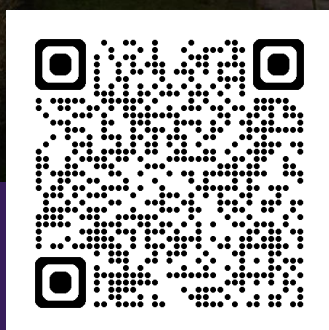


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Information for Partners and Students



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The International Relations Team

Welcome to Loughborough Business School (LB), at Loughborough University. The LB International Relations Office is the home of our dedicated exchanges team. We are here to support students before, during, and after their exchange programme.



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Your journey starts here

2026-27 Full year students and semester 1 only students

15 Mar -
30 April

- **Nominations (partner Universities)**
- For Semester 1 and Full Year exchanges: **15 March - 30th April 2026**
- Please submit your nominations here: <https://forms.office.com/e/rrM9Wkr9TU>

1 May -
15 Jun

- **Applications (students)**
- For Semester 1 or full year students: **1 May – 15 June 2026**
- Submit application form online
- Send supporting documents to: LB-international@lboro.ac.uk

1 Jul -
31 Jul

- **Registration by Central Services (Placements, Exchanges and Governance Team)**
- Official Acceptance Letter to be sent by email
- Students apply for accommodation with Student Accommodation Centre
- Students apply for a visa (if required)

1 Aug -
31 Aug

- **Module registration**
- International Relations Office registers you on your modules
- You will be contacted to resolve module clashes if needed

21 Sep -
24 Sep

- Travel to Loughborough (you will receive further instructions on arrival details)

25 Sep

- Welcome session organised by Loughborough Business School

Your journey starts here

2026-27 Semester 2 only students

15 Aug -
30 Sep

- **Nominations (partner Universities)**
- For Semester 2 exchanges: **15 August - 30 September 2026**
- Please submit your nominations here: <https://forms.office.com/e/rrM9WkR9TU>

1 Oct -
15 Nov

- **Applications (students)**
- For semester 2 students: **1 October – 15 November 2026**
- Submit application form online
- Send supporting documents to: LB-international@lboro.ac.uk

1 Dec -
15 Dec

- **Registration by Central Services (Placements, Exchanges and Governance Team)**
- Official Acceptance Letter to be sent by email
- Students apply for accommodation with Student Accommodation Centre
- Students apply for a visa (if required)

15 December
- 15 January

- **Module registration**
- International Relations Office registers you on your modules
- You will be contacted to resolve module clashes if needed

1 Feb -
5 Feb

- Travel to Loughborough (you will receive further instructions on arrival details)

First week
of Classes

- Welcome session organised by Loughborough Business School

Academic year: important dates

Semester 1: 28th Sept 2026 to 5th Feb 2027 (includes exams)

Welcome session: 25th September 2026 (compulsory)

Semester 2: 8th Feb 2027 to 4th June 2027 (includes exams)

Welcome session: First week of classes, date to be confirmed (compulsory)

Language requirements



Language requirements are mainly linked to visa sponsorship.

Students that don't need a **Student Visa**, do not need to provide evidence of English.

Students joining for one semester only

Evidence of English is not required.

However, students must be proficient in English to B2 level in the CEFR. A confirmation from the partner would be sufficient.

Full year students

Students must check if they need a **Student Visa**. If they do, they will need to submit evidence of English as part of their application to study with us. 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.

Please check if you need a visa: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>
Please check the latest English Language requirements on our website: www.lboro.ac.uk/international/englang

Minimum grade requirements



We trust that the partners will select their best students to join our exchange programme and therefore we don't set minimum grades for application.

We don't normally reject any applications, but we reserve the right to deny access to certain modules if we believe that the students don't have the necessary background to be successful on their requested modules.

All Learning agreements will be reviewed by our Academic Exchange Coordinator.

Visa information

Check if you need a visa:

The UK government webpage features an easy and useful tool that allows you to quickly check if you need a visa: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>. It takes a few seconds and there is no need to sign in or create an account.

If you need specific advice about your circumstances the University has legally approved advisers who can guide you before you complete your online application:

www.lboro.ac.uk/services/isas/visa-advice/

New rules to enter the UK for “non-visa nationals”

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

The UK government is rolling out the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) process for visitors. This allows single semester students to visit the UK for up to 6 months and costs £10. More details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>.

Students who are required to apply for a Visitor visa before travelling to the UK (i.e. ‘visa nationals’ e.g. China, India, Turkey) are not affected by this change.

Module choices

A list of available modules is released at the end of May every year. You may need to change your original learning agreement during the Summer.

Please note that for 2026-27 there will be updates to the UG and PG modules available. We will release the new module list as soon as possible.

Modules should be selected from the same level: students should not combine modules from undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

60 Loughborough
credits per
semester

Equivalent to 30 ECTS

All modules
from the
Business School

One language
module

If approved by home
University

We expect exchange students to register for the same number of credits as a student registered for a Loughborough degree.

In exceptional circumstances we may allow the registration in a different number of credits (up to a maximum of 35 ECTS). Partners should submit their requests directly to LB-international@lboro.ac.uk stating the reasons why the student should be taking more modules than the full workload of a Loughborough student. All requests will be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

After the programme starts module changes are only possible if the student has **timetable conflicts**, therefore, we advise all the students to carefully consider and discuss their modules with their home universities.

Grading System at Loughborough

Loughborough does not work with ECTS system. All our modules are valued as Loughborough credits. A full workload is 120 Loughborough credits for the full year, or 60 Loughborough credits for one semester.

1 ECTS is equivalent to 2 Loughborough credits.

30 ECTS is equivalent to 60 Loughborough credits. (Full time student workload per semester)

60 ECTS is equivalent to 120 Loughborough credits. (Full time student workload per year)

Grades at Loughborough are shown as a percentage from 0% (minimum grade) to 100% (maximum grade).

The pass mark for undergraduate students is 40%.

The pass mark for postgraduate students is 50%.

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

Accommodation

When the Placements, Exchanges and Governance (PEG) Team registers you in the University database, you will receive an official acceptance letter. **This letter will state your application number and your student number. You will need these details to apply for a room on campus.**

Please be
patient...

Our central team processes a high volume of applications - in addition to other requirements of their role. Official acceptance letters are usually sent by mid-July for semester 1 and full year exchange students and mid-December for semester 2 exchange students.

There is a wide range of accommodation options for students in Loughborough and a dedicated team at the University called the **Student Accommodation Centre (SAC)** who will help you to find a place to live. You can apply for a room on campus or off campus, catered or self-catered, with private or shared facilities.

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. More information can be found here: <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/accommodation/on-campus/fees-facilities/>

Off-campus accommodation:

The Student Accommodation Office also helps with approved off-campus accommodation. <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/accommodation/off-campus/>

SAC cannot guarantee all students a place in halls of residence, however, they will help you to find accommodation with an off campus approved provider, should you need it.

For more information on accommodation go to: www.lboro.ac.uk/accommodation

You will receive the outcome of your application for accommodation:

- At the beginning of September (for semester 1 and Full year students)
- In December and January (for semester 2 students)

If you would like to have your accommodation sorted before this, you may wish to consider finding private accommodation yourself.

You have several options in and around Loughborough town however do not sign any contract without running it through our Student Advice and Support Services. They can check your contract prior to signing, to identify potential issues:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/student-services/topics/renting-off-campus-contracts/>

Student Accommodation Centre:

Email: sac@lboro.ac.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)1509 274488.

Webpage: www.lboro.ac.uk/services/accommodation/prospective-students/erasmusandstudyabroad/

Your health matters

Students that don't need a Student Visa are not entitled to regular health care.

Students that come to the UK to study for less than 6 months don't need to apply for a Student Visa, and therefore they will be treated as "visitors". Visitors are not entitled to free healthcare nor a family doctor, but they can visit the hospital in an emergency.

Hospital visits will be charged therefore we recommend that you buy travel insurance that comes with healthcare cover, so you can recover any costs that you incur.

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national you will be exempt from some medical costs if you have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). It is important that you apply for an EHIC in your own country and bring it with you.

Students entering the UK on a Student Visa are entitled to health care the same way as a resident:

Students that come to the UK to study for more than 6 months are entitled to free healthcare and **they can** register for a GP (family doctor) including the medical centre on campus. 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.

Support for students with disabilities

Loughborough University can offer support across a wide range of disabilities including dyslexia, autistic spectrum conditions and long-term health conditions.

Depending on an assessment of your specific needs, your support could include:

- Examination and assessment adjustments
- Access to free specialist software on the University IT system
- Orientation and familiarisation visits around campus
- Provision of specialist mentoring and/or study support sessions
- Bespoke library access
- Signposting to self-help material and local services related to mental health and wellbeing
- Adaptions to the physical environment or provision of equipment in your Halls of Residence

Students with physical, mental or long-term health conditions are encouraged to disclose them on the Incoming Student Application Form so that any requisite assistance and support can be put in place.

For details of the support services offered to students, please see:

<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/student-services/>

Living Costs

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 £900 - £1100 per month to cover accommodation and all major living expenses, including food, clothing, books and local travel.



Getting here

Nearest airport: East Midlands Airport

Other UK airports:

- Birmingham Airport
- Gatwick Airport
- Heathrow Airport
- London Luton Airport
- London Stansted Airport
- Manchester Airport

The University offers a free airport pick-up service from Heathrow Airport Terminal 2 for students arriving for semester 1 (late September). Please note that this service is not available to Semester 2 exchange students.

There are a number of ways to get to Loughborough from each airport with widely varying times and costs. The usual options are:

Coach:

National Express <https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>

Megabus <https://uk.megabus.com/>

Flixbus <https://www.flixbus.co.uk/>

Train: East Midlands Railway (no booking fees) www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk

If there are no direct links, we recommend that you travel to Leicester and change there to a bus to Loughborough.



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