


LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET 2023/24

Full name of institution	Loughborough University																																				
ERASMUS+ ID Code	UK LOUGHBO 01																																				
Website	www.lboro.ac.uk																																				
Location	<p>The town of Loughborough is located at the heart of England in the county of Leicestershire. Main line road and rail networks link Loughborough directly with the rest of the country, and the town itself is served by excellent bus services. There are regular scheduled flights from European and international destinations to East Midlands Airport, which is approximately seven miles away.</p>  <table border="1" data-bbox="544 707 1430 1585"> <caption>Travel Times from Loughborough</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>City</th> <th>Rail (mins)</th> <th>Road (mins)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>London</td> <td>1 hour 20 mins</td> <td>2 hours 30 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cambridge</td> <td>2 hours 8 mins</td> <td>2 hours 10 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leicester</td> <td>10 mins</td> <td>30 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nottingham</td> <td>19 mins</td> <td>40 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Derby</td> <td>17 mins</td> <td>40 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birmingham</td> <td>1 hour 11 mins</td> <td>1 hour</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manchester</td> <td>2 hours 12 mins</td> <td>2 hours 25 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sheffield</td> <td>1 hour 5 mins</td> <td>1 hour 25 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lincoln</td> <td>1 hour 33 mins</td> <td>1 hour 30 mins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leeds</td> <td>2 hours 11 mins</td> <td>2 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>York</td> <td>2 hours</td> <td>2 hours 10 mins</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	City	Rail (mins)	Road (mins)	London	1 hour 20 mins	2 hours 30 mins	Cambridge	2 hours 8 mins	2 hours 10 mins	Leicester	10 mins	30 mins	Nottingham	19 mins	40 mins	Derby	17 mins	40 mins	Birmingham	1 hour 11 mins	1 hour	Manchester	2 hours 12 mins	2 hours 25 mins	Sheffield	1 hour 5 mins	1 hour 25 mins	Lincoln	1 hour 33 mins	1 hour 30 mins	Leeds	2 hours 11 mins	2 hours	York	2 hours	2 hours 10 mins
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University information	<p>In 1909, a small Technical Institute in the centre of Loughborough was established, which provided local facilities for further education and offered courses in technical subjects, science and art. In 1966, Loughborough was awarded its Charter and became the country's first technological university known as Loughborough University of Technology.</p> <p>In 1996, it was renamed Loughborough University and has since become one of the leading universities in the United Kingdom. The Loughborough campus stands on a 523 acre single-site providing a home to student accommodation, academic buildings and world-class sporting facilities as well as offering plenty of open spaces and gardens.</p>																																				

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Central office	Programme Quality and Teaching Partnerships Office
Address	Academic Registry, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3TU, United Kingdom
Contacts	<p><i>For partnerships and exchange agreements:</i> Julie Hibbert Institutional Exchange Co-ordinator Tel: +44 (0)1509 222237</p> <p><i>For incoming and outgoing exchanges:</i> Lindsay Hendricks Administrative Manager Tel: +44 (0)1509 222241</p> <p>Monika Berjawi Exchanges Administrator Tel: +44 (0)1509 222299</p> <p>Kate Yang Exchanges Administrator Tel: +44 (0)1509 222475</p> <p>All email enquiries should be sent to Exchanges@lboro.ac.uk.</p>
Exchanges web pages	https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/

ACADEMIC CALENDAR	
Semester dates for academic year 2023/24	Semester 1: 2 October 2023 – 2 February 2024 Semester 2: 5 February – 19 June 2023
Term dates for academic year 2023/24	Autumn Term: 2 October – 15 December 2023 Spring Term: 8 January – 22 March 2024 Summer Term: 22 April – 19 June 2024
Induction dates	<p>For Semester 1 and Full Year students, there will be an induction and welcome event in the week commencing 2 October 2023.</p> <p>For Semester 2 students, there will be an induction and welcome event in the week commencing 5 February 2024.</p> <p>Further information about induction and welcome events will be sent directly to students. General information can be found here: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/students/welcome/international/induction/.</p>
Assessment dates	Modules are examined at the end of the semester in which they are taught. These are usually scheduled in Weeks 13 - 15 of each semester. Examinations are not scheduled on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES	
Application deadlines	<p>For Semester 1 and Full Year exchanges commencing 2 October 2023: Nominations: 15 March – 1 May 2023 Applications: 2 May – 15 June 2023</p> <p>For Semester 2 exchanges commencing 5 February 2024: Nominations: 15 September – 1 October 2023 Applications: 2 October – 15 November 2023</p> <p>Nominations should be made by email using the form provided.</p> <p>Please note that applications cannot be accepted after the deadlines of 15 June and 15 November 2023.</p>
Application information	<p>Students are required to complete and submit an Incoming Exchange Student Application Form which can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming-applying/how-to-apply</p>
Supporting documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photocopy of passport personal details page. - Certified and official transcript from home institution. - Learning agreement. <p>If you are coming to study in the UK <i>for more than six months</i> and applying for a Student visa, you will also need to submit certified evidence that your English language competency meets the University's requirements. Further details can be found in the section on English language requirements.</p>

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Courses available to exchange students	<p>Please refer to the Module Catalogue which can be found at: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming-applying/modules-credits/.</p> <p>Please note the requirement on students to take modules from one main host School/Department.</p>
Credits and course load	<p>The normal workload for a full-time student is 120 Loughborough credits per academic year (i.e. 60 credits per semester).</p> <p>For incoming exchange students, Loughborough has adopted ECTS as its credits system. Students are expected to participate in credit-bearing modules totalling 60 credits per academic year or 30 credits per semester.</p> <p>Please note that requirements may vary according to the chosen subject area.</p>
Language of tuition	English

English language requirements	<p>If you are an EU/EEA/Swiss national, it is advised that your proficiency in English language should be at least at the level of CEFR Level B2 (independent user).</p> <p>If you are a non-EU/non-EEA/non-Swiss national requiring a Student visa to study in the UK, you will need to provide certified evidence that your English language competency meets the University's requirements.</p> <p>For an approved list of English language qualifications, see: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/apply/english-language-requirements/.</p>
Intensive language courses	<p>The Academic Language Support Service offers a range of support to students, including academic writing, study skills and pre-sessional courses for international students, who have not yet reached the required level of English for their chosen degree programme. Further information can be found here: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/student-services/topics/pre-sessional-programmes/.</p>
Grading system	<p><i>Undergraduate degree classifications:</i></p> <p>70%+ First Class Honours 60%+ Second Class Honours Upper 50%+ Second Class Honours Lower 40%+ Third Class Honours</p> <p>At undergraduate degree level, the pass mark for a module is 40 or above.</p> <p><i>Postgraduate taught degree classifications:</i></p> <p>70%+ Distinction 60%+ Merit 50%+ Pass</p> <p>At postgraduate degree level, the pass mark for a module is 50 or above.</p>

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION	
Visa and entry requirements	<p>It is recommended that students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check carefully for any visa requirements in accordance with the UK Government website: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa. - Ensure that they meet the requirements for entering the UK: https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control. <p>The Student Advice and Support Service at Loughborough University also has a dedicated website which provides advice to international students on matters such as visas. Further information can be found at: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/student-services/category/international-students/.</p>

ACCOMMODATION	
General information for Loughborough campus	<p>All applications for accommodation are submitted online. Once your application to study has been approved, you will receive an email from the Student Accommodation Centre explaining how to apply for accommodation.</p> <p>Please note that <i>on-campus accommodation is extremely limited</i>. Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until the maximum capacity has been reached. This means that there is no guarantee that incoming exchange students will be allocated rooms in Halls of Residence, therefore you must be prepared to live off-campus if required.</p> <p>Further information can be found at: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/accommodation/.</p>
Accommodation application deadline	<p>For Semester 1 and Full Year exchanges commencing in October 2023, students can apply for a room on campus when they have received their formal study exchange acceptance letter from the University (usually during the month of July). The acceptance letter will provide students with their University ID number and then they will be able to use the University's Student Accommodation Centre application portal to apply for a room.</p> <p>Please note that the process of offering students a room in on-campus accommodation does not usually take place until the end of August/beginning of September.</p> <p>For Semester 2 exchanges commencing in February 2024, applications for on-campus accommodation can be made once students have received their formal study exchange acceptance letter (usually at the end of November and during December, before the University closes for the Christmas holiday).</p> <p>Accommodation offers will be sent out by email in December 2023/January 2024.</p>
Accommodation for students with specific requirements	<p>Loughborough University can accommodate students with specific requirements (e.g. cultural, dietary, medical, religious, etc.).</p> <p>Further information can be found at: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/accommodation/faq/specific-requirements/.</p>
Cost of living	<p>Loughborough is not an expensive town to live in by UK standards, but students must consider the cost of accommodation, food, study materials, local travel and other general living expenses. It is estimated that, when students budget for the duration of their studies, they should allow approximately £900 - £1,100 month, but personal expenditure will vary from student to student.</p>

ARRIVAL	
Nearest airport to Loughborough	East Midlands Airport (approximately seven miles)
Other UK airports	Birmingham Airport Gatwick Airport Heathrow Airport London Luton Airport London Stansted Airport Manchester Airport
Does the University offer a free airport pick-up service?	Yes, but only from Terminal 2 at London Heathrow Airport at the start of the academic year. Please note that this service is <u>not</u> available to Semester 2 exchange students. For further information, see: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/locations/loughborough/travel-information/heathrow-coach-service/ .
Travelling from the airport	There are a number of ways to get to Loughborough from each airport with widely varying times and costs. It is, however, recommended that you look at the options for travelling either by coach or rail. Further details can be found in the Incoming Exchange Student Handbook: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming-before-you-arrive/ .

TRAVEL INSURANCE AND HEALTHCARE	
Travel insurance	You are advised to take out adequate travel insurance to cover your journey, including cover for medical expenses and personal possessions.
Healthcare	<p>EU, EEA and Swiss nationals coming to study in the UK <i>for less than six months</i> are not eligible for free healthcare under the NHS and will have to pay the full cost of medical treatment. However, if you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), you will be exempt from some medical costs, therefore it is important that you apply for an EHIC in your own country and bring it with you.</p> <p>EU, EEA and Swiss nationals coming to study in the UK <i>for more than six months</i> must apply for a Student visa. As part of the visa application process, you will have to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge, which is based on the maximum length of visa that could be granted, i.e. for each year and each part year between 6-12 months.</p> <p>International students (i.e. non-EU, non-EEA and non-Swiss nationals) coming to study in the UK <i>for less than six months</i> as a Visitor cannot receive treatment on the National Health Service (unless it is an emergency).</p>

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<p>Are health facilities available at the University?</p>	<p>The University's Medical Centre is located centrally on campus, but you can only register as a patient if you are studying in the UK for a full academic year. If you are studying at Loughborough for one semester only and you become unwell, it is recommended that you seek the advice of the University's pharmacist, who has premises located outside the Students' Union. Alternatively, you could visit the NHS Urgent Care Centre in Loughborough Hospital which is situated very close to the University campus.</p>
<p>Support for students with disabilities</p>	<p>Students with physical, mental or long-term health conditions are encouraged to disclose them on the Incoming Student Application Form so that any requisite assistance and support can be put in place.</p> <p>For details of the support services offered to students, see: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/student-services/.</p>

SPORT AND RECREATION

<p>Loughborough Sport</p>	<p>Loughborough University is internationally renowned for excellence in sport and has the best sporting facilities in the UK which include a 50m swimming pool, an athletics centre, a cricket performance centre, netball and badminton courts, a gymnastics centre, a martial arts studio and several multi-purpose sports halls. Outdoor facilities include an athletics stadium, a football stadium, artificial and grass pitches, tennis courts, a beach park, a ball park and a games park.</p> <p>Further information about sport and recreational facilities can be found at http://www.loughboroughsport.com/.</p>
<p>Loughborough Students' Union</p>	<p>Loughborough Students' Union (LSU) is one of the very best in the country and has won many awards over the years. It is an organisation which is run to ensure that students have the best experience possible whilst studying at Loughborough. In and around the Students' Union Building, there are a selection of shops, food outlets and other services, such as a dental practice, pharmacy, hairdressers, beauty salon, cash points and banking facilities. At night, the Students' Union provides a range of entertainment which includes club nights, live events, quizzes, bingo, sports and fitness.</p> <p>For further information, see https://lsu.co.uk/.</p>