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Welcome to Liberal Arts at the University of Leeds, a close-knit community defined by intellectual curiosity and a desire to explore every aspect of the human experience using all the tools at our disposal.

Life’s most fundamental questions are complex, and addressing them requires creativity and a sensitivity to different cultural and intellectual viewpoints. Many of history’s greatest innovators are celebrated precisely because they brought a new way of thinking to their fields. In the increasingly global modern world, this ability to see issues from multiple perspectives is more important than ever.

Liberal Arts is distinctive because it allows you to study a great breadth of subject areas while still retaining the depth and focus of a more traditional degree. Our courses are built upon interdisciplinary enquiry and collaboration – the knowledge you gain of each subject area will be enriched by an understanding of how it relates to and interacts with the others.

To achieve this, Liberal Arts brings together experts from across the University. Each contributes knowledge and insight from their area of specialism, creating an ever-evolving interdisciplinary conversation.

This conversation is informed and propelled by the latest research in each field - as one of the UK’s largest research-led higher education institutions, Leeds is the perfect environment for intellectual exploration. We have also been recognised for the high quality of our education, achieving University of the Year 2017 in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide, and 92% for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2016.

If you choose to study Liberal Arts at Leeds, you will receive an education that equips you to fully engage with and appreciate the world’s complexity, allows you to explore diverse interests, and prepares you excellently for life after graduation.

We look forward to welcoming you.
Liberal Arts is distinctive because it combines the depth and rigour of a more traditional degree with the freedom to explore your interests in a truly interdisciplinary way.

Our modules are designed and taught by academic staff from across the University, with each bringing expertise in their particular field. This allows you to gain an understanding of your areas of interest that is well-rounded and informed by multiple perspectives.

To give your broad studies focus and direction, you will choose both a major and a number of topics, which will guide your module choices. In each year you will also study a core module alongside your fellow Liberal Arts students, giving you the chance to interact with people who have chosen different majors and topics.

MAJORS

Your major acts as the centre of your course, providing you with in-depth knowledge of a particular area. There is a wide range to choose from, including English, History, Film Studies, Politics, Music, Philosophy, History of Art and Sociology.

You can also study French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish as your major. If you choose this option, you should apply to BA Liberal Arts (International Language), which is tailored towards language learning and includes a compulsory residence abroad.

TOPICS

Choosing modules that fall within the Liberal Arts topics allows you to study many different subject areas while also exploring a coherent set of issues and themes. By choosing topic modules from the same topics throughout your studies, you can build on your knowledge year on year. The topics are as follows:

- Ethics, Science and Religion
- Literature and the Visual Arts
- Living Histories and Heritage
- Performance, Theatre and Music
- Society and Politics
- The Digital World
- Learning a Language

You can find out more about the topics at goo.gl/TRfnpP

OUR COURSES

BA Liberal Arts
UCAS code: Y000

BA Liberal Arts (International Language)
UCAS code: Y001

You can find out more about each course at courses.leeds.ac.uk
## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

### FIRST YEAR

- **40 credits: major modules**
- **60 credits: topic modules**
  
  You will choose three of the following:
  - Visions of Humanity: Philosophical, Religious and Scientific Perspectives
  - Vision and Narrative: Literature and the Visual Arts
  - Whose Past and Which Future? Exploring Living Histories and Heritage Today
  - Performance, Theatre and Music: Interdisciplinary Approaches
  - Politics and Social Transformations
  - Exploring the Digital World
  - A language module of your choosing

- **20 credits: core module**
  
  The core module for your first year is Introducing Liberal Arts. This module will teach you how to approach your studies from the viewpoint of different disciplines. It will also focus on communicating effectively with diverse audiences and understanding the relevance of your studies to contemporary issues.

### SECOND YEAR

- **60 credits: major modules**
- **40 credits: topic modules**
- **20 credits: core module**
  
  The core module for your second year is the Research Placement. In this module, you will undertake a research project of your choosing. This involves working both independently and as part of a team, and gives you the chance to engage with partners external to the University if you wish.

### RESIDENCE ABROAD

If you study BA Liberal Arts (International Language) you will spend your third year studying or working abroad (see p.8).
**FINAL YEAR**

- 60 credits: major modules
- 20 credits: topic modules
- 40 credits: core module

The core module for your final year is the Independent Research Project. In this module, you will undertake an extensive piece of research that demonstrates how a question of your choosing can be understood from the viewpoint of different disciplines.

This project gives you the chance to bring together the in-depth knowledge you have gained in your major with the diverse interdisciplinary interests you have explored in your chosen topics.

**INTEGRATED MASTERS IN LIBERAL ARTS**

As our student, you have the option to extend your studies by one year and graduate with an MA in Liberal Arts. This degree is integrated into both undergraduate courses, allowing you to progress seamlessly to postgraduate study.

During the MA, you will explore in greater depth your major and at least one of your preferred topics. You will also undertake an extended independent research project on a subject of your choosing, which provides further opportunities to work with external partners.
As a Liberal Arts student, you can apply to undertake either a residence abroad or a year in industry. You do not have to decide whether to pursue these options before coming to Leeds, but if you do undertake them it will usually be in your third year before returning to complete your studies.

Both present fantastic opportunities to gain confidence and develop a range of employable skills before graduating. Furthermore, you will have the chance to interact with new people in a different environment, which will broaden your worldview in a way that will complement your Liberal Arts studies.

**RESIDENCE ABROAD**

You can apply to spend a year studying abroad in a wide range of countries. The University of Leeds has established relationships with over 400 universities worldwide.

If you study BA Liberal Arts (International Language) then a residence abroad will be compulsory - whether you spend it working or studying will depend on the language you choose as your major. If your major is not a language then a residence abroad is optional.

**YEAR IN INDUSTRY**

You can also apply to undertake a year in industry anywhere in the world. This involves working in a graduate-level position in either an organisation with which the University has links or one of your own choosing.

If you study BA Liberal Arts (International Language) you may have to spend your compulsory residence abroad studying instead of working. If so, we will support you in finding and securing other work experience opportunities, including volunteering, summer internships and paid part-time employment.
Studying at university is different from school or college in that you will benefit from a variety of teaching and learning styles. As well as lectures, Liberal Arts features a large amount of small-group seminars and tutorials, encouraging you to engage actively with the subject matter and develop your own ideas and arguments.

While your lecturers are all experts in their fields, and their teaching reflects this, there is greater emphasis on independent learning, with two of the three core modules being independent research projects.

We also use a variety of assessment methods including written exams, essays, presentations, group projects, fieldwork reports, and online learning journals. You will also be able to attend extra classes on topics such as exam writing technique, research methods, how to structure an essay, and public speaking.

Despite the variety of study options possible in Liberal Arts, the shared core modules and encouragement of interdisciplinary collaboration mean that we have a close-knit student group. At the same time, studying a major and topics that span a range of subject areas means that you will mix with students and staff from across the University, allowing you to benefit from the full range of what Leeds has to offer.
CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

As a Liberal Arts student, you will have a wealth of opportunities to develop your employability and career prospects. Because Liberal Arts is interdisciplinary by nature, your studies will enhance your ability to approach an issue from multiple viewpoints, and this intellectual flexibility will be valuable whatever your chosen career.

Liberal Arts also gives you many opportunities to engage with organisations outside of the University, particularly during the second year Research Placement. This allows you to gain not only new skills, such as communicating with diverse audiences and conducting independent research, but also valuable connections in the local area.

On graduating, you will be equipped with the skills needed for a wide range of careers or postgraduate study. The 2017 High Fliers report ranks Leeds as the 5th most targeted university in the UK by graduate recruiters, and the QS Graduate Employability Rankings place Leeds in the top 60 worldwide. Potential career paths include journalism, law, museum and heritage work, local government, teaching, the media, administration, public relations, business, politics, the civil service, recruitment and enterprise.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is a great way to build confidence and employability skills before you graduate. Our award-winning Careers Centre is one of the largest in the country and can support you in finding and securing all kinds of opportunities, from volunteering to summer internships.

Find out more at careerweb.leeds.ac.uk

The Leeds University Union service Joblink can also help you to access work experience and paid employment that fits around your studies. Learn more at www.luu.org.uk/jobs

LEEDS FOR LIFE

Leeds for Life is a University-wide initiative designed to help you make the most of student life and prepare you for your career from day one. As well as regular meetings with a personal tutor, Leeds for Life provides lots of opportunities for academic and personal development – from work experience and career planning to connecting with University alumni and applying for cash grants to fund your own projects. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/leedsforlife
Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK, and we are renowned globally for the quality of our teaching and research. The strength of our academic expertise, combined with the breadth of disciplines we cover, provides a wealth of opportunities for our students and has real impact worldwide.

The University is also a creative community, with a vibrant cultural life. We engage with the arts through research, creative collaborations and cultural partnerships, both within Leeds and further afield - these connections can be invaluable when you are seeking external partners to work with for the research project elements of our Liberal Arts courses.

On campus we have the Stanley & Aubrey Burton Gallery and the Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery, as well as our own theatre complex, stage@leeds. Our heritage offering includes the Marks & Spencer Company Archive and the Museum of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. We are also home to the Leeds Poetry Centre and an International Concert Series.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Leeds University Library is a world-class research library that invests around £5 million a year developing its extensive printed and digital collections so that we can offer the best possible resources to our students.

A range of different spaces for working either alone or in a group, along with generous opening hours, allow you to study in the way that best suits you.

You will also have access to Skills@Library, which provides support, online resources, and practical workshops on academic skills such as referencing, critical thinking, and project management. Find out more at library.leeds.ac.uk

LANGUAGE LEARNING

All Leeds students can benefit from dedicated language learning facilities, including Interpreter Training Suites and free access to Rosetta Stone language learning software. The Language Centre gives you access to teaching, support, and learning materials in over 50 languages, as well as an independent language advice service. There are also opportunities to practise your language skills with other students (in a group or 1-to-1) or with native speakers through the Language Exchange Scheme. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/languages
Leeds regularly tops the polls as a favourite UK destination for students. With over 31,000 students at the University of Leeds alone, the city is youthful, multicultural and student-focused, with student discounts and events widely offered throughout the year.

Home to 750,000 people, Leeds is the capital of the Yorkshire and the Humber region and the social and cultural hub of the North. The city has a diverse, buoyant economy and has become one of the UK’s largest financial, business, retail and manufacturing centres outside of London.

Leeds is one of the most cost effective places to study in Britain and is also at the forefront of the third Industrial Revolution, with many new cultural and media industries based in the city.

With these benefits, in addition to a fantastic cultural, social, retail and travel offering, it is no surprise that Leeds is so popular with students that many stay on after graduating.
Leeds has a lively cultural calendar packed with music, art, cinema, theatre and dance. As well as major concerts and outdoor festivals, the music scene includes classical, soul, jazz, reggae and alternative pop music in venues across the city.

Leeds Art Gallery houses the internationally famous Henry Moore Institute, and close to the city are the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford. The culturally diverse make-up of Leeds and its neighbouring Bradford accounts for a great diversity of festivals, including the Leeds West Indian Carnival.

Leeds' urban architecture offers an exciting journey through the history of Modernity and Postmodernity; local buildings and spaces tell the story of industrialisation and trade, middle and working class culture, migration, and post-industrial regeneration. Leeds is also one of the greenest cities in the UK, with many places of beauty and interest for a day out, such as Roundhay Park, Temple Newsam, Harewood House and Kirkstall Abbey.

The city centre offers some of the best shopping in the country, with everything from thriving independents and markets to elegant Victorian arcades and bustling malls like Trinity and Victoria. It is also well known for its diverse social scene, which boasts a vast array of cafés, pubs, bars and clubs to suit all tastes and budgets.

As a big city, Leeds has a diverse population with many different needs and concerns. The University and Leeds Students’ Union have major programmes which enable students to engage with local communities and people of all backgrounds. Many University students make a difference locally or regionally by participating in cultural, social, welfare, educational or faith projects.

The University campus is only a 10-minute walk from the centre of Leeds and a short drive or bus ride from multiple national parks. Leeds is one of the fastest growing cities in the UK with frequent transport links to all major British cities. London can be reached by train in two hours; York and the Yorkshire moors, dales and coast are within easy reach. Leeds/Bradford International Airport provides regular flights to UK and European destinations.
“LEEDS IS A TOP REDBRICK UNIVERSITY - IN FACT, A TOP UNIVERSITY OF ANY COLOUR BRICK - AND ONE OF THE GIANTS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM.”

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications to both Liberal Arts courses are made through UCAS. You will be able to track the progress of your application through UCAS Track. If you have any enquiries about your application, please contact our admissions team:

+44 (0)113 343 4528
liberalarts@leeds.ac.uk
www.leeds.ac.uk/liberalarts

Entry requirements:

A-levels: AAA excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.

Baccalaureate: 35 points overall with 17 at Higher Level.

If you apply to study BA Liberal Arts (International Language) there may be additional language qualification requirements. For the most recent and complete information please check courses.leeds.ac.uk

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We accept a range of international equivalent qualifications. For more information visit www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalentry

If English is not your first language, you will need to achieve a minimum score in an English language qualification such as IELTS or TOEFL. If you do not meet these requirements you may benefit from our six- or ten-week pre-sessional courses, which will help you to develop the language and communication skills you will need for your studies. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/presessional

MATURE STUDENTS

We welcome applications from mature students and can offer support if you have had time away from full time education. If you do not currently meet the entry requirements for your course you may be able to enter through the Arts and Humanities Foundation Year offered by the Lifelong Learning Centre. The Centre also runs seminars and workshops on professional skills, as well as socials where you can meet other mature students. Learn more at www.llc.leeds.ac.uk

ACCESS TO LEEDS

Access to Leeds, the University's widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate talent and potential through grades alone. Eligible applicants receive a standard offer and an additional offer two A-level grades (or equivalent) lower. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/accesstoleeds

FUNDING

Student funding has been designed to ensure that you will not have to pay for your degree up front. There is plenty of help available in the form of government loans and scholarships from the University. Find out more about fees and funding at www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances

ACCOMMODATION

All first year undergraduates at the University of Leeds applying before July 1st in their year of entry are guaranteed a place in our accommodation. We offer a range of options to suit all budgets in locations both on campus and across Leeds. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation
OPEN DAYS
If you are thinking about applying to study with us, we recommend attending one of our open days. These take place in June, September and October each year and give you a chance to explore our facilities, speak to current students and staff, and learn more about our courses. Family members and other guests are welcome to attend with you. For more information visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/opendays)

VISIT DAYS
If you apply to study with us, you will be invited to attend an applicant visit day. These provide more opportunities to talk with students currently enrolled on your course, meet other applicants, and hear from the staff who will be teaching you. Sample lectures will give you a taster of what full-time study is like, and you will have another opportunity to explore the campus and city.

CAN'T MAKE IT?
If you are unable to visit on any of our open days, we would be very happy to arrange an informal visit. Please get in touch to find out more.

Representatives from the University also regularly travel to international university fairs all over the world. More information is available at [www.leeds.ac.uk/meetus](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/meetus)

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