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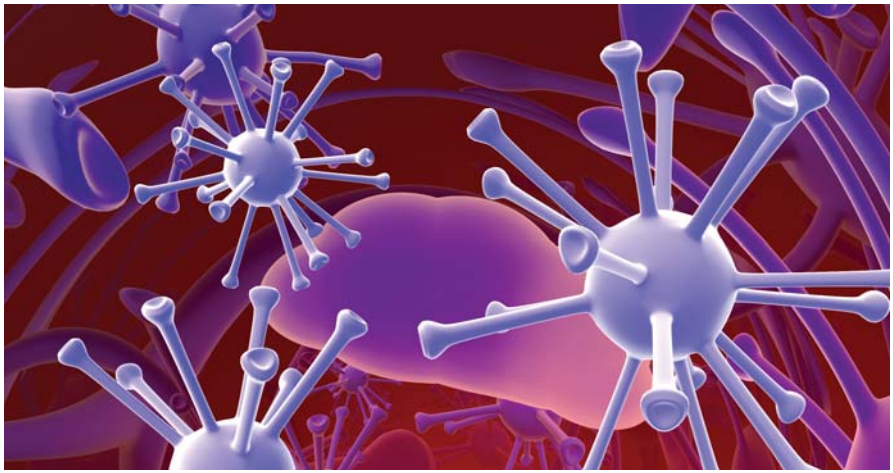


Welcome to the School of Biological Sciences

Biological Sciences at the University of Leicester has an international reputation based on our research strengths; with 85% of our research being recognised as internationally significant in the 2008 RAE; and teaching excellence as evidenced by the National Student Surveys and league table rankings. In recent years, biological research has advanced rapidly and has had an amazing impact on our daily lives with Leicester at the forefront of this.

The University is renowned for the discovery of DNA Genetic profiling (fingerprinting) by Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys which has generated a multi-million pound industry and has had profound effects in the spheres of health and criminal justice. Leicester has also recently been involved in research ranging from the development of vaccines to population effects of pollutants and restoring and conserving ecosystems.

The School's teaching is delivered by five departments: Biochemistry, Biology, Cell Physiology & Pharmacology, Genetics and Infection, Immunity & Inflammation which collaborate in teaching and research. Our ability to offer a wide range of degrees gives our students both breadth of vision and specialised knowledge across the whole range of Biology.


Martine Hamilton Knight

Why choose Biological Sciences at Leicester?

- The University of Leicester is consistently ranked in the **top 20 of national league tables** and is in the **top 2% of universities worldwide** according to the QS World University Rankings.
- Since the launch of the National Student Survey in 2006, Leicester has consistently featured amongst the top-10 universities in England for **overall student satisfaction**.
- The University was named **'University of the Year 2008/9'** by Times Higher Education.
- The University received the **2009/10 Award for Outstanding Student Support** from Times Higher Education.
- Our excellence in teaching is influenced by our **international excellence in research**. We offer a range of degrees and **flexible courses** designed to allow you to follow your own interests.
- Biosciences at Leicester was ranked **3rd in the UK** in the Guardian 2011 University Guide.
- The School was awarded £4.5 million by the Higher Education Funding Council as a **'Centre of Excellence for Teaching and Learning'** (2005 – 2010).
- A degree in Biological Sciences offers you a **wide range of career opportunities**. Many of our graduates follow further training for research or teaching careers in Biology often on the MSc or PhD programmes in Leicester.

"In the 2010 National Student Survey (NSS), the School was ranked 3rd equal for Biology with 96% of students expressing overall satisfaction with their course. In the most recent Academic Audit report, the panel noted: 'The School of Biological Sciences gives every impression of being a well-run and highly successful School with great potential for further success in the future. Much is to be commended.'"

Teaching Quality Assessment

Degrees Offered

Three-year degrees

BSc Biological Sciences	UCAS code C100 BSc/BS
BSc Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)	UCAS code C700 BSc/BSBc
BSc Biological Sciences (Genetics)	UCAS code C400 BSc/ BSG
BSc Biological Sciences (Microbiology)	UCAS code C500 BSc/BSMb
BSc Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology)	UCAS code B1B2 BSc/BSPP
BSc Biological Sciences (Zoology)	UCAS code C300 BSc/BSZ

Four-year degrees

Four-year degrees with year three spent in industry, in Europe or the USA studying at another university or working in a European research laboratory.

"Having missed the opportunity to travel before starting University, I jumped at the chance to study abroad during my third year. I embarked upon a research project at the Universidade do Algarve, Portugal, where I had the opportunity to develop new and invaluable skills as well as learn a foreign language and make friends with other Erasmus students from all over the world. I would recommend taking a year abroad to everyone, not only do you get the chance to be involved in a current research project but you'll also have the time of your life!"

Amanda Kent-Smith,
Microbiology Graduate

BSc Biological Sciences with a Year in Industry

If you are successful in the competitive selection process you may transfer to the four-year programme and spend your third year working in industry before returning to Leicester for the final year. Previous students have spent their sandwich year working in companies such as Astra Zeneca and Glaxo Smithkline. Others have spent their sandwich year in research institutions such as the Animal Health Institute and Kew Gardens.

BSc Biological Sciences (with a Year Abroad)

Through this four-year programme, you may choose to spend your third year taking courses or working in a research laboratory at universities in Europe (eg. France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Finland, Portugal) through the ERASMUS scheme.

Alternatively, the School has links with universities in the USA and Japan where you can also spend your third year taking courses or carrying out research work.

Other Programmes

The School also offers the following degree programmes, for which a brochure is also available:

BSc Medical Biochemistry	C720
BSc Medical Genetics	C431
BSc Medical Physiology	B120
BSc Medical Microbiology	C521

We also offer a one year Science Foundation Programme which is run in conjunction with the adjacent Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College. This course is a possible route onto our degree courses for mature students.

All Biological Sciences Degrees – First Year

Six variations of the degrees in Biological Sciences are offered but all students take the same modules that provide a common first year covering the breadth of modern biology, from molecules to populations.

The first year develops your understanding of information transfer in biological systems, macromolecular structures, enzyme kinetics, membrane structure and function and metabolic pathways. You will be introduced to the cell and developmental biology of plants and animals and their vast diversity, from both evolutionary and environmental perspectives. You will study the basic concepts of genetics and genetic analysis using both traditional and molecular approaches, so that you will be able to describe the effects of mutations and explain how they arise. Physiological processes in whole tissues and body systems, such as the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, are investigated. You will also explore the diversity of plants and animals and the links between environmental and evolutionary biology and how these relate to animal behaviour. There will be an introduction to the structure and function of microorganisms and consideration of their impact on the biosphere.

Modules will also be taken in IT and Numeracy Skills, Study and Communication Skills and Chemistry, which provide an essential basis for second and third year modules, and will help you to develop your key skills.

Throughout the first year, you will gain practical experience in the laboratory classes associated with each module and have the opportunity to discuss topics in the tutorials that form an integral part of the learning process.

> “The recommended books, approachable lecturers and excellent laboratory facilities with appropriate practical session really helped to reinforce all the new material that we covered.”
>
> **Tina Godfrey**, Biological Sciences Graduate

Biological Sciences BSc

UCAS Code C100 BSc/BS

Three years full-time or four years with a year in Industry/Abroad

After successful completion of the first year, by choosing from the full range of modules available in the subject areas offered, you may begin either to specialise in one of the degree streams in the **second year** or retain a broad approach to the subject. Even within a specialist degree stream, you will still have a choice of modules in addition to those core to your specialism.

In the **final year** you will take a selection of advanced modules. If you wish to graduate with a named degree, 75% of the modules must be from within the selection for that degree. All final year students also undertake a laboratory-, field- or library-based research project in which you have the opportunity to carry out an in-depth study of a specific topic that interests you, under the supervision of an acknowledged expert in the field.

> “Currently, I am a senior scientist within the Therapeutics group at a biotechnology company which identifies novel therapeutic opportunities from its research solely on human tissue. To be successful in this role, it is imperative to have a broad understanding of a number of scientific areas including physiology, genetics, biochemistry and pharmacology, rather than a specialised but limited scientific background. My basic knowledge in all these areas was established during my degree course, and has provided the foundations for my current career.”
>
> **Dr Rick Davis**, Biological Sciences Graduate

Hanna Tilly

Currently Studying Medicine

"I wanted to do Medicine so Biological Sciences is a stepping stone to this. I'm also interested in human physiology which is why I chose the Physiology with Pharmacology degree stream. The course has a wide range of module selections. Staff in the School are really helpful. There is a careers advisory service that caters specifically for biological sciences students. They run a lot of talks and help you organise work experience and placements during the summer."

"The city of Leicester is the friendliest place I've ever been. It's not too big and intimidating and it's good because it's a multicultural city; international students will feel welcome here."

"I lived at home while studying and if other students were to do the same, my advice would be to still get involved. I was a member of the badminton society and an Education Representative for Biological Sciences so I attended Student Union Council. It's a good way to get to know other students."

"I'd definitely recommend Leicester; it's a great university and very prestigious. Students love it; you can see this from the National Student Survey. It also has one of the best Students' Unions in the country. If you want an all-round university, Leicester is a good choice."

Biological Sciences (Biochemistry) BSc

UCAS Code C700 BSc/BSBc

Three years full-time or four years with a year in Industry/Abroad

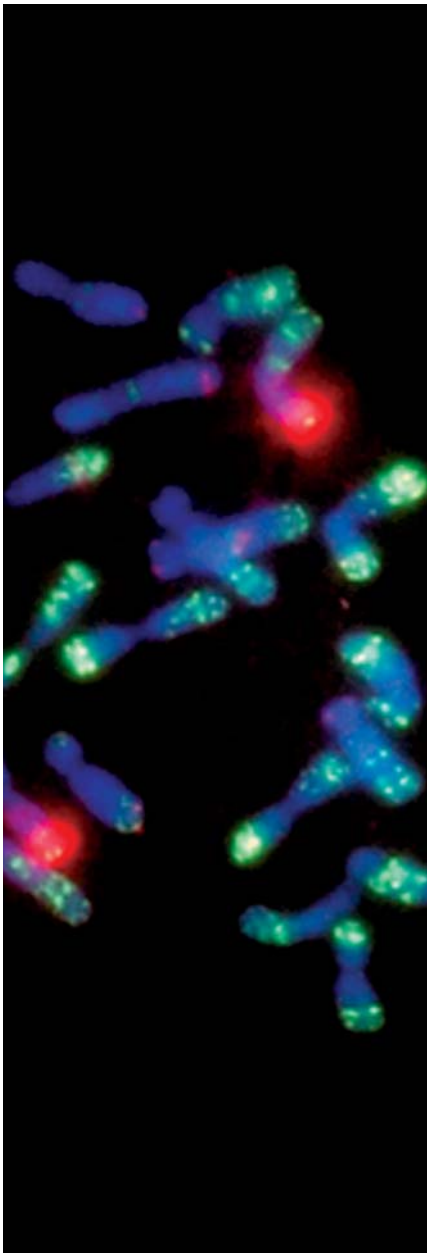
First year The Biochemistry course covers the structure and importance of DNA and proteins in a cellular context. Particular emphasis is placed on the structure and mechanism of enzymes. Aspects of bioenergetics and cellular metabolism are also introduced.

Second year topics in Biochemistry develop your appreciation of the varied nature of proteins and their functional importance to the behaviour of cells and organisms. You will study the expression of genetic information into the final protein product. With the aid of computer graphics you will explore the relationship between protein structure and function. You will also consider how proteins are organised into complex networks within cells, including the molecular machinery controlling such processes as cell division and movement. You will study in further detail the ways in which food materials are processed both to liberate energy and to generate the building blocks needed for our own bodies.

Final year modules include the study of the molecular basis of human cancer. You are offered the opportunity to learn more about techniques used in the study of protein structure and protein complexes and their importance in cells. The methodology of research and an up-to-date understanding of the molecular mechanisms of gene expression constitute another major component of the final year options. You will also undertake a laboratory- or library-based research project on a biochemical topic that interests you, under the supervision of an acknowledged expert in the field.

“Despite the extra pressure I think I enjoyed the third year the most because I got to totally focus on the things that interested me the most, in my case biochemistry, and, since I chose to do a lab-based project, I got some experience of laboratory work which both prepared and encouraged me to study for a PhD because I enjoyed it so much.”

Claudia Fogl, Biochemistry Graduate



Biological Sciences (Genetics) BSc

UCAS Code C400 BSc/BSG

Three years full-time or four years with a year in Industry/Abroad

Genetics is important in many aspects of society including human health, food production, quality of the environment, conservation, ethics and the law. The aim of the Genetics course is to provide a balanced coverage of modern genetics focusing on the organisation, inheritance, expression and evolution of genes in organisms ranging from bacteria to man.

In the **first year** you will learn how genes function and are inherited. In the **second year** you will learn how genomes are organised and investigated. You will gain experience of the range of techniques and approaches that can be used to investigate the role of genes in complex biological situations, such as the development of organisms and the response of organisms to their environment. You will be introduced to the expanding role of genetics in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

In the **final year** you will have the opportunity to study specialised topics in genetics to an advanced level. These include human genetics, microbial genetics, evolution, the effect of the environment on our genomes and the study of gene function in development. You will also undertake a laboratory- or library-based research project in which you have the opportunity to carry out an in-depth study of a topic in genetics that interests you, under the supervision of an acknowledged expert in the field.

> “I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying at Leicester and would recommend the course to anyone wishing to study biology. The broad basis of teaching in the first year allows you to make an educated choice on what you want to specialise in. I had barely covered genetics before I came to Leicester, but the first year showed me what I was missing and I was able to choose modules to specialise in the areas I enjoyed most. Also having the wider knowledge of biology from the first year has proved invaluable in trying to get to grips with the more complex aspects of genetics.”

Jo Purves, Genetics Graduate

Biological Sciences (Microbiology) BSc

UCAS Code C500 BSc/BSMb

Three years full-time or four years with a year in Industry/Abroad

The course explains and emphasizes those features that make micro-organisms, including viruses, special and remarkable biological entities. The common **first year** includes an introduction to microbial form and function and consideration of the role of micro-organisms in the biosphere.

For part of your **second year** you will hear about the diversity and flexibility within the microbial world. You will study form, function and habitats of bacteria and eukaryotic micro-organisms; their industrial uses and the diseases they cause. An examination of the variety of structures and mechanisms of replication of viruses plus an introduction to immunology are also part of the second year. A field course held during the Easter vacation gives you the opportunity to visit industrial microbiology laboratories.

During the **final year** you will investigate the complex interactions between pathogens and their hosts, analyse the mechanisms of immunity and the nature of microbial pathogenicity, the molecular approach to vaccine development, the role of viruses in cancer and the biology of AIDS and prion diseases (such as BSE –"mad cow disease"). An environmental microbiology module considers the role of bacteria in terrestrial and aquatic environments, with an analysis of the current views on the origin of life and includes aspects of microbial biogeochemistry, plant/microbe interactions and the microbiology of pollution, waste-management and bioremediation. Other options, such as our module on Industrial Microbiology, consider aspects of microbial molecular biology of relevance to modern biotechnology. You will also undertake a laboratory- or library-based research project in which you have the opportunity to carry out an in-depth study under the supervision of an expert on a specific microbiological topic that interests you.

"The broad scope of study in the first year ensured I covered all aspects the School offered, which allowed me to discover and focus on my strengths in the 2nd and 3rd years. The work was challenging and stimulating and the staff helpful and accessible throughout. I have recommended the Microbiology course to many people and will, without a doubt, continue to do so."

Krusha Patel, Current PhD Student

Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology) BSc

UCAS Code B1B2 BSc/BSPP

Three years full-time or four years with a year in Industry/Abroad

As part of the common **first year** you will have an introduction to physiological processes occurring in whole tissues and systems with an emphasis on the underlying cellular mechanisms.

The **second year** modules focus on cellular and systems physiology and will introduce you to the concepts underlying pharmacology and the mechanisms of drug action. Cell physiology addresses the properties of non-excitable and excitable cells including the mechanisms by which cell homeostasis is maintained. There is a strong focus on the organisation and physiology of the nervous system. The systems aspect introduces you to the physiology of the major body systems whilst pharmacology concentrates on the mechanism of action of major classes of drugs acting on these different body systems.

The **final year** modules cover topics from the cellular to the organismal level. Much attention is focused on the communication in the nervous system and on the cellular responses of neurones to chemical messengers and drugs. The visual and auditory systems are used as examples to highlight the principles of central integration along with the mechanisms underlying memory and movement control. There is also a strong emphasis on the cardiovascular system which provides students with a comprehensive understanding of heart function and regulation of blood flow. Comparative physiology taught jointly by physiologists and zoologists examines the different mechanisms by which distinct animal groups have solved basic physiological problems such as locomotion and vision. In your final year you will also undertake a laboratory – or library-based in-depth research project on a specific topic related to physiology that interests you.

“I specialised in Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology). I found most of the courses really interesting and the lecturers and other staff are always available and happy to help when you find anything difficult. Leicester is a lively place to study with loads to do.”

Rachael Quinn,
Currently Studying Medicine

Biological Sciences (Zoology) BSc

UCAS Code C300 BSc/BSZ

Three years full-time or four years with a year in Industry/Abroad

The BSc in Biological Sciences (Zoology) at Leicester provides you with a comprehensive understanding of the practical and theoretical approaches that zoologists currently use to tackle some of the fundamental unanswered questions in neurobiology, animal behaviour, ecology and evolutionary biology.

In the **first year** you will study a series of modules that introduce the key elements underpinning animal biology, including details of genetics, cell function, development, behaviour, physiology and evolution.

In the **second year** you will gain further insight into the mechanisms underlying animal behaviour, development and evolution. For example, what strategies do animals use to organise their behaviour so as to maximise reproductive output? What genetic and cellular mechanisms guide the development of a single fertilised egg into a complex adult organism? You will also tackle the complex nature of host-parasite interactions, animal ecology and population biology, and address the theme of biodiversity on a fieldcourse to Mallorca.

Our **final year** courses provide a range of specialised combinations for you to study to an advanced level, including topics such as Comparative Neurobiology, Social Evolution, Molecular Ecology and Applied Ecology. We run popular residential fieldcourses focusing on practical aspects of analysing animal behaviour in the wild. You will be taught by specialists who are researching at the frontiers of their science, so you will be exposed to the latest research ideas and findings. You will learn how to weigh up conflicting evidence and synthesise information from a wide range of sources, and will also carry out a detailed research project of your own that gives you the opportunity to address key questions in Biology.

Reading for a degree in Zoology at the University of Leicester will present you with a range of exciting and interesting ideas and challenges, and will provide you with the depth and breadth of training necessary to progress to postgraduate study or to jobs across a broad range of applied biological fields.

“You cannot help but get caught up in the enthusiasm of the teaching; many of the lecturers are at the forefront of their research field, so in effect you’re being taught by the best.”

Adam Tozer, Current PhD Student

Your Learning Experience

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is based on the following:

- Examinations typically contribute 70% of the marks for each module. In the first year these are usually multiple choice and short answer papers, with the second and third year examinations being predominantly essay-based.
- Coursework: all modules contain some continuous assessment, which typically contributes 30% of the marks awarded for each module. This may include reports of practical work, written assignments, essays and oral presentations.
- Research Project (Final year). An individual research study resulting in the presentation of a dissertation makes up a significant part of the final year.

How are the courses structured?

All of our courses are modular

The academic year is divided into two semesters. One of the benefits of the modular system is that your overall performance is fed back to you at the end of each semester in years one and two. This enables you to closely monitor your progress and, if necessary, adjust your work pattern.

Each module has a credit rating (10 or 20). The credit rating is an indication of the workload required for the module. Each year you must complete 120 credits in order to progress to the next year.

How will I be taught?

Lectures

Lectures form a vital part of University teaching. They are used to define the basic material for a given module. Lecture styles vary considerably and may include web-based delivery, demonstrations/ animations, as well as the traditional lecture format.

Tutorials

In a tutorial a small group of students meets with a member of staff for an hour. The format of tutorials will vary between modules but will involve teamwork. For tutorials students may be required to research a particular topic associated with the module concerned and discuss their findings with other members of their tutorial group, alternatively tutorials may take the form of problem solving sessions.

Laboratory classes

Biological Science is, of course, a very practical subject, and so strong emphasis is placed on the acquisition of varied laboratory and field-work skills. During your undergraduate career you will acquire a full range of personal transferable practical, IT, team work and presentation skills. Practical classes take place in well-equipped laboratories, under the guidance of academic staff and postgraduate demonstrators. Laboratory based research projects allow you the opportunity to work in a research laboratory and gain experience of some specialist techniques, for example electron microscopy, NMR, PCR or patch clamping.

What facilities will be available?

IT provision

IT Services provide a networked service to students, supplemented by Departmental PC sites, offering applications software, e-mail and access to the Internet and BlackBoard, the University's virtual learning environment (VLE). Student-access

computer suites are used for some formal teaching sessions and are available to students for individual work. Students have access to their own computer file store, with common user interface, application software etc. from any of the 18 Open Access Areas on and off campus. Internet access is available in all the study bedrooms in University Accommodation.

Library

The University's award-winning David Wilson Library has an excellent stock of up to date books and receives over 200 periodical titles in Biological Sciences. There is online access to the Library catalogue and to an extensive range of journals available across the campus. Additional copies of texts in demand for taught courses are placed in the short loan collection.

How will I be supported?

Personal Tutor

All students are allocated a Personal Tutor who is a member of staff in Biological Sciences. Your tutor receives copies of your continuous assessment feedback forms and you will normally see your personal tutor two or three times a term to discuss progress in your studies, and of course at any other time if you need advice. Your tutor will provide a sympathetic ear for all matters of personal concern, whether they be academic, financial, housing, career, social or personal problems.

Welfare Services

The University has a professional Welfare Service and the staff are available to assist with a wide range of issues from managing your money to healthy living. These will, of course, be treated in the strictest confidence.

Student Development

Support for the development of students' independent learning skills is provided by this centre in the David Wilson Library. Students can make use of a year round programme of study workshops, a drop-in advisory centre and a wide range of written study guides.

Careers Service

Careers staff provide guidance starting in year 1 to all undergraduates on the importance of skills development, work experience and career planning. They offer drop-in careers advice, a well-stocked information room, workshops and practice interviews.

Entrance Requirements and Further Information

Biological Sciences – All Degrees:

A-Levels

Entry requirements are three A-levels, or two A-levels and a vocational A-level or equivalent, two of which should be in relevant science subjects, preferably from Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics.

However, for certain courses, other science-based subjects may be acceptable (for example, Geography, Geology or Environmental Science). A pass in GCSE Mathematics and English is also a requirement.

Other Qualifications

International or European Baccalaureate, and overseas qualifications are considered. Mature students are welcomed: alternative qualifications e.g. Access courses considered. Direct entry into the second year with suitable advanced qualifications is possible.

Typical Offers:

A-levels: ABB at A2

Key Skills: are welcomed in addition and may be included in any offer

Access: Pass with 45 credits at level three, depending on the course structure, plus Distinctions in 30 credits at level 3

National Diploma: 5 Distinctions

Irish leaving Certificate: AABBB, including English, at higher level

Scottish Highers: AABBB

European Baccalaureate: Pass with 70% overall

International Baccalaureate: Pass Diploma with 32-34 points

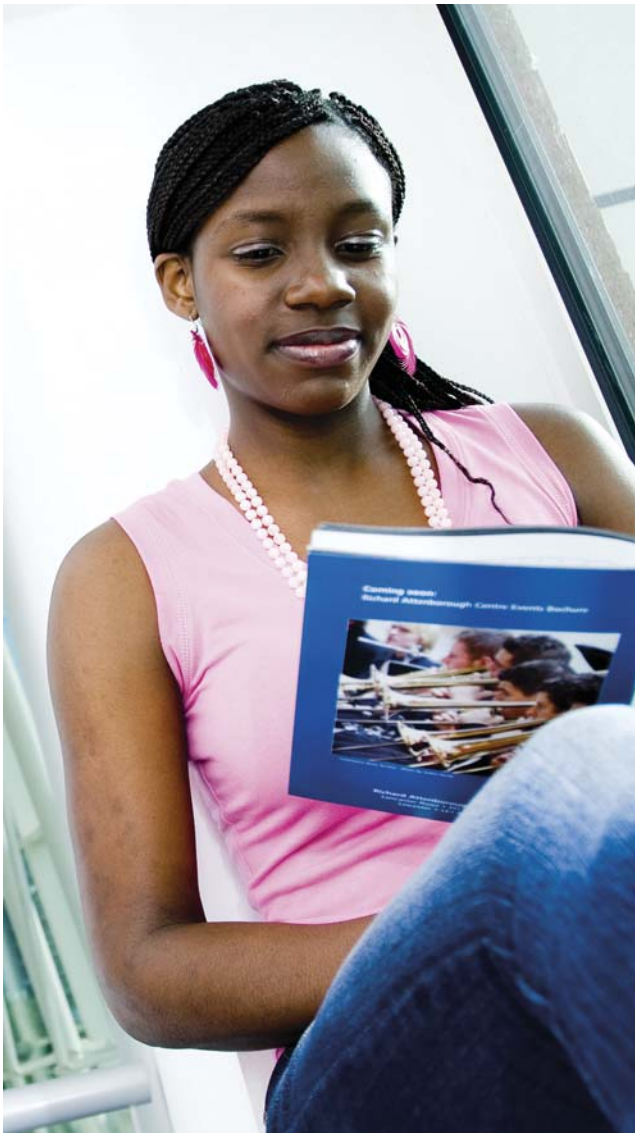
All applicants to whom an offer has been made are invited to visit the University to meet with academic staff and learn more about our course structure. There are also University Open Days when prospective applicants are welcome to visit and see the campus and departments.

Your Accommodation

University of Leicester accommodation provides a welcoming, flexible and safe living environment. We continually invest in our facilities to offer a wide range of accommodation that meets the changing requirements of our students. To find out more about our accommodation please see **www.le.ac.uk/accommodation**

Open and Visit Days

We have a number of Open Days during the year to which you are very welcome to attend. Additionally, all applicants to our undergraduate degree course are invited to attend one of our regular Visit Days. Other, individual visits can be made by arrangement. You are very welcome to bring a friend or family member any time you visit the University, and we are always happy to answer any queries on the phone or by email.



The University and the City of Leicester

About the City of Leicester

The Roman city of Leicester is one of the oldest in England with a history going back over 2000 years.

Leicester is perfect student city. 12% of the Leicester's population are students, so there is always something happening, whatever you're into.

Leicester's rich history can be explored in a wealth of museums, including the New Walk Museum and Art gallery, the Jewry Wall museum and The Newarke Houses museum.

Culture and the Arts

Leicester's proud multicultural heritage is reflected in a dazzling array of festivals and cultural experiences. Leicester plays host to the largest Diwali celebrations outside India, the largest Caribbean carnival outside Notting Hill, the most established comedy festival in England and much, much more.

For performing arts, Curve, a state-of-the-art theatre venue at the heart of the city's cultural quarter, puts on a wide range of touring shows. De Montfort Hall right next door to the University attracts mainstream acts and Leicester also has smaller theatre venues, which put on numerous amateur productions.

Film lovers are treated to the sumptuous surroundings of the Showcase Cinema de Lux in the city centre. For independent film, Phoenix Square in the cultural quarter comprises a brand new art-house cinema complex with a great café-bar.

Shopping, eating and going out

The £350 million Highcross Centre provides 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, featuring a flagship John Lewis department store and other big-name and designer shops. For those with more independent tastes, Leicester Lanes houses a variety of boutiques.

Leicester also has a fantastic selection of restaurants with food available from every corner of the world for a variety of different budgets. The Golden Mile on Belgrave Road is a must for curry fans - Leicester hasn't won Curry Capital of the Year for nothing!

As you would expect from a true student city, Leicester provides a huge variety of bars, clubs and restaurants. The city centre has mainstream bars and pubs as well as hidden gems off the beaten track.

Gigs

O_2 Academy Leicester in our Students' Union attracts some of the biggest acts on the circuit, continually adding to the list of legendary performers that have appeared here in the past.

There are regular gigs and classical concerts at De Montfort Hall and, on a smaller scale, at The Musician and The Shed.

In August the Summer Sundae Big Weekender festival features three days of live music. A relaxed atmosphere and an eclectic line up are its speciality. The Leicester International Music Festival celebrates classical and contemporary music during September.

Sport

Leicester has a loads to offer sports fans. Leicester Tigers is the most successful English club of the professional era, having won the Heineken Cup twice and the league seven times and counting.

Leicester City Football Club has a colourful history and, under the guidance of new owners, fans are looking forward to a long awaited return to the Premier League.

Leicestershire County Cricket Club play major counties cricket at the picturesque Grace Road.

About the University

The University of Leicester is a leading teaching and research university with a proud past and an exciting future.

Our research credentials are impressive – our research citation levels place us in the top 10 of universities in the UK and in the top 1% worldwide. This is reflected in our top 20 position in all national league tables and our ranking in the top 2% of universities in the world.

We believe that this world changing research should go hand-in-hand with high quality teaching. Our students benefit from being taught by staff at the cutting edge of their disciplines and the vibrant and exciting learning atmosphere this creates. Our students have testified to the quality of their academic experience in the National Student Survey. Since 2006 Leicester has consistently featured amongst the top-10 universities in England for student satisfaction.

Our commitment to your high quality education is reflected in our investment in your facilities and campus. The award winning £32 million David Wilson Library, which opened in 2008, contains state-of-the-art facilities for all our students. Group study rooms with plasma screens, wireless internet capability throughout, self-service book loans plus a café and bookshop provide a study environment second to none.

In 2010 we completed a stunning £16 million redevelopment of the iconic Percy Gee Students' Union building. Superb facilities for students and societies (shops, cafés, bars, restaurants, resource centres, a bank and more) plus the fantastic new music venue, O_2 Academy Leicester, make this the social hub of campus.

"The University of Leicester provides the friendly and supportive environment necessary to develop essential life skills. They are well organised and proficient in using the raw ingredients that are students, to prepare a recipe for success both academically and socially. As a former student I enjoyed my three years at Leicester, and I would thoroughly recommend the University!"

Onebieni Ana,
Currently Studying Medicine

"Going to the University of Leicester has rewarded me with abundant experiences, great friends, a sense of independence, an ambitious ideal and an honours degree to be proud of. I could re-live the experience a thousand times over."

Bandana Upadhya, Biology Graduate

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