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Study on exchange in **Leicester**



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Welcome to DMU

We hope that this guide gives our partners and potential exchange students an insight into the fantastic opportunities awaiting them at DMU!

Leicester has been named the fourth most vibrant city in the UK, Top Cities Vibrancy Report, 2022



Our University

De Montfort University (DMU) has a vibrant and friendly international community of 25,000 students! We welcome applications from students at our partner institutions to study with us on exchange for a semester or year. Currently, our university population encompasses staff and students from more than 130 nations; we are immensely proud of this diversity and welcome students from all over the world.

Alongside the outstanding teaching environment, we offer an unforgettable student experience with great extra-curricular activities offered by the University and De Montfort Students' Union (DSU). There are a range of exciting festivals, celebrations and on-campus events for students to get involved in, which are a great way to meet new people and make friends.

International recognition



UN SDG Hub

We value sustainability in everything we do, and we are proud to have been selected by the United Nations as the Academic Hub for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, which focuses on peace, justice and strong institutions – the only one of its kind in the UK.



Rated a 5-star university

We are rated a 5-star 'excellent' institution by QS, a world leader in evaluating higher education performance. We scored the maximum five stars in key criteria including teaching, employability, internationalisation, academic development and facilities.

"I honestly loved both DMU and Leicester so much. I enjoyed how the education was structured and felt very welcomed the moment I arrived. Everyone was very friendly and helpful. The modules, campus, accommodation and environment were in general great. I miss it dearly and it's something I will always cherish."

Micaela,
Malmö University, Sweden



Our campus

We've invested in a stunning campus in the heart of Leicester, where you'll get the best of both worlds – a compact, accessible and safe space to live and study with convenient access to accommodation, shopping, nightlife and all that's on offer in the city centre.

Our campus provides students with a mixture of historic and modern learning environments. We have state-of-the-art facilities such as our Vijay Patel Art and Design Building, which sits alongside sites of historical interest such as the Leicester Castle Business School, which dates back to the 11th Century, making DMU only one of two UK universities with the site of a medieval castle on their campus.

Accommodation

On-campus accommodation is guaranteed for incoming exchange students who apply by the deadline with both semester-long and year-long options being available.

All DMU sourced rooms are modern, self-catered, have internet access and single-sex flat options available, with many featuring en-suite bathrooms, social spaces and on-site gyms. There's also an opportunity to handpick your own room. Bede Hall offers fully adapted rooms for wheelchair users, including kitchens. We understand that safety is key, so all DMU-sourced halls have on-site or on-call security, on-site managers, and CCTV or electronic door entry.





Our City

A big city on your doorstep

We're a campus-based university in the city centre, with the hub of activity in Leicester right on your doorstep – and we're one of the few universities in the UK where you're getting the best of both worlds. Leicester is an affordable place to live, as well as the best city in the East Midlands to live and work (Good Growth for Cities Index, 2022).

Rich in cultural diversity

Famed for its diversity, Leicester is home to one of the biggest celebrations of Diwali outside of India. It's an inclusive city with a long history of welcoming a variety of ethnic communities and religious faiths.

Eating out in Leicester can feel like travelling the globe, offering bars, shops and restaurants influenced by tastes around the world, plus an array of coffee houses and lunch spots, comprising independent local vendors and your favourite restaurant chains.

A city for students

Arts and culture are renowned across our city, home to the biggest comedy festival in the country, live performances at Curve theatre, plus the Phoenix and Showcase cinemas. Leicester's Highcross offers a great shopping experience, and the Lanes complements this with a wealth of independent options.

Home to Leicester City Football Club, Rugby Union's 2021/22 Premiership champions Leicester Tigers, previous British Basketball League champions Leicester Riders and Leicestershire County Cricket Club – sports fans will be spoiled for choice.

A city with links

Leicester's central location means cities such as Birmingham and Nottingham are only a short 30-minute train journey away, there are easy links to many UK airports and the capital city of London is only an hour's train journey.

Furthermore, you can reach the stunning countryside of Leicester in just 20 minutes by bus or bike, giving you the chance to explore the natural beauty of Bradgate Park and Beacon Hill Country Park.

"What I like most about Leicester is how culturally diverse it is and the many different food options that are available in the city,"

**Nelson,
College of Brockport SUNY, USA**

Student life

Our campus culture is friendly and relaxed. We have a range of activities and events on campus, organised by the University and Students' Union, with a range of spaces and catering facilities for you to relax. Join our diverse student community with students from more than 130 countries and feel at home in no time.

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De Montfort's Student Union (DSU)

Whilst on exchange at DMU we encourage you to actively engage with the activities, clubs and societies that belong to DSU. Being part of a society is a great way to integrate into UK student life and meet like-minded individuals.

Sports

We have something for everyone, with more than 30 student-led sports clubs and opportunities to develop your skills on and off the pitch. Our student-led social sport programme offers an extensive range of free sessions from yoga to basketball. In addition, exchange students can take advantage of discounted rates at our QEII Leisure Centre, which boasts a 25-metre swimming pool, climbing wall, sports hall, fitness suite, and dance studio.



Support

We have dedicated staff within the Global Mobility Office (studentexchange@dmu.ac.uk), providing support before, during and after your time at DMU. In cooperation with the International Student Support Team exchange students can benefit from services such as international welcome week, airport pick-ups and a 'buddy' scheme which matches you with a current DMU student to help you settle in.

We also offer orientation and integration events throughout the year including a formal welcome event and a welcome dinner. Through Explore UK, exchange students can also join weekend trips during term-time to a range of towns, cities and cultural attractions throughout the UK.

The university offers a range of support for all of our students:

- **Academic support**
Via our Faculty Student Advice Centres you can get help with printing, IT, equipment rentals and e-learning.
- **Disability and Mental Health support**
Our Disability Advice and Support (DAS) Team offers services tailored to the specific needs of students with physical and sensory disabilities, and medical conditions. The Mental Health Inclusion team also provide support to all students to help to manage and minimise the impact of any mental health difficulties on studies.
- **Religious support**
There is both a Christian prayer room and a Muslim prayer room on campus. Staff are able to offer religious support advice alongside spiritual, pastoral, moral and social care.
- **Centre for English Language Learning**
Free conversational classes and an academic English and study skills course including weekly classes and bookable one-to-one sessions for assignment support are available.





Study options

DMU offers modules in a wide range of academic fields across our four faculties. All our programmes are available for a single semester or a full academic year.

- Accounting and Finance
- Architecture and Built Environment
- Business, Entrepreneurship and Human Resource Management
- Computer Science and Informatics
- Creative Design
- Design
- Economics
- Engineering
- Fashion and Textiles
- Health Sciences and Allied Health Professions
- Humanities
- Law
- Marketing
- Media
- Music
- Performance and Arts Management
- Psychological and Social Sciences
- Visual Arts

Education 2030

We have developed an innovative and inclusive approach to learning known as Education 2030, which is focused around you and designed to ensure you have the best learning experience possible.

This is DMU's new way of delivering student-centred and future-proofed teaching and learning. It means that the majority of our courses will be delivered to you in a 'block' format, focusing on one subject at a time, with immediate assessment while you are absorbed in the topic.

This new approach is aimed at helping you to benefit from a straightforward timetable that gives you space to absorb and engage with learning materials in depth, faster assessment and feedback, and the opportunity to work closely with your tutors and coursemates so you can get the support you need.

"What we found about working in this block structure is that students have to really commit to it, it's such an intensive process that what evolves from it is a real sense of community. We found this works really well with our students in terms of a clear building of knowledge."

Rosie Garton
Programme Leader of BA Performing Arts



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