School of Media and Communication
FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND CULTURES

Undergraduate Study
Welcome

The School of Media and Communication is a world-leading department in the field of media scholarship and practice. It currently offers four undergraduate courses and has a large number of postgraduate students at MA and PhD levels.

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About the School of Media and Communication

We are an internationally renowned centre for teaching and research in communications, media and culture. Formed in 1988, the School combines strengths in communications and media research with the teaching of communications history, theory and practical skills.

We are a highly regarded multidisciplinary research department, with particular strengths in the analysis of international communication, media industries and political communication. The School’s researchers have written many key books and articles on communications, media, film, journalism and culture.

Here at the School we have excellent facilities that you can use to support your learning and development; these include a purpose-built cinema, new media lab, TV studio and radio studio.

The School has a strong history of graduates undertaking prestigious postgraduate work and starting careers in the television, journalism, film and web industries. Our Alumni are credited across television, radio, print and online media, as well as fields outside media. The names below give an indication of the range covered:

- Timothy Glass – Sky Sports, Owen Gibson – Media Correspondent, The Guardian; Natasha Phillips – Producer, Revolver Entertainment; Sara Tiefenbraun – Director, The Culture Show;
- Tom Holland – Producer-Director, ITV; Timothy Gallagher – Deputy Executive Producer, Sky News; Nick Farrow – Director, Black Gold (Sundance Official Selection); Will Beardmore – Digital Content Manager, EMI;
- Tom Cavi – Lead Designer, top10.com, Faye Ellis – eLearning & Young Audience manager, British Museum.

We want to make sure that you choose the degree programme that is right for you and for your career aspirations.

- We are home to some of the world’s leading media and communications researchers, and excellent practitioners, who teach you throughout your degree;
- We have a strong tradition of ground-breaking student achievement, including award-winning student media such as Leeds Student Television;
- The city of Leeds is a great place to study. The culture and nightlife is second to none, and it is a regional hub for creative, communication and media industries in the north of England;
- Our courses offer industry placements and study abroad opportunities.

The Graduate Market in 2017 report by High Flyers has ranked Leeds as the fifth most targeted university in the UK by graduate recruiters, based on a study of graduate vacancies and starting salaries at 100 leading employers.
BA Journalism (P159)

Our new BA Journalism degree will allow you to study a broad range of topics through a mix of theoretical study and practical training. You will engage in intellectual debate about the communications industry as well as learning hands-on broadcasting skills.

Gaining an insider’s look at the media industry, you will reflect on the role of news and journalism in society while exploring the political and social climate in which journalists work, and how the industry is regulated. You will look at how news organisations research, report and produce their stories in the fast-changing world of news and current affairs programming. You will establish a thorough understanding of media law alongside an examination of journalists’ ethical standards and responsibilities.

Using our purpose-built facilities you will be taught how to record for radio, film for TV, edit your stories; and tell news for multimedia platforms under the guidance of professional broadcasters. Assessment methods include essays, written examinations, practice-based coursework and a dissertation or major practice-based project in Year Three.

At the end of Year 1, you’ll have the option to broaden your studies by switching to BA Journalism and Media. This course involves less compulsory practical training in Years 2 and 3, giving you more scope to explore topics across the fields of media and communication. You could continue with some journalism practice while taking modules in digital media, film, photography and media studies, as well as other disciplines across the University.

Why Leeds?
- The School boasts 20 years of excellence in broadcasting education and training, and you will be taught by some of the country’s leading academics in this area.
- Our graduates often find work in the journalism industry directly from graduating with this qualification.
- In the summer before your final year at Leeds, you will complete a three-week industry placement, for credit, enabling you to gain vital contacts.
- Our students regularly win prestigious industry-sponsored awards such as the Broadcast Journalism Training Council Awards, Royal Television Society Student Awards, and the Guardian Student Media Awards.

Careers and Employability
Leeds’ journalism alumni are employed by a broad range of media outlets including: the BBC, Sky News and Sport, CNN, ITV and Channel 4; commercial, regional and local radio and television; large and small independent production companies (some have founded their own). Many graduates choose to work for public relations companies or in press offices for government, charities and NGOs. Based on career outcomes, the University was ranked Number 1 under best universities for Media Professionals in the LinkedIn University Rankings.

A large number of our graduates also work overseas – from Channel 4’s offices in Washington to The Japan Times. Others have made names for themselves in influential London PR firms. Some prefer politics and the civil service. A number have worked in the BBC’s political unit at Westminster, for parliamentary bodies or MPs.

Whatever your career choice, this degree gives you the intellectual rigour, confidence and communication skills to tackle any job when you leave Leeds.

Year One
CORE MODULES:
- Introduction to Journalism
- The History of Communication or Introduction to Communication Theory
- Introduction to Media and Communication Research
- Journalism News Skills
- Camera and Editing
- Journalism, Politics and Society

Year Two
CORE MODULES:
- Journalism Practice
- Live Journalism Practice
- Issues in Journalism
- Broadcast Journalism Ethics
- Two options from:
  - Visual Communication
  - Technology in Communication and Media
  - Communication Skills
  - Media Policy
- Introduction to Public Relations
- Communication Research Methods
- Working in New Media
- Music as Communication

Year Three
CORE MODULES:
- Media Law
- Broadcast Journalism Placement
- Broadcast Journalism Individual Project Portfolio or Communication Dissertation
- Live News Production
- Two options from:
  - Creative Work in the Cultural Industries
  - International Communication
  - Television Documentary Journalism
  - The Reporting of Politics
  - Feminism, Identity and Media
  - Citizen Media
  - War and Media
  - The Documentary and Reality
  - The Ethnography of Speaking
  - Promotional Culture
  - Radio Technologies, Industries and Cultures
  - Understanding the Audience
  - Mobile Media

Amy Adejokun
BA Broadcast Journalism (now BA Journalism)

One of the best things about my degree is that it is 50% academic and 50% practical. I’ve had the opportunity to learn about journalists’ ethical standards, media law, study various intellectual media debates and create my own TV and radio pieces. It’s great to always be doing something different and I feel well prepared for the future as I will have the required academic knowledge and practical skills that will help me adapt to a media career.

In my third year I got the opportunity to study in Canada. This was a great chance to see how media issues are discussed in a different way. Furthermore, learning more about the Canadian media really broadened my academic horizon and has allowed me to return to Leeds with a new perspective and way of thinking.

One of the best things that I’ve got out of my degree was the three-week work experience at the end of the second year. The course’s lecturers have worked within a variety of media industries so there are many placements available in areas like TV production, public relations and documentary production etc. I did my placement with an independent TV production company in London. My colleagues were really friendly and spent their time teaching and guiding me to ensure that I was able to adapt well to office life. I took part in a range of activities such as sitting in TV development meetings, being a runner on set, editing footage, researching contributors and shooting locations for TV programmes and TV treatment writing.

My favourite part of the course is being able to take part in practical activities. I really value the practical skills that I have attained from taking this course as I have been given the opportunity to use the same equipment that is used within the broadcast industries such as NX70 Cameras and Avid Media Composer for editing. The department has a great TV studio which is a replica of a standard TV studio, allowing us to be fully prepared to work in a TV studio if that’s the career you wish to pursue.

Overall, I have really enjoyed my time here at Leeds so far. The course size is much smaller in comparison to others so it’s easier to get to know everyone. Leeds is a great city; it’s cheap, full of students and has a varied social scene that caters for everyone. The University has a fantastic reputation as well as one of the best students’ unions in the country – there is always something going on or something to get involved in.
From political campaigns and international affairs to popular culture and social networking, communication and the media are at the centre of everyday life. Powerful media institutions and communication practices are at the heart of how we exchange information, how we spend our leisure time, and how we relate to each other.

The BA Communication and Media programme is an academically rigorous degree that will provide you with the analytical tools to study and understand the social, cultural and political role of communication and the media. You will study communication theory, learn to analyse the media and think critically about their social and political implications. You will also have the opportunity to explore aspects of media production.

You will be taught by authors of the books and articles read by media and communications students and scholars not only at Leeds but around the world. As well as a solid grounding in communication, media theory and history, you will gain insight into current public debates, and you will engage with the very latest developments in communication and media research.

Alongside an in-depth understanding of the communication and media professions and creative work, you will develop the confidence and the analytical and critical skills that can be transferred to a range of careers, in the media and beyond. Many students on this degree complement their studies with participation in the University’s award-winning student television, radio and newspaper.

Why Leeds?
- You will gain skills and understanding in a range of subjects, including communication theory, political communication, media policy, the work practices of communication professionals, visual communication, and media audiences.
- You will be equipped with the analytical and transferable skills necessary to be highly employable in a wide variety of fields.
- The University of Leeds has a strong tradition of ground-breaking student achievement, including award-winning student media like Leeds Student Television.
- The city of Leeds is a great place to study. The culture and nightlife are vibrant, and Leeds is a regional hub for the creative, communication and media industries in the north of England.

Careers and Employability
This degree will provide you with the analytical and transferable skills that are valued across a range of careers, particularly in, but not limited to, the media and creative industries.

Our graduates work in a variety of media sectors including television production, film, public relations, events organisation, magazine publishing, and media and cultural policy and research. Moreover, the degree’s grounding in social science and humanities provides a foundation for careers beyond the media, such as in the public, private and third sectors. The University of Leeds is among the most targeted universities by the UK’s top graduate employers and the School of Media and Communication has one of the highest employment rates in its subject area.

Katie Peate
BA Communications Studies (2011) (now BA Communication and Media)

My education at the University of Leeds and the experiences I gained have helped me get to where I am today. At 23, I was the youngest person to be appointed to the Manchester Board of Directors at the digital agency Reading Room.

The University of Leeds boasts an amazing city with an incredible students’ union. Not only was it an incredible social experience, it is also a trusted name by employers.

I was unconvinced about going to university, but studying at Leeds was the best decision I have ever made. It’s the place that allowed me to grow and unlock my potential. Unlike high school and sixth form, university allowed me to make my ideas a reality, as it provided the support and resources to put them into action. A prime example of this was my time at Leeds Student Radio, which was the heart of my university experience. It’s where I learnt the skills of management, production and most of all, where I had a lot of fun.

My current role as a Project Director is exciting and challenging. Reading Room is an international digital marketing agency that has given me the opportunity to work with a variety of fascinating and high profile clients, delivering creative and innovative digital solutions for business needs.

I couldn’t have got where I am today without my experience at the University of Leeds, largely because it gave me the opportunities and confidence to put myself in unfamiliar territory and stretch my capabilities. Working in a fast paced agency is an ongoing steep learning curve and because of this I’m always ready for the next challenge.

A degree may get you an interview, but it’s the experiences that the University of Leeds can offer that will get you the job.

BA Communication and Media (P900)

Year One
CORE MODULES:
- Introduction to Communication Research
- Power, Politics and the Media
- The History of Communication
- Introduction to Communication Theory

One option from:
- Cinema and Editing
- Introduction to Cinema
- Animation and Interactivity
- You may study 0 – 20 credits of discovery modules.

Year Two
CORE MODULES:
- Visual Communication
- Media Policy
- Communication Research Methods

(Semester 1) One option from:
- Technology in Communication and Media
- Communication Skills
- Introduction to Public Relations
- Film Noir to Asia Extreme: Questioning Genres and Cinemas

(Semester 2) Two options from:
- Broadcast Journalism Ethics
- Issues in Journalism
- Cinematic Themes
- Critical Theories of Media
- Working in New Media
- Music as Communication
- You may study 0 – 20 credits of discovery modules.

Year Three
CORE MODULES:
- Communication Dissertation

(Semester 1) One option from:
- Creative Work in the Cultural Industries
- The Reporting of Politics
- International Communication
- Internet Policy
- Media Philosophy

(Semester 2) Two options from:
- Citizen Media
- The Documentary and Reality
- War and Media
- Film Theory and Aesthetics
- Radio Technologies, Industries and Cultures
- The Ethnography of Speaking
- Promotional Culture
- Feminism, Identity and Media
- You may study 0 – 40 credits of discovery modules.
Why Leeds?
- The course successfully blends both film and photography through a distinctive balance between theory and practice, where one informs the other.
- The course reflects technological changes (such as those in the world of DSLR technologies) and new business paradigms within the film, photography and media sectors.
- Flexible pathways through the course enable students to focus on film, photography, script writing or a more theory-based route.

Careers and Employability
Our graduates are actively recruited by a range of prestigious companies within various sectors of the media industries including: film and TV production companies, casting agencies, photography studios, digital/online companies, and advertising & marketing agencies. Our students also go on to postgraduate study, research and writing; freelancing or business start-up and form independent production companies.

BA Film, Photography and Media (W600)
You will study film, photography and media from historical, theoretical and industry perspectives, while developing your own creative practice. After the first year, a wide range of optional modules available will allow you to shape your degree to reflect your developing interests and strengths, both academic and practical. Rich study of history and theory is offered alongside the opportunity for you to develop creative production skills to an advanced level, with choices including filmmaking, photography, screenwriting and motion graphics.

The distinctiveness of the course is in the combination of core production and postproduction skills with a broader reflective knowledge of the historical, cultural, business and managerial contexts of these key media.

Hannah Hardeman
BA Cinema and Photography (2013) (course now BA Film, Photography and Media)
I remember going to the University of Leeds Open Day so well. As soon as I arrived in the city there was just that certain ‘something’ about the place... a vibrancy... and once I visited the campus I knew instantly that this was the University I wanted to come to. The Cinema and Photography course itself is one of the very few that puts equal emphasis on both mediums, which, fresh out of A-levels as a new undergraduate and still uncertain as to the direction I ultimately wanted to take, was ideal for me. The course’s multidisciplinary approach, and the comprehensive insights it offers into the creative industries, never failed to keep my interest.

My professors introduced me to stimulating material; current debates and inspiring concepts that have developed my understanding of the creative possibilities within my own contemporary practice. Providing me with their caring support and intellectual guidance, my tutors encouraged me to work confidently and independently, challenging me to go further and dig deeper than I had ever thought possible.

Over the space of a three-year undergraduate degree, we produced a rich portfolio of practical work that was completely governed by our own personal interests. To accompany it, we were taught the importance of contextualising and appropriating our work within a critical framework. The extensive support from our teachers gave us both the technical and critical skills that greatly informed the production process of both our cinematic and photographic projects.

What I have come away with from my time here has been invaluable, so much so I even continued on to complete my Masters here at Leeds. I have taken the work I have created, the contacts I have made, the experiences I’ve had and the knowledge I’ve gained along with me down the path of pursuing my passion for photography.
Why Leeds?

- The Digital Media degree is unique. There are no other degrees offering this blend of media theory and practice in the UK’s Russell Group of top universities.
- Leeds has a dynamic digital media sector hosting a range of companies from global branding and design agencies like Elmwood, to local companies, some of which have been started up by our graduates, such as the award-winning Creo3. We have fantastic relationships with these companies, which results in many work placement opportunities, exciting assignment briefs set by people at the cutting edge of digital media practice and numerous guest speakers coming into the department to talk about the latest developments in their respective areas of expertise.
- The School is home to some of the world’s leading media and communication researchers with a broad range of research interests and is equipped with an excellent range of media facilities, including a digital media lab dedicated solely to students on this degree.
- The University of Leeds has one of the largest and most popular students’ unions in the country which generates great opportunities for new media students to develop their skills. These are television and radio stations run by students, student newspapers and magazines, societies for photography and filmmaking and many other exciting opportunities.
- Our graduates have found employment with some of the biggest and best companies in the world including EMI, the British Museum and M&C Saatchi. Digital media jobs typically account for around half of the opportunities listed on The Guardian’s media jobs site, an indication of the wide range of career opportunities opened up by studying digital media.

Careers and Employability

Digital media communications play a vital role in almost every organisation and therefore career opportunities for graduates are rich and varied.

Leeds graduates pursue a wide range of careers in media including web design, social media, analysis and content writing, online marketing, advertising, graphic design, project management and e-commerce. Many have found careers in renowned media organisations including the BBC, The Guardian, ITV, MTV and M&C Saatchi.

As part of your personal and professional development, we offer a weekly opportunity to attend sessions that can enhance confidence and employability. Working with the Employability Officer, University careers service, graduates, professionals and other experts, these sessions include careers advice, peer mentoring sessions and skills workshops.

Jack Weston
BA New Media (now BA Digital Media)

My time at Leeds so far has been a constant learning curve, which I feel has been both challenging and rewarding. New Media has enabled me to develop a wide variety of skills which I have been able to apply to a number of different part-time jobs and freelance projects whilst I study.

One of the most positive aspects of the course is having the ability to tailor it to your specific likes as well as ability. Personally, I prefer more practical sides of the programme, so I am able to choose modules which reflect that by studying great modules in Web and Graphic Design, Programming, Animation and Motion Graphics.

Moving to Leeds has been an incredible experience. It is a modern and vibrant city with so much to offer including an amazing music scene, which is a passion of mine and another reason for choosing the University of Leeds.

A combination of the skills I have learned at Leeds and my love for music have led me to apply for the Year in Enterprise programme through the Leeds Enterprise Centre (LEC) at the end of my second year. The programme is offered to second year students who have a workable business plan and wish to spend their third year developing their business.

OutNight is the go-to place for music lovers in Leeds. Our website features music event listings, tickets, news, reviews, artist interviews, photo and video blogs and more. I am one of the most popular students’ unions in the country which generates great opportunities for new media students to develop their skills. These are television and radio stations run by students, student newspapers and magazines, societies for photography and filmmaking and many other exciting opportunities.

Through my work on the business, I have been awarded an enterprise scholarship whereby I will be an ambassador for enterprise at the University and, in future, I hope to teach and inspire other students who may want to start their own businesses whilst at Leeds.
Study Abroad

At Leeds we recognise how important it is for our graduates to be able to live and work in an increasingly global environment. In response, the University of Leeds offers one of the widest ranges of opportunities for students to study abroad of any UK university. We have more than 175 exchange agreements with universities across Europe and over 130 worldwide partnerships with many of our partners ranking in the top 100 universities in the world.

Studying abroad is a great opportunity for you to discover a new culture, develop your knowledge and skills, learn or improve a language, and make yourself stand out from your peers in the job market and elsewhere. Students can choose from numerous institutions in Europe and worldwide.

Our Horizon Year Abroad programme offers non-language students a rare opportunity to take a culturally-focused year abroad. The Horizon study abroad year focuses on developing your linguistic and intercultural competencies. It’s still academically rigorous, but you won’t be limited to taking modules in your degree subject.

Students within the School have studied all over Europe, Australia and the USA. This is agreed on an individual basis with students who are eligible and who have clear plans and proposals.

Students who successfully complete a year abroad have 'International' added to their final degree certificate.

http://students.leeds.ac.uk/studyabroad

I decided to take a study abroad year as part of my New Media degree. It's an amazing chance to meet new people, spread your wings in a new country and add a new, dynamic level to your course by taking modules that are not available at Leeds. It's also a great talking point at a job interview and demonstrates that you're capable, adventurous and slightly more interesting than competing candidates!

Holly Cufflin, New Media (International) graduate

Industrial Placements

Potential employers consider work experience to be a valuable asset when applying for jobs, whether in the media or elsewhere.

An industrial placement year is optional for students on the BA Communication and Media programme, whereas our other programmes have industrial placements built into the degrees. Working with the University’s Careers Centre, we assist you in identifying and applying for placements.

Students taking a placement year normally do so between the second and third year, and have ‘with Industrial Placement’ added to their final degree certificate.

The advantage gained by taking a year’s placement will far outweigh the extra year it will take to get it. Students do not apply directly for the industrial placement scheme, but are given the opportunity to transfer during the second year at Leeds.

Industrial placement years are agreed on an individual basis with students who have clear plans and proposals. This option may not be available to all students.

Louis Etemadi

BA Broadcast Journalism (International) (2014) (now BA Journalism)

The highlight of my course was my year abroad, when I went to America to study in New Mexico. Whilst abroad, I travelled on a road trip with the new friends I had made to visit some family I had in Austin, Texas. I also saw a lot of New Mexico including a wolf sanctuary in the middle of this New Mexico desert, amazing gorges and mountains around the state.

I gained experience volunteering for a motion graphics conference which is held in Albuquerque every year. I worked behind the scenes helping set up and manage the stage and speakers at the event, as well as gaining valuable time getting to know people working in the industry from across the US. I also worked as a video editor for an innovative medical training project, which worked with doctors and medical professionals in rural areas linking them through tele-conference technology up to specialists in Albuquerque to help treat patients who otherwise would have to make the journey into the city for treatment.

Studying abroad has added valuable experience to my CV and helped grow my confidence and independence.

Holly Cufflin, New Media (International) graduate
University of Leeds and Media Opportunities

The University of Leeds is a great place to study media-related subjects and offers you extra-curricular activities for you to develop additional professional skills.

Leeds Student Television

Leeds Student Television is the award-winning student-run television station broadcasting to Leeds University Union, online and on Made in Leeds. The station broadcasts two hour long programmes every fortnight covering news, entertainment and comedy, all presented from the studio in the students’ union. Like any society, any registered student is allowed to join, and they hold regular meetings to discuss how things are going. LSTV has its own room in the Union that functions as an office, editing suite and live studio.

All their members are allowed to use the facilities in the office to produce, shoot and edit video. The studio is equipped with a purpose-built gallery from which they can send broadcasts around their distribution network, as well as produce live programmes.

Leeds Student Television is also a proud member of the National Student Television Association (NaSTA). At the 2016 NaSTA Awards, LSTV picked up ten awards including best animation, sport, factual and live as well as on-screen male and female.

Leeds Student Radio

Leeds Student Radio (also known as LSR) broadcasts every day during term time from Leeds University Union. It is also available from Leeds Trinity University, Leeds Beckett University, and Leeds College of Music.

The station has frequently been a winner at the Student Radio Awards and with more than 300 members joining annually, LSR is one of the largest student radio stations in the country. The station is run by an elected committee of student volunteers, and the management of the station is overseen by a full-time station manager.

With over 120 hours of scheduled programming a week, LSR’s schedule offers diverse listening as well as giving students the opportunity to learn more about the media industry. For more information check our ThisIsLSR.com.

The Gryphon

The Gryphon is the newspaper for students at the University of Leeds. A print edition is published on Fridays during term time with a dedicated website running throughout the year.

The 24-page Gryphon covers campus and local news, features, debates, science, and sport. The 24-page InTheMiddle supplement covers youth culture, with reviews and previews of music, clubs, arts, books, film and TV.

Media Futures

Here at the School we have developed a programme called Media Futures which is aimed at inspiring students to explore future career paths through engaging with industry professionals at a range of talks, workshops and question and answer sessions. All students are welcome to attend the sessions, which run every Tuesday afternoon.

As well as our Media Futures talks, we also hold an annual Careers Day at the School where you will be able to meet with media employers and Leeds graduates who will be able to give you advice on securing placements and getting started in the media industry.

In addition you can join other related societies at the University of Leeds such as Film-Making, Photography or Game Development.
University Life

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. It has a student population of 30,000 from 145 countries, and remains popular with applicants. They are drawn by the excellent standards for teaching and research and the chance to live in Leeds itself. It is one of the largest single campus universities in the UK (98 acres) just one mile from the city centre. Degrees from Leeds remain popular with applicants. They are drawn by the excellent standards for teaching and research and the chance to live in Leeds itself. It is one of the largest single campus universities in the UK (98 acres) just one mile from the city centre. Degrees from Leeds are well respected by employers and universities worldwide.

Recognised worldwide for the quality of teaching and research, the University has invested heavily to provide students with first-class facilities, including modern, well-equipped lecture theatres and laboratories, an internationally acclaimed university library, first-rate computing resources, a well-resourced language centre and one of the biggest and most active students' unions in the country.

At Leeds we provide students with a fulfilling education and an active social life – all underpinned by a network of people and organisations offering help, advice and support.

A city within the city, the campus has everything you would expect from a traditional redbrick university, such as lecture theatres, libraries, laboratories, students' union, computing facilities and accommodation, as well as a supermarket, hairdressers, bookshop, gift shop and nightlife. This means that at Leeds you will experience the best of both worlds, a friendly campus community and a vibrant city only a ten-minute walk away. At Leeds, you can pursue your sporting interests whatever that's competing at club level or simply paying for fun, or to keep fit. The sports centre, on the campus, is well equipped and the University has extensive playing fields at Weetwood, close to the halls of residence. Top-class performers who represent the University can apply for a Sports Bursary Award, a number of which are awarded annually.

We’ve been awarded the University of the Year 2017 by The Times and Sunday Times’ Good University Guide, which recognises the outstanding student experience at Leeds.

City Life

A large, student-friendly, dynamic city, Leeds is a great place to study, and opportunities for going out and having fun abound. There’s also some impressive civic architecture and it’s the regional centre for enjoying the arts. Leeds students have the benefit of a large single campus between the city centre and Headingley, where many students also live. There’s an active student union, with an award-winning student newspaper and radio station.

Rich in history, with a diverse economy, thriving cultural scene and a cosmopolitan atmosphere, Leeds is a city of regional, national and international importance. So whether you’re a cinema buff, a fan of opera, a lover of the concert hall or a theatre enthusiast, Leeds has something to suit you.

Or if you prefer retail relaxation, Leeds has over two miles of traffic-free shopping, beautiful Victorian and Edwardian arcades and more than a thousand shops. The city also offers an extensive choice of places to eat and drink whatever your budget. All culinary tastes are catered for and many restaurants have early bird menus ideal for a student budget. There are lots of cafés in and around the city that provide an ideal venue for spending time with friends.

Nightlife in and around the city is known for its diversity and popularity. The clubs and bars in Leeds offer a great range of music to suit all tastes. In the last few years, the bar scene in Leeds has grown dramatically and the developed waterfront is now a well-established dining quarter.

Musically, Leeds offers a huge variety which is hard to beat, ranging from brass to bhangra, Afro-Caribbean to Andalusian. There are lots of live music venues in the city, including the Refectory at the University, which has played host to the top bands of the last forty years from the Rolling Stones to Groove Armada. Leeds also offers a unique selection of commercial and independent cinemas and hosts an international film festival every year.

The city of Leeds has a proud sporting tradition and is home to famous teams such as the Yorkshire Cricket Club, the Leeds Rhinos and the Leeds Tykes. Located throughout the city are numerous gyms and health clubs for those who want to keep fit or unwind and there are lots of opportunities to participate in sports at all levels both within the University and city.

Leeds is also famous for being one of the greenest cities in Britain and has more parkland than any other European city. From the romantic ruins of the 12th century Kirkstall Abbey to the Palladian splendour of Harewood House, there are many areas of natural beauty and interest in or close to Leeds which form the ideal backdrop for a great day out. Leeds is also within easy reach of the Yorkshire Dales, the Peak District, the Lake District and historic towns such as York, Harrogate and Ripon.

The Guardian University Guide 2015
Access to Leeds
Access to Leeds is the University of Leeds’ alternative entry scheme and guarantees special consideration for applicants whose personal circumstances may affect their ability to demonstrate their full potential through grades alone. Successful applicants receive an alternative offer alongside a standard offer. Applications are welcomed from students who meet the eligibility criteria and have the potential to study at the University of Leeds.
For more information please go to www.leeds.ac.uk/a2l or contact accessstoleeds@leeds.ac.uk.

Funding
Student funding has been designed to ensure that you don’t have to pay for your degree up front. There is plenty of help available in the form of government loans and non-repayable bursaries and scholarships from the University.

University Support
We’re committed to encouraging students from all backgrounds, and we expect that one in three students will be eligible for financial help from us. Our range of funding includes awards based solely on academic achievement as well as awards which take into account your household income. You will not have to pay back any funding which you receive from us.

Government Support
Eligible UK or EU students, whether full-time or part-time, will be able to apply for financial support from the government to help with tuition fees. Eligible UK full-time students will also be able to apply for help with living costs.
If you live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, the support package and application process is different. Find out more about the financial support available from www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances/