

INFORMATION FOR PARTNERS AND STUDENTS: 2021-22



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Exchange Student Handbook	For important information for exchange students, and more detailed information than this fact sheet (including visa advice, language support and information on accommodation), <u>please refer to our Incoming Exchange Handbook:</u> https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/before-you-arrive/

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Application process and Academic information

Academic calendar (includes examination period)	<p>Semester 1: 4 October 2021 – 4 February 2022 (exams after Christmas vacation)</p> <p>Semester 2: 7 February 2022 - 22 June 2022 http://www.lboro.ac.uk/students/enquiries/termdates/</p>
Welcome and induction programmes	<p>School of Business and Economics Welcome session Semester 1: 1 October 2021 (Friday before the semester starts) Semester 2: 7 February 2022 (first day of second semester)</p> <p>University Induction Session The University also runs an induction session at the start of each semester. The date to be advised.</p> <p>Students should attend both events.</p>
Nomination deadlines	<p>For semester 1 or full year students: 1 May For semester 2 students: 1 October</p> <p>Nominations should be made via form, which will be sent to partners on the first day of the nomination period.</p>
Application deadlines	<p>For Semester 1 or full year students: 15 June For semester 2 students: 15 November</p>
Application form	<p>Application forms are available for download from: www.lboro.ac.uk/study/overseas-exchange/incoming/applying/how-to-apply/</p> <p>Complete applications (form and supporting documents) should be sent to: sbe.international@lboro.ac.uk</p> <p>Once we get approval from our Business and Economics Academic Coordinator, we will forward the applications to the central Exchanges office of the University. The Exchanges team will then contact the students with their acceptance letters and details on how to apply for visas and accommodation.</p>

Language requirements	<p>For exchange students coming to Loughborough for one semester, an English language qualification is not mandatory. However, students must be proficient in English to B2 level in the CEFR.</p> <p>Students coming for a full year who require a Student Visa must have an IELTS (or equivalent) score of at least 6.5 overall, with no less than 6 in each component.</p> <p>Please check the latest English Language requirements on our website: www.lboro.ac.uk/international/englang</p>
Modules and workload	<p>Students must take most of their modules in the School of Business and Economics. Modules are chosen from a list which is normally confirmed in May.</p> <p>On average an exchange student takes 60 Loughborough credits per semester, which is equivalent to 30 ECTS credits.</p> <p>Undergraduate modules are usually worth 10 or 5 ECTS credits, depending on the content. Postgraduate modules are usually worth 7.5 ECTS credits.</p> <p>Module contents can be consulted in the university public webpages through the following links:</p> <p>Business modules https://lucas.lboro.ac.uk/epublic/wp5016.main?dept=BS&dept2=BS</p> <p>Economics modules https://lucas.lboro.ac.uk/epublic/wp5016.main?dept=EC&dept2=EC</p> <p>It may also be possible to take a credit bearing language module in the Language Centre. For more information please visit: http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/phir/languages/.</p>
Module registration	<p>The International Relations Office will register the students in their modules prior to their arrival and inform them of any changes required (due to timetable clashes and/or module availability).</p>
Transcripts	<p>At the end of the exchange, the student and their home university will receive an electronic transcript summarising their studies at Loughborough.</p> <p>We aim to start sending all the transcripts four weeks after the examination period ends.</p>

Grading System

Grades at Loughborough are shown as a percentage.

Credits - Undergraduate programmes

If the combined percentage mark is 40 or more, ECTS credit is awarded for that module as follows:

Mark	ECTS Credit Status	ECTS Grade
70+	Credit Awarded	A
60-69	Credit Awarded	B
50-59	Credit Awarded	C
40-49	Credit Awarded	D
30-39	Redeemable Fail/No Credit Awarded	FX
0-29	Fail/No Credit Awarded	F

Postgraduate programme

If the combined percentage mark is 50 or more, ECTS credit is awarded for that module.



Practical information

Visa	<p>From 1 January 2021 the visa regulations for students studying in the UK have changed.</p> <p>Check if you need a visa: The UK government webpage features a useful tool to evaluate if a visa is needed to a particular situation: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</p> <p>If you need a visa, you should consider the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £348 for the visa application fee• £470 for the immigration Health Surcharge <p>The Student Advice and Support Service (SASS) from the University also provides advice to all students who need to apply for Student permission from outside the UK. If you need specific advice about your circumstances our advisers can guide you before you complete your online application. www.lboro.ac.uk/services/isas/visa-advice/</p>
Health insurance	<p>Studying in the UK for less than 6 months Before you travel, you need to buy travel insurance that comes with healthcare cover.</p> <p>Studying in the UK for more than 6 months When you apply for a visa, you will be asked to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). This costs £470 and will allow you to use most of the NHS services for free. However, services as prescriptions, dental treatment and optical treatment are not included and need to be paid.</p> <p>Those not covered by the NHS are strongly advised to take out medical insurance.</p>

Accommodation	<p>Once the application documents have been approved, students will receive an email from the Student Accommodation Centre explaining how to apply for accommodation. Students coming in semester 1 can apply for accommodation from June and students coming in Semester 2 can apply for accommodation from mid-December. We recommend applying as soon as possible.</p> <p>There is a wide range of accommodation options for students in Loughborough, on-campus and off-campus.</p> <p>On-campus accommodation: There are rooms in catered and self-catered university halls of residence, single or shared. The cost of accommodation varies greatly depending on the kind of room. Catered on-campus rooms can cost from around £130 to £180 per week. Self-catered rooms are from around £87 to £170.</p> <p>Off-campus accommodation: The Accommodation Office also helps with approved off-campus accommodation. Rooms off-campus can cost around £80 per week, dependent on whether bills are included.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A room on-campus cannot be guaranteed but the Student Accommodation Centre will always help students to secure a place to live.</p> <p>If you have any enquiries about accommodation, please contact the Student Accommodation Centre directly by e-mail sac@lboro.ac.uk or by telephone +44 (0)1509 274488. For further information please visit: www.lboro.ac.uk/services/accommodation/prospective-students/erasmusandstudyabroad/</p>
Cost of living	<p>By UK standards Loughborough is not an expensive place to live. Your living costs will vary depending upon your lifestyle and choice of accommodation, but we have estimated that you will need around £8,000 a year to cover accommodation and all major living expenses, including food, clothing, books and local travel.</p>