

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LIFEKIT

**YOUR ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO STUDYING AND
LIVING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER**

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WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT UNIVERSITY

PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS

Keep both printed and digital copies of:

- Passport
- Student visa/eVisa
- CAS LETTER
- University offer letter
- Accommodation confirmation
- Travel insurance (if applicable)



WHAT TO PACK

- Warm clothing (UK weather can be unpredictable)
- UK plug adaptor (Type G)
- Essential medications (with prescriptions if needed)
- Copies of important documents
- Debit/Credit card and some British Pounds (£)

WHEN YOU ARRIVE CHECKLIST

- Collect your University Student ID
- Move into your accommodation
- Register with a GP (doctor)
- Open a UK bank account
- Buy a UK SIM card
- Attend Welcome events
- Explore your campus
- Download essential university apps
- Locate your nearest supermarket and pharmacy



ESSENTIAL UNIVERSITY APPS

- Blackboard University of Leicester
- UPay App
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Teams (For online classes/meetings)
- MyCitizen (Particularly for tracking attendance)

- Safezone App



SafeZone

UK BANK ACCOUNT

Opening a UK bank account makes it easier to receive wages, pay rent, and manage your day-to-day finances.

You may need:

- Passport
- Student visa/eVisa
- Proof of address
- University student status letter

The UK has a wide range of banks to choose from, make sure you research all the options best suited for you.



UK MOBILE NUMBER

A UK mobile number is useful for university communication, part-time job applications, banking verification, and keeping in touch with friends and family throughout your studies.

GP REGISTRATION

A GP (General Practitioner) is your first point of contact for non-emergency healthcare in the UK. Registering early means you'll be able to access medical advice, prescriptions, and referrals if needed.

BUDGET BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Plan for your first few weeks, including:

- Accommodation costs
- Groceries
- Transport
- Mobile SIM
- Household essentials

LIVING IN LEICESTER

GETTING AROUND

- **Walk or Cycle** – Leicester is compact, making it easy to travel between campus and the city center.
- **Use Local Buses** – Download the First Bus app for live tracking and digital tickets.
- **Use the HOP! Service** – A FREE Bus that takes a circular route around the city center.
- **Travel by Train** – Explore other UK cities from Leicester Railway Station.
- **National Express/Flix Bus** – A Cheaper and affordable option to travel other UK cities.
- **Save on Travel** – Use a Railcard and check for student bus discounts.
- **Plan Ahead** – Google Maps is a great tool for finding the quickest routes.



ACCOMODATION

Available Options:

- University Halls
- Private Halls outside University

SHOPPING AROUND CAMPUS

Grocery Stores:

- Aldi
- Morrisons
- Lidl
- Tesco

International Supermarket:

- Anna Supermarket
- Seoul Store City Centre

Household Supplies:

- Home Bargains
- B&M

Pharmacy:

- Superdrug
- Boots

IT'S COMPLETELY NORMAL TO FEEL HOMESICK AT FIRST. GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO SETTLE IN, EXPLORE THE CITY, AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP. LEICESTER HAS A WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND YOU'LL SOON FIND YOUR PLACE HERE :)

THRIVE AT UNIVERSITY

PART TIME JOBS

Check out these places for part time jobs to earn some money alongside your studies.

- **Students' Union**
- **UniTemps**
- **Pertemps**
- **TCS Recruitment**
- **Indeed**
- **LinkedIn**

Before you begin any work you must have your National Insurance Number ready.

You can apply for one here.

DON'T MISS OUT

- Welcome Week
- Careers Fair
- SU International Officer events
- Part-Time Jobs Fair
- Employer Networking Events
- Volunteering Opportunities



JOIN A SOCIETY

The Students' Union has a wide range of societies and sports clubs tailored to many interests.

Check out a full list here.

GLOBAL LOUNGE

Make friends from around the world at the Global Lounge. Join in cultural events as well as weekly games and fun activities.

Located in the Charles Wilson Building, Ground Floor.

FUTURE CAREER

FREE UK-Style CV and Careers Advice at the University Careers and Employability service.

Located in the The Career Hub, David Wilson Library, Ground Floor.



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE TEAM

They can help with:

- Opening a Bank Account
- Registering with a GP
- Coping with culture shock and homesickness.
- They organise events in the Global Lounge

INTERNATIONALSTUDENTS@LE.AC.UK

IMMIGRATION ADVICE AND COMPLIANCE TEAM

They can help with:

- Specific advice around Student visas and other study visas including recent graduates and their dependents
- Obtaining and maintaining your Student visa
- Engagement and Attendance
- Work and employment conditions
- Changes to your programme of study
- After your studies (Graduate Route)

VISAS@LE.AC.UK



**YOU MIGHT NOT REQUIRE THESE SERVICES RIGHT
NOW BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU KEEP THEM IN
MIND FOR THE FUTURE.**

NEED HELP? WE'VE GOT YOU!

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **999 – Police, Fire & Ambulance (Emergency)**
- **101 – Police (Non-Emergency)**
- **111 – NHS Medical Advice**
- **Leicester Royal Infirmary (A&E) For Medical Emergencies**

WELLBEING & SUPPORT

Feeling overwhelmed or struggling?

The University's Wellbeing Service offers confidential support, counselling and mental health advice.

IT & TECH SUPPORT

The University's IT Help desk is located in the Charles Wilson building. Alternatively they can be contacted by email.

ITHELP@LE.AC.UK



CAMPUS SAFETY

- University Security (24/7)
- Download the SafeZone App
 - Report any safety concerns immediately.

PERSONAL TUTOR

Your Personal Tutor is your first point of contact for:

- Academic concerns
- Wellbeing support
- Signposting to wider University Services

LSU ADVICE SERVICE

The students' Union Advice service is the first port of call for Academic Advice, Housing, Support and Signposting to the relevant University Services

STARTING UNIVERSITY IN A NEW COUNTRY CAN FEEL OVERWHELMING, BUT REMEMBER—YOU ARE NEVER ALONE. WHETHER YOU NEED ACADEMIC ADVICE, WELLBEING SUPPORT, OR SOMEONE TO POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE. WISHING YOU AN AMAZING JOURNEY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER !!