal and professional development. The Leeds for Life website lists a wide range of opportunities students can get involved in.

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

### Leeds University Union

A separate organisation to the University of Leeds, this charity represents the student community. The student union building is on the centre of campus and has a wide range of facilities and services dedicated to the needs of students, including a Help and Advice Centre. Over 300 student-led clubs and societies also operate out of the student union, giving students leadership responsibilities and the chance to meet people who share their interests.

[www.luu.org.uk](http://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.

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

Important dates				
	Pre-sessional English courses	Semester 1 (September–January)	Semester 2 (January–June)	Leeds International Summer School (LISS)
<b>Nomination and application deadlines</b>	April start: 31 December  July and August start: 31 March  October start: 31 July	Worldwide exchange: 31 March (preferred)  Erasmus+ exchange: 15 April (preferred)	October 31 (preferred)	Nominations: N/A Early application: 1 April General application: 1 May
Applications may be considered after these dates although other factors will be considered, such as the time it takes for a student to obtain a visa				
<b>Accommodation application deadline</b>	Two months before course start date	1 July	1 December	N/A (accommodation is organised for LISS students)
<b>Suggested arrival</b>	Two days before course start	Week 2 of September	Week 3 in January	Weekend before the start of classes
<b>International orientation</b>	First week of course	Week 2 and 3 of September	Week 3 in January (Thursday to Saturday)	First four days of LISS
<b>Lecture dates</b>	The duration of the programme	Week 4 of September to week 1 of December	Week 4 of January to week 1 of May	Four weeks in July
<b>Examinations</b>	End of programme	Week 2 and 3 of January	Week 3 of May to Week 1 of June	N/A

## 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.

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.

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

## Transcripts

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.

Grade conversions			
UK mark	Recommended US grade	UK Mark	Recommended ECTS grade
70–100	A	70–100	A
68–69	A-	60–69	B
63–67	B+	50–59	C
58–62	B	41–49	D
53–57	B-	40	E
50–52	C+	0–39	F
45–49	C		
40–44	C-		
0–39	Fail		

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