INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR
Delivered by the University of Leeds
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“Each September we are delighted to welcome high achieving students from across the world onto the University of Leeds International Foundation Year. Based here on our beautiful city – centre campus, all of your teaching will be delivered by University of Leeds academics and you will have full access to University facilities. We pride ourselves on giving our students the chance to realise their full potential by progressing onto a University of Leeds undergraduate degree, and look forward to welcoming you at Leeds soon.

I hope you find all the information you need in this brochure. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my team directly (contact details can be found on the back page).”

Anne Lawrence, Director of International Pathway Programmes, University of Leeds

“Here in the Faculty of Engineering we have been welcoming students from the University of Leeds International Foundation Year since 1989, and have consistently been impressed with both the quality of preparation they have received and the contribution they go on to make to the Faculty.

The IFY curriculum is designed and taught by members of staff from across the University, ensuring that students get the best possible preparation for their undergraduate degree studies.

On behalf of colleagues from across the University, I’d like to say that we look forward to welcoming you to Leeds to begin the next chapter of your academic life.”

Professor Peter Jimack, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Leeds
Introduction

The University of Leeds International Foundation Year is one of the longest-running and most successful programmes of its type in the country. For more than 25 years we have been helping high-achieving students to realise their ambition of studying at the University of Leeds. In this time we’ve welcomed more than 2,600 students from over 80 countries – with the vast majority going on to graduate with a University of Leeds Bachelor’s degree.

What is the University of Leeds International Foundation Year?
The University of Leeds International Foundation Year is a 9-month, 3-term programme which fully prepares you for entry onto your Bachelor’s degree programme. It starts every September and runs through to the middle of the following June.

What will I study?
You will study a mixture of subject-specific, English language and Academic Study Skills content. The subject specific modules are carefully tailored to your chosen degree to ensure that you are fully prepared for year one of your Bachelor’s programme. Further details can be found on page 6.

Who will be teaching me?
All of your teaching will be given by University of Leeds academics (see page 13). As a top-100 university in the world, many of our academics are internationally renowned and at the forefront of their fields. From day one, you will learn from our inspirational academics and study alongside other talented and motivated students from across the world.

The excellent student experience the University offers was recognised in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF, 2017), where we achieved Gold, the highest rating.

What about student support?
You’ll be given full and comprehensive orientation into university life. From the moment you start your course a personal tutor will support your academic and personal development to help you get the most out of your time at Leeds. Regular and structured meetings will aid you not only to do well in your studies, but also to become a more confident, articulate and highly employable graduate.

What happens at the end of my foundation year?
The University of Leeds International Foundation Year guarantees all students who pass with the required grades progression onto their main Bachelor’s degree programme. There’s no need to make a new application or take a new English language test – you’ll automatically progress onto year one of your chosen degree programme when you successfully pass the International Foundation Year with the stated required grades.

As one of the longest-running and well-respected foundation programmes in the UK, the International Foundation Year qualification is accepted by a number of other universities for entry onto their degree programmes. In recent years the small percentage of students who do not progress onto their chosen programme at the University of Leeds have gone on to study at the University of Nottingham, Swansea University, Coventry University and others...

Which degree programmes can I progress to?
Depending on your chosen programme of study, you’ll enrol onto one of our 6 foundation year routes:

- Arts
- Business
- Design
- Engineering
- Science
- Joint honours

When you successfully complete the International Foundation Year, you will progress onto one of more than 130 different Bachelor’s degree programmes. Please turn over to see a full list of the programmes you can progress onto.
Yu Huang
International Foundation Year 2014, BA Fashion Marketing

“The University of Leeds International Foundation Year provided me with a really solid academic foundation to progress successfully on to my current Bachelor’s degree programme. I was taught modules in drawing, Adobe and design on the foundation and this has given me a head start on some of my coursemates and helped me achieve good academic grades. My English has improved and given me greater confidence to perform well in academic essay writing and presentation skills.

I made three of my best friends in the International Foundation Year and we are all now studying undergraduate courses at Leeds. The facilities at the University are wonderful. The Edge is one of my favourite places to visit. It has the best swimming pool I have ever used and it was a training centre by the Chinese team ahead of the 2012 Olympics!

Leeds as a university city is vibrant with student life. It is not too small or too big. There are different universities and colleges and it feels youthful and fresh and it is a city with lots of things to do without spending too much money.”
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What will I study?

The University of Leeds International Foundation Year routes have been designed in close collaboration with the departments you will progress onto and so there are a range of modules that can be studied depending on what degree course you have chosen.

Core module: Academic Study Skills in English
All students study this core module which helps you to develop the key study skills and academic English you will need for success on a university degree programme.

The academic staff who teach this module also act as personal tutors for the International Foundation Year students ensuring overall academic support for your studies.

Additional modules:
You will then study a range of additional modules depending on the route you are on and also the degree programme you will progress to.

Arts foundation year
In addition to the Academic Study Skills in English core module, you will take a range of modules which will prepare you for the arts degree you have chosen. For example, students wanting to study a degree in International Relations, Law*, Criminal Justice and Criminology or Education would study modules in the Social Sciences.

Business foundation year
In addition to the Academic Study Skills in English core module, you will study core business modules including Foundations of Economics, Introduction to International Business, Introductory Management and Maths for Business. There are also additional modules depending on the particular degree pathway you have chosen.

Design foundation year
In addition to the Academic Study Skills in English core module, you will study modules offered within the School of Design which will enable you to develop the skills and knowledge needed for your design degree. These will be taught by experienced lecturers within the School of Design.

Engineering foundation year
In addition to the Academic Study Skills in English core module, you will also study core Maths modules, as Maths is pivotal to your future Engineering studies. You will then also study either Chemistry or Physics modules and those taking Petroleum Engineering will need to study an introductory module in Geological Sciences.

Joint honours foundation year
In addition to the Academic Study Skills in English core module, you will be offered a combination of modules from a selection which will prepare you for the joint honours degree you have chosen.

Science foundation year
In addition to the Academic Study Skills in English core module, you will study modules from two subject areas depending on your chosen future degree programme. The subject areas are in the fields of Chemistry, web programming and technologies, Biology, Business, Maths and Physics. Those wanting to study degrees in Geological Sciences or Geophysical Sciences will need to take the introductory module in Geological Sciences.

(*Students progressing to Law can study Arts or Business modules.)
Osama Al Shahari  
International Foundation Year 2014,  
BEng Petroleum Engineering

“The staff of the International Foundation Year, which includes the head of the programme, professors, tutors, coordinators, and social assistants, were extremely supportive and ready to help at all times. I had regular meetings with an assigned personal tutor throughout the year to discuss any issues I faced during my studies. They also helped me with my questions, enquires and concerns about my degree which I was about to start in the following academic year.

I learned a lot in the International Foundation Year which helped me to do well in my degree. As an international student, some of the most important things I learned were the UK’s academic system, UK’s academic writing and referencing which I didn’t know about before starting the programme.

In my opinion, the things I learned during the year made me more familiar with the University’s system, teaching methods, and marking criteria, which made me more confident and comfortable in my first year than other students. In addition, having friends from the International Foundation Year in my course and being in the city for a whole year made my progression a lot easier than new students.”
Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK. We are a world top 100 university and are renowned globally for the quality of our teaching and research.

Our single-site campus, is just a short walk from the centre of Leeds. We’re investing millions of pounds each year to ensure that you enjoy a first-class academic environment – from brand new laboratories and lecture theatres to one of the largest and most impressive libraries in the UK, you will find everything you need for your studies right here on campus. Our students love the fact that everything is in one place and it’s really easy to get around.

As a student on the International Foundation Year programme, you will have full access to the University’s state-of-the-art facilities from day one of your programme.

£520 MILLION will be invested in our CAMPUS between 2015-2020

Libraries
Our libraries are amongst the major academic research libraries in the UK, and attract students and academics from all over the world. They’re open seven days a week and have a variety of opening times to suit your needs.

As well as access to all the books you’ll need for your course, you’ll have a host of electronic resources, including 540,000 online books and more than 35,000 online journals at your fingertips, accessible from wherever you are.

Language Centre
Our Language Centre offers resources for independent language study and English language courses. Our pre-sessional English language courses can help you to prepare for study in the UK – see page 12 for further details.

English language development and academic study skills support is also available through part-time in-sessional classes and workshops, which you can do alongside your degree.

Sport and fitness
Whatever your level of fitness, we provide excellent opportunities to keep healthy and get active. So, whether you want to participate for fun, at club level or at the highest national or international standards, at Leeds you’ll be inspired to achieve your personal best.

The Edge, our flagship £13.5m indoor facility, provides a variety of fitness, sport and wellbeing opportunities, including an Olympic sized swimming pool and the largest university gym in the UK.

Our world class sporting facilities are used on a regular basis by members of the British Olympic team, and were used by the Chinese and Canadian teams during the London 2012 games.

Clubs, societies and volunteering
Your students’ Union, Leeds University Union, runs over 300 student-led clubs and societies, bringing like-minded students together. Whether you want to pursue an existing interest or try something completely new, there’s something for everyone – from football to chess, sky-diving to dance – and even Quidditch!

As well as meeting new people and having fun, you could become one of the 3,000 students at Leeds who make a difference to the lives of others each year. Volunteering is a great way to develop valuable skills, enhance your CV and broaden your life experience while studying for your degree.

Campus Life
Accommodation

Choosing a university is also about choosing a home away from home. At the University of Leeds we guarantee* single University accommodation for all International students for all years of their course and we are dedicated to helping you find the accommodation that best suits you. We also provide a wide range of support services to help you feel at home from day one.

Choosing your new home – things to consider
Apart from being a great introduction to student life and a fantastic way to make new friends and feel part of our University community, there are other benefits to living in our accommodation.

Living with other students on different courses is a great way to make friends and broaden your social circle. You’ll have plenty of opportunities to get involved, as each residence has a student-led residents’ committee that organises social events and sporting activities during term time. Whether it’s a film night, a trip to the great outdoors or an end-of-term ball, there’ll be something for you.

You might want to find out who you’ll be living with before you arrive – once your residence has been confirmed, you can check out its Facebook group and say hello to your future neighbours.

www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation

Around 70% of our students are allocated their first choice of accommodation – like most other universities in the UK, we can’t guarantee everyone their first choice.

Here are just some of the things we offer you:

• great locations – on campus, close to the city centre or in the popular student suburbs of Headingley and Hyde Park
• a fantastic choice of accommodation – from modern, purpose-built developments to more traditional buildings, catered or self-catered
• a range of rents to suit different budgets
• a large number of en suites if you want private facilities, or you can keep costs down by sharing a bathroom
• no hidden extras to pay – basic insurance cover, wi-fi, all utility bills and off-peak gym and sports membership are all included in your rent
• additional facilities at many sites, including common rooms, TVs, pool tables, bars; some even have their own gym
• a safe environment, with our security service on call 24/7
• an efficient, responsive maintenance service
• advice and support from experienced wardens and resident sub-wardens
• great customer service – we are a founding member of the ANUK National Code of Standards, which is a quality guide for student accommodation and fully approved by the National Union of Students (NUS).

* Restrictions apply relating to deadlines, residence and academic offer status. See our website for more information about our guarantee.
“The topics covered during the International Foundation Year were stimulating, keeping students with a variety of backgrounds interested, and challenging enough so that they pushed themselves to improve on their skills.

When you compare the work you did at the beginning of the programme against your work at the end, you can easily see the improvement in your knowledge and skills without even noticing it happen to you during the year.

I loved my time studying at the University of Leeds so much that after completing the International Foundation Year and my BSc, I ended up doing an MSc and a PhD. I’ve just started working as a researcher for a company in Oxford, a new experience for me after university life. This time however, I have had the experience of knowing what to do and what to expect all starting from the University of Leeds International Foundation Year.”

Aryana Tavanai
International Foundation Year, 2007
BSc Computer Science, 2010
MSc Artificial Intelligence, 2011
PhD Computer Vision, 2016
How to apply

Applying to the University of Leeds International Foundation Year is quick and easy.

1. Check the academic entry requirements for your country on our website: internationalfoundationyear.leeds.ac.uk

2. Complete the online application via the University website: applyonline.leeds.ac.uk

3. Attach supporting documentation (where available)
   - High School Transcripts (certified with English translation)
   - 2 x references
   - IELTS (UKVI) Certificate
   - Supporting statement

If one of these is not ready at the time of submitting the application, we may need to request it before a decision can be made on the application.

4. Await decision from our admissions team.

After the online application has been received, an e-mail acknowledgement will be sent. You will be able to track the status of the application using the login name and pin number that were created when the application was submitted.

You will need also to provide an IELTS (UKVI) certificate with the scores below:

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For entry to programmes below degree level we are only able to accept English language qualifications which are listed as UKVI approved Secure English Language Tests (SELT's) and taken in approved test centres.

View a full list of UKVI SELT’s and test centres www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests

Scholarships
A range of scholarships are available, including country specific and subject specific scholarships. Please see our website for further details.
internationalfoundationyear.leeds.ac.uk

English courses

If you want to improve your English before starting the International Foundation Year, the University offers a range of English language courses, taught by the English Language Unit.

**10 Week pre-sessional leading onto Leeds International Foundation Year**

Our 10 week pre-sessional programme is designed for students who already have a good level of English, but who fall just short of our English language requirements. The programme will help you develop your English and academic study skills in preparation for the International Foundation Year programme.

The required IELTS scores for the 10 week presessional are as follows:

- **Academic English for Undergraduate Studies**
  - The Academic English for Undergraduate Studies programme is designed to help students improve their level of English to meet university requirements. You can study full-time, with entry points in October, January and April.

- **Other routes**
  - If you do not meet the entry requirements for the Leeds International Foundation Year, there are other options which you may be eligible for:

  **Leeds International Study Centre International Foundation Year**
  Delivered by Study Group and based at Leeds Beckett University, this foundation programme will allow you to progress to a number of undergraduate degrees in Business, Engineering, Law or Science at the University of Leeds.
  leedsisc.com

  **NCUK**
  The University of Leeds is an owner member of NCUK, which delivers foundation programmes at teaching centres in: China, India, Colombia, Russia, Japan, Malta, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Korea, Ireland and the UK.
  nck.ac.uk
"I have been teaching on the International Foundation Year for the past 10 years. I teach Academic Study Skills – the skills students need to maximise their potential for success in their chosen undergraduate programme. Here on the Leeds International Foundation Year we do an excellent job of preparing students for a variety of degree programmes and are constantly striving to make any necessary changes to help students further.

I love the mix of students on the International Foundation Year – we often have 30+ nationalities, so it is a truly international programme. The International Foundation Year students form strong bonds with each other which can last right through their university career and life."

Nancy Woods
Academic Study Skills tutor, University of Leeds, International Foundation Year
Leeds the city

Each year more than 60,000 students from across the world choose Leeds as their study destination. A young, vibrant and multicultural city, Leeds has everything you would expect from a major, multicultural, urban hub.

Arts and culture
A ‘hotbed of creative cultural talent’, Leeds enjoys a reputation for producing spectacular and innovative shows. It is the only UK city outside London to have its own opera and ballet companies and boasts several theatres.

Sport
Whatever your sport of choice, Leeds is home to some great sporting teams, including Leeds United Football Club based at Elland Road stadium. Rugby fans will be spoilt for choice, with both Leeds Rhinos Rugby League and Leeds Carnegie Rugby Union teams based at Headingley Stadium, which is also home to Yorkshire County Cricket Club and International Test Match cricket. Leeds was even chosen to host the Tour de France ‘Grand Depart’ in 2014.

If spectating isn’t enough and you want to get active, one of the country’s biggest indoor real snow slopes is within easy reach, and the city has plenty of gyms and health clubs (including the University’s very own fitness suite and swimming pool, The Edge).

Shopping
As one of the UK’s top shopping destinations, Leeds has a mix of high street favourites, independent boutiques and vintage stores, all within easy walking distance of the University. From the beautiful and historic Victoria Quarter and Grand Arcade to the stunning domed roof of Leeds Corn Exchange, Leeds is a true haven for anyone who wants to shop somewhere different.

Food and drink
You are never far from a fantastic restaurant or café, whether you’re in the city centre or one of the popular student suburbs. With a huge choice of restaurants offering cuisine from across the world you’ll be able to find everything you’re looking for, and what’s more many have special deals or early-bird menus ideal for a student budget.

Green space
Sitting in the heart of Yorkshire, Leeds is one of the greenest cities in the UK as well as being surrounded by spectacular countryside. The Lake District, Peak District, the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors are all close by, and provide the ideal environment for University groups and societies taking part in everything from caving and kayaking to cycling and walking. Discover more at www.yorkshire.com

Getting around
Located at the centre of the UK and enjoying excellent transport links, Leeds is well connected to the rest of the UK by affordable, frequent and extensive coach and rail services. You can reach London in around two hours and Edinburgh is just three hours away by train. Leeds Bradford Airport also provides regular flights to major international destinations.
“Leeds is youthful and fresh, a city with lots of things to do without spending too much money.”
Leeds city centre
...and all it has to offer, only a 10-minute walk from campus

First Direct Arena
Leeds’ groundbreaking 13,500 capacity theatre-style music venue

Central Village

The Laidlaw Library
Our undergraduate library, opened in spring 2015

Hyde Park and Headingley
Just a short walk or bus ride to the popular student suburbs in the north of the city

The Great Hall
Venue for University graduation ceremonies

Parkinson Tower
The iconic landmark building of the University, visible from miles around

St George's Field
Beautiful green space to escape to, right at the heart of campus

Brotherton Library
Stunning historic library, one of four on campus

Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building
Home to the International Foundation Year

The Laidlaw Library

The Great Hall

First Direct Arena

Hyde Park and Headingley

Central Village

Parkinson Tower

St George's Field

Brotherton Library

Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building
Woodhouse Moor
A large park right next to campus, perfect for chilling out or keeping fit

Leeds General Infirmary
Located just south of campus and where much of the clinical teaching for medicine and healthcare students takes place

Leeds University Union
Shops, music venues, bars, nightclubs, a supermarket and the home of our 300 clubs and societies

Western Campus
Home to Leeds University Business School, the School of Law, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences, the Gryphon Sports Centre and the Marks & Spencer Archive

Charles Morris Hall

Lyddon Hall

Ellerslie Global Residence

Henry Price Residences

Woodhouse Moor
A large park right next to campus, perfect for chilling out or keeping fit