

**LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET
FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2019/20**

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Website:	<p>http://www.lboro.ac.uk (<i>main University website</i>)</p> <p>http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/erasmus/ (<i>ERASMUS+ and international exchanges home page</i>)</p> <p>http://www.lboro.ac.uk/about/sport/ (<i>sporting facilities and achievements</i>)</p> <p>http://www.lboro.ac.uk/about/area/ (<i>local area information</i>)</p>
Semester/term dates for academic year 2018/19:	<p>Semester 1: 30 September 2019 – 31 January 2020 Semester 2: 3 February 2020 - 17 June 2020</p> <p>Autumn Term: 30 September 2019 - 13 December 2019 Spring Term: 6 January 2020 - 27 March 2020 Summer Term: 27 April 2020 - 17 June 2020</p>

Induction dates:	<p>Semester 1 Monday 30 September 2019: Induction, welcome talk and refreshments 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/.</p> <p>Semester 2 Wednesday 5 February 2020: Induction, welcome talk and refreshments for Semester 2 exchange students. Further information will be emailed directly to all Semester 2 exchange students.</p>
Assessment dates:	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.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application deadline:	For admission in Semester 1: 15 June 2019. For admission in Semester 2: 15 November 2019.
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photocopy of passport personal details page or National ID card - Certified and official transcript from home institution - Learning Agreement <p>If you are a non-EU/non-Swiss exchange student applying to study in the UK for more than six months (ie Tier 4 student visa required), you will also need to submit:</p> <p>Certified evidence of English language competency (if English is not your first language)</p>
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?	<p>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.</p>
What is the minimum number of credits to be taken by exchange students?	<p>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.</p>
Language of tuition:	<p>English</p>
Language requirements:	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>
Intensive language courses:	<p>The Academic 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/alss/pre-sessional-courses/.</p>
Are exchanges students allowed to work in the UK?	<p>Short-term study visitors are not allowed to work in the UK.</p> <p>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/).</p>
Visa requirements:	<p>It is recommended that exchange students read the section entitled 'Entry and Visa Information' in the Exchange Student Handbook (see http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/erasmus/incoming-student-erasmus/exchange-student-handbook/).</p> <p>See also https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration.</p>

ARRIVING IN LOUGHBOROUGH

<p>Major arrival airports:</p>	<p>London Heathrow Airport Tel: 0844 335 1801 www.heathrowairport.com</p> <p>London Gatwick Airport Tel: 0844 892 0322 www.gatwickairport.com</p> <p>London Stansted Airport Tel: 0844 335 1803 www.stanstedairport.com</p> <p>Birmingham Airport Tel: 0871 222 0072 www.birminghamairport.co.uk</p> <p>East Midlands Airport Tel: 0871 919 9000 www.eastmidlandsairport.com</p>
<p>Closest airport to Loughborough:</p>	<p>East Midlands Airport</p>
<p>Does the University offer a free airport pick-up service?</p>	<p>Yes, but only from London Heathrow Airport at the start of the academic year. This service is <u>not</u> available to Semester 2 exchange students. Further information can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/offer-holders/getting-here/heathrow-coach-service/.</p>
<p>Getting to Loughborough from the airport:</p>	<p>http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/offer-holders/getting-here/alternative-travel/</p>

ACCOMMODATION

<p>General information about accommodation for exchange students:</p>	<p>All applications for accommodation in University Halls of Residence 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 your 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 they must be prepared to live off-campus if required.</p>
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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:	<p>For Semester 1 and Full Year exchanges commencing in September 2019, rooms can be reserved online from 1 June to 31 July 2019. From 1 August 2019, the room reservation option will close, and any applications received after this date will only be considered subject to availability.</p> <p>For Semester 2 exchanges commencing in February 2020, applications for accommodation can be made from November 2019 onwards. Accommodation offers will be sent out by email in December 2019/January 2020.</p>
Are facilities and/or services available for disabled students?	<p>For specific accommodation requirements, please see http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/accommodation/faq/specific-requirements/.</p> <p>Further information on the support offered to disabled students can be found at http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/cds/.</p>

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 £1,040 per month, but personal expenditure will vary from student to student.
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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:	<p>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.</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Are students required to purchase your University or state health insurance?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Are health facilities available at the University?</p>	<p>University Medical Centre: http://www.lborounimedicalcentre.co.uk/</p> <p>On-campus pharmacy: http://repeatmymedication.co.uk/</p> <p>On-campus dentist: http://www.nhs.uk/Services/dentists/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=23473</p> <p>On-campus opticians: http://www.saskoptics.com/</p>