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Becoming a global citizen

International student guide





**We are citizens
of change**





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Reasons to study at Leicester

27th UK university*



*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022

1/3 of students
are from overseas



Safe, secure and supportive environment
Two time award winning security team (AUSCO, 2021)



19th in the world
in the THE Global Impact Ranking 2021

Teaching conducted by
world leading experts



Open, inclusive and welcoming
to students from all backgrounds



Sustainability
embedded across learning and teaching

Research impact
on global issues



We are forward looking.

We are globally connected.

**We are researchers, teachers
and students.**

We are agitators and instigators.

**We are diverse in our make-up and
united in our ambition.**



Who we are



We are driven.

We are determined.

We are a force for good.

**While there is room for better,
we will not stand idle.**

We are citizens of the world.

We are citizens of Leicester.

We are citizens of change.

Join us.



Our history

So that they may have life

Founded as a living memorial to those who died in the First World War, the University of Leicester's motto 'Ut vitam habeant', 'So that they may have life', reflects a story of teaching, research and social improvement that continues to this day. Crowdfunded by the local community, the site for the University's campus was donated by a local businessman having previously been used as a military hospital. Students were first admitted to the University in 1921, meaning that the University is now celebrating its centenary.

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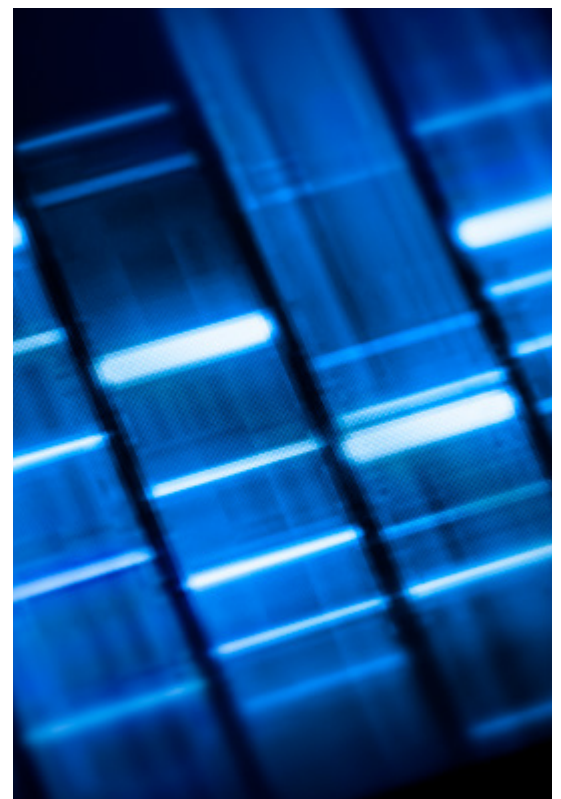


Changing the world

Since its founding in 1921 the University of Leicester has been driven and determined to make a positive impact locally, nationally and globally. Over the past 100 years, major breakthroughs have been made at the University that have changed the world around us. There has been at least one piece of Leicester built equipment operating in space since 1967, quite literally changing our understanding of life and our place in the universe. DNA Fingerprinting was invented here in 1984, revolutionising forensic investigation and criminal justice, and the University discovered and identified the remains of King Richard III, the last English king to die in battle, who was immortalised in the works of William Shakespeare.

The next 100 years

As we move into our next century, we take with us the heritage of innovation of the past and the ambition to create positive change for the future. We're investing heavily in our campus and in our links with industry, working closely with government and major businesses to create a world-leading cluster for innovative research, enterprise and education in space and Earth observation at Space Park Leicester. We're researching the future of travel and autonomous vehicles, monitoring air quality and pollution levels and have been ranked 1st in the world for research on the United Nations Sustainable Goal 15 – life on land and the education on and support for land ecosystems (Times Higher Education Global Impact Rankings 2020).





Our campus

DAVID WILSON



Campus and facilities

The University of Leicester is housed on a compact campus, next to the city's Victoria Park. As well as academic facilities, also located on campus are the David Wilson Library, opened by the Queen in 2008, the Percy Gee Building housing the Students Union and the Danielle Brown Sports Centre. Campus is a short walk from the city centre, approximately a 20 minutes, and a 15 minute walk from Leicester Train Station.

www.le.ac.uk/city-campus



Leicester Medical School

For over 40 years we have produced skilled, professional and caring doctors equipped for the modern health service, with patient care their first priority. The George Davies Centre and our state-of-the-art clinical skills unit provide superb facilities for technology-enhanced learning. At £42 million, the George Davies Centre was the largest investment in medical teaching and applied research by any UK university in the last decade, when opened in 2016. Leicester Medical School is ranked within the top 5 UK universities for Clinical Medicine by the prestigious Shanghai World Rankings.

www.le.ac.uk/medicine

School of Business

The University of Leicester School of Business (ULSB) is a global academy for leaders, innovators and change-makers. Building on over 90 years of delivering business education, ULSB is internationally renowned for courses in accounting and finance, management, marketing and economics. The School of Business is AMBA accredited and also offers an MBA by Distance Learning. Completed in 2020, Brookfield, the home of the University of Leicester School of Business, underwent a £15.8 million redevelopment.

www.le.ac.uk/ulsb





Our research

Health conscious

We're on the pulse of health and wellbeing research, targeting toxins and waging war on superbugs. The University's Diabetes Research Centre, part of the College of Life Sciences, works closely with University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, establishing an international reputation in the fields of diabetes and cardiovascular research. We're also doing our bit in the fight against coronavirus, pioneering research into the identification and prevention of COVID-19.

Environmentally friendly

We care about our planet. So much so that we're ranked 1st in the world for UN Sustainable Goal 15: Life on Land in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2020. This ranking measures universities' research on life on land and their education on and support for land ecosystems. We're also researching the impact of COVID-19 on the world around us, monitoring the change in air quality and air pollution since the start of the pandemic, and being a leading source on the subject in the country's media.





Socially just

We care about health, we care about the planet, but we also care about society and social equality. We rank 17th in the world, 4th in the UK, under the UN Sustainable Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021. The University's Centre for Hate Studies works with organisations all over the world to shape policy and practice, enabling professionals to engage with diversity, support victims and tackle hate.

“We’re on the pulse
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Degree courses (College structure)

Life Sciences

The University's College of Life Sciences offers a dynamic, modern environment for study and research, built on decades of highly respected achievement. Based in the £42 million George Davies Centre, the College of Life Sciences consists of Leicester Medical School, the School of Allied Health Professions, the School of Biological Sciences and the School of Psychology.

Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities

The College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities is guided by the desire to nurture a stimulating and creative learning environment. Leicester Law School and the University of Leicester School of Business (ULSB) are located within the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities alongside the Schools of; American Studies; Archaeology and Ancient History; Arts; Criminology; Education; History, Politics and International Relations; Media, Communications and Sociology; and Museum Studies.

Science and Engineering

The College of Science and Engineering comprises of a diverse range of subject areas that have their own distinct identities, while still sharing major interdisciplinary research activities. The College of Science and Engineering is made up of the School of Chemistry, the School of Engineering, the School of Geography, Geology and the Environment, the School of Informatics, the School of Mathematics and the School of Physics and Astronomy.

Undergraduate

Whether you have your dream job in mind or are still deciding, you'll find a course at Leicester for you. Make your mark with a degree that excites you, challenges you, and prepares you for career success. We offer hundreds of study possibilities from Ancient History to Actuarial Science and Creative Computing to Criminology. Undergraduate courses are also available in Leicester Law School, Leicester Medical School and University of Leicester School of Business.

www.le.ac.uk/undergraduate

Postgraduate Taught

Postgraduate study can be the foundation to a great career. It can turn an existing career into something brilliant, help you change careers or help you to pursue your passion. Postgraduate degrees are available across all three of the University's colleges and a number of courses also have Year in Industry or with Management options available too.

www.le.ac.uk/postgraduate

Postgraduate Research

We are proud to be one of the world's leading research intensive universities, elite in the excellence of our research yet distinctive for the genuine synergy between our research and teaching. Study for a PhD at Leicester and you'll join our passionate research community.

www.le.ac.uk/researchdegrees

Distance Learning

You can study for a Leicester degree without ever having to come to our campus. Off-campus (distance) learning is the perfect option if you need to balance getting a qualification with work, family and other commitments. We have a wide variety of courses that you can do from your own home in any country.

www.le.ac.uk/distance

English Language

The University's English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU), part of the Centre for International Training and Education (CITE), offers Pre-sessional Programmes for students who want to start an undergraduate or postgraduate course at university, but first need to improve their level of English.

www.le.ac.uk/cite

Foundation courses

Leicester Global Study Centre provides tailored pathways into a wide range of undergraduate degree programmes, as well as a true University of Leicester student experience. Based within easy walking distance of the University of Leicester campus, the Global Study Centre develops language skills and academic knowledge, as well as building confidence and encouraging the integration of each student into university life.

www.leicestergsc.com





Life in Leicester

City slickers

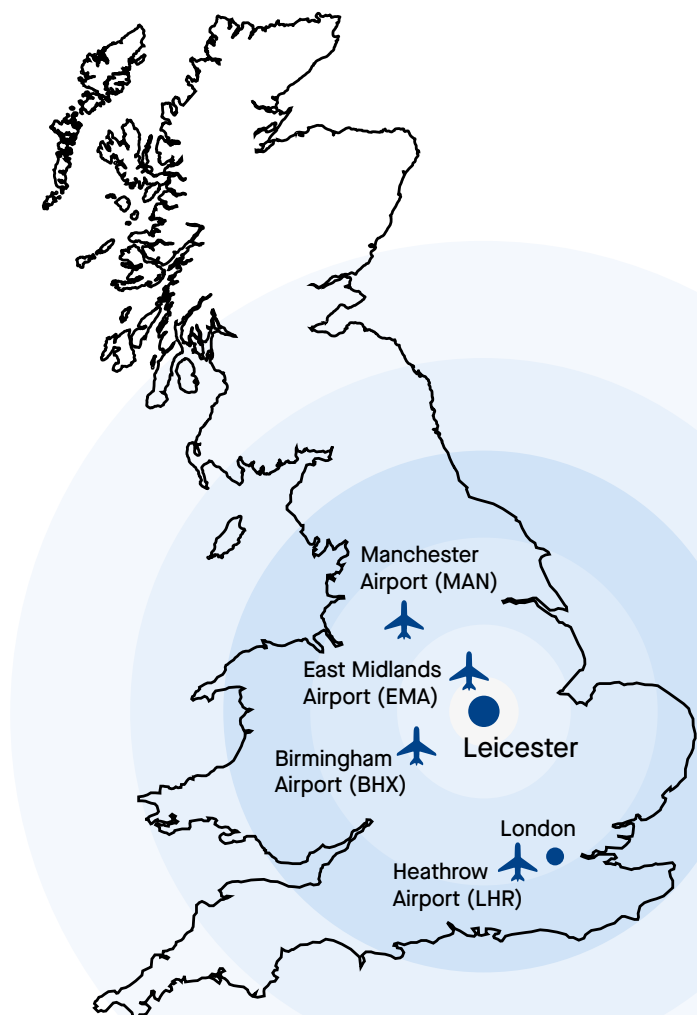
Located in the heart of England, Leicester is one of the UK's oldest cities. It's not just history you get here though, as Leicester is one of, if not the most, culturally diverse city in the country. A true student city, Leicester is also lively, and easy to enjoy on a budget. Regularly rated as one of the top students for student affordability, Leicester is also consistently ranked as one of the best places in the UK for quality of life, and as one of the happiest cities in the country.

www.le.ac.uk/city-campus

Centrally located and only

1 hour 5 minutes

from London



Country living

There's so much more than just the city centre too. The surrounding countryside of Leicestershire and Rutland gives you the chance to connect with the great outdoors, offering wide open country and water parks for walking, cycling, sailing and windsurfing. Those in search of history can find Leicestershire's countryside full of sites of national significance, such as Bradgate Park and the Bosworth Battlefield. The city itself is also full of green spaces, Victoria Park sits next to the University and University's Botanic Garden is situated next to The Village accommodation.

Sporting champions

This city loves sport. The Leicester Tigers are England's most successful rugby club. The Leicester Riders are the reigning champion in the British Basketball League. And who could forget Leicester City Football Club's historic Premier League win in 2016? There's also top flight cricket, hockey, speedway and racing – and you can even watch elite cyclists in the Leicester Castle Classic each August. Like our city, we take sport seriously. Sport is a significant part of university life, and if you feel inspired to get involved, you can take advantage of our excellent sports facilities available on campus and at your accommodation.



Space to shop

Love to shop? Leicester has a thriving shopping scene, with many independent shops and boutiques nestled alongside stores from most major retailers. Head for the Highcross in the city centre where you'll find all your favourite high street stores and designer names including brands such as Urban Outfitters, Topshop, Apple, AllSaints, Superdry and Hugo Boss. If you love the buzz of a market, take a walk around Leicester's famous fruit and veg market- Europe's largest covered market, dating back more than 700 years.

Arts and culture

You'll be surprised by how much there is to discover in Leicester, whether you want to enjoy a performance at the theatre, catch a film or immerse yourself in art. The University's own Attenborough Arts Centre combines exhibitions of contemporary art with theatre, comedy, dance and music, plus a wide range of courses from silversmithing to guitar. You're spoilt for choice with cultural activities with other venues such as the New Walk Museum and Gallery, the Curve Theatre, the Phoenix Independent Cinema and the LCB Depot.

Food and drink

As a true student city, Leicester has a huge variety of bars and clubs offering student nights and discounts. We have everything from cocktail bars to real ale pubs to dessert parlours, coffee shops and award-winning restaurants. Leicester's cultural diversity is reflected in the stunning range of cuisine available, with restaurants representing all corners of the globe. For something a bit more familiar, Leicester's newly developed restaurant quarter has all the big names you'd expect, including Wagamama, Carluccio's, Turtle Bay, Chimichanga, Coast to Coast and Bills.

Diverse in make-up

Leicester is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the UK. The city has a long history of cultural diversity, and this can be seen in the community feel of the city and its population, wherever people come from. This cultural diversity means you're never far from a supermarket, restaurant or cultural centre that will remind you of home! Our student population is also reflective of the diversity in the city, with almost 1/3 of all students coming from overseas.





Clubs and societies

With more than 200 student clubs and societies to choose from, you'll soon find something that takes your interest! Every subject we teach has a society, bringing together undergraduate and postgraduate students on relevant courses for a mixture of academic and social events. We also have national and cultural societies, performance societies, political and media societies, faith groups and sports clubs for individual and team disciplines.

Students' Union

In the centre of campus – figuratively and literally – is the University of Leicester Students' Union, also known as the Percy Gee Building, home to the O₂ Academy and a social hub for meeting, eating and relaxing. The Students' Union is also a fully-independent organisation which represents the student body. The Students' Union can also provide free and impartial advice and support on housing, money, safety and education.





Fees and scholarships

Tuition fees

Tuition fees will vary depending on the course you choose to study and the level at which you are studying at. For the latest information on tuition fees for your course, you are best checking the webpage for the subject you wish to study. You should pay your tuition fees either in full before the start of your academic year, or in two equal instalments, one before the start of your academic year and one three months after the start of your academic year. For campus-based postgraduate courses, we also ask that students from outside the UK pay a deposit to secure their place.

www.le.ac.uk/study

Affordability

Leicester has been recognised as one of the UK's most affordable student destinations, meaning you will be studying in one of the best value cities for accommodation, food and other living costs. There can be a massive difference in the costs you face depending on where you choose to study, so one of the great advantages of studying at Leicester is that your money will go further.

www.le.ac.uk/fees-funding

Scholarships

We offer many competitive scholarships for our international students at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. We also College and School level scholarships available including in the College of Science and Engineering and the University of Leicester School of Business ranging between £3,000 and £5,000.

www.le.ac.uk/scholarships

One of the
most affordable
student destinations in the UK





Employability

Festival of Careers

More than just a careers fair, it's an entire week of inspiring workshops, presentations and information sessions dedicated to helping you find out more about what's available in the world of work, entrepreneurship and study. Whether you're a first year or a finalist, the Festival is open to all. The Festival of Careers runs twice every academic year.

www.le.ac.uk/festival-of-careers

The Leicester Award

The Leicester Award is a personal development programme available to all University of Leicester students. The programme helps you to identify, develop, reflect upon and articulate your self-awareness and transferable skills from your academic studies and experiences beyond your degree – developing your CV and making you more employable. The Leicester Award Gold is a career development programme, designed to support you to achieve a significant experience such as an Internship, Year in Industry, Study Abroad or Business-Start-Up Opportunity.

www.le.ac.uk/the-leicester-award

Year in Industry

Employers are increasingly looking for graduates with industry experience. A number of our courses give you the opportunity to undertake a year in industry between your second and third year of undergraduate study, or during postgraduate study. It is normally a paid position and can take place in the UK or abroad. Our students have undertaken roles with companies and organisations including Microsoft, IBM, Jaguar Land Rover, ASOS, GSK, the NHS, HMRC and PwC.

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A group of four students are lying on their stomachs on a grassy lawn, looking at a book together. A young man in a blue t-shirt is on the right, leaning back. Three young women are on the left, looking at the book. One woman is wearing sunglasses. A colorful floral box is next to the book. In the background, there are large green trees and a modern building with large windows and colorful panels. The scene is bright and sunny.

Accommodation

Guaranteed accommodation

All new undergraduate and postgraduate students are guaranteed an offer of University-managed accommodation if they apply by September 1 in the year that their course starts. Applying for accommodation at Leicester is straightforward and simple, managed by our online application system. There are a range of options available for you, with the price of accommodation ranging from £65.00 to £215.00 depending on room type.

www.le.ac.uk/accommodation-search

The Village

With its buzzing social life and wide choice of accommodation, The Village is very popular with freshers. It's an excellent place to settle into University life and make new friends. There are eight halls of residence in The Village, each with its own distinctive features and range of room types/prices. Each house is unique and each room is different, with amazing features that include wood-panelled walls and secret gardens. The appeal of The Village halls is not just the buildings, but also the amazing amount of green space around them – including the University's own beautiful Botanic Garden. The Village accommodation is only available to undergraduate students.

www.le.ac.uk/the-village

The City

All our properties in The City are purpose-built blocks within ten minutes' walk of campus. They're convenient for the city centre and railway station too, as well as for facilities such as the Library and the Danielle Brown Sports Centre. The City accommodation is open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students, and we will try as much as possible to group postgraduate students in accommodation together. Opening in Autumn 2022, the new extension to our campus at Freeman's brings state-of-the-art student-living into the very heart of Leicester.

www.le.ac.uk/the-city





What next?

Leicester 24/7 Open Days

You're in control of exactly how, when and where you uncover everything a Top 30 university has to offer. Whether you want to book an Open Day, dig deep into our collection of On Demand videos, or visit for an accommodation tour. It's all here waiting for you.

www.le.ac.uk/open-days

Visiting your country

Academics, staff and official representatives of the University of Leicester regularly attend student events all over the world. These events provide a fantastic opportunity to have your questions answered by our team and find out more about studying in the UK at Leicester. We are also offering a variety of online sessions for prospective students, as well as opportunities to meet us face-to-face in certain locations. Where they can talk to our team about studying at Leicester.

www.le.ac.uk/visits-to-your-country

Get in touch

Wherever you are in your application journey, our staff and students are on hand to help you. Want to know more about student life, a course, or Leicester? Send a message to one of our friendly student or staff ambassadors – they're here to help. If you've got a question about your application or specific qualifications, you can get in touch with our staff and Admissions Team.

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Global Recruitment Team

Our team, based in the UK and overseas, is here to support you. To find out more about event running in your region or to get in touch please email us study@le.ac.uk or chat to us, and our students, on UniBuddy.

For a full list of current team members, visit www.le.ac.uk/chat

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