

Fact Sheet 2023-24



Incoming Study Exchange Student Information

Loughborough University

School of Social Sciences and Humanities

Study Areas: Media & Communication; Criminology, Sociology & Social Policy; Geography & Environment; English; International Relations, Politics & History



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University Calendar

Semester Dates

Semester One – Autumn 2023

Semester starts 2nd October 2023

Semester ends 2nd February 2024

Semester Two – Spring 2022

Semester starts 5th February 2024

Semester ends 19th June 2024

Term Dates

Autumn Term: 2nd October 2023- 15th December 2023

Spring Term: 8th January 2024 – 22nd March 2024

Summer Term: 22nd April 2024 – 19th June 2024

Application Deadline

Semester One and Year-long Exchanges Application Deadline – 15th June 2023

Semester Two Exchanges Application Deadline – 15th November 2023

You can find further information, guidance and our online application here -

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/applying/how-to-apply/>

Students who are applying for a year-long study exchange must also provide additional information for CAS, a questionnaire will be sent to you with your acceptance letter.

Module Catalogue

A list of modules for incoming students will be made available here:-

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/erasmus/incoming-student-erasmus/module-choice/> - please check that they refer to the 2023/24 academic year (module codes will be prefixed by '23').

Students are expected to participate in full credit-bearing modules totalling 60 Loughborough University credits per semester (30 ECTS credits per semester).

Accommodation

All applications for accommodation in University Halls of Residence are submitted online. Once the incoming student's application to study has been approved, they will receive an acceptance letter from the University's Central Study Exchanges Team, and this will also explain how to apply for accommodation.

Please note that **on-campus accommodation is limited**. 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 exchange students must be prepared to live off-campus if required.

Further information about on-campus accommodation can be found here-

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/halls/>

The Student Accommodation Centre can support exchange students with finding off-campus, further information can be found here- <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/accommodation/halls/>

For **Semester 1 and year-long exchanges** commencing in October 2023, rooms can be applied for online from June to July 2023 (and once you have received your acceptance letter). From 31 July 2023, the room reservation option will remain open, but any applications received after this date will only be considered subject to availability.

For **Semester 2 exchanges** commencing in February 2024, applications for accommodation can be made from November 2023 onwards and once you have received your acceptance letter.

Healthcare

International/EU students (exchange period less than six months)

If a student is staying in the UK for less than six months, they are not eligible for free healthcare under the UK's National Health Service (NHS) and will have to pay the full cost of any medical treatment. You will not be able to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). It is advisable to obtain travel insurance with medical cover before arrival in the UK.

International/EU students (exchange period more than six months)

If a student enters the country on a Student Visa (previously a Tier 4 visa) and plans to study in the UK for more than six months, they will have paid the IHS. This entitles the student to use NHS services, such as General Practice (GP) and hospitals, most of which will be free at the point of use. However, students will have to pay for some services, such as prescriptions, dental treatment and optical treatment.

Visa

Currently EU/EEA/Swiss nationals coming for a single semester (up to 6 months) are not required to apply for a visa; they will be given visa clearance on arrival (they should have letters of acceptance for study to hand to show to border officials). The following link will help you to assess whether you need a visa to study in the UK and if so, what visa you would need to apply for: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

If a visa is required, single semester students will need to apply for a STANDARD VISITOR VISA (previously they applied for a short-term visa). Loughborough University will produce visa support letters for all international status students.

All full-year exchange students (Int and EU) will have to apply for the new STUDENT VISA (previously Tier 4 visa) and will need to provide a formal English language qualification along with their exchange application forms. A list of the language qualifications we accept can be found here:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/international/apply/english-language-requirements/>

For visa advice, please contact our Student Advice and Support Service:

- Phone - +44 (0)1509 222058
- Email – advice@lboro.ac.uk

Travel Insurance

Incoming exchange students are advised to take out travel insurance to cover their stay, including cover for medical expenses and personal possessions.

Induction

Semester 1 and Year-long Exchanges

Incoming exchange students will be invited to a School induction event at the start of the semester, where they will meet the relevant Division Study Exchange Tutor.

The University's Central Exchanges team will also run an induction event in the first week of term to welcome students to the University and to give them the opportunity to meet exchange students from every School within the University. Exchange students will also be introduced to a peer mentor (see below).

Details of dates, times and locations of induction events will be emailed to students in advance.

Semester 2

Incoming exchange students will be invited to a School induction event and a University-wide induction event in the first week of the semester; further information will be emailed to exchange students in advance.

Peer Mentor Scheme

All incoming exchange students coming to Loughborough University are assigned a peer mentor – a current LU student who will be a contact throughout the study exchange. At the start of the academic year exchange students are invited to meet with their peer mentors. Following the introductory meeting, students can contact their peer mentor to discuss any issues and the peer mentors check in with their mentees at regular intervals to see if they are OK.