

School of Politics and
International Studies



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

UNDERGRADUATE *Degrees*





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WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

As an integral part of one of the top 15 Universities in the UK, the School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) brings together research and teaching strengths that are recognised both nationally and internationally in the areas of Security, Development and Democracy.

Within these areas we focus on human development; global justice and security; conflict and terrorism; political parties and leadership; and democratisation with regional specialisms in Britain, Europe, North America, Sub-Saharan and North Africa, South and South East Asia and the Middle East.

The School is situated at the heart of the University campus and provides an excellent environment for students. We currently teach some 800 undergraduate and over 200 postgraduate students – with more than half of our postgraduates coming from overseas.

In recent years there has been a surge of interest in our subject areas. In part this is because of the turn in world affairs after September 2001, but it also shows that, whatever criticisms are levelled at today's youth, many of the 'best and the brightest' want to study the world in order to change it for the better.

Our staff will help you to grapple with the important issues of the day with passion as well as intelligence, utilising the expertise gained through their own research work and engagement with practitioners. Our degree results demonstrate how well students respond to this approach and how much employers value a degree from the University of Leeds.

Many of our students on graduation go on to high profile, careers in the media, the Civil Service, with NGOs, in the private sector, as well as achieving further academic honours as Doctoral students.

As such, our degree programmes in POLIS are designed to allow students to develop their full potential in an academic environment that can help the scholars of today to meet the intellectual, as well as practical challenges of our increasingly Globalised world.

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The fluidity and ever changing nature of the subjects in POLIS and current affairs always keeps things interesting. There is never a dull moment!

Josh Saxby
BA Politics

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“Because of my internship at Shared Interest, I now have a growing network of individuals that I can leverage for future employment opportunities.”

Nick Virr

BA International Development



Why study Politics and International Studies at Leeds?

Our first-class learning environment

One of our key aims is to provide students with an intellectually rigorous and stimulating environment in which to study. With over 35 academic staff, we are one of the largest academic departments of our kind in the UK, covering the fields of international development, international relations and politics.

Our strength lies in the ability to bring together these exciting areas of study in both a creative and practical way, based on the extensive research expertise within the school.

Our outstanding range of courses

Our degrees bring together research and teaching in international, political and development studies, dealing with issues of global importance and significance. You will examine both historical and contemporary issues affecting societies today, learning how to change the world for the better.

Each course allows for great flexibility, giving you the opportunity to group modules in ways which cross boundaries enabling you to shape your programme to your own interests. These engaging and topical modules are closely linked to research interests within the school, you will be taught by experts who are leaders in their field.

Modules recently offered include: Spin Doctors and Electioneering, State and Politics in Africa, Terrorism and Security, Global Political Theory and the Environment, Extreme Right Parties in Contemporary Western Europe, Feminist Challenges to Political Theory, Theories of Democracy and Political Corruption.

With all of our programmes, you also have the opportunity to study abroad (see page 5).

Your excellent career prospects

There is also a practical purpose in studying politics and related fields: our graduates are going on to work not only in government and public services, but in nongovernmental organisations engaged in political campaigning; in media and communications (we have recent graduates working for the BBC's Newsnight programme and at the new Al Jazeera International news network); and in many parts of the private sector too, where an understanding of political issues at home and abroad is increasingly seen as necessary.

We have addressed our students' interest in their future careers by expanding opportunities to undertake study abroad, work placements and internships which we actively encourage our students to do. As well as giving you the opportunity to develop your skills, these will enhance your CV and employability upon graduation.

Study Abroad

Nearly one quarter of our students study or work abroad at some stage during their degree.

Not only does this add an international dimension to your studies, exposing you to new cultures and experiences, it also enables you to develop your skills which are highly regarded by prospective employers.

Those studying on a four year programme can work abroad as part of the course and those studying on a three year programme have the opportunity to apply for an additional year studying overseas.

In Europe...

We currently have Erasmus exchanges with partner universities in:

- Belgium
- France
- Germany
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- Turkey

...and beyond

You will also have the opportunity to apply to the University's exchange programmes in:

- Asia
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Canada
- Latin America
- South Africa
- USA

Students on the BA Politics and Parliamentary Studies degree have the opportunity to undertake placements in the Canadian parliament or in the United States Congress; and BA International Development students can also spend a semester in Hong Kong, Ghana or Turkey.

Joint honours language students can also spend a year abroad through POLIS, studying in a similar partner department, or through their language department, either working as a language teaching assistant or at a university.



“Without a shadow of a doubt I would recommend everyone who has the opportunity to study abroad to grab the chance with both hands. The experiences, friends and knowledge I gained from being out of my comfort zone were irreplaceable; I learnt so much more about everything and most importantly myself.”

Jaimini Patel

BA Politics, University of South Carolina

“To try and summarise six months in a sentence... I would recommend anyone to do just as I have done! My passion for studying and learning has been stoked from my time in Ghana.”

Calum Inverarity

BA International Development with International Relations, University of Ghana

“I had the perfect mix of daily tasks, weekly committee meetings, weekly caucus meetings, meetings with external organisations, as well as long term projects, which made my days varied and extremely interesting.”

Sarah Playfair

BA Politics and Parliamentary Studies, Canadian Parliament, Ottawa



“My time at POLIS has been a great help in my career since. The direct experience of UK and US politics, an opportunity unique to POLIS, has been particularly valuable. The department enabled me to focus on how politics works in practice and I am able to use this knowledge in my role day-to-day.”

Mark Ramsden
(BA Politics), Public Affairs Manager,
Asda House

“I found out about my current job via the Careers website and applied whilst in the final year of my degree. I am also here in part thanks to the Leeds for Life initiative that awarded me a small grant in order to help realise my plan of coming to El Salvador.”

Alison Shepherd
(BA International Development with Politics),
International Communications Coordinator,
Permaculture Institute of El Salvador (IPES).

“The Internship Programme run by Democratic Services at Leeds City Council is designed to provide an opportunity for students to use their research skills in a working environment. Students are involved in researching briefing notes and providing detailed support to senior Councillors, as well as having the opportunity to work on media skills.”

Alan Kimber
Group Support Manager, Leeds City Council.

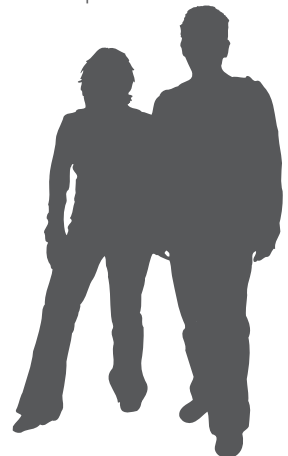
YOUR FUTURE: EMPLOYABILITY AND CAREERS

Employability is something we are very proud of in the School of Politics and International Studies. We are one of the top departments of our kind in the UK for graduate employment and the latest statistics show that 90 per cent of our graduates were in employment or further study within six months of graduation.*

In addition to the University Careers Centre which provides help to all students at Leeds, POLIS has a dedicated Careers Consultant to cater to your every need and enhance your personal development during your time with us.

As a student in the School of Politics and International Studies you will have access to:

- Careers advice
- One-one careers sessions
- CV guidance
- Careers modules
- Networking events
- Specialist careers talks
- Alumni talks
- Internship opportunities
- Volunteering opportunities



Recent careers talks in the School include:

Major General John Lorimer

Chief of Defence Strategic Communications Office
Ministry of Defence

Andrew Cummings (POLIS graduate)

Head of Middle East National Security Council
Cabinet Office

Karen Inwood

Director
Permaculture Institute of El-Salvador

Our students thrive in the increasingly competitive job market and alumni go into a wide range of careers including political research and analysis, political consultancy and work with research bodies. Graduates have secured jobs in local and central government the Civil Service, international organisations such as the UN and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the UK and overseas. Many of our graduates also go on to successful careers in teaching, business and finance and the media.

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HOW WILL I STUDY?

How will my degree be organised?

All POLIS degrees are modular in form and contain core elements, but also a wide choice of options from modules run within the School and from other subjects within the University. Students take 120 credits of modules in each year (modules are usually 20 credits each) and may also take 'skills' modules in information technology, career development or languages. All students across BA programmes take a common multidisciplinary core module 'Globalisation' which embeds study and transferable skills, and introduces students to a variety of assessment methods. Modules listed in this brochure are correct at time of printing but maybe subject to change as programmes are updated.

You can expect to develop a wide range of skills with our programmes. These include critical reasoning, use of evidence, personal research and independent learning, written and verbal presentation, and the use of information technologies to develop findings and present conclusions. As well as being valuable academic attributes, these qualities are attractive to potential employers. On top of the support offered by the School, students can call upon the University's Skills Centre, see www.leeds.ac.uk/skillscentre for more information.

How is teaching organised?

Most teaching takes place in lectures, workshops and seminars. Lectures 'set the scene' for a topic or a theme and provide students with a framework for doing further reading and thinking on the issues presented. Seminars are held in smaller groups, which meet for structured discussions under the guidance of the lecturer or a tutor. In seminars lecture topics are investigated in more depth, questions raised and arguments are developed.

We emphasise the importance of student participation, presentation skills and group work.

How is assessment organised?

Students will encounter a variety of assessment methods from traditional examinations and essays to reports and presentations. Single honours students undertake a 12,000 word dissertation in their final year. This is a piece of independent study chosen in an area of special interest to the student and with very few restrictions on the topic.

How will I be supported?

Our aspirations go beyond academic and teaching excellence; we are also concerned for the welfare of our students outside the classroom. Our support and administrative staff provide a supportive environment and add to our friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

As well as our Undergraduate Office which provides day to day support, we have a dedicated Student Support Officer, who provides advice and support to undergraduate students with regards to pastoral care. Students are also assigned an academic personal tutor to discuss academic, career and personal matters.

"SLED is an extremely useful programme for first year POLIS students insofar as it serves to broaden the knowledge of module-related topics amongst those who attend. This is achieved in a style similar to that of a seminar group but far more relaxed."

Gilberto Algar-Faria

(BA International Relations), SLED
Student Leader

Additional Support

Further support is offered through the Student Led Discussion Network (SLED) whereby students are able to call on the experience and knowledge of students in subsequent levels. These groups give students a space to engage in open discussion, explore their understanding of module content and benefit from the input of their peers in a relaxed atmosphere.

All programmes are assigned a Student Representative. These 'Student Reps' provide a vital link between their fellow students and staff. They communicate the opinions of the students to staff and vice versa at the Student-Staff Forum and help shape and enhance modules and programme provision within the School. Student Reps also run regular 'surgeries' where students can voice any concerns and raise suggestions.

For social events, sports and networking you can join the POLIS Society, an official Leeds University Union Society.

BA (Hons) International Development

UCAS code: L920



Entry requirements

ABB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. See page 13 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

How to apply

Through UCAS (see www.ucas.com)

BA International Development examines major world issues from the viewpoint of the people and nations of the South.

This course combines a breadth of interdisciplinary knowledge in the field of International Development with a disciplinary or regional specialism (a second subject). You will review contemporary development issues, and examine the progress of key international development goals, such as poverty reduction, and reducing HIV/AIDS and malaria. You will consider the impact of colonialism and the slave trade on developing countries, and examine case-studies to discover how development agencies plan and implement intervention programmes.

You will explore some of the most important international issues in the post-cold war era, and learn about the national and international organisations that promote development.

If you wish to take the study abroad option, there is the additional opportunity to study alongside students in less developed countries (currently Hong Kong, Ghana or Turkey).

Available second subjects

- Politics
- Geography
- Sociology
- Economics
- Theology & Religious Studies
- International Relations
- East Asian Studies
- European Studies

Year one

Compulsory modules

Contemporary Development Issues; Making of the Global South; and Globalisation.

Plus: 40 credits from your second subject.

Plus: Elective modules from inside or outside of the school to make up the balance.

Year two (semester abroad option)

Compulsory modules

Development Practice; and Development and Social Change.

Plus: Semester abroad in Hong Kong, Ghana or Turkey (60 credits).

Plus: One additional module from your second subject.

Year two (Leeds based option)

Compulsory modules

Development Practice; and Development and Social Change.

Plus: 20 credits from a list of International Development optional modules.

Plus: 40 credits from your second subject.

Plus: 20 credits made up from an elective module, a further module from the school or your second subject.

Year three

Compulsory module

Dissertation (40 credits)

Plus: one optional module from Rural Development: Theoretical and Policy Issues; or Approaches to HIV/AIDS in the Developing World.

Plus: 20 credits from a list of International Development optional modules.

Plus: 20 credits from your second subject.

Plus: 20 credits made up from an elective module, a further module from the school or your second subject.

“My advice to students studying International Development would be to try and get some work experience in the industry and take up the study abroad option. Or to gain some work experience by volunteering for a company or charity... all these have been advantageous on my CV.”

Nicki Spence

(BA International Development graduate), Consultant, Livelihoods and Rural Development, Maxwell Stamp

BA (Hons) International Relations

UCAS code: L254

Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. See page 13 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

How to apply

Through UCAS (see www.ucas.com)

This programme gives you an historical understanding of how the 'society of states' has evolved and how it may be changing today. It also involves a theoretical understanding of how actors behave and what obligations they may have to wider conceptions of international society. These issues are addressed in our compulsory modules, which are International Politics, Globalisation, Security Studies and International Organisation and World Order.

IR has always been an interesting and significant subject to study, but recent events have seemingly elevated international concerns to a higher level of importance. The fate of governments is, in many respects, dependent on how well they respond to international threats such as terrorism. The need to cooperate with other states to counteract these threats is increasingly apparent. IR examines the political dynamics that influence interstate cooperation and it illustrates the specific role that international organisations like the United Nations play in promoting international peace and security.

The IR degree offers a wide range of choice. Our staff offer modules in their research areas, including options in terrorism, strategic studies, American foreign policy, the global politics of the environment, international political economy, and conflict in the Middle East.

Our students can also choose comparative politics options as well as modules in the areas of European, Political Theory and Development Studies. Our degree is flexible enough to allow students to take modules elsewhere in the University (e.g. history, modern languages, etc).

Year one

Compulsory modules

International Politics; and Globalisation.

Plus: one module from 'Alternative Approaches to International Relations'. Chosen from: Contemporary Development Issues; and Freedom Power and Democracy: an Introduction to Political Ideas.

Plus: one module from 'Global and Regional Practice'. Chosen from: Making of the Global South; British Politics; European Politics; and Debating Europe.

Plus: 40 credits of electives from inside or outside of the school.

Year two

Compulsory modules

Security Studies; and International Organisations and World Order.

Plus: one module from 'Alternative Approaches to International Relations'. Chosen from: Development and Social Change; North-South Linkages; Age of Ideology; Nationalism in the Modern World; Theories of Political Morality; Theories of Justice; and Theories of Democracy.

Plus: one module from 'Global and Regional Practice'. Chosen from: Governing the European Union; Making the European Union; Politics and International Relations of Pacific Asia; Politics in Russia; and United States Politics.

Plus: 40 credits of electives from inside or outside the school.

Year three

Compulsory module

Dissertation (40 credits).

Plus: two modules from: Europe in the World; American Foreign Policy; Israel: Politics and Society; Crisis Diplomacy: Coercion, Sanctions and the Use of Force in International Relations; Dirty War: Insurgency, the States and Cities; Global Political Theory and the Environment; Political Violence; and British Foreign Policy.

Plus: 20 credits from elective modules inside or outside of the school and 20 credits from approved POLIS modules.

"Working at the British Embassy gave me fantastic insight into life in the diplomatic service. It was tremendous fun and very insightful. I was working in the Nicaragua desk, writing a contingency plan for the Foreign Office in London in the event of a natural disaster/political strife".

Jack Mullen

(BA International Relations), Intern, British Embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica

BA (Hons) Politics

UCAS code: L200

Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. See page 13 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

How to apply

Through UCAS
(see www.ucas.com)

This Politics degree gives you an understanding of political processes, theories and organisations through the study of British politics and the study of international issues and the political systems of other countries, providing you with a critical insight into the real politics behind the headlines.

The course allows you to study the main political theories that structure our political systems, and the wider social forces that shape political life. You will examine British politics, and analyse international issues. You will explore the political systems of other countries, and track the evolution of global politics from the rise of the modern state to the present day.

You can choose to investigate corruption or organised crime, or study environmental policy and British Prime Ministers. You may decide to learn about the politics of Japan, China, Russia or India.

Lecturers have research and teaching expertise in British politics, political theory, comparative politics, international relations, EU politics and the politics of developing countries. The degree provides a basis for a career in a range of organisations such as interest groups, research bodies, the media, the civil service, local government and political consultancy, for which political understanding is important, and for a career in the professions such as law, financial services and teaching.

Year one

Compulsory modules

Globalisation; Freedom, Power and Democracy.

Plus: two modules from: British Politics; European Politics; and International Politics.

Plus: 40 credits of electives from inside or outside of the school.

Year two

Compulsory module

Approaches to Political Science.

Plus: one optional module in the area of 'Government and Political Systems'. Chosen from: British Central Government; Governing the European Union; Making the European Union; Politics and International Relations of Pacific Asia; Politics in Russia; and United States Politics.

Plus: one optional module from the area of 'Political Theory' modules: Chosen from: Age of Ideology; Theories of Justice; Theories of Morality; and Theories of Democracy.

Plus: 20 credits of POLIS modules.

Plus: 40 credits of electives from inside or outside of the school.

Year three

Compulsory module

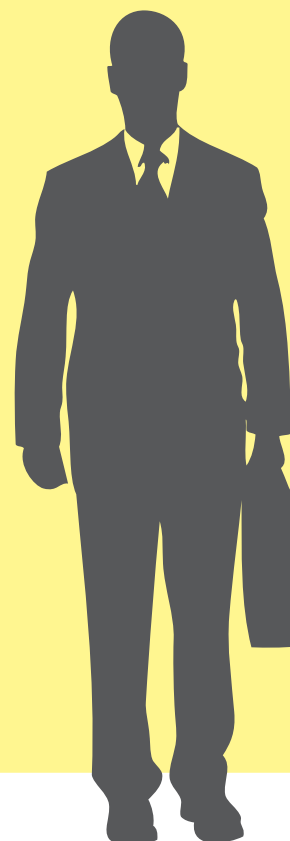
Dissertation (40 credits).

Plus: 60 credits must be taken from approved POLIS modules.

Plus: The remaining 20 credits may be taken from electives from inside or outside of the school.

"I have found the Politics course unique, in that it gives you a huge amount of freedom so you are able to shape your degree to what you want to study."

David Shetcliffe
BA Politics



BA (Hons) Politics and Parliamentary Studies

UCAS code: L242 (four year programme)

Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent. General Studies accepted. Applicants will also be required to attend an interview. See page 13 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

How to apply

Through UCAS
(see www.ucas.com)

The Politics and Parliamentary Studies degree allows you to combine the study of political science, contained in the Politics degree, with an internship providing work experience in political offices at Westminster and possibilities in North America.

This allows students to develop practical skills and understanding of these political systems from the 'inside'. The structure of the first, second and final years at Leeds are substantially the same as the Politics degree but, in addition, students follow a second year Parliamentary Studies module which prepares them for the year out by giving them an understanding of Westminster and other parliaments and, through workshops, the opportunity to develop relevant skills such as speech writing and dealing with constituents' policy enquiries.

Students can attend our partner universities in Washington or Canada for a semester and take up internships in the US Congress or Canadian Parliament or they can spend a year in work placements in London.

All students are able to follow internships with an MP at Westminster including junior ministers, front bench Opposition MPs and backbenchers of all parties; and internships with political consultancies, party organisations and research bodies are also available.

In all these internships you will work as part of the office team and develop work related skills as well as a greater understanding of politics and policy. Students have also been involved in elections in Britain, the US and Canada during their internships.

The internship year allows progress into careers with these organisations or in the media or with interest groups as well as in the professions. Entry is by interview during the Spring term and successful applicants are chosen for their academic qualifications, interest in current politics, personality and transferable skills.

Year one

Compulsory modules

Globalisation; and Freedom, Power and Democracy.

Plus: two modules from from: British Politics; European Politics; and International Politics.

Plus: 40 credits of electives from inside or outside of the school.

Year two

Compulsory modules

Parliamentary Studies; Approaches to Political Science.

Plus: one optional module in the area of 'Government and Political Systems'. Chosen from British Central Government, Governing the EU; Making the EU; Politics and International Relations of Pacific Asia; Politics in Russia; and United States Politics.

Plus: one optional module from Political Theory modules: Age of Ideology; Theories of Justice; Theories of Morality; and Theories of Democracy.

Plus: 40 credits of electives from inside or outside of the school.



Year three

All students spend a year on work placement. Opportunities are available in Westminster, the US Congress or the Canadian Parliament.

Compulsory module

Dissertation (40 credits).

Plus: 60 credits must be taken from approved POLIS modules.

Plus: The remaining 20 credits may be taken from electives from inside or outside of the school.

"The PPS course changed my whole life. My time in Washington and London taught me real practical skills about politics (and the world of work). I learnt that I didn't want to be a politician and came across the political consultants and lobbyists who for me seemed to have the most fun in the system. It introduced me to a career I have had ever since."

Stephen Byfield

(BA Politics and Parliamentary Studies graduate), Managing Director, PPS Group (Public Affairs and PR Consultancy)

JOINT HONOURS

BA (Hons) Politics and Geography

UCAS code: LL72



Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent, including A in Geography, plus a minimum of grade C in GCSE Mathematics. See page 13 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

How to apply

Through UCAS (see www.ucas.com)

This programme will give you a firm grounding in the institutions and practices of modern political systems, and enable you to track the evolution of global politics from the rise of the modern state to the present day. It allows you to study the main political theories that structure our political systems, and the wider social forces that shape political life.

You will also examine key themes in contemporary human geography, and explore ideas in political, urban, social and development geography. The course also offers the opportunity to examine geodemographics, learn about the Geographical Information Systems that build spatial models of human geography, and regional and urban planning.

For more information on this course and a full list of modules available, please visit www.polis.leeds.ac.uk

BA (Hons) Politics and Economics

UCAS code: LL12

Entry requirements

AAB grades at A level, or equivalent. Plus a grade A in GCSE Mathematics. See page 13 for information on the BA Social Science (foundation) degree and 'Access to Leeds' scheme.

How to apply

Through UCAS (see www.ucas.com)

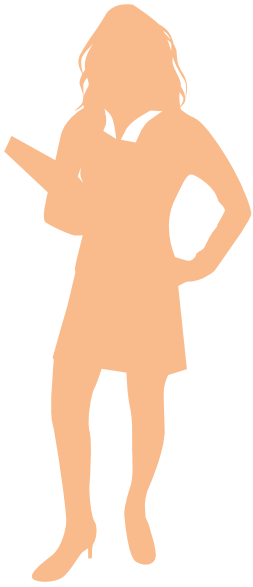
This course will give you a firm grounding in the institutions and practices of modern political systems, and a critical understanding of the economic issues arising in business, public policy and society at large.

You will examine British politics and analyse international issues. You will explore the political systems of other countries and track the evolution of global politics from the rise of the modern state to the present day.

The course also allows you to develop a deep understanding of the economic factors that influence income, wealth and well-being. You will also learn how scarce resources come to be allocated, distributed and utilised today, and such factors may change in the future.

For more information on this course and a full list of modules available, please visit www.polis.leeds.ac.uk





BA Social Science (Foundation course)

UCAS code: L301

Entry requirements

Usually some evidence of prior study at GCSE level, such as Maths and English at grade C or equivalent, however this is flexible. We particularly welcome applications from mature students who don't meet the standard requirements. Applicants will be given the chance to demonstrate their ability through the interview.

How to apply

Through UCAS (see www.ucas.com)

**This course is not open to international/overseas students*

If you are keen to succeed at university and are aged 21 years or over and feel you missed out on education the first time around; or if you are aged 18-21 and feel that circumstances beyond your control have adversely affected your educational achievement, then the BA Social Science at the University of Leeds will give you the opportunity to realise your potential.

Successful completion of the first year of this programme will provide you with both the academic and practical skills required for successful undergraduate study and also access to the first year of a range of degree programmes within the Faculty of Education, Social Science and Law. Help and guidance on financing your studies is available.

For more information on the BA Social Science see www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk

Access to Leeds Scheme

The University recognises that not all applicants are able to demonstrate their talents and potential as readily as others through grades alone. Access to Leeds is an alternative admissions scheme designed to help students whose personal circumstances may affect their ability to achieve the exam grades we would normally expect. All of our single honours and joint honours courses accept Access to Leeds applicants.

For more information on the Access to Leeds Scheme, including eligibility criteria see www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L

International students

We welcome applications from students with international qualifications. International students apply in the same way as British students, through UCAS. All candidates whose first language is not English will need to gain an English language qualification. Our International Office regularly travels overseas to meet with prospective students to advise them about life as an international student in Leeds.

To find out if we will be visiting your country visit www.leeds.ac.uk/international/agents





Contact us

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YOUR FINANCES

Home and EU students

As a full or part-time student you'll be able to apply for a loan from the government to cover the full cost of the tuition with no up-front payment, provided you have not already studied a higher education course. If you are a UK or EU student, planning to come to Leeds in September 2012 our tuition fees will be £9,000*, subject to government approval.

We will be able to confirm the fee in July 2011, but in the meantime keep checking the information on our website for the latest updates.

www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances

*Government approval is due in mid July 2011. We will apply annual increases to all fees in line with the amount set by the Government each year.

Scholarships and Bursaries

HOW LEEDS CAN HELP YOU

We're committed to encouraging students from all backgrounds. We expect that 1 in 3 will receive financial help from the University of Leeds for students with a household income of up to £42,600 per annum.

CHOOSE YOUR FUNDING

We believe it is important that you are able to decide the type of support which best meets your needs, so we will enable our students to choose between:

- a partial tuition fee waiver or
- a discount on University owned accommodation or
- a bursary – a yearly cash award...

Some 6,000 students are expected to qualify for some form of financial support, from a maximum of £6,000 in year one and £3,000 in years two and three, with support going to those who need it most.

We'll provide a sliding scale of financial support for students from households up to £42,600 per year. You won't have to pay this money back.

Our financial support is subject to government approval due in July 2011 but in the meantime to find out if you are eligible, it is crucial that you look at information on our website before you submit your UCAS application for entry to university in autumn 2012.

International students

Tuition fees for international students starting in 2011 were £11,800. These are expected to rise slightly for 2012 entry.

What to do next...

Please keep up to date with details of the financial support available to you by checking our website regularly at www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances or look at government information at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

WHY YOU'LL LOVE LEEDS

With over 200,000 students living in the city, Leeds has become a vibrant, thriving and lively place to live and learn, come here and it won't be long before you're calling it home.

At the heart of Yorkshire, Leeds is the second largest business, legal and finance sector in the UK and is one of the country's fastest growing cities. Rich in culture, history, arts and entertainment – it really is the place to be.

Because of our fantastic location, we can enjoy excellent communication and transport links which can take you all over the UK. With London and Edinburgh just two and a half hours by rail, and Leeds Bradford airport providing regular flights to major international destinations, nowhere is ever too far.

One of the UK's top shopping destinations, Leeds boasts over two miles of traffic-free shopping with over one thousand shops. Home to the exclusive Victoria Quarter, Harvey Nichols and every high street store you can think of, there is something for everyone.

The city hosts an eclectic mix of entertainment, with music and nightlife to suit all tastes. From street cafes to nightclubs, from stylish bars to award-winning restaurants, it won't disappoint.

Bursting with culture, Leeds is home to Opera North, The Grand Theatre, the Royal Armouries and a plethora of museums and art galleries – all this in one of the greenest cities in Britain, so close to the Yorkshire Dales.

Guaranteed Accommodation

Because we think it's so important that you settle into your first year at University, all single, first year students who accept their place at Leeds are guaranteed accommodation. On campus and throughout the city, we have an impressive range of accommodation to cater for all budgets. To find out more see www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation

Visit us

One of the best ways to get a feel for the University and find out more is to visit us.

University open days

Come along to attend talks on all of our programmes as well as accommodation, finance and much more. Take a tour of our halls of residence, students' union, sports centre and libraries and meet members of staff and current students. In 2012 there will be three open days; two in June and one in October. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/opendays

Politics and International Studies visit days

If you receive an offer from us through UCAS, you will be invited to a visit day where you can come and find out more about the course and the school. This informal day gives you the opportunity to talk with staff and current students, tour the campus and accommodation and get a feel for the place.



Campus tours

The University also organises a number of campus tours throughout the academic year. You will be guided around the campus by one of our current students and will have an opportunity to ask questions about the University.

Find out more at
www.leeds.ac.uk/visitus

“Leeds as a city is the best! It has a fantastic night life, if that is what you're after, as well great culture, and brilliant shopping facilities, for those well saved pennies.”

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