

**LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET
FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2017/18**

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Semester/term dates:	Academic Year 2017/18 Semester 1: 2 October 2017 - 2 February 2018 Semester 2: 5 February 2018 - 20 June 2018 Autumn Term: 2 October 2017 - 15 December 2017

	Spring Term: 8 January 2018 - 16 March 2018 Summer Term: 16 April 2018 - 20 June 2018 Assessment Information: Modules are examined at the end of the semester in which they are taught. Examinations are usually scheduled in weeks 13, 14 and 15 of each semester. There are no examinations scheduled on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
Induction dates:	Semester 1 Monday 2 October 2017: Induction, welcome talk and buffet reception for Semester 1 and full year exchange students, as well as full-time international undergraduate students. For more information, please visit http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/offer-holders/arrived/inductions/. Semester 2 Wednesday 7 February 2018: Induction, welcome talk and buffet reception for Semester 2 exchange students. Further information will be emailed directly to all Semester 2 exchange students.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application deadline:	For admission in Semester 1: 15 June. For admission in Semester 2: 15 November.
Number of semester places available:	Pre-agreed with your home University.
Application materials available online?	In accordance with the guidelines, complete and submit the Loughborough University Incoming Application Form and a Learning Agreement, both of which can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/erasmus/incoming-student-erasmus/.

Materials to submit with application:	ERASMUS+ exchange programme: Photocopy of passport Academic transcript Learning agreement Personal statement Evidence of English language competency (if Tier 4 student visa required) International exchange programme: Photocopy of passport Academic transcript Learning agreement Personal statement Evidence of English language competency (if Tier 4 student visa required)
Link to Module Catalogue:	http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/erasmus/incoming-student-erasmus/module-choice/
What areas of study or courses are NOT available to exchange students?	Details of available modules are stated in the Module Catalogue. Exchange students should normally choose modules from their host School/Department, however registration on 'open access' modules for other Schools/Departments may exceptionally be permitted, subject to the agreement of your Loughborough Exchange Co-ordinator and the School/Department providing the module involved.
What is the minimum number of credits to be taken by exchange students?	Students are expected to participate in full credit-bearing modules totalling 60 credits per semester (ie 30 ECTS credits per semester). Please note, however, that requirements may vary according to the chosen subject area.
Language of tuition:	English
Language requirements:	If you are an exchange student from Europe, it is advised that your proficiency in English is at least at the level of CEFR Level B2 (independent user). If you are a non-EU/non-Swiss exchange student requiring a Tier 4 student visa to study in the UK (https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa), you will need to submit evidence that you meet the Loughborough University's English language requirements. See http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/englang/index.htm for further information.

Intensive language courses:	The English Language Support Service offers a range of high quality support to students wishing to study at Loughborough University. This includes pre-sessional courses for international students who have not yet reached the required level of English for their chosen degree programme. Further details can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/elss/pre-sessional/about/ .
Are exchanges students allowed to work in the UK?	Short-term study visitors are not allowed to work in the UK. Most international students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA), who are studying in the UK on courses of more than six months, are allowed to work, however it is recommended that they check the terms of their visa. Further information can be found on the UK Council for International Student Affairs website (see http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/).
Visa requirements:	The process for the UK to leave the EU is likely to take at least two years, therefore there will be no impact on incoming exchange students during this period of time. For guidance on visa requirements, it is recommended that exchange students read the section on 'Entry and Visa Information' which can be found in the Exchange Student Handbook 2017/18 (see http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/erasmus/incoming-student-erasmus/exchange-student-handbook/).

ARRIVING IN LOUGHBOROUGH

Major arrival airports:	Heathrow Airport, London Tel: 0844 335 1801 www.heathrowairport.com Gatwick Airport, London Tel: 0844 892 0322 www.gatwickairport.com Stansted Airport, London Tel: 0844 335 1803 www.stanstedairport.com Birmingham Airport Tel: 0871 222 0072 www.birminghamairport.co.uk East Midlands Airport Tel: 0871 919 9000 www.eastmidlandsairport.com
Closest airport to Loughborough:	East Midlands Airport

Does the University offer a free airport pick-up service?	Yes, but only from Heathrow Airport at the start of the academic year. This service is not available to Semester 2 exchange students. Further information is available at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/offer-holders/getting-here/heathrow-coach-service/ .
Getting to Loughborough from the airport:	http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/offer-holders/getting-here/alternative-travel/

ACCOMMODATION

General information about accommodation for exchange students:	General information about accommodation and the services offered by the University's Student Accommodation Centre can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/. Specific information for exchange students studying at Loughborough for one semester only can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/prospectivestudents/1semestererasmusorexchangestudents/. Specific information for exchange students studying at Loughborough for a full year can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/prospectivestudents/fullyearerasmusorexchangestudents/.
On-campus accommodation:	Information about on-campus accommodation can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/halls/ .
Off-campus accommodation:	Information about off-campus accommodation can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/offcampus/ .
Housing application deadline:	For Semester 1 and full year exchanges commencing in September 2017, there will be limited accommodation in both catered and self-catered halls. When your application to the University has been approved and you have received an email from the Student Accommodation Centre, you can reserve a room online from 1 June to 31 July 2017. From 1 August 2017, the room reservation option will close. You will still have the opportunity to submit preferences for accommodation, but offers will be made subject to availability.

	For Semester 2 exchanges commencing in February 2018, there will be limited accommodation in both our catered and self-catered halls, for which you will be able to apply from November 2017 onwards. Accommodation offers will be sent out by email in December 2017/January 2018.
Housing deposits:	£150 to secure University Halls of Residence. The deposit can be paid online or via cheque (drawn on a UK bank account). Off-campus deposits can vary between £150 - £400 depending on the property.
Availability of accommodation:	Semester 1 On campus: arrivals will be between the 25 - 27 September 2017 depending on the University Halls of Residence. Off-campus: move-in date will be stated on the finalised Tenancy Agreement. Semester 2 On-campus: contracts start on Sunday 4 February 2018. Off-campus: move-in date will be stated on the finalised Tenancy Agreement.
Are facilities and/or services available for disabled students?	Yes. Please see http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/frequentlyaskedquestions/specialrequirements/ for details. Further information on the support offered to disabled students can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/cds/ .

FINANCES

Cost of living:	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 £750-950 per month, but personal expenditure will vary from student to student depending on lifestyle.
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TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Travel insurance:	You are advised to take out adequate travel insurance to cover your journey, including cover for medical expenses and personal possessions.
Healthcare:	EEA nationals EEA nationals are able to use the NHS in the same way as UK residents, however you MUST apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) in your own country and bring it with you. International students (exchange period less than six months) If you are a student staying in the UK for less than six months, you are not eligible for free healthcare under the NHS and will have to pay the full cost of medical treatment. International students (exchange period more than six months) If you enter the country on a Tier 4 visa and plan to study in the UK for more than six months, you will have either paid the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) already or will be covered for healthcare because you applied for a visa before the introduction of the IHS. This entitles you to use NHS services, such as General Practice (GP) and hospitals, most of which will be free at the point of use. However, you will have to pay for some services, such as prescriptions, dental treatment and optical treatment.
Are students required to purchase your University or state health insurance?	No
Are health facilities available at the university?	University Medical Centre: http://www.lborounimedicalcentre.co.uk/ On-campus pharmacy: http://repeatmymedication.co.uk/ On-campus dentist: http://www.nhs.uk/Services/dentists/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=23473 On-campus opticians: http://www.saskoptics.com/