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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.

Our teaching excellence is evidenced by our strong National Student Survey and league table rankings. In recent years, biological research has advanced rapidly and has had an amazing impact on our daily lives and Leicester has been at the forefront of this work.

The University is renowned for the discovery of DNA 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 the population effects of pollutants and the restoration and conservation of ecosystems.

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

- The University of Leicester is consistently ranked in the top 20 of national league tables and is in the top 1% of universities worldwide according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2014-15.

- Biosciences at Leicester is ranked 8th in the UK in the 2015 Guardian University Guide and 3rd in the UK for student satisfaction in the 2014 Complete University Guide.

- We are globally recognised for our research excellence, which spans the biosciences. As a result we offer a range of degrees and flexible course designed to allow you to follow your own interests.

- We take our teaching as seriously as our research. We are proud of our consistently excellent scores in the National Student Survey (NSS). In 2014 NSS 96% of Biological Sciences students were satisfied with their course; with 100% satisfaction in Biology and Genetics.

- Our £4.5 million Centre of Excellence for Teaching and Learning continues to make a significant impact, enhancing the teaching within the School.

- 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.

"The course is fascinating. I love laboratory practicals as we get hands-on experience with different organisms and complex equipment."
Ze-Lyn, Biological Sciences
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 (Neuroscience)**  
UCAS Code B140 BSc/Neur

**BSc Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology)**  
UCAS code B1B2 BSc/BSPP

**BSc Biological Sciences (Zoology)**  
UCAS code C300 BSc/BSZ

For more information on modules go to  
www.le.ac.uk/departments/biologicalsciences

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.
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 AstraZeneca and GlaxoSmithKline. Others have spent their sandwich year in research institutions such as the Animal Health Institute and Kew Gardens.

University of Leicester Biological Sciences students who complete an industrial placement year will graduate with an accredited degree. According to the Society of Biology, the UK learned society for biologists, this means that:

“Degree accreditation by the Society of Biology recognises academic excellence in the biosciences, and highlights degrees that educate the research and development leaders and innovators of the future. The accreditation criteria require evidence that graduates from the programme meet defined sets of learning outcomes, including gaining a substantial period of research experience.”

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.

Many organisations have an international scope so knowledge of a foreign language and a global outlook can give you a vital edge.

Other Programmes

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

**BSc Medical Biochemistry**
UCAS code C720

**BSc Medical Genetics**
UCAS code C431

**BSc Medical Microbiology**
UCAS code C521

**BSc Medical Physiology**
UCAS code B120
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.

Key skills in IT, numeracy and communication will form part of all of these modules and will provide you with the relevant experience for the second and third years.

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, Biological Sciences Graduate
Biological Sciences BSc

UCAS Code C100 BSc/BS

Three years full-time or four years with a year in industry/abroad

**Second Year**

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.

**Final Year**

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/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.
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 a wide range of biochemical topics. You will study the molecular basis of human cancer and the development of new treatments. You will 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.

Claudia, 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, the 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.

Second Year

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.

Final Year

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 will 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.
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.

Second Year

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, archaea 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.

Final Year

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 Microbial Biotechnology, consider aspects of microbial molecular biology of relevance to modern industry and research. 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.
Biological Sciences (Neuroscience) BSc

UCAS Code B140 BSc/Neur

Three years full-time or four years with a year in industry/abroad

The BSc in Biological Sciences (Neuroscience) provides you with the opportunity to study the nervous system and how it influences all aspects of animal physiology. You will have the unique opportunity to study alongside neuroscientists who are investigating some of the most important questions in neuroscience research in order to gain insight into the mechanisms of human neurological disease.

**Second Year**

The second year modules focus on cellular, systems and behavioural neuroscience. You will learn how the brain is organised at the cellular level and understand how the different brain structures relate to one another. You will investigate how nerve cells generate electrical impulses and communicate with each other to develop an understanding of the neurological circuits involved in, for example, vision, memory and movement. To facilitate this, your neuroscience modules will be taught alongside physiology and pharmacology modules so that you understand how the nervous system influences the function of a number of body systems, e.g. endocrine, gastrointestinal and cardiovascular. You will also be introduced to diseases of the brain such as Parkinson’s Disease where you will develop an understanding of brain pathology and how this affects function. The treatments for neurological diseases are largely drug-based and you will learn how different drugs target different cell types in the brain to treat the symptoms of disease.

**Final Year**

The final year modules are aimed at developing a research level understanding of neuroscience so that you are equipped to progress to postgraduate neuroscience research. The modules offered include *Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, Comparative Neurobiology, and Brain and Behaviour*. These modules further develop selected topics in neuroscience and include extensive discussion of the pathophysiological basis of neurological diseases and their treatment. The *Neuroscience Futures* module taught in the final semester utilises the considerable expertise of neuroscience researchers at Leicester who explain their research work to you. This module is specifically designed to expose students to international quality neuroscience research and thereby develop your understanding of that research and its potential therapeutic applications. Throughout final year you will undertake a research project working alongside an academic neuroscientist who will guide you through a research topic related to his/her research interests. These projects can either be laboratory-based, where you will work alongside professional laboratory scientists, or analytical, where you will probe the research literature in order to answer a specific neuroscience research question.
Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology) BSc

UCAS Code B1B2 BSc/BSPP

Three years full-time or four years with a year in industry/abroad

The BSc Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology) degree programme offers you the opportunity to study the physiology of different body systems in health and disease. This course adopts molecular, cellular and systems approaches to the study of physiology so that you develop an integrated understanding of all aspects of the subject.

Second Year

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 function of the major body systems whilst pharmacology concentrates on the mechanism of action of major classes of drugs acting on these different body systems.

Final Year

The final year modules cover topics from the cellular to the organismal level. Modules focus on 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.
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.

**Second Year**

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.

**Final Year**

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.

I am studying a mixture of Physiology and Pharmacology, Zoology and Microbiology. I've been away on the ERASMUS scheme, which is a great opportunity to go travelling to places you never thought of.

Chris, Biological Sciences
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 rating of 20 credits. 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.
Resources

**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.

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.
The Career Development Service can help you gain the extra dimension you need to stand out – real-world skills and qualities that will not only enhance your early career prospects, but will stay with you for life. The way to make the most of you is to work with them the moment you arrive at Leicester.

The Career Development Service looks at the bigger picture and encourages you to be reflective and think about what you want out of a career. You can then explore your options and begin looking at what you need to do to fulfil those big ambitions.

Your academic talent is a key ingredient to success, but having relevant experience is another vital element in securing that dream role after you graduate. The Career Development Service provides a multitude of opportunities to ensure you’re able to acquire the experience needed to get that all important foot on the ladder. So whether you want to make a difference in the voluntary sector, reach the top in high-flying business or be the next big thing in media, there are specially designed programmes and activities that can support you in getting the skills, experiences and exposure you need.

The Career Development Service has its own network of graduate employers who tell them what they want in an employee in terms of skills and knowledge. Graduate employers visit campus all year round, offering workshops and talks on different career pathways. You have the chance to network, get the inside knowledge on industries and find out exactly what employers are looking for.

For more details www.le.ac.uk/careers
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, Psychology, Geology or Environmental Science) depending on the subjects taken at GCSE and AS. 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:** AAB/ABB at A2.
- **Access:** Pass with 45 credits at Level 3, depending on the course structure, plus Distinctions in 30 credits at Level 3 in relevant subjects.
- **National Diploma:** 5 Distinctions.
- **Irish leaving Certificate:** AABBB, including English, at higher level.
- **Scottish Highers:** AABBB
- **European Baccalaureate:** Pass with 77% overall including subject specific gradings.
- **International Baccalaureate:** Pass Diploma with 32-34 points including 6 at Higher Level in two sciences.

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.

**Open and Visit Days**

We have a number of Open Days during the year to which you are very welcome to attend. Additionally, all offer holders 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.
I chose to study at Leicester because it is world famous in the area of genetics. So when I got the grades required, I jumped at the chance of studying here.

Mesut, BSc Biological Sciences (Genetics) Final Year
Campus

On our bustling compact campus it’s impossible to walk from one end to the other without bumping into someone you know along the way. The campus is a vibrant community, with all manner of places to meet, eat and drink, as well as study. We’re committed to providing you with high quality facilities and our £1bn campus development plan ensures all our resources meet the needs of modern and ambitious students.

Students’ Union

The Students’ Union is brimming with opportunities that will make your time at Leicester unforgettable. The spectacular Percy Gee building boasts superb facilities, from bookshops to bars and the fantastic live music venue, O₂ Academy Leicester. You are encouraged to get involved with the SU – there are over 200 student societies covering a huge range – sport, politics, media, performing arts and much, much more. It’s a great way of meeting new people, gaining skills or trying something completely different!

Accommodation

Our accommodation offers you a wide variety of choice. Whether you fancy self-catered or catered, en-suite or standard, there will be a package to suit you. www.le.ac.uk/accommodation

Private accommodation is available through our lettings agency, SUlets. www.sulets.com
**Sports Facilities**
You can enjoy a work out, take a swim or build up a sweat in a fitness class at our modern sports centres on campus or at Manor Road (next to our accommodation). You can also get involved with our sports clubs, which welcome members of all abilities. Keen competitors can also represent the University through Team Leicester, the hotly-contested Varsity matches and our thriving Intramural events.

[www.le.ac.uk/sports](http://www.le.ac.uk/sports)

**Library**
The award-winning £32 million David Wilson Library is a light, airy, five-storey building providing state-of-the-art facilities for all our students.

We invest over £6 million per year in the Library. Self-service loan and return, group study rooms, hundreds of PCs, netbook loans, wireless access throughout, a staffed Help Zone in the Library and online, 24/5 opening during term time, plus a bookshop and café create a first-class study environment.

There is access to a digital library of over 30,000 electronic journals and 350,000 eBooks – as well as over one million printed volumes. Our digital library can be accessed from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

Our Librarians provide detailed advice on finding and using information, and help you make the most of the resources available in the Library and on the web. You can also use our online guides to finding information for your research or coursework.

[www.le.ac.uk/library](http://www.le.ac.uk/library)

**Attenborough Arts Centre**
The Attenborough Arts Centre is the University’s own arts centre, offering a vibrant programme of events, music, spoken word, and exhibitions in its new gallery and performance spaces. Attenborough Arts offers you the chance to try something new, from a variety of arts courses to hula hoop dancing or creative writing. There are special discounts for students. Or if you just want a break from your studies you can enjoy free lunchtime music performances or have a drink at the café.

[www.attenborougharts.com](http://www.attenborougharts.com)
The City of Leicester

Leicester is a lively and diverse city and the tenth largest in Britain. It has all the activities and facilities you would expect, with a friendly and safe atmosphere. The city centre is just a short walk from campus so you’ll never be far from the action.

Leicester’s diverse heritage is reflected in a dazzling array of festivals and cultural experiences including the largest Diwali celebrations outside India, the UK’s longest running Comedy Festival and the University’s hugely successful book festival – Literary Leicester.

Recent developments have led to the opening of the world class Curve Theatre and Phoenix Square Independent Arts Centre in the new Cultural Quarter, which complement Leicester’s existing array of cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries.

Leicester is a city of sporting excellence. Sports fans can enjoy Premier League football with Leicester City and watch top-class rugby at Welford Road, home of the mighty Leicester Tigers. The Leicester Riders are a formidable presence in the British Basketball League (BBL), and during the summer months, Leicestershire County cricket club compete in the county championship and T20 Blast competition.

The sparkling Highcross complex features 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, bars, cafés and restaurants. For those with independent tastes Leicester Lanes houses a variety of boutiques and specialist shops.

As you would expect from a true student city, there is a huge range of bars, clubs and live music venues that cater for all kinds of tastes. Food lovers are treated to a fantastic selection of restaurants, with specialities available from every corner of the world.

In the lanes you’ve got all these little old boutiques that sell vintage clothes and things you wouldn’t expect to find in your general high street stores.
The city is big enough that it will take you three years to discover everything about it, but it’s small enough so you won’t be completely lost the entire time you are here.