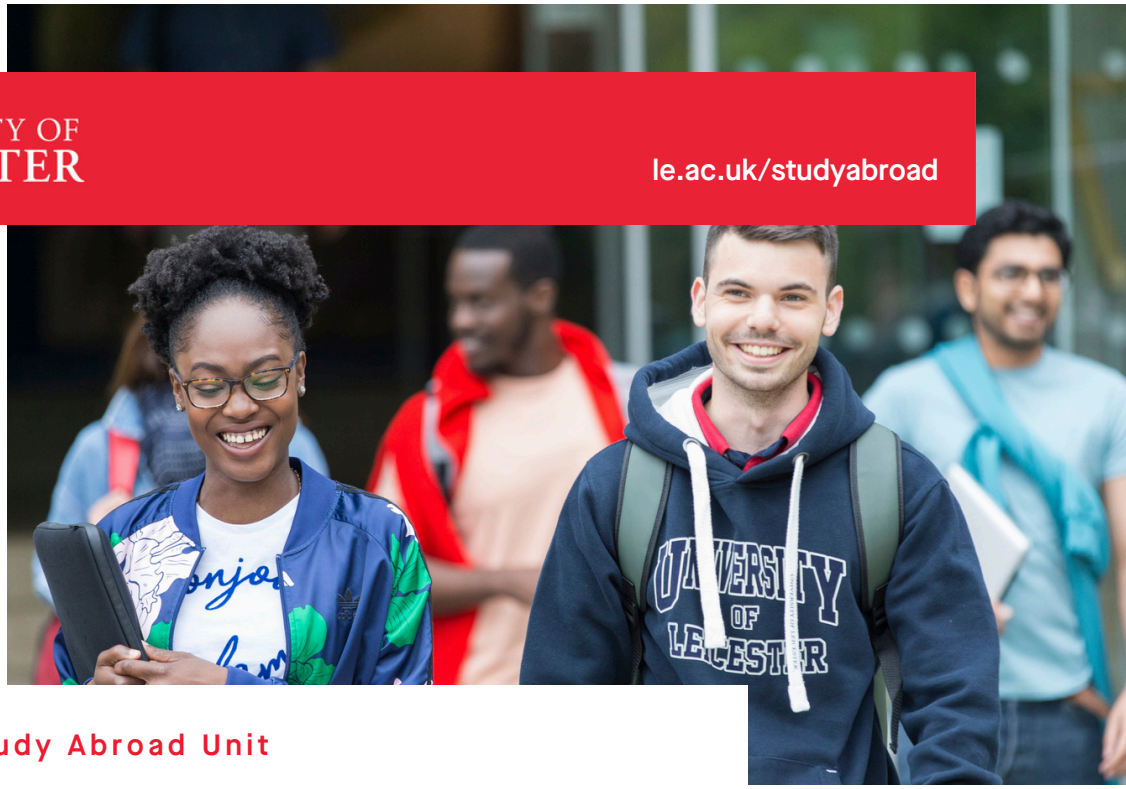
UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

le.ac.uk/studyabroad



Study Abroad Unit

Study Abroad at Leicester

2026/27



Contact Details

Postal Address:

Study Abroad Unit
University of Leicester
12 Chiswick Road
Leicester LE2 7SX
United Kingdom

Contact Information:

Study Abroad Office:

e: studyabroad@le.ac.uk
w: le.ac.uk/studyabroad
t: +44 (0)116 252 5687

Instagram: @uolstudyabroad

Study Abroad Unit:

Clare Banfa - Head of Study Abroad
Dr Fiona Ashmore - Senior Study Abroad Officer
Peter Hough - Senior Study Abroad Officer
Abby Hiorns - Study Abroad Adviser
Emma Ingleton - Study Abroad Adviser
Stephanie Swan - Study Abroad Administrator

Study Abroad Applications

Application and Nomination Deadlines:

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

How to apply:

We have an online application system. Please refer to the information on the application web page for more information:

le.ac.uk/cite/study-abroad-unit/incoming/studying

Supporting documents:

- Current official university transcript (3.0 Cumulative GPA)
- 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.

English Language Requirements

In order to study with us, your English must be good enough for you to succeed in your classes. There are multiple ways you can demonstrate this.

The full list of accepted methods can be accessed via the link below:

le.ac.uk/study/international-students/english-language-requirements

If you are coming for only one semester, we may be able to accept certification from your home university as evidence of your English level. Please contact us on studyabroad@le.ac.uk, and we can look into the matter for you.

Requirements by Subject

- Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, and English Language: IELTS 6.0 with a 5.5 in each skill.
- Law: IELTS 6.5 with a 6.0 in writing and a 5.5 in reading, listening, and speaking.
- All other subjects: IELTS 6.5 with a 5.5 in each skill.

Equivalent scores in TOEFL and other accepted English tests and qualifications can be found via the link to the left.

Test results must be no more than 2 years old.





Visas

Student Visa

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

Students applying for a Student 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:

www.gov.uk/student-visa

Standard Visitor Visa

Students joining us for less than 6 months may be able to enter the UK with an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) or Standard Visitor Visa. Visa Nationals will need to apply for the Standard Visitor Visa in advance.

www.gov.uk/eta

www.gov.uk/standard-visitor

Study Abroad Advisers are not permitted to give visa advice. However, once a student has been sent a student number and a study offer, they are welcome to contact our team of Visa Advisers.

e: visas@le.ac.uk

Programme

Academic Calendar and Dates

For term dates, please see our website: le.ac.uk/cite/study-abroad-unit/incoming/studying/dates

Many departments offer alternative assessments, such as essays or lab-work, to replace the final examinations. If you are joining us for one semester only and choose modules that offer alternative assessments, you may depart at the end of the teaching period.

Students taking modules in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Computing, Mathematics and/or Physics are required to remain on campus and sit examinations in the exam period. No exceptions can be made.

Examination dates

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

Welcome Programme

We run a Welcome Week at the beginning of each semester (September and January). During Welcome Week, you will be able to attend our Welcome Talk, complete registration, and confirm or change your modules. A schedule will be available to you before you arrive.



Subject Areas

- Accounting and Finance
- Archaeology and Ancient History
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Criminology
- Economics
- Engineering
- English Language
- English Literature
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- History of Art and Film
- Law
- Management
- Marketing and Strategy
- Mathematics
- Media and Communication
- Modern Languages
- Physics and Astronomy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

This list is correct as of date of publication (February 2026).



Module Restrictions and Timetables

At the University of Leicester, we call the individual classes or courses that you study “modules”. As a Study Abroad student, you can apply for modules from a wide range of academic fields.

All module requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. You must meet any academic pre-requisites and English language requirements for your modules, and modules may become full or unavailable without prior notice. If you are not able to take a preferred module, we will work with you to find a suitable replacement that meets your academic needs.

You will be able to see your module timetable after you arrive in Leicester. You may find you have scheduling clashes between your modules. This is more likely if you select classes from different levels (i.e., 1000, 2000, 3000, etc.) and/or departments. If you are seeking credit transfer, we recommend that you have a full list of approved alternative modules in case you need to change your modules after you arrive on campus. There will be a two-week window at the start of the semester when you can make these adjustments.





Accommodation

We have three vibrant housing locations for students: Oadby Student Village, City Living, and Freemen's Common. Oadby Student Village is approximately a 40 minute walk from the main campus, with a free shuttle bus available during term-time. Shops and a supermarket are nearby, as is the University's Botanical Garden. City Living and Freemen's Common are approximately a 5 to 10 minute walk from the main campus. All halls offer social events for students throughout the year.

le.ac.uk/study/accommodation

Applications can be made through the accommodation portal:

rooms.le.ac.uk/student_portal/

Accommodation is guaranteed for students who apply before 1 September (for students starting in Semester 1) or mid-December (for students starting in Semester 2). An initial payment of £250 is required to secure the booking.

Contracts

Incoming Study Abroad students can choose their contract based on the length of their programme and the subjects they are studying. Students taking modules in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Computing, Mathematics, and/or Physics must ensure their contract includes the exam period (in January for Semester One or May for Semester Two and Full Year students). All other students can choose a contract that ends with the teaching period (in December or March, respectively).

Students must read the Accommodation Guide to ensure they select the correct contract. If unsure, we strongly recommend choosing the shorter contract, as contracts cannot be shortened once agreed but can be extended after arrival.



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 our dedicated Fees webpage for information on costs for your stay with us:

le.ac.uk/cite/study-abroad-unit/incoming/studying/fees

The British Council provides guidance on the costs of living and studying in the UK on their website:

study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/cost-studying

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

www.gov.uk/student-visa

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

le.ac.uk/studyabroad

Study Abroad Unit
University of Leicester
University Road
Leicester, LE1 7RH, UK

t: +44 (0)116 252 5687
e: studyabroad@le.ac.uk
w: www.le.ac.uk/studyabroad

/uniofleicester uniofleicester @uniofleicester university-of-leicester