



University of
Leicester

International Foundation Year 2011/12

University of Leicester International Study Centre





Michelle Balonwu

Country: Nigeria

Foundation pathway: Science and Computing

Intended degree: Pharmaceutical Chemistry MChem

"My teachers and head of centre were nothing short of amazing, and were responsible for the warm environment of the centre! The end of year had me almost wishing some of my tutors could 'progress' onto my degree along with me and my classmates!"



Meriam Bashiyev

Country: Kazakhstan

Foundation pathway: Economics, Business and Social Sciences

Intended degree: Financial Economics BSc

"The best thing I enjoy at the University is that I get to meet a lot of people from different countries. I have joined the University's American football team, which gives me an opportunity not only to have fun playing sport but also it's a great way to socialise with British students."



Isin Yagmur Karabacak

Country: Turkey

Foundation pathway: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics

Intended degree: Electronic and Software Engineering BEng

"I have very enjoyable memories with my ISC friends and tutors. They are like a family and it is very important because when you come from a foreign country, you feel alone. They always help me and protect me."

This is Leicester

A top-ranking institution

The University of Leicester was *THE* University of the Year 2008-2009.

We're highly ranked, consistently in the top 20 of all national tables including:

- 12th in the *Guardian*
- 14th in *The Times* Higher Table of Tables
- 15th and top in the region in *The Times*
- 20th in the *Sunday Times*

Leicester is one of a handful of British universities to feature in the world's top 200 institutions:

- Leicester is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world by the *QS World University Rankings 2010*.
- Leicester is a member of the 1994 Group of internationally renowned universities engaged in leading-edge research and high quality teaching.

Top for student satisfaction

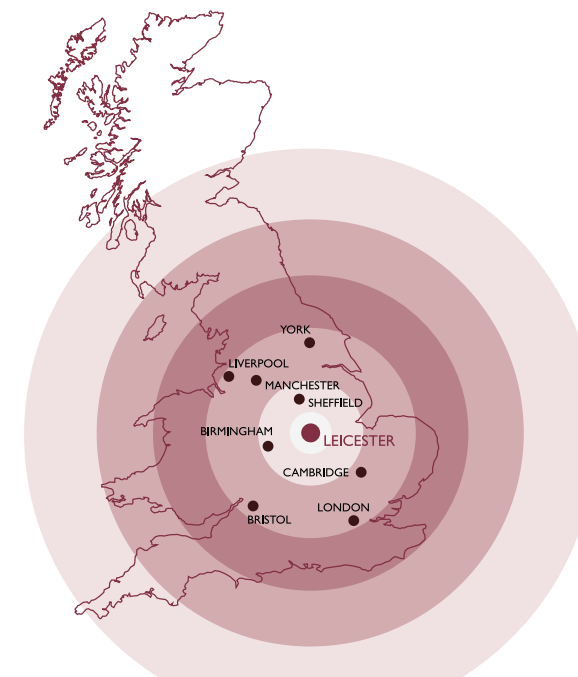
- Since the launch of the *National Student Survey* in 2006, Leicester has consistently featured amongst the top-10 universities in England for student satisfaction. *The Sunday Times* recently described Leicester as "top... amongst mainstream multi-faculty universities for student satisfaction."
- The University won the 2009/10 *THE Award* for Outstanding Student Support.

A compact and friendly campus

Located only 75 minutes from London by train, in the heart of England, the Leicester campus is an ideal place to be a student.

High quality resources and continued investment

We provide high quality facilities and support services for you to learn and study. Continuing investment illustrates our commitment to investing in teaching and learning resources.



University of Leicester International Study Centre

The International Study Centre (ISC) provides preparation courses for international students who are not yet ready for direct entry to an undergraduate degree at the University of Leicester.

There are many benefits to studying for the International Foundation Year at the ISC:

Access to university facilities

You will be part of the University from the day you start your course and will have access to a range of University facilities as well as at the International Study Centre.

Teaching, learning and assessment

Our courses provide a highly supported learning environment, introducing you to the style of teaching that you will experience when you progress onto your degree. All routes are modular in structure. Your progress will be monitored at all times to make sure you remain on track to successfully complete the programme.

Direct progression to your degree

Joining one of our programmes guarantees that you will receive a conditional offer of a degree place at the University. Once you have successfully completed the course and achieved the required grades, you will proceed directly to your preferred degree programme.

English Language Preparation (ELP)

Additional English language training is available at the ISC for students who need to improve their standard to the required level. For entry requirements and details of the ELP programme, visit: www.le.ac.uk/isc



International Foundation Year Specialist preparation for your degree

The International Foundation Year is a three-term programme of academic subjects, study skills and English language training that provides an intensive, direct path to degree study.

Study structure

You can choose one of three Foundation routes:

- Economics, Business and Social Sciences
- Engineering, Physics and Mathematics
- Science and Computing

All Foundation routes are modular in structure. There are five core modules common to each route:

- English Skills for University Study 1, 2 and 3
- Project Study
- Mathematics.

You will also study five subject specific modules, each carefully designed to focus on the academic areas most useful to your chosen degree.

Visit www.le.ac.uk/isc for full module listings

FOUNDATION YEAR FACTS

Entry dates

September 2011 or January 2012

Course length

3 terms (September to June or January to August)

Term dates

September start

Term 1 – 26/09 to 09/12/11
Term 2 – 16/01 to 30/03/12
Term 3 – 11/04 to 15/06/12

January start

Term 1 – 16/01 to 30/03/12
Term 2 – 11/04 to 15/06/12
Term 3 – 18/06 to 17/08/12

Assessment

End of module/term assessments

A combination of examinations and assessments of coursework, presentations and extended essays
Continuous coursework
Lectures, small group seminar work and directed self-study

Course structure

Modular course, three modules per term (four modules in the last term); five core subjects and five subject specific modules

Entry requirements

Academic

- Good high school graduation grades or equivalent

English language

- IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in all subskills) or equivalent, or
- TOEFL 510 (180 computer-based test/64 internet-based test), or
- Pearson Test of English minimum 43

Age

Students are normally at least 17 years of age.*

* Students below the age of 18 will be charged an additional guardianship fee, until they reach 18 years of age.

Progression to your degree

The programme leads to a variety of degrees at the University, preparing you for undergraduate study in a wide range of subject areas:

Economics, Business and Social Sciences		Engineering, Physics and Mathematics	
Archaeology	BA	Aerospace Engineering	BEng/ MEng
Banking and Finance	BA/BSc	Engineering with Industry (4 years)*	BEng
Business Economics	BA/BSc	Communications & Electronic Engineering	BEng/ MEng
Economics	BA/BSc	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	BEng/ MEng
Financial Economics	BA/BSc	Electrical & Electronic Engineering with Management	BEng/ MEng
Communications Media & Society	BSc	Embedded Systems Engineering	BEng/ MEng
Criminology	BA	General Engineering	BEng/ MEng
Human Geography	BA	Mechanical Engineering	BEng/ MEng
Management Studies	BA	Mechanical Engineering with Management	BEng/ MEng
International Relations	BA	Geology with Geophysics	BSc/ MGeol
International Relations & History	BA	Computational Mathematics	BSc/ MMath
Politics	BA	Financial Mathematics	BSc
Media and Sociology	BA	Mathematics	BSc/ BA/ MMath
Sociology	BA/BSc	Mathematics & Computer Science	BSc
Law	LLB		
Computing / Computing with Management	BSc		
Computer Science / Computer Science with Industry	BSc		
Computer Science (4 years)	Mcomp		

Some of these degrees are also available as a sandwich course with a year in industry or with a year in another European country or the USA. For full information on progression grades required, visit www.le.ac.uk/isc

Science and Computing Foundation	
Biological Sciences	BSc/ MBiolSci
Biological Sciences (Biochemistry)	BSc
Biological Sciences (Genetics)	BSc
Biological Sciences (Microbiology)	BSc
Biological Sciences (Physiology with Pharmacology)	BSc
Biological Sciences (Zoology)	BSc
Medical Biochemistry	BSc
Medical Genetics	BSc
Medical Physiology	BSc
Chemistry	BSc/ MChem
Chemistry with Forensic Science	BSc/ MChem
Pharmaceutical Chemistry	BSc/ MChem
Psychology	BSc
Computing / Computing with Management	BSc
Computer Science / Computer Science with Industry	BSc
Computer Science (4 years)	Mcomp



MEng, MBiolSci, MChem, MGeol, MMath, MPhys and MSci are 4-year undergraduate degrees following the International Foundation Year

Students will spend their second year in a placement or practical year in a working environment (company, bank etc)

How to apply

Application to the International Foundation Year is straightforward.

Application forms are available online or from your local representative.

Your application will need to include copies of all relevant academic transcripts and certificates of English language qualifications.

Please note: all students' numeracy and English skills will be tested on arrival and study plans may be changed accordingly. This may incur additional costs.

To apply direct

Send your completed application to the address printed at the bottom of the form.

Alternatively, you can apply directly by contacting a student enrolment adviser online: www.le.ac.uk/isc

To apply through your local representative

Complete the application form and return it to your local educational representative.

Tuition fees

Details of tuition fees can be found at: www.le.ac.uk/isc

For further information

If you need further information, our expert student enrolment advisers are available for help and advice.

You can contact them online or on the numbers below:

T +44 1273 339333
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Entry requirements and progression grades

Students can find detailed entry requirements and progression grades at: www.le.ac.uk/isc

Agents can find this information on the Leicester ISC page at: studygroup.com/partners

About the International Foundation Year

The International Foundation Year at the University of Leicester International Study Centre is run by Study Group, a world leader in education and training for international students.

Every year, Study Group provides exceptional educational programmes for over 55,000 students from more than 140 countries.

Local representative information

