



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

STUDY ABROAD

at the University of Leeds



The University of Leeds and surrounding area

At the heart of the city of Leeds, West Yorkshire, the University was founded in 1904. It's now home to over 33,000 students, including more than 7,000 international students.

Globally renowned for the quality of our teaching and research, we are in the top 100 universities for academic reputation (QS World University Rankings, 2018) and are part of the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities. Our students rate us too – in the National Student Survey 2017 we had an 'overall satisfaction' score of 89%. Find out more about the University

www.leeds.ac.uk/about

Leeds is a lively, multicultural city, surrounded by beautiful, accessible countryside. It's 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

www.leeds.ac.uk/citylife

Incoming study abroad, exchange and Erasmus+

Through the study abroad and exchange programmes students are able to spend one or two semesters studying at the University of Leeds, and can transfer the credits earned back to their home universities. All exchange and study abroad students are taught with 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.

studyabroad@leeds.ac.uk

www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad

Leeds International Summer School (LISS)

Leeds International Summer School 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 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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Academic information	Study abroad and exchange	Leeds International Summer School (LISS)
Minimum GPA requirements	60 average (University of Leeds system) 3.0 (US system) 5.5 (Australian system – on the 7.0 scale)	56 average (University of Leeds system) 2.8 (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	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: 1) We must base decisions on the language level shown on the last certificate the student submits. 2) Some teaching schools have a higher requirement than our standard minimum: www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages	IELTS 5.5 overall with no component lower than 5.0. Please note: We must base decisions on the language level shown on the last certificate the student submits.
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.	20 Leeds credits for the four-week summer period.
	10 Leeds credits (5 ECTS) is equivalent to 100 hours of study, including lectures, seminars and independent learning.	
Module (course) information	Many teaching schools have specific guidance for incoming study abroad and exchange students: www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudy The following schools are in high demand with incoming study abroad and exchange students, so we recommend early application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Communication Studies • English • History • Law • Politics • Sociology and Social Policy • Foreign Language Teaching Unit. 	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: www.leeds.ac.uk/summerstudy
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical and Process Engineering (CAPE) • Design (Fashion Design and Fashion Marketing modules) • Electronic and Electrical Engineering (ELEC) • Healthcare (HECS) • Languages Cultures and Societies (ARAB, FREN, GERM, ITAL, SPPO) • Law (LAW) • Mechanical Engineering (MECH and PDES) 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"> • block one module – two weeks • block two module – two weeks.
Module (course) restrictions	Students can request to take any undergraduate module listed in the module catalogue as being 'suitable for incoming study abroad (isa)'. Postgraduate modules are only available with the agreement of the academic school. Medicine and Dentistry modules cannot be studied unless students are applying via a specific exchange agreement with these disciplines.	N/A
Nomination from partner institution	Nomination instructions will be sent to partners and agents in February and September.	N/A
Application form	Nominated applicants apply online at: www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingapply Students choose modules during their online application.	Students can apply directly to LISS online at: www.leeds.ac.uk/summerapply Students choose modules during their online application.

Application procedure	Study abroad and exchange	Leeds International Summer School (LISS)
Supporting documents – all applicants	1. Transcript of records (in English) 2. Description of the grading system at the home university 3. Copy of the information page of the applicant's passport or ID card	1. Transcript of records (in English) 2. Signed academic reference 3. Supporting statement
Supporting documents if necessary	1. English language certificate (TOEFL/IELTS) if required 2. European model questionnaire (for non-English taught modules) 3. Portfolio of work for Music, Design and Fine Art applicants 4. Academic reference for students paying tuition fees	English language certificate (TOEFL/IELTS) if required
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 two weeks.
Module enrolment outcome	Module enrolment will be confirmed: • September start – from mid-June • January start – four weeks after the student has been accepted 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)	www.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroadvisa	

Student support and services

Arrival and orientation

Before they arrive, students will receive information about the Facebook buddy group and their orientation programme, which includes compulsory welcome talks and social events. Read more about the welcome programme

www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingprepare

Students can also talk to current students about their experiences and to ask questions about what it's like to study in Leeds through our Link to Leeds Ambassador Scheme. Find out more at

www.leeds.ac.uk/linktoleeds

Accommodation

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

accommodation.leeds.ac.uk

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 at

www.leeds.ac.uk/incominglanguages

Student support services

We have a range of services to support our students:

- The Study Abroad Office is always a point of contact for your students during their time at Leeds.
www.leeds.ac.uk/incomingstudyabroad
- Each full-year or single-semester student is allocated to a parent school, which becomes the main point of contact for your students after they have arrived. 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 can offer advice about immigration and living in the UK.

students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents

- The Global Community team connects students, with events such as the weekly Global Café.

www.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 structuring essays, critical thinking and more. There are also Flying Start resources, aimed at all students new to the University of Leeds.

library.leeds.ac.uk/skills

- The Disability Services team helps students with physical disabilities, learning difficulties or mental health conditions throughout their time at Leeds.

students.leeds.ac.uk/disabledstudents

- The Student Counselling and Wellbeing Service provides free professional and confidential counselling, wellbeing and mental health support through one-to-one appointments, workshops, groups and web-based self-help.

students.leeds.ac.uk/supportandwellbeing

Student opportunities

Leeds for Life

This service supports personal and professional development and helps students get the most out of their time at the University of Leeds.

www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsforlife

Leeds University Union (LUU)

Independent of the University, the students' union (Leeds University Union) represents the student community. The students' union building is at the centre of campus, with a range of facilities and services for students, including Student Advice. LUU runs over 300 student-led clubs and societies, offering students leadership responsibilities and the chance to meet people who share their interests.

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.

careerweb.leeds.ac.uk

Important dates				
	Pre-sessional English courses	Semester 1 (September–January)	Semester 2 (January–June)	Leeds International Summer School (LISS)
Nomination and application deadlines	April start: 15 January 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				
Accommodation application deadline	Two months before course start date	1 July	1 December	N/A (accommodation is organised for LISS students)
Suggested arrival	Two days before course start	Week 3 of September	Thursday before teaching starts	Weekend before the start of classes
International orientation	First week of course	Week 3 and 4 of September	Thursday to Saturday before teaching starts	First four days of LISS
Lecture dates	The duration of the programme	Week 1 of October to week 2 of December	Late January to week 1 of May	Four weeks in July
Examinations	End of programme	Week 3 and 4 of January	Mid-May to early 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. They will pay a fee for this.

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. This will involve a fee.

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


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

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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 ECTS grade
70–100	A
60–69	B
50–59	C
41–49	D
40	E
0–39	F

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