

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET 2020/21

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Website:	http://www.lboro.ac.uk https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/
Semester dates for academic year 2020/21	Semester 1: 5 October 2020 - 29 January 2021 Semester 2: 8 February - 23 June 2021
Term dates for academic year 2020/21:	Autumn Term: 5 October 2020 - 18 December 2020 Spring Term: 11 January - 26 March 2021 Summer Term: 26 April - 23 June 2021
Induction dates:	<p>Semester 1 For Semester 1 and Full Year exchange students, as well as full-time international undergraduate students: https://www.lboro.ac.uk/students/welcome/international/induction/</p> <p>Online induction: Wednesday 30 September 2020, 10:00 - 13:00</p> <p>Semester 2 To be confirmed.</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.

APPLYING TO LOUGHBOROUGH

Application deadline:	For admission in Semester 1: 15 June 2020. For admission in Semester 2: 15 November 2020.
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 https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/ .
Materials to submit with application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photocopy of passport personal details page (for non-EU/EAA citizens) or national ID card (for EU/EAA citizens). - 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certified evidence of English language competency (if it is not your first language). - If you study in English at your home University (eg Australia, Canada, USA), you will need to submit evidence of your highest level of qualification in English. <p>See http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/apply/english-language-requirements/ for an approved list of English language qualifications.</p>
What areas of study or courses are NOT available to exchange students?	<p>Exchange students should normally choose modules from their host School/Department, however registration on 'open access' modules for other Schools/Departments may be permitted on an exceptional basis. This would be subject to the agreement of your Loughborough School/Departmental Exchange Co-ordinator <u>and</u> the Exchange Co-ordinator in the School/Department providing the respective module.</p> <p>For details of available modules, please refer to the Module Catalogue (see https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/applying/modules-credits/).</p>
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:	<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, you will need to provide certified evidence of English language competency (if it is not your first language). If you study in English at your home University (eg Australia, Canada, USA), you will need to provide evidence of your highest level of qualification in English.</p> <p>See http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/apply/english-language-requirements/ for an approved list of English language qualifications.</p>
Intensive language courses:	<p>The Academic Language Support Service offers a range of support to students, including academic writing, study skills and pre-session 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 exchange students allowed to work in the UK?	<p>Short-term study visitors are not allowed to work in the UK, but 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. You are, however, advised to check the terms of your 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 https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/).</p>

ARRIVING IN LOUGHBOROUGH

Major arrival airports:	<div> <div>London Gatwick Airport</div> <div>London Heathrow Airport</div> <div>London Luton Airport</div> </div> <div> <div>Birmingham Airport</div> <div>East Midlands Airport</div> </div>
Closest airport to Loughborough:	East Midlands Airport (approximately seven miles)
Does the University offer a free airport pick-up service?	<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/.</p>

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 Exchange Student Handbook (see https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/).
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ACCOMMODATION

General information about accommodation for exchange students:	<p>All applications for accommodation in the 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> <p>Further information about accommodation 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 September 2020, rooms can be reserved online from 1 June to 1 July 2020. From 1 July 2020, the Room Reservation option will close, but the Room Preferencing' option will remain open.</p> <p>For Semester 2 exchanges commencing in February 2021, applications for accommodation can be made from November 2020 onwards. Accommodation offers will be sent out by email in December 2020/January 2021.</p>
Are facilities and/or services available for disabled students?	<p>For specific accommodation requirements, please see https://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>

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.
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Healthcare:	<p>EEA nationals If you are an EEA 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>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>
Are health facilities available at the University?	<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. If the pharmacist assesses your symptoms as urgent and/or requiring immediate treatment, you should be able to book an emergency appointment at the Medical Centre. Alternatively, you could visit the NHS Urgent Care Centre in Loughborough Hospital which is situated very close to the University campus.</p>
Students with special needs	<p>Students with physical, mental or long-term health conditions are encouraged to disclose them on the incoming application form so that any requisite assistance and support can be put in place.</p> <p>For further information about the Counselling and Disability Service, see https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/cds/.</p>

FINANCES

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 £1,100 per month, but personal expenditure will vary from student to student.</p>
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