

England



STUDY ABROAD AT

Leeds Metropolitan University

California State University, Sacramento Study Abroad Program

Located in Leeds, England, **Leeds Metropolitan University's** origins go back over one hundred years. Today, it is a modern university with over 52,000 students. LMU is split between two main campuses: the Civic Quarter Campus in the city center and Headingley Campus in Beckett Park which is five kilometers to the north of the city. Travel between the two campuses and outlying residential areas is easy and reliable. LMU has hundreds of PCs across their campuses which are available for use by the students, and all students benefit from free access to email and the internet. The Learning Centre at the Civic Quarter Campus is a state-of-the-art facility, providing fully integrated electronic and print-based learning materials. A new Learning Centre was developed within the James Graham Building on the Headingley Campus in 1996. It combines all of the facilities of a modern library with many of the original features of the building, including oak-panelled rooms and stained glass windows. Standard software is based around the Microsoft Office suite, Internet Explorer, iPlanet, SPSS, and NVivo. There is a health center on each LMU campus staffed by qualified nurses. The LMU Office for International Programmes, located within the Leslie Silver International Faculty on the Headingley Campus, is the first point of contact for international students. It provides advice and information on all aspects of study abroad and international student exchange opportunities at LMU.

Facilities at the Leeds Civic Quarter Campus include audio-visual presentation studios with video-editing suite, "The Met," which is the largest live venue in Leeds for entertainment, an art gallery, and a theater. The Headingley Campus has an Open Access Centre for language learning support and superb sporting facilities which include top quality playing fields, LTA Tennis Centre, squash courts, a swimming pool, a climbing wall, a multi-gym fitness room, an athletic track, a Regional Gymnastics Centre, and two multi-purpose sports halls suitable for badminton, basketball, netball, and volleyball. In fact, Leeds itself is a regional center for many sports with famous sporting venues such as Elland Road, home to top premier league football club Leeds United and Headingley Cricket Ground, a test match venue.

Leeds is one of the most popular student cities in the U.K. with a population of about 750,000 and with over 200,000 students. The city offers a vibrant nightlife and cultural attractions. The cost of living is lower than in many parts of the U.K. The city center is just a ten-minute walk from the LMU Civic Quarter Campus, and the Headingley Campus is a short bus ride away on a frequent bus route. Leeds is rated as one of the top three shopping locations in the U.K. with over 1,000 shops in the city center. The Corn Exchange and Granary Wharf Market are favorites with students, and the Victoria Quarter and The Light House, some of the most fashionable shops in Leeds. There are many pubs and restaurants in Leeds, which offer a wide variety of international cuisine. Leeds is a friendly, cosmopolitan city.

Arts and culture flourish in Leeds. The Leeds City Art Gallery stages major exhibitions and the Henry Moore Institute concentrates on bringing sculpture exhibitions to the city. There are regular performances by the Northern Ballet, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and Opera North at a variety of venues such as the Grand Theatre, West Yorkshire Playhouse, and the Civic Theatre. Attractions such as the Kirkstall Abbey, Harewood House, Temple Newsam, and Lotherton Hall are all easily accessible. Film enthusiasts can choose from a selection of commercial and independent cinemas, and each year the city hosts an international film festival.

Leeds is one of the greenest cities in Europe and is less than an hour away from the

spectacular Yorkshire Dales National Park. The city is at the center of an excellent network of roads and trains. The trains provide fast direct service to many cities, including London (2 hours), Manchester (1 hour), Newcastle (1½ hours), and Edinburgh (3 hours). Leeds / Bradford International Airport is only eight miles from the city center.

Leeds is one of the U.K.'s principal manufacturing centers and has grown to be the U.K.'s second largest printing and publishing center. It is also the second largest center outside London for media and communications. Leading companies in the fields of e-commerce, marketing, graphic design, television, radio, advertising, and news agencies are all based in Leeds.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Students who would like to study in England for one semester or an academic year while still remaining enrolled at this university have an excellent opportunity through this study abroad program. Our students at Leeds Metropolitan share the British education experience rather than simply participating in an American program on English soil. The British education system uses the term, "module," instead of our word, "course." Students usually take four modules per semester (considered a full-time program) and select modules in related subjects.

Students may consult the Leeds Met Faculties (<http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/facultiesnew.htm>) and the Leeds Met Online Prospectus (A-Z List of Courses): <http://www.prospectus.leedsmet.ac.uk/main/list.htm?p=64> for fields of study offered. Module availability for these fields will need to be determined on a case by case basis. Contact the Office of Global Education for further information on specific module availability and module descriptions. Fields of study by Faculty include:

Carnegie Faculty of Sport and Education: (undergraduate) childhood studies; early childhood education; primary education; education studies; physical education; secondary physical education; sport and exercise science; sports coaching; sport, leisure and culture; sports marketing and public relations; sport business management; sports development; **(graduate)** childhood studies, early years education, education studies, sport and exercise science, physical education and sport, sport leisure and equity, sports coaching.

Faculty of Arts and Society:

Architecture, Landscape and Design: (undergraduate) architecture, design, garden art and design, interior architecture and design, landscape architecture, **(graduate)** architecture, design, urban design, landscape architecture.

Contemporary Art and Graphic Design:(undergraduate) contemporary art practices (photography, video and electronic imagery), fine art (painting, printmaking, sculpture), graphic arts and design, **(graduate)** curating contemporary art, contemporary fine art practice, graphic arts and design. Please note that photography is available at the Harrogate Campus, which is about 30 minutes outside Leeds.

Built Environment: (undergraduate) architectural technology, building control engineering, building surveying, civil engineering, civil engineering commercial management, construction commercial management, construction management, fire safety, housing studies, human geography, human geography and planning, project management, quantity surveying, **(graduate)**, building surveying, construction law and dispute resolution, facilities management, heritage planning, project management, quantity surveying commercial management, town and country planning, town and regional planning.

Cultural Studies: (undergraduate) English and history, English literature, history, history and politics, media and popular culture, **(graduate)** English: Contemporary Literatures, screen media cultures.

Film, Television and Performing Arts: (undergraduate) animation, film and moving image production, playwork with children, **(graduate)** film and moving image production, screenwriting.

Social Sciences: (undergraduate) community and youth studies, criminology, politics, psychology and society, social sciences, sociology, **(graduate)** criminology, youth work and community development.

Faculty of Business and Law: (undergraduate) accounting and finance, business and human resource management, business and management studies, business studies, economics for business, international business, journalism, law with criminology, marketing, marketing and advertising management, public relations, **(graduate)** accounting, business administration, corporate governance, finance, human resource management, international business, international trade and finance, management, marketing, public relations, purchasing and logistics.

Innovation North: The Faculty of Information and Technology: (**undergraduate**) computer animation and special effects, computer forensics, computing, games design, multimedia technology, photographic journalism, (**graduate**) computer animation technology, creative technology, digital imaging and creative visualization, digital video and special effects, games design, information and technology, information management, information systems, mobile and distributed computer networks, professional computing, sound design, web applications development.

Faculty of Health: (**undergraduate**) biomedical sciences (microbiology, physiology/pharmacology, human biology); clinical language sciences; complimentary therapies; counseling and therapeutic studies; dietetics; health sciences; physiotherapy; psychology; psychology with criminology; psychology with sport and exercise; public health (environmental health, health studies, nutrition); safety, health and environmental management; social work; sport and exercise therapy; (**graduate**) health sciences, occupational therapy, psychological therapies, public health, social work.

Leslie Silver International Faculty: (**undergraduate**) events and entertainment management, global development and international relations, global development and peace studies, global development and politics, hospitality business management, hospitality leadership and management, international tourism management, language studies (French, German, Spanish) with business and other fields, peace studies and international relations, peace studies and politics, retail marketing management, sports event management, (**graduate**) English language teaching, international management (events, hospitality, sports event, tourism), peace and conflict resolution, peace and development.

To provide a cohesive program, participants are encouraged to select modules across no more than two of Leeds' Faculties.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have **upper division standing with a declared major** or **classified graduate standing** at this university by the time of departure, **good academic records**, and a **3.0** cumulative grade point average or better at the time of the application deadline. The applicant also should be prepared to accept the challenge of study in a country with an educational system different from our own. All applicants should check to ensure that they are on track for meeting the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). In most cases, the **lower division courses** of the appropriate field of study must have been completed prior to participation in this program. Applications will be accepted for **one semester** or **one academic year**. Students are required to be **full-time** while studying in England and, thus, take the equivalent of 15 units during each semester for undergraduates and 12 units per semester for graduates. Please note that 60 LMU credits (15 per module or 30 per double module) are approximately equivalent to 12 to 15 credit hours at this university.

CALENDAR

Courses are offered on a semester basis at LMU. Semester 1 begins around the third week in September and ends around the third week of January. Semester 2 begins around the fourth week in January and ends around the beginning of June. Students should plan on being in Leeds in time to attend international students induction week, which usually takes place one or two weeks before the start of the semester.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Students accepted to the program will **pay the usual California State University, Sacramento fees, remain eligible for financial aid** (except work/study), if otherwise qualified, and receive **resident credit** just as if they were attending classes at this university. (Please note that equivalency of courses falls under the jurisdiction of the academic department.) LMU has agreed to waive non-resident tuition, approximately 7,500 pounds (over \$12,410) per year, making this a particularly attractive opportunity for participants. Students will pay for their travel to and from Leeds, room and board, books, and incidentals. In addition, each student must have the required insurance during his or her stay in England. Expenses for a semester in Leeds are estimated at the following: usual undergraduate fees - \$2,450 (graduates would pay the graduate fee), airfare - \$1,200, insurance - \$220, housing and living costs (19 weeks) - \$7,750. Total \$11,620. The estimated expenses for an academic year are about \$22,040. This estimate is given for planning purposes only and is subject to changes from currency fluctuation, inflation, and fee changes. Keep in mind that the costs to obtain a passport and a student visa are not included in this estimate.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on scholarships for study abroad, you should register for and attend a scholarship workshop in the Office of Global Education.

HOUSING

The city of Leeds has for many years housed a large student community and is fully geared to meeting student needs. There is a wide choice of accommodation within walking distance or a short bus ride away from the university's campuses and the city center. The Accommodation Office at LMU assists students in finding housing. More information can be found on their website at: http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/internat/prearrival/leavehome_accomm.htm.

Leeds offers a range of accommodations, including over 3,500 places in university owned or allocated accommodation, self-catering shared student houses in the private rented sector, and private lodgings (homestay). Unipol Student Homes is a charitable trust established to help students find rented accommodation in the private sector and is supported in part by LMU. The Unipol Student Homes office is located near the university's Civic Quarter. You can find details of vacancies available in the private sector at <http://www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The Office of Global Education home page: <http://www.csus.edu/oge>

The Leeds Metropolitan University home page: <http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk>

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Leeds Met information for international students: <http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/internat/index.htm>

For more information about Leeds and the United Kingdom, visit:

<http://www.leedsliveitloveit.com>

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk>

<http://www.leeds-uk.com>

<http://www.visitbritain.com>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

To obtain an application or to speak with a study abroad advisor, please call the **Office of Global Education** at **278-6686** or go to **Lassen Hall, Room 2304**. Applications, references, and transcripts should be sent to the address below. The **deadline** for materials to be received is **March 1**. Please note that there is an interview process for this application, also.

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