Undergraduate courses

Geology
There is a real sense of community within Geology. Lecturers are so approachable and you’re treated and respected as individuals. Choosing Leicester was the best choice I made for my future.

Hester, BSc Geology

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Welcome to Geology

We believe that our world-changing research produces high-quality teaching – and will inspire you to go further.

At Leicester we consider education and knowledge to be a power for good. We aim to push the boundaries and discover ways to improve and change the world for the better.

We are investigating whether the Earth has entered a new epoch. This research is changing our view of humanity’s place in Earth’s long history, and of how we can best manage our planet’s resources for present and future generations.

But it is your role in the science of the future that is crucial. We are here to help give you the chance to find your own way, make your own discoveries and put your mark on the world.
Choosing a degree, and a university to study at, is a difficult task and is one of the major decisions you will make in your life. We hope you find all the information you need in this brochure or on our website at www.le.ac.uk/geology. If you need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact our admissions team.

We are looking for students who:

- Have an enthusiasm for scientific study and an enquiring mind.
- Are willing to embrace new ideas and challenge existing views.
- Enjoy problem solving and developing new skills.
- Are looking for a challenging degree course.

We encourage you to visit us, either on a pre-application Open Day, or a UCAS Visit Day once you have applied. You are guaranteed a warm welcome and will be able to talk to staff, as well as to our current geoscience students. We look forward to meeting you!

Gawen Jenkin - Schools Liaison Tutor  
Sarah Lee - Admissions Tutor
Why Choose Geology at Leicester?

As a geology student at Leicester you will benefit from:

- A thriving environment where you will be taught by internationally recognised geoscientists at the forefront of their field.
- Excellent student-staff relations with high student satisfaction levels.
- Enthusiastic staff using innovative teaching methods to inspire you to achieve your full potential.
- Small group teaching and tutorials providing individually tailored academic and pastoral support.
- An excellent field programme giving you opportunities for visits to Tenerife, Spain, Scotland and Wales.
- Flexible courses that allow you to follow your own interests and career aspirations.
- A wide variety of specialist modules, such as Physical Volcanology or Diversity and Evolution of Vertebrates.
- Opportunities to study abroad. Current options include North America, New Zealand and Europe.
- The chance to spend a year working in industry.
- Unparalleled opportunities for vacation experience resulting from our excellent links with employers.
- Excellent career prospects.
- Numerous scholarships and bursaries available to support your studies.
- Active student geological societies who organise talks, field trips and social activities.
Degree Programmes

All our programmes are modular and our specialist degrees allow you to focus on the areas of Applied & Environmental Geology, Geophysics or Palaeontology. All the programmes provide degree-specific modules from the second year onwards. In the third and fourth year you can choose from a range of optional modules to allow you to study the topics that interest you most. A unique characteristic of our programme structure is the flexibility in degree options. All degrees include a common core during the first year, enabling you to transfer between degrees at the end of the first year, subject to meeting the entry requirements for your intended degree.

BSc (Honours) vs MGeol (Honours) Degrees

Alongside the flexibility to change between the different degree programmes we also ensure that it is possible to transfer between the three year (BSc) and the four year (MGeol) degree, such that you can graduate with the qualification most appropriate for your future career.

- Our BSc degrees offer an ideal three-year route if you are contemplating becoming a professional geologist or simply want to pursue your interest in geoscience. The variety of modules you study will provide all the knowledge and skills required for entry into a wide range of graduate jobs, or to pursue further studies through specialist MSc courses. Recent examples include students who have gone on to do an MSc in areas such as Geographical Information Science (GIS), Geological and Environmental Hazards or Petroleum Geoscience.

- Our four-year MGeol degrees include a major cutting-edge independent research project on a topic chosen by you. During these projects you will have the opportunity to work with specialist analytical facilities and learn the skills required to succeed in a research environment. There is a possibility that your research could be published in an international peer-reviewed journal. These degrees also include an additional field course, a module designed to enhance your communication and debating skills, and the opportunity to specialise further in your favourite subjects. These programmes are ideal if you aspire to fast-track your professional geological employment or to continue on to PhD research after graduation.

Students on the MGeol degree programme have the option of a year abroad in the third year.
Can I change degree programmes?

You can change from an MGeol degree to a BSc degree at any time until the end of the second year.

You can change from a BSc degree to an MGeol degree at the end of the first or second year, subject to satisfactory performance.

Continuation on the MGeol degree is conditional on achieving a sufficient level of performance in the second year assessment.
Geology BSc (Honours) and MGeol (Honours)

UCAS Code F600 BSc/F601 MGeol

Three or four years, full-time

These degrees:

- Provide the knowledge and skills for understanding the theory and application of geology to Earth processes and systems.
- Integrate traditional sciences to provide a broad education in many aspects of the geosciences.
- Provide opportunities for extensive field experience with modules in Spain, Scotland and Wales, and offer specialist field courses including volcanology in Tenerife.
- Allow you to select modules in your third and fourth years to either retain a broad geoscience base or to create a more specialised degree.
- Equip you with the knowledge and skills for a career in industry or continued geoscience research.

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Accredited degree course

Year abroad option
for MGeol

“World-class teaching, phenomenal resources, a vibrant and supportive atmosphere - that’s why I love geology at Leicester.”

Hugo,
BSc Geology
**GEOLOGY COURSE STRUCTURE**

### YEAR 1
- Micro to Macro: From Rock Properties to Plate Tectonics
- Palaeobiology and the Stratigraphic Record
- Natural Resources and the Environment
- The Rock Cycle: Our Dynamic Earth
- Geological Maps and Structures
- Introductory Field Course (Arran)
- Tutorials – this module will develop your transferable, study and employability skills

### YEAR 2
- Structure and Tectonics
- Depositional Processes and Environments
- Magmatic and Metamorphic Processes
- Interpreting Geological Maps and Stratigraphy
- Earth and Ocean Systems
- Geological Field Skills (Spain, Anglesey and Snowdonia)
- Introductory Mineral Deposits
- Major Events in the History of Life
- Principles of Geophysics

### YEAR 3
- Independent Field-based Project
- Dissertation – guided research on a topic of your choice
- **Field Courses** (one from):
  - Tenerife (Physical Volcanology)
  - NW Highlands (Geological evolution and tectonics)
  - Cornwall (Applied and Environmental Geology)
  - Welsh Basin (Palaeontology)
  - Midlands (Archaeological Geophysics)
- Planetary Science
- Environmental Geoscience
- Concepts in Sedimentology and Stratigraphy
- Earth Science In Education
- Petroleum Reservoir Petrophysics
- Geological Application of Microfossils
- Mineral Exploration and Evaluation
- Reflection Seismology
- Stable Isotopes in the Environment
- Diversity and Evolution of Vertebrates
- Geophysical Data Analysis
- Advanced Mineral Deposits

### YEAR 4*
- Masters Research Project
- Hot Topics
- Advanced Field Course (Overseas and/or Urban Geology)
- Evolutionary Palaeobiology
- Methods and Modelling in Palaeoclimatology
- Igneous Petrogenesis
- Ore Genesis
- Global Seismology

*MGeol only
Applied and Environmental Geology
BSc (Honours) and MGeol (Honours)

UCAS Code F610 BSc/F611 MGeol

Three or four years, full-time

These degrees:

• Prepare you to meet the fundamental challenges of locating and managing Earth resources whilst minimising the environmental impact of extraction.

• Help you understand the context of applying geoscience to human activities within the ever-changing needs and challenges of a growing world population.

• Equip you with the knowledge and skills to apply geology to industrial and environmental systems and become a highly employable geoscience graduate.

• Offer you unique subject-specific modules and great work experience opportunities around the world.
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Geology with Geophysics

BSc (Honours) and MGeol (Honours)

UCAS Code F660 BSc/F661 MGeol

Three or four years, full-time

These degrees:

• Develop specialist expertise in geophysical exploration methods and your skills in physics, maths and IT.

• Develop your core knowledge of geophysics in the first and second years through modules and tutorials.

• Provide advanced third and fourth year modules to equip you for a career in industry or continued geophysical research.

• Provide hands-on geophysics project work to develop your practical skills, inspire your learning and fire your enthusiasm.

• Equip you with the skills for employment across a wide range of geoscience industries, from hydrocarbon exploration and production to hydrogeology, mineral exploration, engineering site investigation, environmental monitoring and archaeological geophysics.
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Geology with Palaeontology
BSc (Honours) and MGeol (Honours)

UCAS Code F641 BSc/F642 MGeol

Three or four years, full-time

These degrees:
• Combine the knowledge and skills base of a degree in geology with the development of expertise in the scientific study of fossils.
• Focus on palaeontological themes, including all major groups of invertebrate fossils, vertebrate fossils and microfossils.
• Investigate major concepts such as the origin of life, patterns of evolution and extinction, the importance of exceptional fossil biotas, and the relationship between ecology and evolution.
• Include taught field modules with a palaeontological focus.
• Enable you to undertake an independent field-based project which involves geological mapping in a fossiliferous area.

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Year abroad option for MGeol

Leicester has some of the best academic minds in the paleontological community and it’s hard not to be inspired when they are sharing their knowledge with you.

Emily, BSc Geology with Palaeobiology
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Fieldwork

Fieldwork can be one of the most stimulating and enjoyable experiences of your time at the University of Leicester.

- Our staff are involved in field-based research worldwide, ensuring that our teaching draws on active field experience.
- Our carefully-designed field programme ensures that you will progress from undertaking basic field observations to synthesising complex geological histories using both your own observations and the broad-based geological knowledge you gain in your university studies.
- Costs for taught fieldcourses that are a core part of the course are heavily subsidised by the University so that costs to you are minimal.
- Optional fieldcourses and project modules involving fieldwork will have varied costs dependent on your time away and the location you choose.

First Year

An introductory module forms the foundation of your future field experience. This is based on Arran, a Scottish island with more geological variety per square kilometre than virtually anywhere else in the world (if you have already visited on a field trip, there is plenty more to see!). You will rapidly acquire the necessary observational and recording skills through active participation in scientific discovery.

Second Year

Our training focuses on developing the skills and knowledge that will enable you to carry out your own geological fieldwork in a variety of terrains. You will learn how to make your own advanced observations and interpretations in the field and develop a practical understanding of how landscapes have evolved through deep time.

In Spain you carry out field mapping and sedimentary logging exercises in an arid terrain and examine a range of sedimentary environments, whilst expertise in examining and interpreting structurally complex rocks is developed in Anglesey.

Your field methods module is completed with a field camp in Snowdonia where the focus is on inland mapping techniques.
Third Year

Following the preparation in the second year field courses, you will undertake an **Independent Field-based Project**. This is an exercise in practical, deductive geology and forms an important part of your degree. You choose the field area, allowing you to develop your geological interests. This project demonstrates determination, motivation and an ability to solve problems based on your own observations, as well as developing your self-confidence and organisational skills.

Our advanced field training will develop your ability to evaluate interpretations. The style is that of professional field courses, with active debate between students and leaders to analyse the significance of your observations.

In **Tenerife** you can study pyroclastic rocks on the third largest volcano in the world. In the **northwest Highlands** you can examine classic areas of British geology such as the Moine Thrust zone. In **Cornwall** you can examine a classic area of economic mineralisation and the environmental consequences of mining. Geophysics students will gain hands-on experience of near-surface geophysics through fieldwork in the **Midlands**. Palaeontology students will examine the geology, palaeontology and evolution of the **Welsh Basin**.

Fourth Year

Fourth year students have the option of an **overseas field course**, where you will use multidisciplinary data to unravel complex geologic relationships and the evolution of a region. You can also further your understanding of the Anthropocene (The Age of Humans) through the study of **urban geology**.

Note

Different combinations of field modules listed here are available for students on each degree course – you should check the listing on each degree page to see modules available for that degree.

Current field locations are listed, but changes occasionally occur, in which case courses will be replaced by another of similar quality.
Fieldwork gives you a chance to put into practice the skills you learn in lectures and practicals, expand on them and ultimately become a better geologist.

It gives you a chance to meet other people on the course and develop close friendships, as well as gaining new ideas by sharing knowledge.

Lydia,
BSc Geology
Our Peter Colley Sylvester Bradley (PCSB) student society, which has recently won the University’s Academic Group of the Year award, organises many events including regular talks by external speakers and field trips (recently Ingleton, Yorkshire Coast, Wales, the Lake District, mine visits and the Natural History Museum). The society also organises the Annual Ball, as well as parties and barbecues.

The Applied and Environmental Student Society (Society of Economic Geologists) and the Palaeobiology Society both organise field trips, social events and talks by external speakers. A Geophysical Student Society, affiliated to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, also has a regular talk programme, runs a specialist geophysics library, monitors ‘Vardyquakes’ and works with local schools to promote seismology.
Study Abroad

MGeol students have the option of spending the third year of their degree studying at an overseas partner university. Current partners are the:

- University of Arizona, Tucson, USA
- University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

The Department of Geosciences at the University of Arizona is a top-ranked American department and Arizona boasts world-class geological localities from the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley to the Petrified Forest and Meteor Crater. New Zealand is a beautiful and geologically diverse country and the University of Canterbury provides excellent educational facilities for geology students.

You are also able to participate in the Erasmus scheme which provides an invaluable opportunity for students on all our degrees to spend one or two semesters studying at a European University, improving foreign language skills and experiencing a different academic and social culture.

“Choosing to go to New Zealand was the best decision I’ve ever made. There were so many interesting modules and everyone was super friendly. The field trips were great, from climbing up volcanoes to mapping active faults - I even experienced a few earthquakes!”

Sadie, MGeol Geology

Sadie on her year abroad in New Zealand
Supporting Your Studies

Teaching
We employ a diverse range of teaching methods to ensure you are challenged and engaged at all stages of your degree. The proportion of independent project work increases throughout your degree.

- Each year group has their own study area, readily accessible and equipped with specimens.
- Transferable skills teaching, including computing and maths, are integrated into course modules.
- Supervised practical classes are closely integrated with lectures.
- You are actively encouraged and guided into independent study.
- Independent and teamwork projects are integral parts of modules in every year.
- Diverse assessment methods include coursework, fieldwork, independent reports/projects, seminars, oral and poster presentations and computer-based tests, as well as formal examinations.
- You will have a personal tutor who provides pastoral and academic support.
Accredited Degrees

All our current degrees are accredited by The Geological Society, which is the professional body for geologists in the UK. Their accreditation panel said that our courses are “excellent”, and they were “particularly impressed by the amount of fieldwork undertaken.”

Student Feedback

You will be provided with non-assessed feedback on every module to help you improve and prepare for assessed work.

- Student questionnaires allow you to give direct feedback on modules.
- An active Student-Staff Committee allows you to raise any issues relating to your studies and suggest and discuss course developments.

Facilities

You will have access to the Geology student resource room as well as state-of-the-art lecture theatres and practical laboratories.

- Extensive, award-winning collections of more than 250,000 rocks, minerals and fossils support student learning.
- Classic geological localities in the beautiful surrounding countryside.
- Excellent ICT facilities, including open access computer rooms in the School.
- High quality analytical facilities such as our Scanning Electron Microscope are available for undergraduate projects.
- Superbly supported fieldwork programme in terms of equipment and technical support.
- Undergraduates may carry out research with the NERC Isotope Geoscience Laboratory and British Geological Survey at nearby Keyworth.
Work Experience

Students on any of our courses can incorporate year-out or vacation placements in industry and the public sector.

Gaining relevant work experience during your degree is hugely advantageous when entering the graduate job market. Through our links with industry, we have a large number of students who undertake (often well paid!) work experience during their vacations, or through a year out in industry. Such work experience can give you a strong competitive edge in securing permanent employment.

Recent placements include work in a number of sectors. In the mineral exploration and mining sector this has included Medgold (Portugal), Consolidated Nickel Mines (Zambia), Ariana Resources (Turkey), Asarco (Nevada) and Codelco (Chile). In the environmental and geo-conservation sector: British Antarctic Survey, Atkins, Arup, Zetica, Hanson Aggregates, South East Water, Aggregate Industries and The Earth Heritage Trust. In the hydrocarbons sector: Statoil, Neftex and Chemostrat. In addition, students have also gained placements working in volcano observatories and working as science communicators in museums.

Year in Industry

You are able to take a year out between your second and third years and spend that year working in industry. You’ll benefit from experience in a commercial setting, enabling you to make an easier transition from studying to working after you finish your degree. It will strengthen your CV in preparation for entering the graduate labour market and you’ll be paid a salary.

“I spent one month in Vanuatu with the Vanuatu Geohazard Observatory where I mapped lava flows on the flanks of a remote volcano and helped create hazard information for the observatory. The locals were very friendly, the scenery was breathtaking. I’d love to go back one day!”

Eleri, MGeol Geology
Laura on work experience in Zambia

“ I spent two weeks at the Munali nickel deposit in southern Zambia completing fieldwork for my 4th year MGeol research project. I was able to gain experience core logging and underground mapping in addition to being involved in a regional soil sampling programme. This fieldwork provided me with a great opportunity to develop and learn new field skills, work with different groups of people and develop an appreciation for the link between industry and academia. ”

Laura, MGeol Geology

Ross, British Gypsum, UK

“I spent two weeks during the summer working with British Gypsum near Loughborough. I had the opportunity to carry out a range of tasks that included core logging, chemical analysis of samples, GIS hazard map generation, and a mine visit. This period provided me with some great experience in the mining industry, and also helped me to gain contacts that have been able to give me advice on future careers in geoscience. ”

Ross, BSc Geology
Careers with a Geology degree

Our degrees provide the knowledge, technical and transferable skills required to launch you into a career of your choice and equip you for the challenges ahead. We have developed a programme of employability training alongside the integration of key industry skills into our teaching programme, where we work with employers to ensure relevant content is delivered and is constantly kept up to date.

Many of our graduates work as geoscientists involved in the exploration for, and extraction and development of, energy, mineral and water resources. Our graduates are also employed in the environmental sector, addressing issues of climate change, sustainability, waste management, environmental monitoring and remediation. Some graduates have moved directly into other professions (e.g. teaching, banking, the media, management and the police).

Careers Support

Geology has a dedicated careers tutor, with several years experience working as a geologist in industry. We organise a Careers Day each year with involvement from a host of companies across the geosciences sector. We work closely with the Career Development Service at the University to encourage our students to take part in the Leicester and Leicester Gold Awards to develop highly marketable transferable skills that lay the foundation for future successful careers.

Industry Links

More than 50 companies are actively involved with Geology at Leicester by funding major research projects, offering work experience, providing data and logistical support for student projects and giving specialist lectures. We have particularly close links with the British Geological Survey, Aggregate Industries, Micromine and a number of mineral exploration companies, and many students complete projects with support from these organisations.
I’m working as a Volunteer Research Volcanologist studying Volcán de Colima, North America. I’ve really enjoyed my experience so far. My job involves collecting samples and data from the volcano itself as well as analysing data in the lab.

Matt,
BSc Applied and Environmental Geology
Employment Record

Our graduate employment record is excellent; over 90% of all our graduates (BSc and MGeol) who were available for work were in employment or further training six months after graduation with the number entering full-time work well above the sector average of 40%. Typically more than a quarter of our graduates go on to do further study, with many gaining places on highly competitive PhD programmes.

Graduate Destinations 2016

- Full-time work (41%)
- Part-time work (16%)
- Work and further study (8%)
- Full-time study (27%)
- Unemployed (8%)

Robert (BSc Applied and Environmental Geology graduate) employed as an exploration geologist on a nickel project in Zambia.
Scholarships and Prizes

Scholarships
The University offers a generous package of scholarships based on academic performance and background. Music and sport scholarships are also available.

www.le.ac.uk/scholarships-ug

Aggregate Industries and Carl Zeiss Microscopy Bursary Schemes
We run career-track bursary schemes with these companies that are exclusively for our Geology undergraduates. These schemes involve work experience and fourth year project work with the company, with bursaries to students totalling up to £13,000 per year.

Academic Prizes
We offer competitive prizes and awards in each year for academic achievement and overall performance. In addition, students have won bursaries for volcanology and mineral deposit field courses in North and South America based on their excellent fieldwork skills, and have been awarded University travel bursaries for extra-curricular overseas visits. We also offer Holloway Bursaries for those interested in developing their skills in geological outreach.
Information for Applicants

How to Apply
Applications should be made through Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

www.ucas.ac.uk

Entry Requirements
We assume no previous knowledge of Geology although qualifications in Geology are welcome.

Typical Offers
For all BSc degrees ABB. For all MGeol degrees AAB. Grades usually from three best A-levels, but two AS levels considered instead of one A-level only.

A/AS levels for all degrees: Preferred subjects include at least two from: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Mathematics or Physics. English, General Studies, a foreign language or other arts subjects are normally accepted as the third A level.

Additional requirements for Geology with Geophysics degrees: One A Level must be Physics or Mathematics.

Other qualifications, including those listed below, are welcomed for entry to all our degrees: International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate, OU courses, Access to HE course, BTEC Nationals, Leicestershire Progression Accord, Irish, Scottish and Welsh qualifications, other international qualifications.

N.B. These are normal requirements, but we assess each application individually on its merits. If you have any queries about your eligibility, please contact our admissions tutor.

Year Abroad Degrees

Year abroad option for MGeol

To apply for our Year Abroad programmes in Arizona you should apply for the MGeol degree (Geology; Applied and Environmental Geology; Geology with Palaeontology; Geology with Geophysics) that best suits your interests; for the Year Abroad in New Zealand apply for MGeol Geology. You register your interest in the Year Abroad programme in the first year. To be considered for the year abroad requires a 65% average mark by the middle of the second year. Places are limited, and selection is based on academic thresholds determined by the School.

Year in Industry

You are able, if you wish, to take a year out between your second and third years and spend that year working in industry. If you choose to do this, you’ll undertake a module in your second year which will help you to find a work placement and prepare you for a year in the workplace. Throughout your placement, there’ll be structured support from the university.

Mature and International Students
We welcome mature and international students - please visit our website for additional information. All our degrees are compliant with the Bologna accord.

Come and Visit Us
The University holds Open Days in June, July, September and October, when anyone interested in our courses is welcome to visit us. In addition, all applicants offered places are invited to one of our UCAS visit days held between November and March. All Open Days and visits offer an opportunity not only to see the campus, the School and the Halls of Residence, but also to meet and talk to the Admissions Tutor, other academic staff and students.

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Student Profiles

Stuart, BSc Geology

“Being inspired to study geology after visiting Yosemite and wanting to understand the processes that shape our planet, I came to Leicester to study geology.

I have really enjoyed the course, and being a mature student has definitely proven to be a benefit rather than a barrier. I was attracted to Leicester due to the excellent reputation of the teaching staff and the world class research. Given the added pressure of having a family, the support given to me by Leicester has been fantastic. Opportunities to apply course-learnt skills in the field (my favourite part), really enhance the overall depth of the course, and after my degree I would like to specialise in sedimentology.”

Marya, BSc Geology

“I graduated from the University of Leicester with a BSc degree in Geology. I had a great time during my studies and developed many essential skills. The staff and students were friendly and very helpful. You can access the facilities at any time of the day, so it became my second home! Some modules were related to petroleum geoscience and stimulated my interest in this subject leading me to undertake a Petroleum Geoscience MSc in London. After finishing my MSc I will be joining a local petroleum company back home in Oman. My three years here were amazing!”
Student Life

**Campus**

Our close-knit campus is small enough that you will always see a friendly face but big enough to make new friends. Few universities can boast a campus like ours – self-contained and surrounded by green space – yet still with an urban feel, close to the vibrancy of a major city.

**Students’ Union**

The Students’ Union is brimming with opportunities that will make your time at Leicester unforgettable. The Students’ Union supports more than 200 student clubs and societies, from quidditch and baking to ballroom dancing and radio presenting, as well as many subject area groups. Joining a society is a great way to make new friends and try something different.

[www.leicesterunion.com](http://www.leicesterunion.com)

**Accommodation**

Our accommodation offers you a wide variety of choice, whether you fancy self-catered or catered, en-suite or shared bathroom facilities.

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

Private accommodation is available through our lettings agency, SUlets.

[www.sulets.com](http://www.sulets.com)
**Sports Facilities**

Whether you’re looking to stay fit and have fun doing it, or are already an elite athlete, our sports facilities have everything you need. We have two state-of-the-art sports centres filled with modern equipment. You can also get involved with our sports clubs, which welcome members of all abilities. Keen competitors can 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)

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**Library**

The David Wilson Library is a first-class study environment with wireless access throughout. It has 24/5 opening during term-time, hundreds of PCs, laptop loans, group study rooms, and a cafe on site. You will also have access to our digital library which contains more than 940,000 eBooks and 75,000 electronic journals. The new Digital Reading Room is an outstanding social learning space with an interactive table and wall. Here, students and staff can discover, collaborate and share ideas online and in person.

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

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**Attenborough Arts Centre**

Our Attenborough Arts Centre offers a fantastic programme of live events, music, comedy and theatre. Its free gallery is one of the largest contemporary art spaces in the region. You can sign-up for a variety of arts courses, including life drawing, photography, Latin American dance or creative writing, and enjoy special student discounts. Attenborough Arts also runs a De-stress Fest of activities to help you through exam time.

[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 one of the largest Diwali celebrations outside India and the UK’s longest running Comedy Festival.

Leicester is home to several cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries, including the world-class Curve Theatre and independent Phoenix Square.

A city of sporting excellence, sports fans will need no introduction to the remarkable Leicester City and their phenomenal Premier League title victory and Champions League adventure. You can also watch top-class English and European 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 competes in the county championship and T20 Blast competition.

For shoppers, Highcross features 110,000 square metres of retail therapy, café bars and restaurants. Those with independent tastes should explore Leicester Lanes with its variety of boutiques and specialist shops.

As you would expect from a true student city, there is a huge choice of bars, clubs and live music venues that cater for all preferences. 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 large enough that it will take you three years to explore, but small enough so you'll never feel lost... the best of both worlds.
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