Welcome to this afternoons session. My name is Ben Coles and I am one of the admissions tutor for Geography who will be able to answer any questions you may have on our course, as well as the application and registration process. I hope you find today’s session useful, we are here to help you so please ask any questions you may have regarding study at Leicester.

Welcome to this afternoon session. My name is Francesca and I am current student studying BSc Geography. I’ll be able to answer any questions you may have about the Geography courses and studying at Leicester in general. I hope you find today’s session useful, we are here to help you so please ask any questions you have about Leicester.

Hi Ben and Francesca, I picked the BA option instead of the BSc because I was unsure at the time (and because I had to pick one). I am interested in both aspects equally and want to know if there is still an opportunity to do both sides (I wasn’t too sure from the website).

Hi Ali, great question. The short answer is yes, there’s an opportunity to do both. Our first year is split 50/50 in terms of PG and HG. And, there’s the option to switch programmes at the end of the first year if you find you like one over the other and we usually have roughly 5 or so swap each year. In my experience, however, most first years who think they’re interested in PG find that PG from school is more HG orientated at the University level.

Hi Ali, thank you for joining in! Ben in currently the admissions tutor so he’ll know for sure but from my own personal experience you do the same modules in first year on both courses and you can pick some physical modules in second and third year if you wanted to that as well. However most HG stick to the HG modules and the same for PG.

Thanks Ben. My last question is if there will be any financial support for the trips to Germany etc.

Although no guarantees, there are usually some bursaries within the dept. or the University that can help off-set costs. Last year, for ex. a number of students received a few-hundred £ to help cover costs. These awards are usually merit-based, e.g. dependant on academic performance, etc. FYI all compulsory trips are covered by your university fees -- e.g. no additional costs.

I am sceptical about my options invade I don't meet the entry requirement. For example, if I obtain BBB even though the requirement for me is ABB, what are my options if I still want to study at Leicester?

Hi there Michael, this is a question that Ben should be able to help with and offer some advice on.

Hi Michael, great question as well. Although I can’t say for certain (because we don’t know yet), it’s possible you’d still be able to come Leicester through clearing, but all of that is decided much closer to August. Remember though that our standard offer is ABB or BBB with a B in extended qualification. Does that answer your question?

Hi Michael, from my experience I was also offered ABB but obtained BBB in my A Levels but Leicester still offered me a place without going through clearing.

Yes. Thanks Ben.
No problem!

I am currently looking through the course structure and wanted to know about what will be involved in the final year dissertation.

In a nutshell the final year dissertation entails designing, implementing and writing-up a self-contained research project. Though, a lot of work; it’s not as daunting as it sounds. There is plenty of staff support, and involvement.

I can second what Ben says the staff support at Leicester is amazing!

Ahh okay. Great news

Hi, I was just wondering what the atmosphere of the City is like?

I think Leicester is a really cool place to be, with a great vibe and good night-life, and great restaurant and music scenes...however, I'm old, and probably not as plugged into the city as our University students might be...

Hi Em thanks for joining in, as a current student I personally love Leicester the city is fairly compact which means everything is close by so you never have to far to walk from place to place. The city is highly diverse which means there is always something going on and it gives you a good chance to experience new things. I agree with Ben night-life is good, there are so many different bars and restaurants as well.

Thanks, sounds great!

One last question, what is the university campus itself like?

I really like it. It's a nice balance between an urban/inner-city campus and something a bit more suburban, with a park right next door. It's got great facilities, and interesting buildings. We've also got an O2 academy on campus, which means great bands come through.

The university campus is all on one site which you can walk across in about 5 minutes, all the building are situated in close proximity and most of the site is pedestrianized. There is a gym on campus, numerous food outlets and plenty of social space. The campus is also situated next to Victoria park which is lovely place to relax with friends on a warm day.

Great. Thank you both.

No worries!

Okay everyone, I need to sign off momentarily, so if there are any last minute questions, please send them through. If not, then thanks for signing on, and if any questions do crop up, please get in touch at geography@le.ac.uk!