



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

International Foundation Year



Integrated programmes in: Arts, Business, Design,
Engineering, Joint Honours, Performance, Science



About our International Foundation Year

The University of Leeds International Foundation Year (IFY) forms the first year of a suite of integrated programmes intended for those international students who have the potential and motivation to succeed, but who do not yet have the formal qualifications required for entry to level 1 of a University of Leeds undergraduate degree programme.

The integrated programmes have one intake per year in mid-September and the programmes currently available are:

- Arts with Integrated IFY – 4 years
- Business with Integrated IFY – 4 years
- Design with Integrated IFY – 4 years
- Engineering with Integrated IFY – 5 years
- Joint Honours with Integrated IFY – 4 years
- Performance with Integrated IFY – 4 years
- Science with Integrated IFY – 4 years

Each of these programmes consists of two elements: the IFY (level 0) element, which is taught at National Qualification Framework (NQF) level 3, followed by a three or four-year undergraduate (UG) degree element, which is taught at NQF level 6. During the level 0 element you will study a range of subjects which are relevant to the UG element. Both elements are delivered at the University of Leeds.

You will progress automatically to your UG element if you achieve specific grades in the subjects you study during the IFY element. Typically, you will be asked to obtain at least a grade B in each of these subjects, which is equivalent to 60%.

The integrated programmes are some of the most successful and longest running courses of their type in the UK. Since their first intakes in September 1989 they have attracted more than 2000 students from over 80 countries with the vast majority of these successfully obtaining a University of Leeds undergraduate degree. Some students have also continued to Masters and PhD degree programmes.



Our website

The IFY home website is:
<http://internationalfoundationyear.leeds.ac.uk>

As we are constantly reviewing the structure and content of the integrated programmes, you are strongly advised to log on to our home website where you will find the latest information, which may be more up-to-date than that contained in this brochure.

Why do I need an Integrated Foundation Year ?

When students leave high school in England they have normally completed 13 years of education and their last two years have been spent in what is known as the “6th form” studying 3 or 4 subjects in depth. At the end of this period, students who achieve specific grades in these subjects are able to join the 1st year of undergraduate degree programmes offered by English Universities.

In most other countries, when students leave high school they have normally completed 12 years of education and they have studied a broad range of subjects.

This means that an international high school graduate who applies to an English University is normally not yet prepared to the same academic level as an equivalent student from England.

Consequently, an Integrated Foundation Year is required to bridge the gap between the broad international high school education and the specialist 6th form education offered in England and bring students to the level required for 1st year entry.



Applying to the Integrated IFY programmes

When you apply to one of the integrated programmes you are asked to specify the undergraduate (UG) degree programme at Leeds you wish to join after the IFY element. Full details of all the University of Leeds UG degree programmes that can be entered via the Integrated IFY programmes can be found on the IFY website.

The integrated programmes are **not in the UCAS system** – applying to them is very simple - you apply to them directly either online at the IFY website or using a paper application form that can be downloaded from the IFY website.

The deadline by which applications should be received in Leeds is normally June 30th although late applications received up to and including July 31st will be considered wherever possible. However, you are strongly recommended to apply well in advance of June 30th to allow yourself time to make the necessary visa, accommodation and travelling arrangements if you are offered a place.

Please Note: You can apply even if you have not yet received the results of your final examinations or even if you have not yet taken your final examinations. In such cases, you will normally be made a Conditional Offer. This means that if you achieve particular marks or grades in your final examinations then you will be guaranteed a place. This enables you to apply before the June 30th deadline given above.

Further information about applying to the integrated programmes can be found on the IFY website.

Accommodation

University accommodation is guaranteed for all single international students both during the IFY element and the UG element of their Integrated programmes provided they apply for it by a specified date. You will be sent details about University accommodation when you are offered a place one of the Integrated IFY programmes. Further information about University accommodation can be found at www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation

Some students prefer to live in the private rented sector and one source of information about this is Unipol, which is a non-profit-making charitable company. Every year, Unipol helps over 20,000 students to find somewhere to live in the private rented sector in the local area. For further details please log on to: www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk

Facilities and support

As a student on one of the integrated programmes you will enjoy all the benefits and support available to Leeds students. You will have access to all the University facilities including the libraries, computing clusters, laboratories, sports centres, swimming pool and the Students' Union. The University also provides a comprehensive Student Support Network which offers a wide range of facilities and services to ensure that you are well looked after during your time at Leeds. These include:

- full access to the Leeds Student Medical Practice and the Students Union Welfare Office
- a Personal Tutor with whom you can discuss any problems that might occur and who is on hand to offer help, advice and encouragement
- the International Student Office, which provides information, advice, social activities and general support for students and their families on a wide range of matters including arrival arrangements, settling in, visas, immigration, safety, healthcare, making friends, study skills, adapting to life in the UK, working in the UK and so on



For more information about the wide range of support offered at the University of Leeds, please visit our Student Support Network website at www.leeds.ac.uk/ssn

Teaching structure

The IFY element starts with an Induction Week, which is designed to introduce you to the university and to help you settle into academic life. After this, your level 0 teaching programme begins during which you study a range of modules in subjects which are relevant to the UG element of your integrated programme. The teaching covers two Semesters with examinations at the end of each. There are one-month vacation periods at Christmas (December) and Easter (March/April) and the IFY element ends in the middle of June.

Entry requirements

In order to gain admission to one of the integrated programmes you need academic qualifications in specific subjects that are relevant to the UG element of the programmes, and a recognised English language qualification. Full details of the qualifications that are accepted for entry can be found on the IFY website.

How to find out more

For details about the integrated programmes including the cost of studying and scholarships that are available can be found on the IFY website. Alternatively, you are very welcome to contact us by email at intfyear@leeds.ac.uk

The University of Leeds

The University of Leeds is one of Britain's top universities. It has been a centre of excellence in teaching and outstanding research since 1904. It has over 30,000 full-time students and offers one of the widest ranges of taught degree programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level in the UK. Each year, over 5,000 international students study at the University, representing over 100 countries. Located on a single campus on the edge of the city centre, the University provides close access to the thriving City of Leeds and offers a wide range of facilities including:

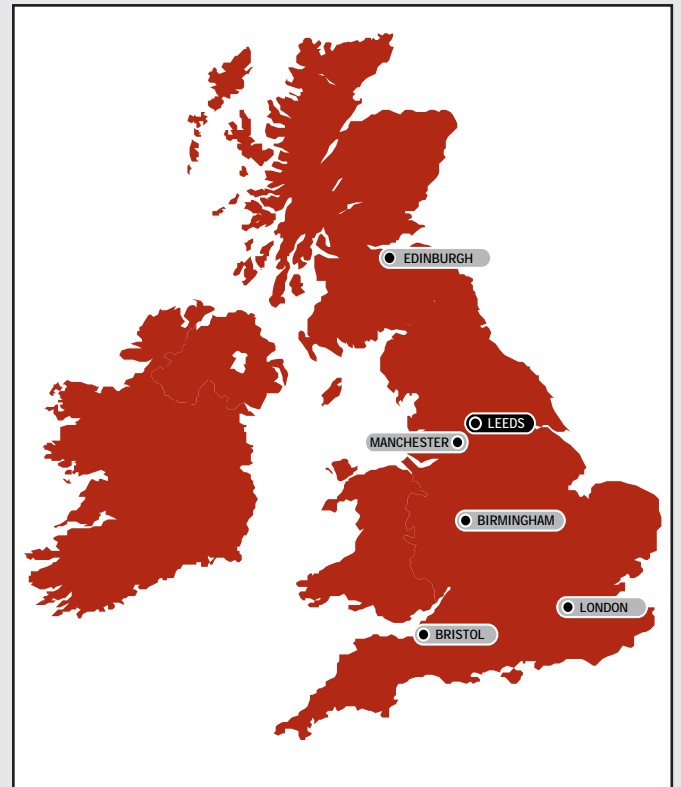
- Internationally acclaimed libraries
- Modern lecture theatres and class rooms
- The largest campus computer network in the UK
- First-rate sports and recreational facilities

For more information about the University of Leeds, please visit the University of Leeds Home web site: www.leeds.ac.uk which is packed with information and includes University news, faculty pages, campus maps, accommodation, undergraduate degree programmes, student facilities ... and so much more!

The City of Leeds

The City of Leeds lies in the north of England and has a multicultural population of around 750,000. The city is well served by excellent communication and transport links with extensive coach and rail services connecting Leeds with the rest of the UK. London is two and a half hours away by rail and Leeds Bradford International Airport provides regular flights to an increasing number of destinations and connects with many major European hubs.

Rich in history, with a diverse economy, thriving cultural scene and a cosmopolitan atmosphere, Leeds stand proud as a city of regional, national and international importance. For a virtual tour of the City of Leeds, please visit: www.vrleeds.co.uk/



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For current information on courses and entry requirements please visit our website at www.leeds.ac.uk

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