

# STUDY ABROAD FACT SHEET

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## Applications

### Application and nomination deadlines

- Semester 1 (Fall or Full Year): 31 May 2020
- Semester 2 (Spring): 31 October 2020

## How to apply

We have an online application system. Please refer to the information on the applications web page for more information:  
[www2.le.ac.uk/offices/international/overseas-exchange/incoming/study-abroad/how-to-apply](http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/international/overseas-exchange/incoming/study-abroad/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.

## Programme

### Academic Calendar & Dates

**Semester one:** 28 September 2020 – 17 January 2021

**Vacation:** 19 December 2020 – 10 January 2021

Semester 1 exams take place in early to mid-January 2021

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, Geology, 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 two:** 18 January 2021 – 11 June 2021

**Vacation:** 1 April 2021 – 3 May 2021

Semester 2 exams take place in mid-late May 2021

## Arrivals

We provide a free Airport Bus Service for new students at the beginning of each intake. The precise date for the service will be provided in students' offer letters, but the **provisional dates** for 2020/2021 are as follows:

- Semester 1 arrivals: Saturday 26 September 2020
- Semester 2 arrivals: Wednesday 13 January 2021

Students are required to book a place in advance to reserve a seat. The Study Abroad Team 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.

For information on how to book the Airport Bus Service please view our "Arrival" web page:

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/international/overseas-exchange/incoming/study-abroad/offer-holders-study-abroad/travel-toleicester>

## Orientation Programme

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

## Airport Bus Service

- Semester 1 arrivals: Saturday 26 September 2020
- Semester 2 arrivals: Wednesday 6 January 2021

These are provisional dates. The dates will be confirmed in the offer letters. The Airport Bus Service is free of charge, but students are required to book a place in advance to reserve a seat. The Study Abroad Team 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.

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## Examination Dates

Study Abroad students joining us for Semester 1 may be able to request alternative assessments. Students taking modules in Biological Sciences, Engineering, Geology, Maths will be required to stay on campus for the exams.

Erasmus students joining us in Semester 1 and Full Year students will be required to stay on campus for the January exams.

- Semester 1 exams take place in early to mid-January 2021
- Semester 2 exams take place in mid-late May 2021

## Visas

### Tier 4 Visa

Students coming to the UK for more than 6 months will need to apply for a Tier 4 Visa.

Please note that if a student requires a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK, they will need to obtain at least a 5.5 in each band (reading, writing, speaking, listening) of the IELTS exam or equivalent.

Students applying for a Tier 4 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:

<https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa>

### Short Term Student Visitor Visa

Students joining us for less than 6 months may be able to enter the UK with a Short Term Study Visa. Visa Nationals will need to apply for the Short Term Study Visa in advance.

<https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-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.

Visas Team: e: [visas@le.ac.uk](mailto:visas@le.ac.uk) t: +44 (0)116 229 7400

## English Language Requirements

In order to study at the University of Leicester, your written and spoken English must be good enough for you to fully understand, and benefit from, your classes. There are number of ways in which you can demonstrate your English language ability.

For more information, please see here:

<https://le.ac.uk/study/international-students/english-language-requirements>

As a general guide, please see below the IELTS requirements for each subject area:

- Science\* modules: 6.0 IELTS or equivalent (\**Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Physics. Also the ELTU*)
- Law modules: 6.5 IELTS including 6.0 in writing
- All other modules: 6.5 IELTS. Geography modules at least 6.0 in each component.

## Subject Areas

- American Studies
- Ancient History & Archaeology
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Economics
- Engineering for full-year students only
- English Language (ELTU)
- English Literature
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- History of Art & Film
- Law
- Management Studies
- Mathematics
- Media & Communication
- Modern Languages (French, Italian, Spanish, Translation Studies)
- Natural Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Political and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

*Language of instruction: English*

## Class Restrictions & Timetables

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. **The School of Management has very small class sizes so prior-approval for requests is required.** Please contact us as soon as possible if students require Management modules. Engineering modules are available to year-long students only.

Students will be able to fully confirm their module selection during Orientation programme. Selecting classes from different levels (100/200/300) and departments may clash. We recommend that students seeking credit transfer should have a full list of approved alternative modules in case they need to change their class list when they arrive on campus. There will be a two-week window after arrivals when students can adjust their class lists.

## Accommodation

### Locations

Halls are grouped as either Oadby Student Village (OSV) or City Living. The OSV is approximately a 40 minute walk from the main campus, so many students choose to buy a bus pass. Shops and a supermarket are nearby, and students can enjoy the University's botanical garden. City Living halls are approximately a 10 minute walk from the main campus. All halls offer social events for students throughout the year.

### Room Applications

Applications can be made through the accommodation portal: [https://rooms.le.ac.uk/student\\_portal/](https://rooms.le.ac.uk/student_portal/). A deposit of £250 is required to secure the booking. Be sure to apply for the contract length that matches your study offer dates.

Accommodation is guaranteed for students who apply before the deadline (1 September for Semester 1/Full Year students and 7 December for Semester 2 students).

### Contracts

Incoming Study Abroad students are able to select from the following contract types:

**Semester one:** This contract begins on the Semester 1 arrival date, and ends the weekend following the January examination period.

**Term one:** Study Abroad students not taking modules in Biological Science, Engineering, Geology and/or Mathematics, and who are thus not required to stay for the January examinations, may select this contract, which ends before the semester 1 vacation.

**Full year students:** This contract begins on the Semester 1 arrival date, and ends the weekend following the May examination period.

**Semester two:** This contract begins on the Semester 2 arrival date, and ends the weekend following the May examination period.

We recommend that you apply for the shortest contract you think you need, because you will be required to pay the room fee for the full length of your contract, even if you decide to depart before the contract end date. However, you can always apply to extend your stay if you need or wish to do so.

## 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 here for details on how to estimate living costs during your studies:

<https://le.ac.uk/study/undergraduates/fees-funding/living-costs>

For information on how much funding you will need to evidence if you are joining us on a Tier 4 visa, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa>

### Fall Term 1 budget example (September to December)

- Hall room with meal-plan: £1,464  
(OSV, Beaumont Hall, essential catered, single bedroom with washbasin, £122 pw for 12 weeks)
  - Books: £30.00
  - Bedding pack: £60.00
  - Bus pass: £78 (Monday - Saturday pass)
  - Study Tours: from £62
  - Laundry: £60
  - Sports Centre membership: £140
  - Mobile phone and pay-as-you-go sim plan: £40.00
  - NUS card: £12.00
  - TOTUM card: £14.99
  - 16-25 Rail card: £30.00
  - Personal expenses: £800.00
- Total: £2,774**