



University of
Leicester

International Foundation Year
2014/15

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University of Leicester International Study Centre



THE Awards Winner
2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Top 20 UK university
in all major 2014 university league tables

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Welcome to Leicester

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The University of Leicester is consistently highly ranked: 14th by The Times 2014 and 13th by The Guardian 2014. Leicester is also ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2013 and THE World University Rankings 2013.

For several years, the University of Leicester has recorded some of the highest scores for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey, consistently featuring amongst the top 20 universities in England.

All of these achievements give us great cause for celebration and are clear demonstrations of the fact that Leicester is a high-quality university that is really going places. The Times states "Leicester has been enjoying a period of unprecedented success... consistently among the leaders in the National Student Survey, it has become a fixture in the top 20 of The Times League Table."

The University of Leicester International Study Centre (ULISC) will continue to develop the dynamic partnership between the University and Study Group, a leading provider of preparation programmes for international students. The ULISC is operated by Study Group and delivers the International Foundation Year, a specialist programme providing international students with four pathways to undergraduate study at the University of Leicester. As a registered student with the ULISC you will be part of the University from the beginning of your programme, with access to an extensive range of facilities.

Deciding on a university is one of the most important decisions in your life. We hope you will explore the opportunities available here and join our international community.

Professor Sir Robert Burgess
Vice-Chancellor

Degree preparation at the University of Leicester

The International Foundation Year Programme offers a pathway to undergraduate study for international students who have completed high school, but who may not meet the requirements for direct entry to the University. Combining academic modules, study skills and English language training, this programme prepares students to meet the challenges of degree-level study at the University.

The International Foundation Year Programme is taught at the University of Leicester International Study Centre, a specialist facility for degree preparation where students are taught in small classes which simulate the style of teaching they will experience at undergraduate level.

An excellent record for progression

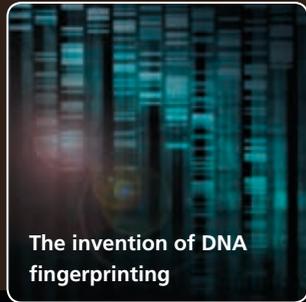
94% of University of Leicester International Study Centre students who completed the International Foundation Year programme were offered a place on a degree at the University in 2013.



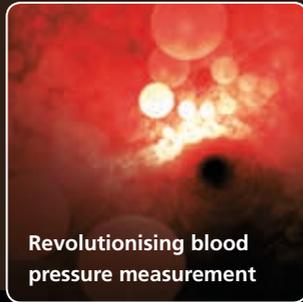
“ The International Foundation Year is extremely important for students as it strengthens their English language skills especially writing and reading. The teachers are so helpful - they have good knowledge about what they teach us and I enjoyed their way of teaching. ”

Marya, Oman
International Foundation Year - Science
Now studying BSc Geology

 View Marya's full profile at www.le.ac.uk/isc/studentprofiles



The invention of DNA fingerprinting



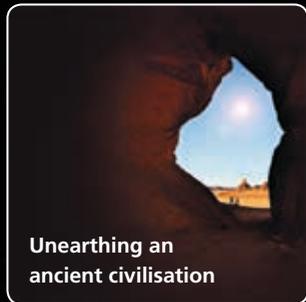
Revolutionising blood pressure measurement



Developing the sick bay of the future



Investigating the origins of Jupiter's auroras



Unearthing an ancient civilisation



Exposing rural racism



Leading the search for Richard III



Exposing online dating scams

We've discovered some amazing things... how far could you go with us?

At Leicester, we're continually striving to use our academic expertise to increase our understanding of the world, so that we might change it for the better.

And we've made many important discoveries along the way, from the technique of DNA fingerprinting, to unearthing a lost city from an ancient civilisation in Libya – an astonishing find that could re-write history.

We've brought together just a few of the many amazing discoveries that have been made at Leicester to show you how we've made our mark. How will you make yours?

Discover more: www.le.ac.uk/discover

Results

Make sure we're high on your list too.

We are ranked in the top 15 of both the Times and the Guardian 2014 University League Tables. Not only that, we are ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world by the QS World University rankings 2013, and the THE World University rankings 2013.

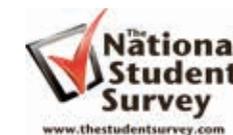
Guardian 2014 League Table

Rank	University
1	Cambridge
2	Oxford
3	LSE
4	St Andrews
5	UCL
6	Durham
7	Bath
8	Surrey
9	Imperial College
10	Warwick
11	Lancaster
12	Exeter
13	Leicester
14	Loughborough
15	Birmingham
16	York
17	UEA
18	Heriot-Watt
19	Edinburgh
20	Kent

Times 2014 League Table

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8	Exeter
9	UCL
10	Warwick
11	York
12	Lancaster
12	Surrey
14	Leicester
15	Bristol
16	Birmingham
17	UEA
18	Newcastle
18	Sheffield
20	Southampton

We're proud to have happy students. The government-initiated, independent **National Student Survey (NSS)** has been carried out each year since 2005 to capture the educational experience and satisfaction of students. We have never been ranked outside the top 20.



The University of Leicester has a good reputation. It is one of the top 20 universities in the UK. A degree from here is very valuable and will help further my career. ”

Sufannah, Kenya

International Foundation Year - Science
Now studying BSc Medical Physiology

THE Awards Winner

2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

We're the only university to win seven consecutive Times Higher Awards.

These have included awards for 'University of the Year', 'Outstanding Library Team', 'Outstanding Contribution to Innovation and Technology', and 'Outstanding Support for Students', 'Outstanding Communications Team and Outstanding Fundraising Initiative'.





The teaching is without doubt of an exceptional standard. ”

Maryam
BSc Medical Physiology

Inspirational Teaching and Research

We believe that teaching is inspirational when delivered by passionate scholars engaged in world changing research - and that our research is stronger when delivered in an academic community that includes students - students who question and challenge us every day.

High-quality teaching

Learning from enthusiastic, research-active academics creates a stimulating learning experience that enables you to go far. We have proven success in delivering the best education for our students.

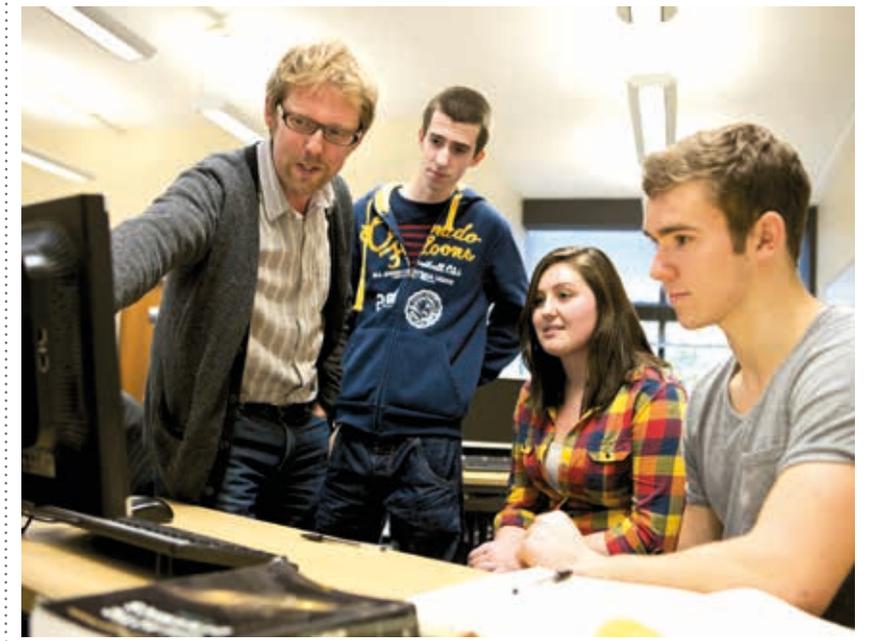
- We have featured in the top 20 for overall student satisfaction every year since the NSS began in 2005.
 - Research published by the Times Higher Education Magazine and Opinion Panel in 2011 rated Leicester top after Oxbridge for the quality of lecturing staff.
- Our commitment to your education means you will:
- Be taught by many leading research academics.
 - Interact with academics in regular lectures, seminars and tutorials.
 - Study for a degree that will provide you with the choice of a variety of modules to reflect your interests.
 - Participate in interactive teaching methods ranging from lectures and seminars to online resources.



Teaching that's inspired by our research

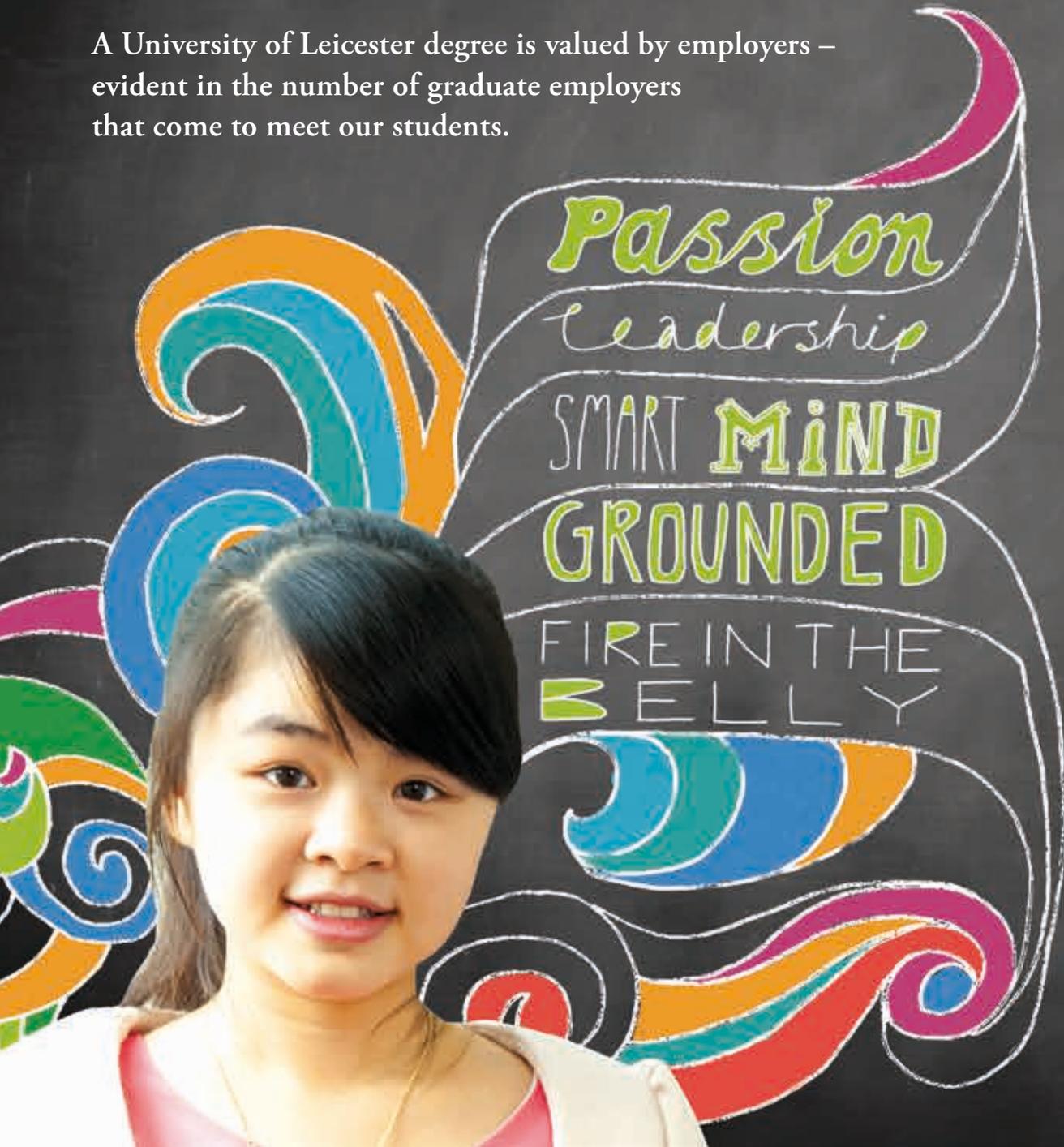
Our world-class research continues to encourage the best academics to join our teaching staff; academics at the cutting edge of their field, whose passion for their subjects results in exciting and innovative teaching.

We have one of the highest proportions of research-active staff in the UK and our research citation levels put us in the top 150 universities worldwide and top 20 in the UK, according to the 2013 QS World University Rankings.



Career success

A University of Leicester degree is valued by employers – evident in the number of graduate employers that come to meet our students.



“ The high quality education here at Leicester means that I will have learned the essential skills for me to do well in my career. ”

Hoang, Vietnam
International Foundation Year -
Economics and Management
Now studying BA Financial Economics

MAKE THE
MOST OF
YOU

Brought to you by your Career Development Service



We were extremely impressed with the calibre of students we spoke to. Especially with the preparation and thought they had put in before attending the event.”

Farida Lockhart, Jaguar Landrover

Our partners:

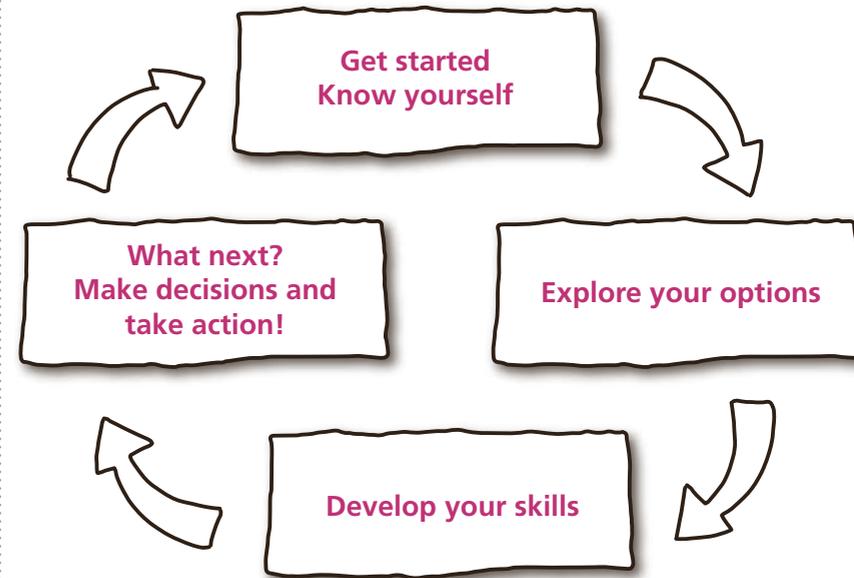


Get Started!

Don't fall into the trap of thinking that Career Development can wait! Graduation will be here faster than you think. Take action and Get Involved now to make sure you don't miss out.

It is a very competitive world out there, and it doesn't matter whether you are planning to go on to further study, a graduate scheme or something a bit different - the sooner you make a start the easier it will be for you.

Don't panic if you don't know what you want to do after graduation, but taking early action is important. Now is the best time to start gaining skills that will help you to secure that dream role. Getting involved and trying new things will help you start working out what motivates you and what careers may be of interest.



Good news - we are here to help!

We have got a huge variety of extra-curricular activities for you to get involved with while you're at Leicester. Whether you know exactly what experience you need to get or you just want to try something new, you are sure to find something that captures your interest and helps you stand out from the crowd.

In the first year of your undergraduate degree at Leicester, Get Involved with taster workshops in:

- Leadership & Management
- Business & Enterprise
- Volunteering

Follow these simple steps to make sure you don't fall behind

During your first month of term on your undergraduate degree

- **Activate MyCareers** - this is the portal to all the events, activities and sessions available, activation takes mere minutes
- **Come in and see us** - we have over 400 appointments a week, so come and start talking to us
- **Try a taster session** - these are a great way to try out new activities without making a huge commitment, if you like what you try you can always do more
- **Join the discussion** - Follow us on Twitter or like us on Facebook and be part of the community

During your first term on your undergraduate degree

- **Get prepped** - Learn how you can make a winning impression with employers
- **Come to the Festival** - Speak to potential employers and find out what they are looking for
- **Follow up** - Now you know what potential employers are looking for, come and talk to us. We will help you develop these skills
- **LinkedIn** - It's not just for old people in suits and business leaders, more and more organisations are using it to find graduate talent. Start building your network.

During your first year - get involved!





“ The campus is very convenient for both my accommodation and the city centre. During breaks between lectures I can visit the many cafés and restaurants here on campus. ”

Dilyara, Kazakhstan
International Foundation Year -
Economics and Management
Now studying BA Economics

Your campus

Leicester's compact campus has a friendly community atmosphere.

We are committed to providing you with high-quality facilities, and our £1bn campus development plan will ensure that all of our resources meet the needs of the modern and ambitious student.

Academic Facilities

At the heart of campus is the award-winning **David Wilson Library** – a stunning light, airy five-storey building providing state-of-the-art services. Self-service loan and return, group study rooms, hundreds of PCs, wireless access throughout, staffed Help Zones, 24-hour opening during term time, a bookshop and café create a first-class study environment. You can also use our Digital Library of over 350,000 eBooks, 23,000 eJournals and specialist information databases from anywhere you have an Internet connection.



“The library is modern and big. There are different book zones for different subjects, plenty of computers, and many group study rooms, suitable for teamwork and discussion.”

Xuan, Vietnam
International Foundation Year - Economics and Management
Now studying BA Financial Economics



The Library www.le.ac.uk/library



Social Facilities

The recent £16m redevelopment of the Percy Gee Students' Union building provides superb facilities for students and societies, as well as being home to the fantastic new music venue, O₂ Academy Leicester. The campus has a range of coffee bars, food outlets and shops.

Two brand new sports centres have recently opened - in Oadby, near the student accommodation and the new campus sports centre. More than £350,000 has been spent on the very latest gym equipment including treadmills, bikes, steppers, rowers, cross trainers and weights.

You can enjoy the benefits of a campus location close to the city centre, yet surrounded by parks and green spaces.



Arts on Campus

The University has its own arts centre, Embrace Arts, with a packed year-round programme for students and the public, featuring music, dance, theatre, live art and comedy, as well as regular art exhibitions and special events. It also runs short courses, covering everything from salsa dancing to jewellery making.

www.embracearts.co.uk



Maison Foo performing *Memoirs of a Biscuit Tin* at Embrace Arts.
Image: Robert Day

Supporting You

During your time with us you can be assured that there is support and advice available if you need it. The University's support services are designed to help you develop the skills you need to live and study independently and successfully.

Learning Development

Coming to University is an exciting challenge, and understanding new ways of learning is important if you are going to make the most of the experience.

The International Foundation Year Programme at the International Study Centre is designed to give you the study skills you will need to succeed at undergraduate level.

When you progress to your undergraduate degree programme, the Learning Development team can provide you with a range of services and resources to help you extend and further develop your academic skills: from essay-writing, to critical thinking, to preparing for exams.

W: www.le.ac.uk/succedinyourstudies



Student Welfare Service

The Student Welfare Service provides guidance, information and support for students on many issues including finance, accommodation and advice for international students, particularly in relation to immigration.

W: www.le.ac.uk/welfare

English Language Support

When you progress to your undergraduate degree, you may require further English language support. The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) offers a range of services to help international students with the level of English needed for academic study. The ELTU is accredited by the British Council and is an Authorised Centre for University of Cambridge ESOL examinations.

W: www.le.ac.uk/eltu



Your Health and Wellbeing

There is a range of services available to help you maintain your health and wellbeing whilst at the University.

Health Centre

The Victoria Park Health Centre provides primary care to students of the University. You can register there for the duration of your studies.

W: www.le.ac.uk/healthcare

Counselling and Mental Wellbeing Support

For those students who feel they need some extra support, there are counselling services available which are free and confidential.

W: www.le.ac.uk/healthandwellbeing



Chaplaincy

All the major world religions have representatives on campus. The Chaplaincy is an information resource for world faiths. The University has links with World Faith Advisers for Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Hindi, Sikh and Buddhist students. Muslim students have prayer rooms set aside for their needs on campus.

W: www.le.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Your accommodation

Our halls of residence provide comfortable and friendly surroundings that make it easy for Leicester to be your home away from home.

City Living

Our city accommodation offers self-catered facilities close to the University and the city centre. It is ideally located for all the city centre amenities – shops, cafés and restaurants, cinemas and museums.

Particularly popular with international students, city living provides you with independence, but within the secure surroundings of our sites.

Guideline Rents 2013/14 (per week)	
Standard Ensuite	£113.40
Standard Single	£81.20



Opal Court

- 500m from the main campus
- 648 self-catered rooms
- All rooms are ensuite
- Rooms are arranged in flats of five or six with a lounge/kitchen area.



Nixon Court

- 500m from the main campus
- 979 self-catered rooms and studio flats
- Standard and ensuite rooms available
- Rooms are arranged in flats for five, six or ten students. 281 new rooms opened in 2011, offering a mix of ensuite rooms and studio flats. There are large common rooms where you can relax.



Freeman's Common Houses

- 250m from the main campus
- 304 self-catered rooms
- All rooms are standard, with shared bathroom facilities
- Each house comprises ten standard rooms and communal lounge/kitchen areas.



Oadby Student Village

Oadby Student Village offers a wide choice of accommodation and a vibrant social life next to the beautiful surroundings of the University's Botanical Gardens. Oadby Student Village is 3.5km from campus and regular bus services operate between the accommodation, University campus and the city centre.

For information on all options, visit www.le.ac.uk/accommodation.

“

The accommodation is comfortable and is located at a convenient site, where it is near to the International Study Centre, the university campus and the city centre.”

Chan Cho, Hong Kong
International Foundation Year - Society and Culture
Now studying BSc Communications, Media and Society

How to apply for accommodation

You will be sent information about how to apply online once you have confirmed your place at the International Study Centre.

If you are starting in September, you are guaranteed a room in University-allocated accommodation if you firmly accept your offer of a place at the International Study Centre* and apply for accommodation online by the University's published deadline.

If you are starting in June or January, accommodation is arranged on a case-by-case basis, so you are advised to apply online as early as possible.

* Subject to availability. Other residences may be used.



“ I like that Leicester is a multicultural city, only a fifteen minutes' walk from the University. It is lively but not overcrowded with all sorts of opportunities for shopping and nightlife. ”

Amanda, Singapore
International Foundation Year -
Society and Culture
Now studying LLB Law

Your City

Leicester is a vibrant and diverse city, and the tenth largest in Britain. The city centre is just a short walk from campus, so students are never far from the action.

Leicester is a perfect student city. Two universities in the city centre mean 12% of Leicester's population is students, so there is always something happening, whatever your interests – sport, culture and the arts, shopping or dancing.

Ideally located in the centre of England, Leicester is well-connected by road, rail and air. London and Birmingham are about an hour's journey on the train, whilst East Midlands and Birmingham airports are close by.



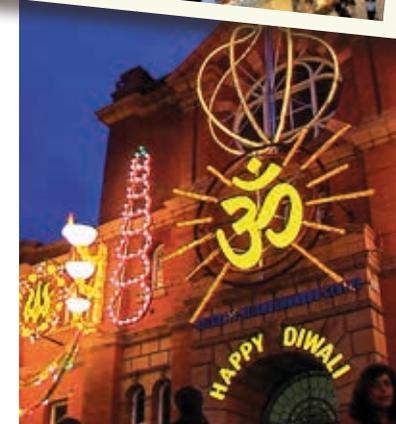
Culture and the Arts

As a Roman city, Leicester is one of the oldest in England. You can explore Leicester's rich history through the **Jewry Wall Museum**, which investigates the city's Roman heritage, whilst the **Newarke Houses Museum** gives insights into Leicester's more recent past. A short walk from campus is the thriving **New Walk Museum and Gallery**, which holds a superb permanent exhibition of Picasso ceramics.

You can experience Leicester's famous diverse culture through a magnificent array of festivals. Leicester's world-renowned **Diwali** celebrations in October are the largest outside India and attract around 30,000 visitors. The Belgrave Road area of the city is illuminated with stunning lights, and Diwali day itself is celebrated in spectacular style with a street parade and dazzling fireworks. In the summer one of the UK's largest **Caribbean carnivals** hits the city, whilst the long-running **Leicester Comedy Festival** will keep you amused during the winter months.

For students who are interested in the performing arts, Leicester boasts some fine theatres. **Curve** opened in 2008 and is a world-class theatre and performing arts venue at the heart of the city's cultural quarter. Curve has two auditoria and puts on a wide range of shows, from performances by the Royal Shakespeare Company to stand-up comedy gigs. Across the city, **De Montfort Hall** is a luxurious theatre right next door to the University campus that attracts a whole host of mainstream acts. Leicester also has a variety of smaller theatre venues, which put on numerous amateur productions throughout the year.

If you like to watch movies, you can visit the **Showcase Cinema de Lux** in the city centre. For independent film, head over to **Phoenix Square** in the cultural quarter – a modern art-house cinema complex with a great café-bar.



“

You can walk to the city centre in less than 20 minutes and it is very convenient to take the train from Leicester to travel around the UK. ”

Want to know more?

Leicester Comedy Festival
www.comedy-festival.co.uk

Curve Theatre
www.curveonline.co.uk

De Montfort Hall
www.demontforthall.co.uk

Phoenix Square
www.phoenix.org.uk

Beiyi Lou, China
International Foundation Year -
Engineering and Technology
Now studying BSc Mathematics with
Management

The International Study Centre

The International Study Centre will provide you with the best preparation for undergraduate study.

The International Study Centre at the University of Leicester

Success starts here

Preparing for university is one of the most important things any student has to do. Making sure you have the academic and language skills you need to succeed will make your transition to university life a lot easier. The International Study Centre at the University of Leicester teaches you these skills as well providing valuable support as you begin to live and study in the UK.

Your first day at University

From the day you start in the International Study Centre, you are a student of the University. You will study and learn on campus, and have access to such university facilities as the library, sports hall and Students' Union.

Welcoming students from around the world

Being an international student means you are part of a wide community of different nationalities. At the International Study Centre we know how to help you adjust to your new environment and make the most of your time in the UK.

Supporting you

Many of the students who study with us are new to the UK, and will be studying English language as well as academic subjects that are relevant to their chosen subject area. We monitor each student to ensure that you have the support you need for the duration of your time at the International Study Centre.

University-style teaching

The International Study Centre introduces you to the style of teaching that you will experience on your degree. Taking part in tutorials, seminar-style classes and larger group lectures means you'll be well prepared once you progress to your degree programme.

Progression to your degree

Joining the International Study Centre guarantees that you will receive a conditional offer of a degree place at the University. On successful completion of the course and having met the required entry standards, you will proceed directly to your preferred degree programme.

For up-to-date information on progression degrees available and the grades required, visit:

www.le.ac.uk/isc

International Foundation Year High Achiever Awards

The top performing students on the Foundation Year programme with the highest overall grades (one per route) will be awarded a scholarship worth £2,500 per year of the undergraduate degree programme upon progression to the University.

2013 Award Winners

Hung Yan, Hong Kong

International Foundation Year - Economics and Management
Now studying BSc Financial Economics

Hassan, Sudan

International Foundation Year - Engineering and Technology
Now studying BEng Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Justine, The Philippines

International Foundation Year - Science
Now studying BSc Medical Biochemistry

Kei Yan, Hong Kong

International Foundation Year Society and Culture
Now studying BSc Communications, Media and Society

Angaraj, India

International Foundation Year - Engineering and Technology
Now studying BSc Physics with Astrophysics



International Foundation Year

The International Foundation Year is a three-term programme consisting of academic subjects, study skills and English language training, that provides a path to undergraduate degree study.

The programme leads to a variety of degrees at the University, in subject areas including business, computing, economics, engineering, mathematics, science and social sciences.

Study structure

You can choose one of four Foundation Year routes:

- Economics and Management
- Engineering and Technology
- Science
- Society and Culture

Course structure

The course is modular and includes core English language modules, mathematics and academic modules appropriate to your chosen subject route. You will be taught in a combination of group lectures and small group seminars, and will be expected to undertake directed self-study.

Modules are subject to change. For up-to-date information, visit: www.le.ac.uk/isc

Assessment

You will be assessed regularly throughout the course to ensure that you remain on track. This will be through a combination of examinations and coursework assessment, presentations and extended essays.



English language preparation

If you do not have the IELTS or equivalent score required to start your Foundation Year, you can first join an intensive one-term English Language Preparation (ELP) course at the International Study Centre.

You will need a minimum IELTS or equivalent score of 4.0 to start your ELP course. The aim of the course is to ensure that you have the level of English required to start the Foundation Year Programme.

Study plan options

IELTS or equivalent	June 2014	September 2014	January 2015	June 2015	August 2015	September 2015
5.0 (5.0 in writing)						Start undergraduate degree
5.0 (5.0 in writing)						
4.0						
4.0						

International Foundation Year
 English Language Preparation
 Vacation

“The University has amazing facilities and great location in England - together with the academic quality here, I am sure to do well in my studies.”

Dominic, Mexico

International Foundation Year -
Economics and Management
Now studying BA Management Studies



View Dominic's full profile at
www.le.ac.uk/isc/studentprofiles

Economics and Management

Courses

Progression from the Foundation Year to:

Economics

BA/BSc Banking and Finance*[†]

BA/BSc Business Economics*[†]

BA/BSc Economics*[†]

BA/BSc Financial Economics*[†]

BA Politics and Economics

Management Studies

BA Management Studies*

BA Management Studies (Finance)*

BA Management Studies (Marketing)*

BA Management Studies
(Organisation Studies)*

BA Management Studies and Economics*

BA Management Studies with Politics*

^{*} with a year's Study Abroad option available

[†] With a Year in Industry option

Many departments have links to leading businesses and organisations. Taking advantage of this and spending a year working in a related industry can give you the edge – pick up specialist workplace skills, network with potential employers and get insights into your career path options.

Up-to-date information on degrees and grades required for progression to your chosen undergraduate degree can be found at www.le.ac.uk/isc

Key Facts

Entry dates:

September 2014 or January 2015

Course length:

3 terms: September to June or
January to August

Entry Requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades or equivalent

For country-specific entry requirements, visit www.le.ac.uk/isc

English language: IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in writing) or equivalent*

Age: Students are normally at least 17 years of age.

Students below the age of 18 are required to have a guardian and will be charged an additional guardianship fee until they reach 18 years of age.

^{*}TOEFL or Pearson Test of English equivalencies will be recognised.

Core Modules

English and Skills for University Study 1, 2 & 3

You will develop your English communication skills and learn a range of study skills, including: writing and reading strategies, presentation and seminar participation, organisation of time and materials, meeting deadlines and responding to feedback. You will improve your abilities in English writing, in giving presentations and contributing to seminar discussions, in taking notes in lectures, and in planning and writing well-structured academic essays.

Project Study, including Computing (word-processing) Skills

You will complete a self-study project on a topic of your choice which relates to the degree programme that you will undertake.

Core Mathematics*

This module contains algebra and statistics. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of mathematical terms and techniques and apply these to solving problems.

Business and the Modern Market Economy

You will study the operational and strategic problems facing business people in the modern market economy. You will focus on a wide range of issues, such as management, human resource practice, marketing and ethical aspects.

Economics 1

You will gain an understanding of economic systems, types of goods, allocation of resources, elasticity, price controls, types of markets, cost and revenue, economies of scale and market failure.

Globalisation and Global Issues

You will be introduced to the study and analysis of problems, issues and dynamics that have come to shape contemporary political life and society at the international, transnational and global levels. You will consider the cause and effects of globalisation, a term that describes a variety of accelerating economic, political, cultural, ideological, and environmental processes that are rapidly altering our experience of the world.

Economics 2

You will look at aggregate demand and aggregate supply, economic policies, inflation, unemployment, international trade and development economics.

Introduction to Financial Accountancy

You will study double entry bookkeeping, preparation of trial balances, profit and loss statements, depreciation, limited companies, manufacturing accounts and interpretation of accounts.

* Students opting to do a BSc degree will study the Core Mathematics module and will additionally be required to take the Pure Maths 1 exam. Students will be offered extra support with their studies.

See page 34 for Pure Mathematics 1 description.

Progression

When you complete the International Foundation Year Programme and achieve the required grades, you will progress to your undergraduate degree, either within the Department of Economics or the School of Management.

Economics

Since its inauguration in 1924, the department has become increasingly successful, and is now one of the largest departments of economics in the UK. We now have over 30 academic staff, eight of whom are professors.

The Department prides itself on its reputation for teaching and research excellence that few other economics departments can match. You will be taught by leading experts who have both an excellent academic reputation and real world experience. Our staff are internationally-renowned and have acted as advisers and consultants to many international and national organisations, including the European Central Bank, the United Nations, the International Monetary fund and a number of UK Government departments. The close relationship between research and teaching is one of the great advantages of studying within the department.

W: www.le.ac.uk/economics

Employment Opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to careers with AXA Insurance, Cancer Research, Jaguar Land Rover; Lloyds Banking Group, Marks and Spencer; Santander; Vodafone, Bank of America, Barclays World, British Airways, British Gas, Credit Suisse, Deloitte, Deutsche Bank, Ernst and Young and the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Management Studies

Management Studies is ranked 10th in the UK in the Guardian Good University Guide 2014.

The School of Management is dedicated to the development of critical management studies. We conduct internationally-recognised research that increases the understanding of the role of management and organisation in the modern world. This informs our teaching.

Our programmes are designed to provide you with a range of learning experiences and a qualification that will improve your career prospects.

W: www.le.ac.uk/management

Study Abroad Opportunities

On some degree programmes, you will have the opportunity to transfer, during the First Year of your undergraduate degree, to a four-year degree programme through the Erasmus scheme. The third year is spent at a partner university in Europe before you return to complete the final year at Leicester.

Strengths across subjects

A range of subjects are ranked in the top 30 of the Guardian 2014 League Table:

Position	Subject
10th	Business & Management Studies
27th	Economics



Engineering and Technology

“ I chose the University of Leicester as it is well known for its Astrophysics Department. The Foundation Year has provided an excellent start to my studies. ”

Angaraj, India
International Foundation Year -
Engineering and Technology
Now studying BSc Astrophysics



View Angaraj's full profile at
www.le.ac.uk/isc/studentprofiles

Courses

Progression from the Foundation Year to:

Engineering

BEng/MEng Aerospace Engineering**

BEng/MEng Communications and Electronic Engineering**

BEng/MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering**

BEng/MEng Software and Electronic Engineering**

BEng/MEng General Engineering**

BEng/MEng Mechanical Engineering**

Geosciences

BSc Geology

MGeol Geology*

BSc Geology with Geophysics

MGeol Geology with Geophysics*

Mathematics

BSc Financial Mathematics

BSc/MMath Mathematics *

BA Mathematics

BSc Mathematics and Actuarial Science

BSc Mathematics with Management

BSc Mathematics with Economics

Physics and Astronomy

BSc/MPhys Physics*

BSc/MPhys Physics with Astrophysics**

BSc/MPhys Physics with Nanotechnology**

BSc/MPhys with Planetary Science**

BSc/MPhys Physics with Space Science and Technology**

Computer Science

BSc Computing/Computing with Management**

BSc Computer Science**

MComp Computer Science (4 years)*

Interdisciplinary Science

BSc/MSci Natural Sciences

* with a year's Study Abroad option available

[†] With a Year in Industry option
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Key Facts

Entry dates:

September 2014 or January 2015

Course length:

3 terms: September to June or January to August

Entry Requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades or equivalent

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English language: IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in writing) or equivalent*

Age: Students are normally at least 17 years of age.

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Core Modules

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Project Study, including Computing (word-processing) Skills

You will complete a self-study project on a topic of your choice which relates to the degree programme that you will undertake.

Pure Mathematics 1

You will study straight lines and linear equations, set theory and probability, statistics, linear programming, indices and logarithms as well as experimental laws.

Mechanics 1

You will study vectors, forces and equilibrium, relative motion, Newton's Laws of Motion, friction and work, energy and power.

Mechanics 2

You will continue your study of Mechanics by examining advanced vectors, forces as fixed vectors, centres of gravity/centres of mass and particle dynamics.

Physics 1

You will concentrate on sound, reflection, refraction, interference, diffraction, electromagnetic waves, strengths of solids, fluids, heat and gases and the structure of the atom.

Physics 2

You will examine electrical current and charge, potential difference, resistance, capacitance, transistors and amplifiers, electrical fields, gravitational fields, magnetic fields and electromagnetic fields.

Pure Mathematics 2

You will look at further algebra, co-ordinate geometry, trigonometry, differentiation, integration, numerical methods and vectors.



Progression

When you complete the International Foundation Year Programme and achieve the required grades, you will progress to your undergraduate degree, within one of the following Departments or Schools.

Engineering

Our undergraduate degrees are accredited by professional engineering institutions. The Department is internationally renowned for its research. In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, 90% of our research activity was identified as world-leading, internationally excellent, or internationally significant, which places it amongst the top Engineering Departments in the UK.

W: www.le.ac.uk/engineering

Computer Science

Leicester has a young and dynamic department that takes a scientific and rigorous approach to computing. Our teaching is inspired by our research and aims to help you become a highly skilled professional.

W: www.cs.le.ac.uk

Mathematics

Our courses are designed to enable you to develop your mathematical abilities, including solving mathematical problems, understanding mathematical processes, and the presentation of mathematical ideas in verbal and written form. As a Leicester student you will be in touch with the latest developments and applications of mathematics taught by experts in their field.

Our graduates are equipped for a wide range of careers and are employed in Business and Finance, Education and Research, IT and other skilled professions. Employers include; Barclays - SPN Group, Bluefin, Coutts, Fidelity

International, IPC Media, Macintyre Hudson and many more. Employability skills are taught throughout your studies so you will have the skills employers are looking for.

W: www.maths.le.ac.uk

Physics and Astronomy

The skills and knowledge gained by our graduates make them highly prized by a wide range of employers. They can be found as scientists in a wide variety of fields from the space industry, to medical physics, to finance, the media, IT, teaching or management.

You will have access to the Department's outstanding facilities, including our supercomputer, cleanrooms, a nano-microscopy centre, and undergraduate observatories - both at Leicester and via remote access to a robotic telescope in Majorca.

W: www.le.ac.uk/physics

Geosciences

For information on the Department of Geosciences, see page 39

W: www.le.ac.uk/geosciences

Strengths across subjects

A range of subjects are ranked in the top 20 of the Guardian 2014 League Table:

Position	Subject
5th	Geology
7th	Engineering
18th	Mathematics
18th	Computer Science

Employment Opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to careers with Siemens plc, Ford Motor Company, Jaguar Land Rover, Fidelity International, RBS Insurance and KPMG.



Science

“The University is highly ranked for Biological Sciences. Here at Leicester, I will be exposed to many opportunities during my degree, which will lead me to further study at medical school.”

Justine, The Philippines
International Foundation Year - Science
Now studying BSc Medical Biochemistry



View Justine's full profile at
www.le.ac.uk/isc/studentprofiles

Courses

Progression from the Foundation Year to:

Biological Sciences

- BSc Biological Sciences**
- BSc Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)**
- BSc Biological Science (Genetics)**
- BSc Biological Sciences (Microbiology)**
- BSc Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology)**
- BSc Biological Sciences (Zoology)**
- BSc Medical Biochemistry**
- BSc Medical Microbiology**
- BSc Medical Genetics**
- BSc Medical Physiology**

Chemistry

- BSc/MChem Chemistry (*MChem only)
- BSc/MChem Chemistry with Forensic Science (*MChem only)
- BSc/MChem Pharmaceutical Chemistry (*MChem only)

Psychology

- BSc Applied Psychology
- BSc Psychology
- BSc Psychology with Sociology
- BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience

Computer Science

- BSc Computing/Computing with Management**
- BSc Computer Science/Computer Science with Industry**
- MComp Computer Science (4 years)*

Geosciences

- BSc/MGeol Applied and Environmental Geology (*MGeol only)
- BSc/MGeol Geology (*MGeol only)
- BSc/MGeol Geology with Palaeobiology (*MGeol only)

Geography

- BA/BSc Geography*
- BSc Physical Geography*

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- BSc/MSci Natural Sciences*

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Biology 1

You will look at biological molecules, cellular structure, cell division, movement through cell membranes, enzymes and metabolic pathways.

Chemistry 1

You will study formulae, equations and moles, atomic structure, introduction to redox systems, thermodynamics and bonding.

Biology 2

You will gain an understanding of the cardiovascular system, the respiratory system, the digestive system, osmo-regulation, control and coordination and reproduction.

Chemistry 2

You will examine equilibria, acid-base equilibria, kinetics and organic chemistry.

Further Studies in Biology & Chemistry

You will study genetics, ecology and plant biology plus inorganic chemistry, oxidation/reduction reactions and transition element chemistry.



My Year in Industry

Name: Maryam

Subject: BSc Medical Physiology



determine the effects of compounds on these mechanisms with the aim of decreasing or halting the disease progression. I share my data with other scientists by giving presentations at meetings where I explain the methods and reagents I used and the data I generated. My degree has undoubtedly helped me to grasp the techniques used in experimental design and the pharmaceutical concepts I learnt have really come in

useful when analysing my data and applying the results to see what they mean in the disease context. It is amazing working alongside experienced scientists and doing research which has potential when it comes to creating medicines to target diseases.

The opportunity to undertake a year in industry was an important factor when I was choosing what degree I wanted to study and at which university. I felt it was important to try out the career I was interested in pursuing after graduating as it would give me an invaluable insight into what the job realistically entails and whether it was something I would enjoy doing in the long term. I secured a position with GlaxoSmithKline, a global pharmaceutical company, where I am currently carrying out research into Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a progressive form of lung disease. I plan and carry out experiments and then analyse the results to help define the cellular mechanisms involved in the disease and

Progression

When you complete the International Foundation Year Programme and achieve the required grades, you will progress to your undergraduate degree, within one of the following Departments or Schools.

Biological Sciences

The School was ranked top for genetics in the 2011 National Student Survey and is ranked 3rd in the Guardian 2014.

The School is nationally recognised for the high quality of its teaching and research. 50% of our teaching staff are placed in the top 1% of their research field and, in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, 85% of our research activity was world-leading, internationally excellent, or internationally significant.

W: www.le.ac.uk/bs

Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry at the University of Leicester is recognised both nationally and internationally for its research and its excellence in teaching. We have invested in modern, state-of-the-art facilities for carrying out agenda setting research and for the provision of high quality undergraduate teaching.

The Department also rates highly in the 2013 National Student Survey, in which 95% of our MChem Chemistry students said they were satisfied with the quality of their course.

You will benefit from our excellence in teaching, research and welfare provision, and from our well-equipped teaching and research laboratories.

W: www.le.ac.uk/chemistry

Computer Science

For information on the Department of Computer Science, see page 35.

W: www.cs.le.ac.uk

Geography

This is a friendly and vibrant department with a thriving research culture that is shared by academic staff, research associates and our students. In 2005, the department was one of only three UK Geography Departments to be recognised by HEFCE as a Centre of Excellence for Geographical Information Science (GIS) teaching, which resulted in funding for specialist equipment.

Our courses provide opportunities for fieldwork, and place an emphasis on gaining practical skills and putting them to use in a critical manner.

W: www.le.ac.uk/geography

Geosciences

Geology is ranked 5th in the Guardian 2014 league table and continues to receive excellent satisfaction ratings in the National Student Survey (2007-2011).

Our courses provide a thorough training in geosciences, preparing graduates for a wide range of careers or further scientific research. All our degrees are accredited by the Geological Society of London.

W: www.le.ac.uk/geosciences

Psychology

All Psychology degrees are accredited as conferring eligibility for Graduate Membership of the British Psychological Society. Our graduates go on to a range of successful careers with the skills required by a wide range of industries. Example jobs include Assistant Psychologist, Care Worker, Human Resource Management Trainee, Marketing and Communications Manager, Research Psychologist and Trainee Accountant.

The School has research and teaching strengths in applied aspects of psychology such as clinical, occupational and forensic psychology.

W: www.le.ac.uk/psychology

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3rd	Biological Science
3rd	Chemistry
5th	Geology
16th	Geography
18th	Computer Science

Employment Opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to careers with the Office for National Statistics, the Royal Geographical Society, DHL, Google, Procter and Gamble, Kraft Foods, JP Morgan, Barclays Corporate, Anglo American Exploration Brazil, Queensland Mining and Exploration Consultants, RSC Mining and Mineral Exploration.



“ The teachers at the International Study Centre are friendly and encouraging. Due to the prestige of the University, I stand a better chance of obtaining a job. ”

Mwiche, Zambia

International Foundation Year
- Society and Culture
Now studying LLB Law



View Mwiche's full profile at
www.le.ac.uk/isc/studentprofiles

Society and Culture

Courses

Progression from the Foundation Year to:

Archaeology

BA Archaeology*

Communications, Media and Society

BSc Communications, Media and Society*

BA Media and Sociology*

History of Art and Film

BA Film and Media Studies

BA Film Studies and Visual Arts*

Historical Studies

BA History*

BA Contemporary History*

BA History and Politics*

BA History and American Studies*

Geography

BA Geography*

BA Human Geography*

Politics and International Relations

BA International Relations*

BA International Relations and History

BA Politics and Sociology

BA Politics*

Sociology

BA Sociology*

Modern Languages

BA Modern Languages with Management and English as a Foreign Language*

BA Translation and Interpreting*[†]

Law/Criminology

LLB Law*

LLB Law with a Modern Language*

LLB Law and Criminology

LLB Law with Politics

BA Criminology*

Computer Science

BSc Computing/Computing with Management*[†]

Psychology

BSc Applied Psychology

BSc Psychology

BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience

BSc Psychology with Sociology

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Core Mathematics*

This module contains algebra and statistics. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of mathematical terms and techniques and apply these to solving problems.

Business and the Modern Market Economy

You will study the operational and strategic problems facing business people in the modern market economy. The module will focus on a wide range of issues, such as management, human resource practice, marketing and ethical aspects.

Economics 1

You will gain an understanding of economic systems, types of goods, allocation of resources, elasticity, price controls, types of markets, cost and revenue, economies of scale and market failure.

Globalisation and Global Issues

You will be introduced to the study and analysis of problems, issues and dynamics that have come to shape contemporary political life and society at the international, transnational and global levels. You will consider the cause and effects of globalisation, a term that describes a variety of accelerating economic, political, cultural, ideological, and environmental processes that are rapidly altering our experience of the world.

Law

You will be provided with a basic grounding in the institutions, procedures, methodology and traditions of English law and the legal system. You will study how the law is made and applied and the constitutional context in which it operates.

Media and Society

You will be introduced to key concepts within a range of media activities and consider the role and impact of the media in the context of the wider society.

* Students opting to do BSc Computing or Computing with Management degree will study Core Mathematics and will additionally be required to take the Pure Maths 1 exam. Students will be offered extra support with their studies.



Progression

When you complete the International Foundation Year Programme and achieve the required grades, you will progress to your undergraduate degree, within one of the following Departments or Schools.

Archaeology and Ancient History

Archaeology was ranked 1st for student satisfaction in the 2012 National Student Survey. The Department is internationally recognised for innovative and cutting-edge research. Our research achieved international prominence as a result of excavation of the body of Richard III in Leicester in 2012 by the School's professional field archaeologists (ULAS), and the ensuing interdisciplinary study of the remains led by our research staff.

Our courses offer many opportunities to take part in field trips and excavations.

W: www.le.ac.uk/archaeology

Media and Communication

The Department of Media and Communication was ranked 9th in the Guardian University Guide 2014. The Department has played a leading role in media and communications research nationally and internationally. It was the first academic department dedicated to the study of media in the UK and has maintained an impressive reputation for teaching in this field.

W: www.le.ac.uk/mediacom

Criminology

Leicester is one of the very few UK universities to have its own department exclusively dedicated to researching and teaching criminology, and our students benefit from learning in an environment that is home to some of the UK's leading criminologists. The department is ranked 3rd in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2014.

W: www.le.ac.uk/criminology

Geography

For information on the Department, see page 39.

W: www.le.ac.uk/geography

History

The School of History has an outstanding reputation for teaching and research across a wide geographical and chronological range. As one of the largest history departments in the UK, we offer a choice of periods and subjects from the 5th century to the contemporary world; from English local history to globalisation. Whatever aspect of history interests you, you will be able to construct a programme of study to match your intellectual interests and capture your imagination.

The 2012 National Student Survey revealed that 91% of our students are satisfied with their course.

W: www.le.ac.uk/history

Politics and International Relations

The Politics and International Relations Department at Leicester is a thriving, dynamic, yet friendly, place. Politics has been taught at Leicester since the 1940s and we have always been at the cutting edge of British political science.

Graduates go on to a variety of careers including administration (both public and private), the police, the media, management of many different kinds in industry and commerce, the legal profession, and banking and accountancy. A number of our graduates have gone on to careers in international organisations such as the European Commission in Brussels.

W: www.le.ac.uk/politics

Law

The Law School is consistently highly ranked, reflecting our strong research and teaching profile. Our graduates are highly regarded both by the legal professions and by a wide range of employers. Whilst our LLB is a qualifying law degree, in addition to the legal profession our graduates routinely find employment in a vast range of areas. Example jobs include Compliance Officer, Graduate Finance Analyst, Pensions Adviser, Project Manager, Solicitor, Trainee Accountant and Trainee Lawyer.

W: www.le.ac.uk/law

Modern Languages

Modern Languages at Leicester has an excellent track-record of student satisfaction. French at Leicester was voted top in the country in the 2011 National Student Survey, whilst Spanish came top nationally in 2009. We are also consistently highly ranked in National League Tables – we were placed 10th in the 2014 Guardian University Guide. Our small-scale teaching consistently ensures a high-standard learning experience.

Sociology

The Department of Sociology is one of the most prominent and influential in the country. It was ranked 8th in the Guardian University Guide 2014 with 92% of students satisfied with their courses.

Leicester was one of the first departments of sociology to be established in Britain, and has a long and well-respected tradition both in teaching and research. There are few branches of the discipline in which it has not had some influence.

W: www.le.ac.uk/sociology

Employment Opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to careers with BSKyB, Marks and Spencer, Africa Justice Foundation, Human Rights and Equalities Charnwood, EDF Energy, Santander and Deloitte.

Strengths across subjects

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Position	Subject
3rd	Criminology
4rd	Archaeology
8th	Sociology
9th	Media
10th	Modern Languages
18th	Computer Science

Extra information

Everything you need to know about the application process, insurance and term dates

How to Apply

An application form is enclosed with this prospectus. Your application will need to include copies of all relevant academic transcripts and certificates of English language qualifications.

Courses are popular and places are limited, so you are advised to apply and confirm your place as soon as you can.

To apply direct

You can apply online at www.le.ac.uk/isc

Alternatively, you can send your completed application to the address printed at the bottom of the form.

If you need further information, our expert student enrolment advisers are available for help and advice.

You can contact them online or the numbers below:

T: + 44 1273 339333

F: + 44 1273 339334

To apply through your local representative

Complete the application form and return it to your local educational representative, who can also assist you with any queries you may have.

Fees

Details of tuition, accommodation and insurance fees can be found in the enclosed application form or at www.le.ac.uk/isc

Entry requirements and progression grades

Students can find up-to-date information on country-specific entry requirements and progression grades at: www.le.ac.uk/isc

Student Insurance

It is essential that international students have the protection of personal insurance whilst in the UK.

To cover you as a student at the International Study Centre (ISC), you can purchase 'StudyCare'. Designed for international students, the policy will cover you for loss of personal possessions, as well as providing health and medical insurance until the end of your ISC academic programme. The cost of Study Care will automatically be added to your invoice unless you can provide proof of alternative cover.

For more information, visit www.le.ac.uk/isc/studycare

Term Dates

English Language Preparation

June start

23rd June, 2014 – 5th September, 2014

September start

22nd September, 2014 – 5th December, 2014

International Foundation Year

September start

Term 1: 22nd September, 2014 – 5th December, 2014

Term 2: 12th January, 2015 – 27th March, 2015

Term 3: 7th April, 2015 – 12th June, 2015

January start

Term 1: 12th January, 2015 – 27th March, 2015

Term 2: 7th April, 2015 – 12th June, 2015

Term 3: 15th June, 2015 – 14th August, 2015

About the Programmes

All programmes at the University of Leicester International Study Centre are approved and run by Study Group, in partnership with the University of Leicester. Study Group holds responsibility for the academic standards of the programme.

Study Group is a global leader in private higher education, language and career education, in the United States, Canada, the UK and Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Study Group provides the highest quality educational opportunities for 50,000 students from more than 130 countries in over 48 campuses across the world.



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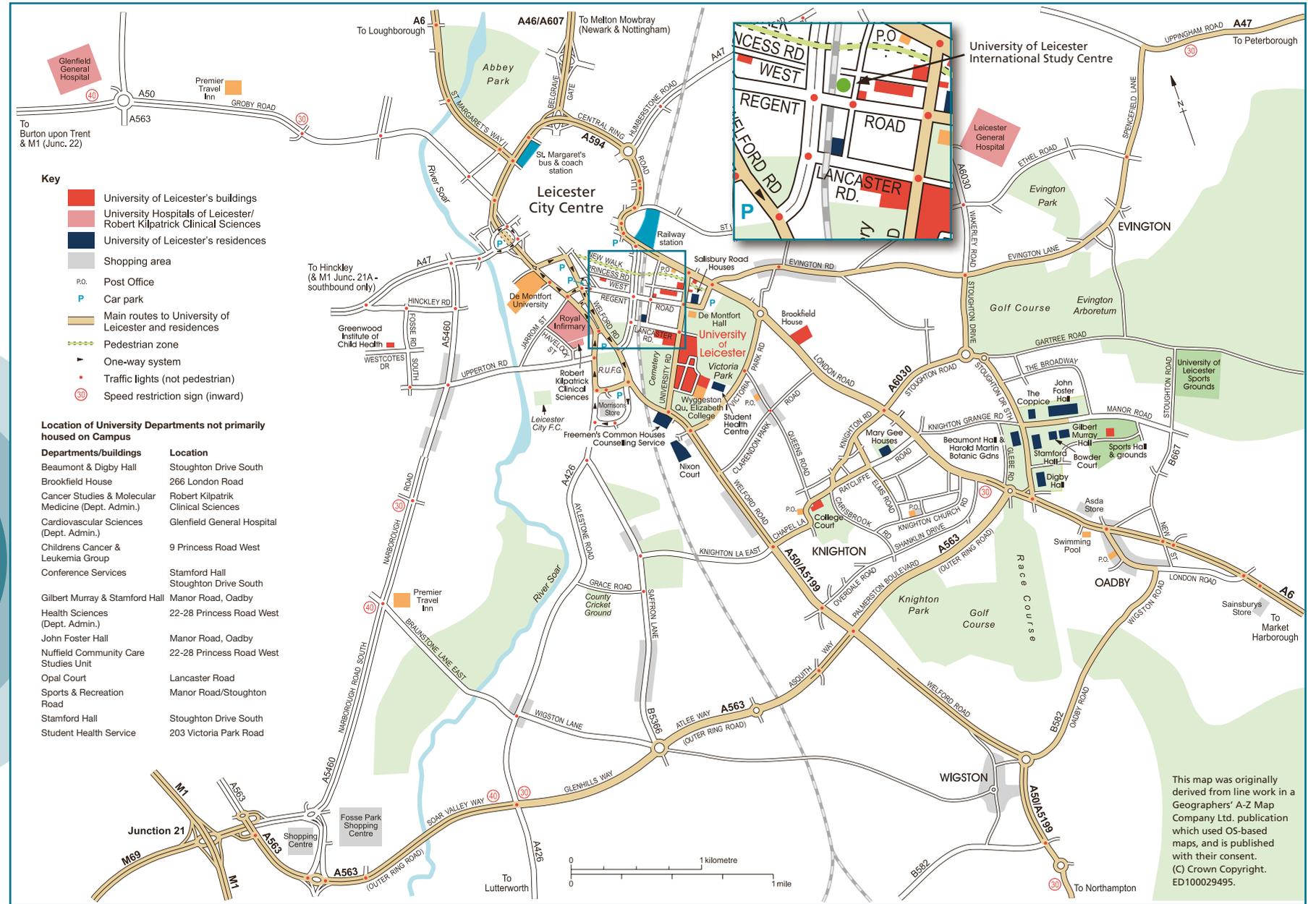
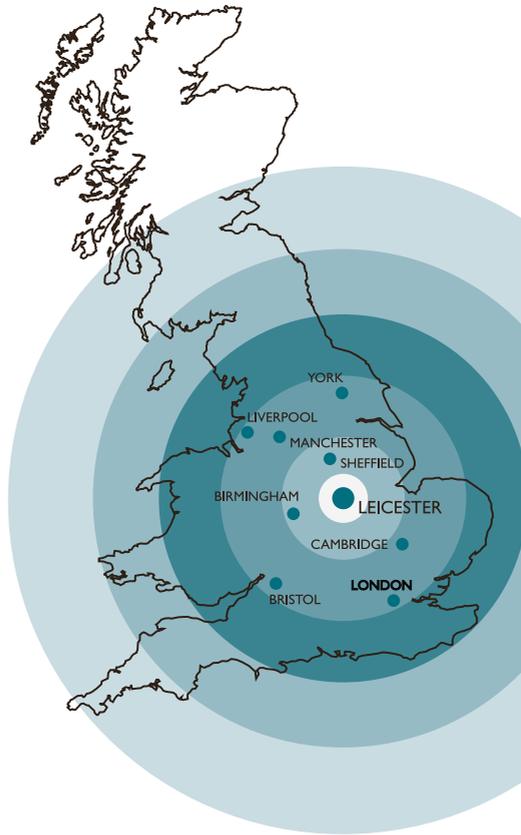
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Leicester Area Map

Ideally placed

Leicester is just 69 minutes direct from London by train.

Students arriving at London Heathrow airport can reach Leicester by a regular direct coach service. Alternatively, you can pre-book a taxi when you apply for the International Foundation Year.



Contact Details

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