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Pathways: Your degree, your choice

Learning at Leicester: Single, Joint or Major/Minor



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Welcome to the University of Leicester

At Leicester we are passionate about providing high-quality teaching and we want you to be able to study for a degree that's not only innovative in its approach, but also designed and built around you.

Your academic journey starts by choosing whether to study one or two subjects from a wide selection of academic disciplines. Whatever you choose, you will be able to develop your own particular blend of knowledge and skills tailored to your individual interests, academic strengths and career aspirations.

We pride ourselves on offering flexibility and choice through the variety of degrees that we offer and the different combinations of modules available within those degrees.

For 2016 we are increasing the number of subject areas that can be studied

together by adding a Major/Minor degree to our existing Single and Joint degrees. This exciting opportunity means you can choose a combination of two related or diverse subjects from even more areas across the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences.

There are over 30 different departments across the University, all offering a diverse range of programmes. Whether studying one or two subjects in combination, you will be able to choose a degree pathway that is perfect for you.

How Learning at Leicester works

– choose one of three pathways that suits you

Do you want to study
one subject or **two** subjects?

One Subject

Single Honours Degree 100%

Become a specialist

A Single Honours degree allows you to specialise in one subject. You'll study that subject in depth for the duration of your degree.

The Benefits

- Immerse yourself in something you're passionate about. Through optional modules and project work you will be able to explore diverse themes and topics around the subject that interests you.
- Studying a single subject is ideal if you have a specific career direction or academic specialisation in mind. It will signal the depth of your understanding and your mastery of a particular area. If you're sure about what you want to do, Single Honours is the best choice for you.
- You can gain professional accreditation and recognition through certain Single Honours courses that can be vital to your long-term career path.
- Employers tell us that the focus and specialisation of Single Honours degrees are the ideal preparation for many of their roles.
- **More information about Single Honours degrees can be found in our 2016 undergraduate prospectus or at www.le.ac.uk/study**

Two Subjects

Joint Honours Degree 50% – 50% Blend two areas of strength and interest

Our joint degrees allow you to study two subjects, e.g. BA English and History. You split your time equally between the subjects.

The Benefits

- Joint degrees are personally rewarding – they give you the chance to explore two subjects that interest you to a high level.
- By studying two related subjects you will gain an outstanding depth and breadth of knowledge. What you learn in one subject complements and enhances what you learn in the other.
- The interdisciplinary knowledge and skills gained through studying a joint degrees will enable you to broaden your academic and professional horizons.
- By demonstrating your ability to think differently and across two different specialisations, you will expand the range of your career opportunities. Employers tell us they want candidates who are versatile and able to engage with the demands of different disciplines – Joint Honours helps you display exactly that.
- **More information about Joint Honours degrees can be found in our 2016 undergraduate prospectus or at www.le.ac.uk/study**

Major/Minor Honours Degree 75% – 25% A degree built around you

New for 2016, Major/Minor degrees enable you to create your own degree. You can study a core area in depth (your Major subject), while also exploring an additional area (your Minor subject).

The Benefits

- With Major/Minor degrees you have the flexibility to choose a degree that will satisfy your own unique interests, strengths and ambitions. Both subjects will appear in your degree title
- Complement a Major with a subject that you enjoyed before, or study one with professional applications that can boost your career prospects. Alternatively, you may want to try something completely new that you've always been interested in, like a language.
- This opportunity to diversify and widen your skills will make your academic experience enjoyable and help your career prospects. It will broaden your academic and professional horizons while still making clear your mastery of a particular profession or discipline.
- We've spoken to many employers about what they look for in graduates. They want people who can demonstrate flexibility and whose degrees make clear that they have multidisciplinary skills – a Major/Minor will make you stand out from the competition.
- **Details of our new Major/Minor degrees are outlined in this booklet and at www.le.ac.uk/pathways**

Majors and Minors starting in 2016/17

✓ This combination of Major and Minor is available

● This combination of Major and Minor is unavailable

Majors

	UCAS Codes	Accounting and Finance	American Literature and Culture	American History and Politics	Ancient History	Archaeology	Corporate Social Responsibility and Ethics	Creative Writing	Deviance and Society	Education	English Language	English Literature	Enterprise	Film Studies	French Language	Gender Studies
Accounting and Finance	N421	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Archaeology	V402	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
English Literature	Q301	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓
Film Studies	P303	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓
French Studies	R101	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓
Global Studies	RT01	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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History of Art	V301	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Human Resources Management	N601	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
International Relations	L202	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Management Studies	N201	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics	G111	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Media Studies	P901	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Sociology	L301	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●
Spanish and Latin American Studies	R401	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Minors

	Global Studies	History	History of Art	Human Development	Human Resources Management	International Relations	Italian Language	Leadership and Management	Leisure, Sport and Consumption	Management Studies	Managing Innovation Science and Technology	Marketing	Mathematical Studies	Media Studies	Migration and Development	Natural Sciences	Politics	Science and Culture	Social Research in Practice	Sociology	Spanish Language	Statistics
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Major/Minor Pathway

– Frequently asked questions

How it works

If I want to apply to study two subjects, does my personal statement need to reflect my interest in both?

As Major/Minor is a unique way of studying here at the University of Leicester, and because your other UCAS choices may not provide for such combinations, we will not penalise you if do not refer to both subjects in your personal statement.

If I choose two subjects will I have more work?

Don't worry, just because you've chosen two subjects doesn't mean you'll have twice as much work.

Of course, you will have to learn two different subjects but the benefits far outweigh any concerns, as you get to study two subjects that you have a genuine interest and passion for.

How will my teaching be delivered?

As well as lectures, seminars and tutorials some of your teaching may be delivered online e.g. through video or podcasts.

How does support and Personal Tutors work? Will I have a Personal Tutor in two departments?

As for Joint Honours students, Major/Minor students will be supported and kept informed by both of the departments in which they are enrolled. Your Personal Tutor will be from the department of your Major. The department of your Minor will contact you about module choices and everything else that you will need to be successful.

Can I study abroad or do a year in industry?

These opportunities will normally be available to you in Major subjects, and opportunities to spend time abroad, in industry or in work placements will be available in some of our Minor subjects.



Applying

How and when do I decide on my combination of subjects for my first year?

You choose your Major subject through UCAS, as you would a Single or Joint Honours course.

When you apply for a Major, you will use a special code that indicates you are interested in undertaking a Major/Minor degree. You can then indicate your choice of Minor subject in the 'Further Information' section of your UCAS form.

We will also offer plenty of support and advice during the weeks running up to your start at Leicester.

Will studying two subjects make me any less appealing to prospective employers?

Definitely not! We've spoken to employers across the country about what they look for in graduate recruits. Above all else they want people who can demonstrate flexibility, versatility and possess multi-disciplinary skills – these are the attributes that will make you stand out from the competition, especially in a degree in which you will be able to highlight an area of academic and professional expertise alongside an additional area of interest.

Frequently asked questions continued

Changing subjects

Can I change my subjects?

You will be able to change your chosen Minor subject before you start at the University. You will be able to discuss this with us beforehand, and we will also have special information sessions and opportunities to talk about this during the first two weeks of your studies.

Any student at the University of Leicester can request to change programmes during the first two weeks of the academic year.

We know that many students would like to keep their options open during their first year and then decide on the absolute best degree for them. In the second semester of your first year you will need to decide on your final combination. We'll ask you to think about your programme and what you've enjoyed and ask you to make a decision. There will be special information sessions and opportunities to discuss this with your personal tutor and other members of staff, including dedicated Major/Minor advisers. We expect that most students will decide to keep their Major/

Minor combination. Some might want to adjust the balance to better suit their evolving interests and ambitions.

What is usually possible

Depending on the modules you have completed in your first year, you may be able to:

- Change your Major to a Single Honours by dropping your Minor subject.
- Change your Minor subject to another that can use your first-year modules as a foundation for studies in second and third year.
- Change your Major/Minor to a Joint Degree, where a Joint Degree in those disciplines already exists.

What is not usually possible

- Changing both your Major subject and Minor subject to new subjects.
- Swapping your Major subject and Minor subject around.
- Adjusting your Minor subject to a Single Honours degree.

Other changes may be considered and students can discuss individual circumstances with departments.

There will be advice, support and information when the time comes from your tutors, from special Major/Minor information sessions, the Pathways website and from dedicated Major/Minor advisers.

Where can I get more information?

The very latest information and news about Major/Minor degrees can be found at **www.le.ac.uk/pathways**

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However, in exceptional circumstances it may be necessary for the University to cancel or change a programme or part of the specification more substantially. For example, due to the unavailability of key teaching staff, changes or developments in knowledge or teaching methods, the way in which assessment is carried out, or where a course or part of it is over-subscribed to the extent that the quality of teaching would be affected to the detriment of students. In these circumstances, we will contact you as soon as possible and in any event will give you [30 days] written notice before the relevant change is due to take place. Where this occurs, we will also in consultation with you, offer you an alternative course or programme (as appropriate) or the opportunity to cancel your contract with the University and obtain a refund of any advance payments that you have made.





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