International
YOUR ARRIVAL

A guide to your first weeks at the University
WELCOME TO LEEDS

We are pleased to welcome you to the University of Leeds. It’s great that you’re here and part of our global community. Our students come from all over the UK and from over 140 different countries around the world, making Leeds a vibrant, multicultural city to live in.

We know it’s important for you to settle in quickly, so we’ve produced this guide to help you get started and make Leeds your new home. You’ll find details of the activities and opportunities on offer, as well as guidance on other topics and how to find more information. Take your time to read through this guide and remember that help and support is always available for you, so just ask us if you have any questions.

We hope you enjoy the start of your time at the University of Leeds.

Important information
The information contained in this brochure is accurate at the date of publication. However, courses, University services and the content of this brochure remain subject to change. Changes may be necessary to comply with the requirements of accrediting bodies or to keep courses contemporary through updating practices or areas of study. Circumstances may arise outside the reasonable control of the University, leading to required changes. Such circumstances include, industrial action, unexpected student numbers, significant staff illness (where a course is reliant upon a person’s expertise), unexpected lack of funding, severe weather, fire, civil disorder, political unrest, government restrictions and serious concern with regard to the transmission of serious illness making a course unsafe to deliver. After a student has taken up a place with the University, the University will look to give early notification of any changes and try to minimise their impact, offering suitable alternative arrangements or forms of compensation where it believes there is a fair case to do so. Offers of a place to study at the University will provide up to date information on courses. The latest key information on courses can be found at www.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder. Please check this website before making any decisions. The University’s contract with its students (following an acceptance by a student of any offer of a place) does not confer third-party benefits for the purposes of the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
YOUR FIRST DAYS

There are many places where you can ask questions and speak to our teams to help you settle in quickly.

International Student Support
Our teams are here to provide help and support all year round. You can ask us questions about starting your life in Leeds and get help with everything you need to do in your first few weeks. We offer information and immigration advice to help you have the best possible experience in Leeds. If you have any questions just get in touch.

Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building
+44 (0) 113 343 3930
internationalstudents@leeds.ac.uk
http://students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents

International welcome pack
You’ll find essential information, including registration, healthcare, shops and services, exploring the city, getting involved on campus, and lots more.

Activities and events programme
You can find details of other tours, talks and events throughout this guide and in your welcome pack. There is a range of activities for you to meet new friends and find out more about what Leeds has to offer.

University English Language Test (UELT)
Research postgraduates whose first language is not English are required to take the University English Language Test. You can find more information and test dates at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/researchinduction

Find out more about the orientation programme at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/orientationdates

Study Abroad, Exchange and Erasmus+ Orientation meeting
If you’re a Study Abroad, Exchange or Erasmus+ student you should attend this compulsory meeting. You’ll be given important information about support, immigration, studying in the UK, getting the most out of your time at Leeds and much more. You should also attend your parent school welcome meeting, or see your Study Abroad Coordinator if you can’t attend one. Check your emails for dates, times and locations.

Welcome talks
For guidance and essential information including registration, healthcare, shops and services, exploring the city, getting involved on campus, and lots more.

If you’re a Language Centre, Study Abroad, Exchange or Erasmus+ student, you’ll have a welcome talk included in your orientation programme – check your timetable or programme for the date, time and location.

For all other students, we hold welcome talks every week throughout the year. Email internationalwelcome@leeds.ac.uk to book your place.

Now that you’ve arrived and are ready to settle in, take a look at what you need to do next using this checklist.

Checklist

- Collect a welcome pack and attend your welcome talk (Pg. 4)
- Contact family and friends to tell them that you have arrived
- Collect your Biometric Residence Permit, if required
- Register with the police, if this is a requirement of your visa
- Visit your academic school
- Get your IT username and password (Pg. 12)
- Open a UK bank account, if you want to (Pg. 20)
- Complete University registration, pay academic fees and collect your student ID card (Pg. 14)
- Register with a UK doctor, if you’re eligible (Pg. 38)
- Complete the online library induction courses (Pg. 23)
- Buy essential items for your room and accommodation (Pg. 10)
- Check the social activities and opportunities that Leeds has to offer (Pg. 42)
- Visit the Leeds University Union building and find out about the events, shops, services and venues (Pg. 44)

Collecting your Biometric Residence Permit

If you have a Tier 4 (General) student visa and are attending a course for six months or longer, you’ll need to collect your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) when you arrive in Leeds. This is the visa that covers the full duration of your course. You’ll need to collect your BRP before you can complete the final stage of registration and collect your student ID card.

If you provided the University of Leeds Alternative Collection Location (ACL) code in your immigration application, you’ll be able to collect your BRP from the University.

If, instead of the ACL code, you provided a postcode in Leeds in your immigration application then you will need to collect your BRP from a selected Post Office in Leeds.

It’s important that you collect your BRP promptly when you arrive in Leeds. Instructions are available at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/brpcollection

Registering with the police

If your visa or a stamp in your passport tells you to register with the police, you must do this as soon as possible after you arrive in UK. West Yorkshire Police give you up to 30 days to register with them. You will need to collect your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) first, as this is one of the documents you will need for police registration.

Registration forms and instructions are available at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/policeregistration
STUDENT SUPPORT
AND WELLBEING

Coming to University in the UK may be very different from what you have been used to, but we’re here to help whenever you need us. The University has a network of support and pastoral care to help you make the most of your time here.

The Partnership
The Leeds experience is delivered through a partnership between staff and students. Read more about it at http://partnership.leeds.ac.uk

Support services
The Student Education Service brings together support and information services with opportunity and lifestyle help for students. There is a website for students to draw together support services to make it easy for you to find help when you need it.

The ‘For students’ website has contact details of all the support services on campus and quick links to other useful information, including money advice, health concerns and exam information.

The Student Services Centre counter service, located in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building, is there to help and advise you on a range of areas such as accommodation, fees, registration and student ID cards.

+44 (0) 113 343 8877
help@leeds.ac.uk
http://students.leeds.ac.uk

Student Advice Centre
Professional and confidential help and advice is available from Leeds University Union’s Student Advice Centre. You can get specialist advice on housing issues, money and budgeting, academic procedures, or help with anything else. All their help is free and completely independent of the University.

Level 1, Leeds University Union Building
+44 (0) 113 380 1290
advice@luu.leeds.ac.uk
www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice
@LUUAdvice

Security Office
If you have any problems outside normal office hours you can contact the University’s Security Office, which is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

175 Woodhouse Lane (200m downhill from the Parkinson Building)
+44 (0) 113 343 5494 (general enquiries)
+44 (0) 113 343 2222 (emergencies only)
Chaplaincy
The Chaplains are experienced at listening and offering support to students, whether you practise a particular faith or not. Drop in to the Emmanuel Centre for a tea or coffee, relax in the common room, talk to a Chaplain in confidence, or use their dedicated spaces for meditation, contemplation or worship.

Emmanuel Centre
+44 (0) 113 343 5071
chaplaincy@leeds.ac.uk
www.leeds.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Prayer, worship and faith-based support
If you practise a faith, you can be confident that you will be able to follow your beliefs in Leeds and find support and information related to your faith. The University has a number of spaces on campus available for prayer and you can also find places of worship in the local community.

The Green Room, next to the Conference Auditorium, is an Islamic prayer room provided on campus, managed by the Leeds University Union Islamic Society. The Green Room has prayer rooms for men and women, washing facilities and a kitchen with halal food available. http://leedsisoc.com/green-room

The Emmanuel Centre is a space on campus, opposite the Parkinson Building, managed by the Universities’ Chaplaincy in Leeds. Here you’ll find a place to meet, pray, worship, share or reflect. www.leeds.ac.uk/chaplaincy

You can find support and information related to your faith from chaplains and faith-based advisers, Leeds University Union student faith societies and contacts for different faiths in the local community.

More information about places of worship, quiet contemplation spaces and faith-based support can be found at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/prayercontemplationfaithsupport

Support for disabled students
The Disability Team in Disabled Students’ Assessment and Support (DSAS) provides advice, guidance and support to students who have a disability, learning difficulty, mental health condition or a long-term medical condition.

This includes conditions such as: physical and mobility impairments; vision and hearing impairments; dyslexia, ADHD and Autism / Asperger Syndrome; long-term medical conditions (12 months or more); and anxiety, depression and other long-term mental health conditions (12 months or more). If you are not sure, please get in touch with DSAS for a confidential consultation.

We run a drop-in service from 12.30 to 13.30 every weekday during term time, or you can get in touch to make a longer appointment with a Disability Coordinator.

Chemistry West Building
(55A on campus map)
+44 (0) 113 343 3927
disability@leeds.ac.uk
http://students.leeds.ac.uk/disabledinternationalstudents
@UoLDisability

Student Counselling Centre
The Counselling team deliver professional, free and confidential services. We promote emotional wellbeing through groups, workshops, confidential drop-in sessions and web-based self-help. Other activities are run throughout the year to help you during potentially stressful situations, such as revision and exam times.

19 Clarendon Place
+44 (0) 113 343 4107
scc@leeds.ac.uk
http://students.leeds.ac.uk/counselling
In your accommodation you will probably need to buy some essential items. Leeds has a large choice of shops for food, bedding, kitchen equipment, electrical items, cleaning and bathroom products.

**FOOD AND SHOPPING**

Although the city centre is only a short walk from campus, the students’ union building has a range of shops where you can buy all your essential items, including groceries, books, stationery, University of Leeds clothing, cards and gifts. There’s also an optician, hairdresser and beauty salon, plus a variety of places to eat and drink. [www.luu.org.uk/building](http://www.luu.org.uk/building)

**Love Leeds Charity Shop**
You can find a wide range of second-hand clothing, accessories, items for your home and much more. Come along to pick up cheap bedding, cookware and other essentials to get started in your new home.

**Weekdays during term time, 11.00 – 15.00**
**Level -1, Leeds University Union Building**

**Local shops**
Across the road from campus, on Woodhouse Lane, there are a number of other shops, banks and cafés. Other shops can be found in the city centre, Headingley and surrounding areas:

- **Morrisons** is a large supermarket and a 10-minute walk from the University on Woodhouse Lane. This store sells a wide range of food and household items.

- **Sainsbury’s** have supermarkets in the city centre and Headingley and sell most items. There is a smaller store on Woodhouse Lane and a larger store on The Headrow.

- **Tesco Express** is next to Central Village accommodation, just on the edge of campus. This store sells a selection of food and is open until 23.00 every day.

- **Wilko** can be found on Woodhouse Lane, and sells most household items. A larger store with a bigger selection of household items is on Albion Street.

- **Kirkgate Market** is located near the city bus station and is one of the largest undercover markets in Europe. It sells groceries and other items on market stalls and many are very good value for money.

**Argos** is a store where you choose household and electrical items from a catalogue or online. To collect items, visit the city centre store on The Headrow.

**International foods**
You can buy a very wide variety of international food ingredients in Leeds. For details of specialist international, halal and kosher food shops visit [http://students.leeds.ac.uk/essentialitems](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/essentialitems)

**Food and drink on campus**
The University’s catering service, Great Food at Leeds, offers a wide selection of fresh food at competitive prices during the day. Whatever your tastes or dietary requirements, whether you’re looking for a freshly made sandwich to take away or to sit down for a hot meal, you’ll find something in one of our 13 cafés or award-winning Refectory. Where possible, our products are locally sourced, seasonal and Fairtrade.

To help you budget for meals and save money, you can apply for a free Refresh card. This card can be topped up online, gives you a 10% discount on selected items and can be used in any of the Great Food at Leeds cafés. [www.leeds.ac.uk/greatfoodatleeds](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/greatfoodatleeds)

Every Monday during term time, you’ll find a farmers’ market outside the students’ union building on campus, selling a variety of fresh local produce including cheese, bread and cakes. Students tell us it’s one of their favourite weekly treats.
All of our IT facilities are centred on you – a single login will give you access to all the University IT services. There are over 1,900 networked PCs available for you to use on campus – you can find them in computer clusters and in most of our cafés.

COMPUTING AND IT

The computer clusters have a range of opening hours, with some available 24/7. If you would rather use your own laptop, most areas on campus have free high-speed Wi-Fi.

Get your username and password
You’ll need a username and password to use computers on campus, start registration on the Portal, access your email, connect to Wi-Fi and much more. There are two ways of getting your username and password:

From a University cluster computer
2. Enter the word mypassword (all lowercase letters with no spaces) into both the username and password boxes.
3. Enter your student ID number (found on your offer letter), and your date of birth.
4. Your username and initial password will be shown on the screen.

From your home computer
1. Visit http://mypassword.leeds.ac.uk
2. Enter your student ID number, and your date of birth.
3. Your username and initial password will be displayed on the screen.

Once you’ve got your initial password you should change it online. It’s not possible to change your username.
https://passwordreset.leeds.ac.uk

If you can’t get your username or password when you complete these steps, contact our Registration Helpline.
+44 (0) 800 915 0402
+44 (0) 113 343 7000

IT induction
We suggest that you go through the online IT induction course, which will introduce you to many of our IT facilities available. You can access this any time via the Portal or at http://itinductions.leeds.ac.uk/students

The Portal and the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)
Through one login you can access your student email, your personal timetable, your library account, announcements, useful links and much more. It’s worth spending a bit of time familiarising yourself with the Portal when you first arrive; there will be guidance when you first log in to help you get started. You can use the Portal to update your personal details such as your address, which can be used on official University documents.
http://portal.leeds.ac.uk

You can access the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) through the Portal. The VLE has a range of learning resources including: module information; handouts and lecture notes; and module reading lists.

Free software
You’ll be provided with an email account on the Office 365 service, offering secure access, wherever you are, to your email, calendar, contacts and tasks. As part of the Microsoft Office 365 suite of services, you can install up to five copies of Office Pro Plus at no cost. Find out more at http://it.leeds.ac.uk/email

For information on the range of free or reduced cost software available to you visit http://it.leeds.ac.uk/software
REGISTRATION

All students at the University need to complete registration to get a student ID card. Once you've registered, you'll be able to start your studies or research, attend lectures and seminars, and use the library and computer facilities.

Before you start the registration process, we recommend that you read the information in this guide, attend your welcome talk or orientation meeting (see page 4) and visit http://students.leeds.ac.uk/registration

Next, you'll need to complete a seven stage online registration process on the Portal at http://portal.leeds.ac.uk Check page 12 for information about how you get your username and password to log on.

Before you can complete all the online stages of the registration process, you may have to visit some places in person to show your original academic or financial documents, or to open a UK bank account. Don't worry if it takes a few days to register – this is normal. You can leave the online registration process at any time and return to it later. The information you've already given will be saved.

After you've completed online registration, you'll need to print your registration certificate and collect your student ID card. Your registration is not complete until you have collected your student ID card.

The flow chart on page 17 shows a step-by-step guide to registration.

To register you'll need:
- your student ID number (this is the nine digit number shown on your offer letter)
- your permanent home address, your term-time address in Leeds, and the address and telephone number for one or more emergency contact
- your passport or identity document
- your visa – if non EU/EEA/Swiss
- your academic offer letter
- original academic qualification certificates
- English Language test report or proof of English course attendance – if this is a condition of your offer
- proof of fees paid – if you paid in advance
- sponsorship letter or proof of funding – if you are sponsored or have a scholarship
- your UK bank account details – to pay fees in instalments.

Remember to bring formal translations if your documents are not in English.

Study Abroad, Exchange and Erasmus+ students

You'll receive emails from the Study Abroad Office before you arrive. These emails will include information about how to register. Follow these instructions to complete registration.

Language Centre students

You'll receive guidance from the Language Centre to help you with the registration process. For more information, check your timetable or visit the Language Centre Reception, Level 3, Parkinson Building.

Undergraduates, taught postgraduates and research students

Complete online registration

Computers are available for you to complete online registration and module enrolment.

For more information on the location of computer clusters and printers visit http://it.leeds.ac.uk

Photo for your student ID card

At the end of online registration, follow the on-screen instructions to upload a passport-style photo for your student ID card. You'll get an email when you have uploaded your photo and we've received it. We'll email you again when your student ID card is ready to collect – this will take a few days.

Collect your student ID card

Before you can collect your student ID card you need to:
- fully complete online registration
- print your registration certificate
- upload your photo
- receive a second email confirming your student ID card is ready.

You'll need to take your passport, visa and registration certificate with you to the Student Services Centre counter in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building.

It's very important to make sure you get your student ID card as Home Office regulations require the University to report international students who do not complete the registration process.

Getting help with your registration

You may need to ask us some questions to help you complete the registration process. You can ask for help in the Student Services Centre if you can't log on or have problems completing any part of registration.

You can contact the Registration Helpline, which is open Monday to Friday, 09.00 – 17.00, all year round.
+44 (0) 800 915 0402
+44 (0) 113 343 7000
registration@leeds.ac.uk

If you've been unable to register online, have any queries about paying your fees, you can get help and advice from the Student Services Centre in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building.
Original academic document checks
Please check your offer letter as you may need to show original academic documents before you can start online registration. If you’re required to show your documents, please take them to the relevant location:

All undergraduates and Business School taught postgraduates
Go to your school (subject) office. Ask staff at the Student Services Centre if you are not sure where to go.

Other taught postgraduates and all research postgraduates
Go to the Student Services Centre counter, Level 9, Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building.

Other document checks
As you work through online registration you may need to show documents relating to your admission or fee payment. After your documents have been checked, your student record will be updated and you can complete the next stages of the registration process.

Sometimes it can take up to 24 hours for your student record to be updated before you can start the next stage of registration. Ask the member of staff who checks your documents to tell you how long you’ll need to wait.

If you have a visa you may be asked to take it to one of our other teams before your student ID card is issued. This is nothing to worry about – we just need to make a check.

Registration steps
This is a step-by-step guide to completing registration and collecting your student ID card.

- Read your registration guidance and attend your welcome talk or orientation meeting (Pg. 4)
- Show your original academic documents. Check your offer letter to see if this applies to you (Pg. 16)
- Start the online registration process (Pg. 14)
- On step six, confirm how any fees will be paid, or show your sponsor or scholarship letter (Pg. 18)
- Print your registration certificate
- Collect your Biometric Residence Permit, if required (Pg. 5)
- Collect your student ID card (Pg. 15)
- Log on to the Portal at http://portal.leeds.ac.uk

When showing documents or collecting your student ID card, make sure you join the correct queue. Look out for signs in the Student Services Centre or speak to a member of staff.

Hold messages
You may see an on-screen hold message during online registration – a ‘hold’ will stop you moving on to the next registration stage until you have done something. Read the information in the message and follow the on-screen instructions – make a note of it or take a screen shot.

If you can’t log on there may be a number of reasons for this. Follow the on-screen instructions and contact the Registration Helpline if you need help:
+44 (0) 800 915 0402
+44 (0) 113 343 7000

If you want to pay in instalments you must open a UK bank account and provide the details to complete online registration (Pg. 20).

You can collect a temporary registration card from the Student Services Centre if you experience delays opening a bank account or paying your fees.

Look for instructions in the computer clusters about how to print. You’ll already have some free printer credits.

You must collect your BRP within ten days of arriving and before you can collect your student ID card.
As part of the online registration process, you will need to confirm how any fees will be paid.

**PAYING FEES**

If you'll be studying a pre-sessional course with the Language Centre, you can check how you’ll pay your fees at [www.leeds.ac.uk/languagecentrepayments](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/languagecentrepayments)

All other students will need to choose one of the following payment options. When you make a payment or payment arrangement, you should keep your confirmation email for future reference. More information about payment options can be found at [http://students.leeds.ac.uk/waystopay](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/waystopay)

If you are paying your tuition fees by bank draft, cheque or cash, visit the Cashiers counter in the Student Services Centre, Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building (we do not accept cash payments of more than £3,500 in any academic year).

**Payment in full**

Make your payment online (step six of the online registration process) or at [http://students.leeds.ac.uk/feescharges](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/feescharges) or in person at the Cashiers counter in the Student Services Centre.

**Payment in instalments**

You’ll need to open a UK bank account to pay in instalments. While you are waiting to open an account you can get a temporary registration card which allows you to use the library and computer facilities.

When your UK bank account is open, pay the first instalment online (step six of the online registration process) or at [http://students.leeds.ac.uk/feescharges](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/feescharges) or in person at the Cashiers counter in the Student Services Centre.

You’ll then need to enter your UK bank account details during online registration to arrange payment of your second instalment by direct debit.

**Sponsored students**

If your fees are being paid by a third-party organisation, you’ll need to provide our Fees department with a sponsor or scholarship letter. If you have a partial scholarship or sponsorship, which doesn’t cover your full fees, you’ll need to arrange payment of the balance by one of the methods mentioned previously.

Show your sponsor or scholarship letter at the Student Services Centre counter in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building.

**If you can’t complete step six for one of the following reasons**

- you have not yet opened a bank account
- our Fees department have not received your sponsorship letter
- our Fees department have not received confirmation of a University scholarship
- your funds are temporarily delayed
- you have an outstanding debt to the University.

**You will need to follow these instructions:**

- collect a one-month temporary registration card from the Student Services Centre in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building
- log back into online registration when your funding issues are resolved to complete steps six and seven
- if you have difficulty making an online payment by debit or credit card, visit the Cashiers counter in the Student Services Centre, Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building.
OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

You may want to open a UK bank account to pay your fees in instalments and to set up regular payments for items such as bills.

Can I open an account?
If your visa is for 12 months or more, you will have a large choice of bank accounts available to you. If your visa is for less than 12 months you will have a more limited choice of bank accounts you can open.

We have created a bank account comparison table to help you choose the best bank account for you. Check it to see how long you need to be in the UK for to open each specific account. You can find it at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/bankaccounts.

What documents do I need?
This will depend on which bank and which bank account you choose. We suggest that you check the list of documents on the bank account comparison table, or check with the bank directly.

Bank introduction letter
Usually you need to take a bank introduction letter from the University. Before you get your bank letter you need to complete the first five steps of online registration and decide which bank you want to open an account with. We can print you a letter at the Student Services Centre counter in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building.

Help with opening a bank account
Come and talk to us if you have any problems opening an account.

Contact our international student support teams in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building, http://students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudents.

While you are waiting to open an account you can get a temporary registration card from the Student Services Centre which allows you to use the libraries and IT facilities.

Managing your money
It’s likely that your first few weeks at University will be more expensive than an average week. You’ll need to think about budgeting for essentials like food and travel expenses, as well as putting money aside for any social events that you want to take part in. While many events and activities are free, you may need to pay for some. A budget will help you make the most of the opportunities available to you.

Leeds University Union has a team of volunteer student Money Ambassadors, working on all money-related student issues, from finding low-cost recipes and the latest student deals, to providing lots of money-saving tips. For more information on managing your money visit www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice/money.
**MODULE ENROLMENT**

Full Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate students

Once you have your username and password you can complete module enrolment online. Remember to refer to the pre-arrival information sent to you by your school. If you need any help, you’ll be able to contact your school directly during module enrolment.

Your course is made up of modules which are each worth a certain number of credits that contribute towards your degree. Compulsory modules – these modules have to be taken as part of your course and you’ll be enrolled for these automatically.

Optional modules – you may have to take a certain number of optional modules, which are important to your course, but you’ll be able to choose them from a list.

Discovery modules – most full undergraduate courses also allow you to choose a certain number of Discovery modules, giving you the opportunity to study something you’re interested in, which isn’t necessarily related to your course. We have grouped over 1,000 discovery modules into 10 Discovery Themes, which you can explore via the Leeds for Life website at [https://leedsforlife.leeds.ac.uk/broadening](https://leedsforlife.leeds.ac.uk/broadening).

Some postgraduate taught courses also allow you to choose a certain number of elective modules which are not related to your course, so you can further any particular interests and career goals, or try something completely new.

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**Step-by-step guide to module enrolment**

**Step 1** Familiarise yourself with module enrolment at [http://students.leeds.ac.uk/modules](http://students.leeds.ac.uk/modules)

**Step 2** Refer to the pre-arrival information sent to you by your school.

**Step 3** Log in to the Portal at [http://portal.leeds.ac.uk](http://portal.leeds.ac.uk) once you have your username and password.

**Step 4** To enrol on your modules click on the ‘Academic Admin’ tab, then click ‘Log me in to Student Services’ and follow the on-screen instructions to access module enrolment. You’ll be able view your compulsory modules and then choose your optional modules and/or Discovery modules. Once you’ve made your final selection, view and confirm your module choices. Don’t forget to refer to your timetable to avoid any clashes – you can access your timetable through the Portal once you’ve registered.

**Other students**

If you are a Study Abroad, Exchange or Erasmus+ student, you cannot enrol for modules online. If you want to add or drop a module, you must contact the Study Abroad Coordinator in the academic school or department that teaches the module.

Research Postgraduate, Language Centre and International Foundation Year students do not need to complete module enrolment online.

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**ACADEMIC LIFE**

During your time at Leeds, you’ll need to study and research independently and the University has the resources, technology and study space you need.

**Library induction**

We currently have four main libraries on campus, the Laidlaw, Edward Boyle, Brotherton and Health Sciences. Each library provides areas for silent individual study as well as flexible areas for group work, extensive computer facilities and Wi-Fi for laptop use.

Our libraries are open seven days a week and have a variety of opening times to suit your needs – you’ll need your student ID card to gain access. Our friendly, dedicated staff are always on hand to answer any questions and to help you get the most out of the library throughout your time at University.

You can find out how to get started with our online induction via the Portal or at [http://library.leeds.ac.uk/quickstart](http://library.leeds.ac.uk/quickstart).

You can also use the Portal to check your library record and find opening times, as well as find books and articles using Skills@Library.

library@leeds.ac.uk
[http://library.leeds.ac.uk](http://library.leeds.ac.uk)

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**Skills@Library**

You may find that university study in the UK introduces you to unfamiliar ways of teaching and learning. Skills@Library is here to help you develop the academic skills you need to be successful in this new environment.

You can book on to one of our workshops, which include topics such as critical thinking and writing skills, or you can use our online resources to work through tutorials at a time and pace that suits you. Our learning advisors also offer one-to-one help with academic skills.

Skills@Library is based in the Skills Zone in the Laidlaw Library.

[http://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills](http://library.leeds.ac.uk/skills)

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**English language support**

The Language Centre offers free, part-time courses that you can fit around your studies, if you need academic English language support once you’ve started your course. For more information visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/in_sessional_support](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/in_sessional_support).

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**Mobile apps**

If you have a smartphone, you can download these two free apps to access useful information on the go.

**UniLeeds**

This app features your personalised timetable, your library record and the full library catalogue, campus maps, computer cluster availability, sports bookings, laptop loans, staff directory search, University news and events, information from the students’ union and more.

**Blackboard Mobile Learn**

This app gives you access to the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), where you can view announcements, get module information and participate in discussion boards.

These apps are designed to work on iPhone, Android smartphones and also on tablets. A web app is provided for all other mobile devices. You can download these apps now at [http://it.leeds.ac.uk/mobileapps](http://it.leeds.ac.uk/mobileapps)
CAMPUS MAP KEY

(58) Baines Wing
(93) Biological Sciences
(19) Business School
(26) Careers Centre
(86) Charles Morris Hall Including Storm
Jameson Court, Dobree and Whetton
(62) Chaplaincy / Emmanuel Centre
(55) Chemistry
(49) Civil Engineering
(56) Colour Chemistry Building
(73) Computing
(100) Conference Auditorium
(95) Dentistry
(34) Design
(55A) Disability team
(84) Earth and Environment
(70) Education
(64) Educational Engagement
(83) Edward Boyle Library
(51) Electronic and Electrical Engineering
(22) Elleslie Global Residence
(76) English
(55A) Equality Service
(53) Fine Art
(102) Food Science and Nutrition
(90) Garstang Building
(38) Geography
(57) Great Hall
(17) Gryphon Sports Centre
(58) Healthcare
(44) Henry Price Building
(78) History
(48) Houldsworth Building
(34) Institute of Communications Studies
(77) International Student Support
(63) Laidlaw Library
(78) Languages, Cultures and Societies
(16) Law
(110) Leeds Student Medical Practice
(77) Lifelong Learning Centre
(30) Lyddon Hall
(35) Man Made Fibres Building
(77) Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building
(84) Mathematics
(50) Mechanical Engineering
(95) Medicine
(78) Michael Sadler Building

(75) Music / Clothworkers’ Concert Hall
(53) Old Mining Building / Fine Art
(60) Parkinson Building
(31) Performance & Cultural Industries
(78) Philosophy
(73) Physics and Astronomy
(37) Psychology
(29) Refectory
(89) Roger Stevens Building
(65) Security Office
(63) Skills@Library
(82) Social Sciences Building
(88) Sociology and Social Policy
(101) The Edge (Sports Centre)
(31) stage@leeds
(25) Student Counselling Centre
(77) Student Services Centre
(Student Administration)
(32) Students’ Union (Leeds University Union)
(77) Study Abroad
(65) Theology and Religious Studies
(43) Transport Studies
(67) Unipol Bureau
(28) University House
(61) Workshop Theatre
(95) Worsley Building

KEEPING SAFE

Leeds is a great place to live, but as with all big cities it does have some crime.

The situation in the UK may be different to what you are used to at home, so it is important you learn about UK crime prevention and take sensible precautions.

Top safety tips
• stick to well-lit busy streets and avoid walking home alone after dark
• lock windows and doors at all times, especially when you leave the house
• don’t leave valuables unattended, even for a few minutes.

If you have any safety questions, or in the unlikely event that you are a victim of crime, there is lots of support available to you.

For more information visit http://students.leeds.ac.uk/safety

Who to contact
If you are on the University campus, or in University accommodation you should contact the University’s Security Office in an emergency. If you are in the city centre, elsewhere in Leeds or further away, you can contact the police to get urgent help.

University’s Security Office
This service operates 24-hours a day, every day of the year. Security staff offer crime prevention advice, respond to emergencies and deal with lost property. Contact them for information and advice or to report a crime.

175 Woodhouse Lane (200m downhill from the Parkinson Building)
+44 (0) 113 343 5494 (general enquiries)
+44 (0) 113 343 2222 (emergencies only)
www.leeds.ac.uk/security

West Yorkshire Police
The police service keeps Leeds safe, attends emergencies off campus and gives crime prevention advice.

Dial 101 for any non-emergencies or to report a crime. The emergency number for police off campus is 999, where there is a danger to life, or a crime is in progress. If you are on campus call +44 (0) 113 343 2222.
www.westyorkshire.police.uk

Getting home safely
LUU Nightbus
The Leeds University Union Nightbus will take you from the entrance of the students’ union building to your accommodation for just £1. This service operates via a booking system and, as seats are limited, you should always plan an alternative way home. You can book the Nightbus at the front door of the students’ union building with the security staff. Where possible, our security staff will walk you to your taxi as part of the Walk Safe scheme.
www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice/healthandwellbeing/gethomesafe

Amber Cars ‘no cash’ taxi service
If you find yourself stuck without money and unable to get home, Amber Cars (taxi firm) will take you home in exchange for your student ID card. Your card will be dropped off at Leeds University Union and you can pick it up and pay your taxi fare when it’s convenient.
+44 (0) 113 231 1366
www.taxileeds.co.uk/students
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**Finding permanent accommodation**

**University accommodation**

Speak to Accommodation Services to find out more about University accommodation and whether there is a room available for you. Even if you do not qualify for the accommodation guarantee, the University may be able to offer you a place.

Level 9, Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building
+44 (0) 113 343 7777
accom@leeds.ac.uk
www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation

**Private sector accommodation**

If you would prefer to live in private accommodation, independent help and advice is available from the Student Advice Centre, run by our students’ union, or from Unipol, a student homes charity based on campus. Both offer a service to check accommodation contracts. We strongly recommend getting your contract checked before you sign.

Leeds University Union’s Student Advice Centre
Level 1, Leeds University Union Building
+44 (0) 113 380 1290
advice@luu.leeds.ac.uk
www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice

Unipol
If you are looking for private sector accommodation, Unipol can help. They provide lots of useful information and advice as well as advertisements for hundreds of houses, flats and studio apartments available to rent. There are two Unipol locations, one next to the campus and another in the students’ union.

www.unipol.org.uk/leeds

Unipol Accommodation Bureau
155-157 Woodhouse Lane
+44 (0) 113 243 0169
info@unipol.leeds.ac.uk

Unipol Outlet
Level -1, Leeds University Union Building
+44 (0) 113 380 1247

**Before you sign a contract**

If you’re planning to rent private sector accommodation, it’s essential to check several things before you sign a contract. Once it is signed you cannot usually cancel and will be legally bound to pay rent until the end of the contract, even if you move out before.

Make sure that you inspect the property, calculate all the costs and get your accommodation contract checked by our Accommodation Assistants, the Unipol Outlet or the Student Advice Centre before you sign it. Never pay a landlord any money before you sign the contract. More information and advice is available at www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice/housing

Once you get your keys and you’re inside the property, check it thoroughly and consider how it compares with when you saw it at the time of signing the contract. Take photos of the property (including any wear and tear) so you have proof of its condition as you take over the occupancy. Inform the landlord straight away in writing of anything you’re concerned about, such as missing or damaged items. If there is a burglar alarm, make sure the landlord gives you the code so you can start using it.

**Family accommodation**

The University has limited family accommodation, so it is essential to contact Accommodation Services as early as possible to find out about availability.

Many families find a home in the private sector. Unipol has information for families and you can visit them for more details of suitable houses.
Council tax
Council tax is a charge the local council makes for services it provides. Full-time students on courses over 24 weeks are normally exempt from paying, but others may get a bill.

Check if you are exempt, or entitled to a discount at:
www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Students-and-council-tax.aspx
http://students.leeds.ac.uk/counciltax

If you’re unsure, get advice from the Student Advice Centre as soon as possible.
www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice

Help with your accommodation
You may need to speak to someone about certain aspects of living in your accommodation, like maintenance and repairs, or your contract.

University accommodation
Talk to your residence manager or warden who will be able to help with problems like repairs. Your warden can help if you are unhappy in your accommodation, for example if your neighbours are noisy, or you feel unsafe. The Accommodation website explains how to contact the residence manager and warden.
www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation

Private sector accommodation
If you have any problems, first speak to your landlord or letting agent. If you’re not happy with their answer you can talk to Unipol to see if your landlord is registered with them. You can also visit the Student Advice Centre for specialist advice. They can help with a wide range of housing topics including negotiating with landlords and helping with issues with your housemates or property.
www.unipol.org.uk/leeds
www.luu.org.uk/helpandadvice
Leeds, one of the UK’s greatest cities, is home to over 60,000 students. Leeds is easy to explore and will soon be your new home.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

Leeds has a compact city centre and excellent public transport making it easy to get around. You’ll find a handy Travel Guide with information on all your travel options in your welcome pack. You can also view it online at http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/travel-guide

Walking
More than 65% of students walk to the University, which is not surprising as most students live within easy walking distance of campus. Walking is a great form of exercise as well as being good for your bank balance. You’ll see many of our students walking to and from the University or city centre all year round.

Cycling
Many of our students also choose to cycle to the University, which is convenient, cheap and quick. We provide cycle parking across campus and all of our residences have secure cycle storage.

Bikes are available for students to hire at the Velocampus Leeds bike hub on campus. Prices are £35 for half a year or £50 for a full year (plus a returnable deposit). You can book a bike in advance online. The bike hub is open to all cyclists at the University, offering bike maintenance facilities and support, as well as information on cycle storage, routes, safety and training.

transport@leeds.ac.uk
http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/sustainable-transport/bike-hire

Taxis
There are taxi ranks outside the Parkinson Building and at the bus, coach and train stations, as well as at points around the city centre. You can also stop black and white taxis in the street, but check that the orange taxi sign on the vehicle roof is lit up to show that it’s available.

Other taxis, which are usually cheaper, must be booked in advance by phone, online or using one of their mobile apps.

Only take a marked taxi car, and ask the driver beforehand for an estimation of how much the journey will cost.

Some local taxi companies are:
Amber Cars +44 (0) 113 202 2117
Arrow Cars +44 (0) 113 258 5888
City Cabs +44 (0) 113 246 9999
Streamline Telecabs +44 (0) 113 244 3322

Buses
During the day buses run past the University up to every three minutes and all services go into the city centre for easy access to the city bus station or train station. Journeys on FirstLeeds services 1, 6, 28 and 97 cost just £1 for any single journey between the University and Headingley and service 1 operates until 3am from Monday to Saturday.

It is usual to queue at bus stops and to put your arm out to signal to the bus driver that you want the bus to stop.

FirstLeeds offers student discounts on a variety of monthly and term-time tickets for use on all FirstLeeds buses in Leeds. Daily and weekly tickets can be purchased on the buses. All FirstLeeds buses are fitted with Metro’s YourNextBus real-time technology, so you can find out exactly when your bus is due.

www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/leeds

Leeds CityBus service links up key locations around the city centre. The cost is 50p per journey. Find out more at www.wymetro.com/BusTravel/Leeds

For full-time students who regularly use buses and trains, Metro offers a 16-25 MCard or Student Plus MetroCard, currently priced at £22 per week or £82 per month, providing unlimited travel throughout West Yorkshire, at any time of the day or night (except NightRider and special event services), including on buses to the Yorkshire Dales.

www.wymetro.com/TicketsAndPasses
Finding your way around the campus and city

The campus is only a short walk from the city centre and is easy to get around. Maps, signposts and building signs can be found across campus and the city centre to help you find your way.

There’s also a map of the city in your welcome pack, showing the location of shops, places to eat and visitor attractions. You can find a map and list of campus buildings in the middle of this guide.

Trains

If you’re planning on travelling further afield, trains are often faster but usually more expensive than coach travel. If you book a week or more in advance, you are more likely to get a cheaper fare. Also, you can save money by being flexible with your travel dates and times or with a Railcard.

National Rail offers a Railcard for people aged 16-25, currently priced at £30 (for 1 year) or £70 (for 3 years). You can also get one if you’re over 25 and in full-time study.

www.16-25railcard.co.uk

Buying two single tickets may sometimes be cheaper than buying a return ticket. You can buy tickets at Leeds train station or through the National Rail Enquiries website at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Coach travel

For travel between major cities in the UK, coaches are generally cheaper than train travel but take longer. Most coach services run by National Express and Megabus arrive and depart at the bus and coach station in the city centre. Some National Express services also stop outside the Parkinson Building. For more information visit www.nationalexpress.com http://uk.megabus.com

You can find out more about travel options on our website at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/localtransport
HEALTHCARE

There are various places you can access healthcare, depending on how serious your condition is.

24-hour telephone health advice
For health advice at any time of the day or night, call NHS by dialling 111. If you’re not sure which healthcare service to use, call 111 to discuss the options with an adviser. They will ask you a series of questions to assess your symptoms and immediately direct you to the best medical care for you.

Pharmacies
If you have a minor health problem such as a cold, sore throat or dry skin, you can visit a pharmacy (chemist) to get advice and buy medication.

If your local pharmacy is closed you can buy medication every day of the week until midnight at Boots Pharmacy, Leeds train station.
+44 (0) 113 242 1713

Local doctor / general practitioner (GP)
For non-emergency medical treatment, you should see your local doctor (GP). You can find a list of doctors on the NHS website.
www.nhs.uk/Service-Search

Leeds Student Medical Practice is the closest doctor’s surgery to campus (building 110 on the campus map). Their website has health advice and information about booking an appointment to see a doctor. Same-day appointments may be available if you visit early in the day.
www.leedsstudentmedicalpractice.co.uk

If you are entitled to register with a local doctor, you should do this as soon as possible when you arrive in Leeds.

Hospital
You should only visit a hospital if you need emergency care or if your GP refers you for specialist treatment. An emergency is a life-threatening condition, such as loss of consciousness, severe chest pain, breathing difficulties or severe bleeding.

Accident and Emergency department (A&E)
The nearest A&E department to campus is in the city centre.
Leeds General Infirmary (LGI)
Jubilee Wing, Clarendon Way
+44 (0) 113 243 2799

To call an ambulance
Ambulance services help with serious or life-threatening conditions. If you are on campus call +44 (0) 113 343 2222 and Security staff will arrange an ambulance. Off campus, you can make a free call from any phone to the emergency services by dialling 999.

Dentists
Services from dentists are not usually free, but there are many dentists in Leeds if you need treatment. Search for a local dentist online or contact the Leeds Dental Advice Line.
www.nhs.uk/Service-Search
+44 (0) 800 298 5787
For emergency dental care call 111 for advice.

Opticians
If you need eye care, glasses or contact lenses, services from opticians are not usually free. There is an opticians based in the students’ union, or for a list of local opticians, visit www.nhs.uk/Service-Search

For more information about healthcare visit http://students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudentshealth
IMMIGRATION ADVICE

Our immigration advice service is free. Always get in contact as soon as possible if you have a question about immigration or your visa.

If you have any questions about UK visas or immigration rules, our friendly team are here to help.

Leeds Student Medical Practice staff can help you register with the Medical Practice and are available to answer any questions you have about healthcare facilities and services. 07.00 – 19.00 (weekdays)
Leeds Student Medical Practice
www.leedsstudentmedicalpractice.co.uk

Medical registration
To register you’ll need to go to a doctor’s surgery and take the following documents:

- proof of your identity (eg passport, driving licence)
- proof of your student status (eg student ID card, offer letter)
- proof of your Leeds address (eg accommodation contract)

Meningitis vaccinations
You should ensure that you’ve been appropriately vaccinated against meningitis ACWY and MMR (measles, mumps and rubella). You may have had an MMR vaccination as a young child, but you need to ensure that you’ve had two doses. If you haven’t had these vaccinations at home, you should arrange to get them as soon as possible after arriving in Leeds.

If you are entitled to free medical treatment on the NHS you may be eligible to receive the vaccinations. These are available from the Leeds Student Medical Practice.

If you are not entitled to free NHS treatment, you can get vaccinations from a local travel clinic.

For more information visit
http://students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalstudentshealth

Health entitlements
Your healthcare entitlements will depend on which country you are from and the length of your study. All students are entitled to free emergency care, but you may have to pay for other services.

Course of study for more than six months
If you have permission to be in the UK as a student for more than six months, you will be entitled to free medical treatment on the National Health Service (NHS). You should register with a doctor as soon as possible. You may need to take out health insurance to cover any treatment which is not covered by the NHS.

Course of study for less than six months
If your course of study is for less than six months, you will only get a limited number of services free. You won’t be able to register with a doctor but you will be able to use their services as a fee-paying patient. You should take out health insurance to cover you for using medical services while you are in the UK.

Working and volunteering during your studies
Check either your visa stamp in your passport or Biometric Residence Permit to see if you are allowed to work.

If you are not sure, take your passport and visa to our Immigration team to be checked.

Inviting family and friends
If you want to invite your family or friends to visit you in the UK you can find helpful information about what you need to do at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/visits

Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building
+44 (0) 113 343 3930
internationalstudents@leeds.ac.uk

Immigration rules and processes change very often so it is important to get the correct advice. Our Immigration team is the only service at the University that is allowed to give you immigration advice. Staff in your school/department or elsewhere in the University cannot give advice relating to immigration.

Always check with us if you have questions about your visa or need help with your immigration status.
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

There is a range of information and activities for families in Leeds, both on campus and in the local area.

If you have come to Leeds with your family, you can find out detailed information about the UK school system, childcare and family-friendly activities at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalfamilies

Schools
All children between the ages of five and 16 who are in the UK must attend school. Once your child has arrived in Leeds, contact Leeds City Council to find out how to apply for a free school place. If your child is aged between 16 and 19, they can attend a local adult education centre or college, but may have to pay fees.
www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Schools-and-learning.aspx

Childcare
In the UK childcare can be quite expensive and you will need to budget for this. For more information about child minders, nurseries, playgroups, out-of-school play schemes and after-school clubs visit www.familyinformationleeds.co.uk

Childcare on campus
Bright Beginnings Childcare Centre offers a range of services for students, including childcare for children between the ages of three months and five years (pre-school) and a playscheme during school holidays for children aged between three and 11 years.

The award-winning Centre, based on campus, is registered with Ofsted and complies with the early years foundation stage, so you can be sure your children will have the very best of care.
+44 (0) 113 343 3181
www.brightbeginningschildcare.co.uk

Family activities
There are many events and activities on campus and in the local area for you and your family to go to. Spouses and partners can also use the University’s sports facilities.

Leeds University Union runs regular events open to families, including the Give it a Go programme. Look for events listed as child friendly at www.luu.org.uk/giag

Families and children are welcome to join the range of trips to places and attractions around the UK. Find out more about destinations and tickets at www.leeds.ac.uk/trips

Global Cafe is a great place to bring your family to. Come along any Monday evening when the University is open and enjoy free refreshments and activities with others.
www.leeds.ac.uk/globalcafe

The International Students’ Club on Wednesday evenings welcomes families and has a calendar of events throughout the year.
www.iscleeds.org.uk

We run events for international and UK spouses, partners and children throughout the year. They’re a great way to meet other families in Leeds. Find out more at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/internationalfamilies

More information about activities for families, including leisure activities, community groups and classes, is available from the Family Information Service. Visit their website for more details
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ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Your experience here will involve much more than your academic studies. This section highlights just some of the opportunities available which will enrich your University experience and prepare you for your career.

Student Opportunities at Leeds
The Leeds for Life website gives you access to a wide range of opportunities to develop your skills, broaden your experience and contact our alumni to discuss their career profiles. The Personal Development Timeline provides a place to keep a personal and active record of all you’ve done and achieved.
www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsforlife

Volunteering and working
Both paid and unpaid work provide a great opportunity for you to mix with people from the local community, improve your language skills, get an insight into UK workplace culture and gain new experiences.

Before you apply for voluntary or paid work, it’s essential that you check whether you have permission to work in the UK and any restrictions on working which apply to you, as the law on restrictions is very strict. More information can be found at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/workingduringstudy

Research students should also be aware that University regulations restrict you to 250 hours of paid work per 12-month session. Check the Research Student Handbook available at http://students.leeds.ac.uk/researchstudentguidance

Volunteering
Volunteering is an integral part of Leeds for Life and a great way to develop valuable skills and widen your life experience. Whether you have a few hours to spare or can commit to a weekly role, there will be something to suit you and your interests.

By using the opportunities section on Leeds for Life, you can search for volunteering roles across Leeds with over 140 different charities and community organisations.

Leeds University Union has many student-led volunteering societies where you can help with one of the great community projects in Leeds or abroad.
www.luu.org.uk/volunteering

Student Volunteering Week is 22 – 28 February 2016 so look out for exciting activities and plans during that week.

Work and career planning
The Careers Centre supports students in making positive choices towards future careers. Our Careers Centre can help you to write your CV, complete a job application and prepare for an interview. If your immigration status permits work experience, the Careers Centre can also advise on work experience opportunities.

As well as providing a daily drop-in service, the Centre also runs a number of events throughout the year. There are also dedicated teams of staff who offer tailored, individual support. For more information visit http://careerweb.leeds.ac.uk

You can search for a job using the students’ union Joblink service, which helps you find student friendly employers. Browse the jobs on display in the Leeds University Union foyer or at www.luu.org.uk/jobs
Global Community
Wherever you’re from, you’re part of our fantastically diverse international and multicultural University. Our Global Community connects you to intercultural and international activities and people from more than 140 countries who can bring you a world of different ideas and experiences.

Meet new people from all over the world and drop in to some of our Global Community intercultural events for a taste of different cultures and countries. Find out about opportunities below and online at www.leeds.ac.uk/globalcommunity

Study abroad
Studying abroad is a great way to experience another culture, make friends, have fun, and at the same time develop skills valued by employers. If you are interested in applying and spending a year abroad visit http://students.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroad

International Students’ Club
The International Students’ Club offers a programme of activities and cultural exchange in the Emmanuel Centre (upstairs in the Wilson Room) on Wednesday evenings from 18.00 – 19.45.
www.iscleeds.org.uk

Leeds University Union
The students’ union building is based in the centre of campus. It provides social opportunities, facilities and a wide range of services. Choose from karaoke, live bands, sports on the big screen, an award-winning night club or just a good cup of coffee and a sofa.

There is also a fantastic range of over 300 student-led clubs and societies, which you can join to meet people who share the same interest in sports, music, hobbies or a particular faith or culture. To view the variety of activities on offer visit www.luu.org.uk/groups

Trips
Visit different parts of the UK on day trips throughout the year. Escape from campus for a day with other students, friends and family. Find out more about where you can go at www.leeds.ac.uk/trips

Give it a Go
You can try a club or society, with no pressure to sign up, by going to a Give it a Go session. Try anything from Tai Chi to photography, see tourist attractions or take an employability workshop. You can book onto a session at www.luu.org.uk/giag

Sport
Keeping fit and staying healthy is an important part of your experience and we have excellent facilities and opportunities for you to keep healthy and stay active.

A great way to meet new people is to get involved in sport at the University. You can join one of the sports clubs; to find out more and speak with the club captains, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/sport

If you prefer less commitment, we also run weekly leagues which you can join with your friends in many sports such as football, netball and hockey with over 3,000 students participating every year.
www.leeds.ac.uk/sport

Global Café
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EXPLORING THE CITY

Leeds is famous for being a centre for arts, sports, leisure, entertainment and nightlife, so it really does have something for everyone.

Arts and culture
Leeds has several theatres including Leeds Grand Theatre, Carriageworks and West Yorkshire Playhouse – all the theatres offer discounts for students, so make sure you ask. You could also visit the University’s very own stage@leeds on campus, which regularly hosts a range of performances.

Places that are free to visit include Leeds City Museum and Leeds Art Gallery, as well as the Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery, based on campus. Our new art trail will help you explore the campus and will guide you around the University’s impressive collection of public artworks.

Local sport
Leeds has a great sporting tradition and was chosen as the host city for the start of the 2014 Tour de France. Whatever your sport of choice, Leeds is home to some great sporting teams including Leeds United Football Club, and Leeds Rhinos and Leeds Carnegie rugby clubs. You can also see live Test Match cricket at Headingley stadium.

Shopping
You’ll find a mix of high street favourites, exclusive boutiques and vintage stores all within easy walking distance. The opening of Trinity Leeds also offers a fantastic retail and leisure development right in the city centre. A large number of clothes stores offer a student discount, although they may not always advertise it, so remember to ask.

Nightlife and music
Leeds nightlife is known for its diversity, with music to suit all tastes. There are plenty of live music venues in the city, including the new 13,500 capacity First Direct Arena, the O2 Academy and Brudenell Social Club. The University’s Refectory has hosted top bands and artists, including Arctic Monkeys, Kaiser Chiefs and Bastille. For more information visit www.luu.org.uk/barsandclubs

Green space
Sitting in the heart of Yorkshire, surrounded by beautiful, accessible countryside, Leeds is one of the greenest cities in Britain, with several large parks across the city – all of which are great for walking or relaxing. The fantastic location means there are many historic towns, villages and natural beauty spots right on your doorstep.

City events
Few cities have such a varied calendar of performances, activities and festivals.

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