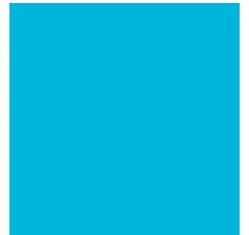
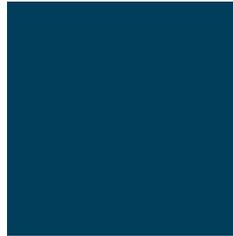




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Indian Student Guide





Welcome to Leicester

We think a university should be about empowering people to explore; through passionate, dedicated teaching and innovative, world-changing research.

By embracing the fact that every journey is personal, the University of Leicester has achieved some remarkable results.

In 2015, Leicester was ranked among the top 1% of institutions in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings and among the top 25 universities in the Times Higher Education REF Research Power rankings.

In 2016 Leicester was also ranked among the top 1% of institutions in the world by the CWUR World University Rankings.

Of our 13,000 full-time, campus-based students, over 25% come from outside the European Union, from more than 80 different countries.





A Multicultural City

Leicester is the UK's tenth largest city with a population of approximately 300,000. It has all the attractions of a major city with the benefits of a safe atmosphere and low cost of living.

In 2015, HSBC announced for the second year running that the University of Leicester is the most affordable destination in Britain for both first and second-year students, according to their research.

The city is proud of its cultural diversity, with many races and religions living side by side providing an array of festivals and cultural experiences to enjoy.

Leicester also hosts the largest Diwali celebrations outside of India with over 37,000 people attending in 2015.

Ideally located in the centre of England, Leicester is the perfect base from which to visit other nearby cities, including Nottingham and Birmingham and is just 160km – or 66 minutes' train journey – from London, providing easy access to the UK's capital.

“ My first flat mates were from China, Japan, England and USA. The diversity is absolutely incredible. I have learnt how to cook dishes that I had never heard of before.

Irrespective of how confident you are socially, it is very easy to make friends with people from all over the world here.

Angaraj, Physics with Astrophysics MPhys



Your Campus

The University occupies an attractive campus close to the vibrant city centre and offers a wide range of catered and self-catered University-managed accommodation to suit all tastes. We guarantee accommodation to all new students who apply before specified deadlines. The city also offers a good supply of private sector accommodation.

Our award-winning library has been completely refurbished and extended as part of a £300 million campus development plan. It offers state-of-the-art services, access to over a million printed volumes and a digital library of thousands of electronic journals and books.

Other campus facilities include: restaurants, bookshop, sports centre, swimming pool, spa and health centre. Our newly-redeveloped Students' Union includes a 1,750-capacity entertainment venue, shops, cafes, bank and a student advice centre.

New international students at Leicester are invited to take part in our International Welcome Week, a programme of fun and informative activities that help students to settle into their new life in the UK and meet other likeminded students.

“ **The facilities at the University are amazing; it has a fantastic sports centre where I attend Zumba and Body Jam classes, and a brilliant library. It also has a very supportive Career Development service.**

The University of Leicester is a great place to study. It's a lively and diverse city and as a student I enjoy living here.

Oishi, Software and Electronic Engineering BEng



Your Groups and Societies

Like you, every one of Leicester's 22,000 students has their individual interests and priorities. So we recommend you get involved with one of our student groups and societies.

We offer over 150 different societies, including: the Asian Dance Society, Hindu Society, Indian Society and International Student Society. We even have a Chocolate Society for lovers of all things sweet!

Becoming involved with our student societies can really enhance your time at Leicester. You will meet interesting new people and have the opportunity to try something new and completely different – and potentially discover a new passion you didn't know you had!

So whether it's having your own radio show, learning a new sport or joining a band, our societies have something to offer everyone. And if there isn't a group that interests you, we can help you start a new society of your own.

Being part of a society is a sure way of meeting like-minded people and having fun. But there's more to it than socialising – involvement is a great way of developing employability skills through positions of responsibility.



Careers Development Service

Our award-winning Career Development Service will ensure you are equipped for a lifetime of career success by providing you with invaluable experiences that will enhance your resume and boost your skills.

From your first year, our dedicated team will help you explore all of the programmes and activities that will help you gain experience and build up a range of skills that will stay with you for life.

You could make a difference through volunteering, explore our business startup and self-employment options, or get in front of employers and learn more about the exciting opportunities they offer.

When you arrive at Leicester you'll have access to MyCareers, your personal online employability portal where you can find out about all the events, activities and workshops we offer.

MyCareers also lets you book a one-to-one appointment with our expert careers advisers to get guidance or help with your applications, as well as being the place to find the latest internships and graduate jobs – some of which are available exclusively to students at the University of Leicester.



Support with Your Application

We have an official representative based in Chennai who travels regularly throughout India and can support you with your application to study at Leicester.

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“ **Leicester offers a wide variety of places of worship which are spread across the city and within easy reach of the University. From Mosques to Temples to Gurudwaras – Leicester provides something for every religion.**

As a Hindu, finding a place of worship was easy. For me, Belgrave Road, also known as the Golden Mile, is the ‘Mini-India’ of Leicester!

Arnab, Information and Communication Engineering MSc



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