International Foundation Programme

GUARDIAN UNIVERSITY LEAGUE TABLE 2018 RANKED 6TH
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THE COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2018 RANKED 10TH
10 REASONS TO CHOOSE
LOUGHBOROUGH’S INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

1. A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES
   Our International Foundation Programme is your pathway on to a range of courses in Science, Engineering, Business, Economics, Sport Science, Social Science, Human Biology, Geography and Psychology – many highly rated in University League Tables.

2. GUARANTEED PROGRESSION
   Achievement of your department’s progression criteria guarantees entry on to the first year of your chosen degree course.

3. GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION
   Stay in our fantastic student accommodation with access to all the amenities on campus and the nearby town centre.

4. A DEDICATED INTERNATIONAL TEAM
   The University’s dedicated international team are here to support you before you arrive and throughout your time in the UK – ensuring you feel right at home!

5. AN AWARD-WINNING STUDENTS’ UNION
   Become a member of Loughborough University Students’ Union and get involved with over 90 sporting clubs and societies, including international societies.

6. HELP WITH ENGLISH
   Language modules will build your confidence with the English language. Additional support is available from our English language support service.

7. ACADEMIC ENGLISH AND STUDY SKILLS
   Helping you develop the skills essential for success at university; including researching, extended writing, presenting, and summarising.

8. ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT
   Your academic tutor will take a special interest in your development and help you plan your work-time.

9. BECOME PART OF A TOP 10 UK UNIVERSITY
   As a student on the International Foundation Programme you will be a fully-fledged Loughborough University student with access to our outstanding facilities and support services.

10. A GREAT LOCATION
    Loughborough has fantastic rail and air links: be in London or Paris in an hour and a half!
When you become a Loughborough student you become part of a university with a heritage stretching back to its beginnings as a Technical Institute in 1909. Thanks to the vision of its founding father, Dr Herbert Schofield, Loughborough has been able to grow and develop into one of the country’s top universities.

Throughout its history Loughborough University has built upon its distinctive characteristics, with a reputation for excellence in teaching and research, strong links with business and industry, and unrivalled sporting achievement.

An outstanding campus
The University is based on a superb 440 acre campus – the largest single-site green campus in the UK. Boasting pleasant open spaces, gardens and sports areas, our campus is equipped for every aspect of student life, with high quality accommodation, excellent teaching facilities, shops, health services, student support centres and award-winning Students’ Union. You will join a vibrant campus community of over 20,000 students and staff from over 100 countries.

Teaching and support
As a student on the International Foundation Programme you will receive high quality teaching from renowned Loughborough University academics, and be supported throughout your studies by an Academic Tutor. In addition, you will benefit from our University Library, IT services, Mathematics Learning Support Centre and wide range of health and welfare services, including tailored support for international students (see pages 6-7).

Excellent career prospects
Loughborough University is highly ranked for the quality of careers and employability of our graduates. Year on year our students go on to succeed in all employment sectors – from business, finance and engineering to the arts, publishing, sport and education.

Our international students go on to work at global and independent companies, both in the UK and in their home countries, during studies and after graduation.

We have an International Careers Advisor dedicated to supporting our international students. www.lboro.ac.uk/international/employability/

A sporting University
Loughborough is renowned for its unique contribution to the world of sport with many famous sportspeople having studied and trained here. Bringing together exceptional athletes, coaching and research expertise, and the widest range of sporting facilities for the widest range of sports, the University’s focus is on ensuring every student has the opportunity to get involved at any level, regardless of experience.

As a Loughborough student you can take advantage of the two state-of-the-art gyms on campus, represent your hall of residence in over 50 sports, join any of our sporting societies or simply enjoy recreational sport and leisure. Our dazzling array of sports facilities include a 50m swimming pool, five recreational parks, seven fitness studios and five full-sized floodlit synthetic pitches for ball sports.

www.loughboroughsport.com

Why choose Loughborough University?

1. Student accommodation
2. Student accommodation
3. 50m swimming pool
4. Loughborough Students’ Union
5. The National Cricket Centre
6. University Library
7. Student accommodation
8. STEMLab – the University’s new £17 million investment in state-of-the-art science and engineering facilities
The International Foundation Programme (IFP) is a one-year course designed for high-calibre international students who have successfully completed 12 years of school education, and therefore need an additional year of study to prepare them for entry to their chosen degree at Loughborough University.

The programme includes a mixture of academic subject-specific modules, study skills, and one-to-one tutorials and is designed specifically to provide international students with the skills and knowledge to succeed on their chosen degree course.

Students who meet the English Language requirements for their chosen undergraduate degree course* will be exempt from taking English Language modules as part of their Foundation Year, pending confirmation from their relevant School/Department. Students who have not met the appropriate English Language requirement will take English Language modules within the IFP.

The International Foundation Programme enables progression (provided criteria are met) to a wide range of competitive degree courses at Loughborough University, including courses in business and economics, science, engineering, psychology, sport science, human biology, geography and social science.

As a student on the International Foundation Programme you will receive the support of our dedicated International Team and be taught by highly respected Loughborough University academic staff. You will also be a fully-fledged Loughborough University student with access to all the facilities and support services the University has to offer.

The International Foundation Programme is your gateway on to a range of Loughborough University courses. See opposite for the list of pathways we offer, and check our online prospectus for the most up-to-date details of courses on to which you can progress.

About the Foundation Programme

On all our Foundation Year courses you will study a combination of subject specific modules relevant to your chosen pathway and English Language*.

Four or five-year (MSci, MMath, MEng etc. plus sandwich option) variants are available. Consult the online prospectus for more information.

*Information about English Language requirements can be found at: www.lboro.ac.uk/international/applicants/english/
"The structure of Loughborough’s International Foundation Programme, as well as the support from the international office and lecturers, made my foundation year easy and enjoyable. I gained educational knowledge, friends, new cultural experiences, time management skills and independence which helped prepare me for university.

Through the support of the Placement office at Loughborough University, I secured a placement at Goldman Sachs as an Internal Audit Analyst. I will be returning to Loughborough University for my final year and look forward to applying what I have learnt at Goldman Sachs to my education. I will definitely recommend the International Foundation Programme to anyone as it gives a good foundation for success in university."

— Busayo Olorinde (Nigeria)
BSc Accounting and Financial Management
Former International Foundation Programme student

When you join Loughborough University you join a thriving international community. Currently, around 2,300 students from outside the UK are studying here, so you can be sure of a warm welcome.

With other 100 nationalities on campus Loughborough offers a truly multi-cultural environment with opportunities to gain a global outlook across academic study, employability, and social and personal development.

As an international student at Loughborough, you will benefit from a special welcome and induction event before the start of the academic year, as well as dedicated support services to help you during your life and study at Loughborough.

International Student Advice and Support Service
We have a team of people on campus to help you settle in and look after you while you are here. They can assist you regarding immigration, finance, employment and housing issues.

www.lboro.ac.uk/isas

English Language Support Service
The English Language Support Service provides academic English and study skills workshops, courses and online resources if you need additional support to improve your English language skills.

www.lboro.ac.uk/elss

Centre for Faith and Spirituality
The Centre includes a Christian chapel, a Muslim Prayer Room, a Quiet Room, a specialist library and rooms and facilities that can be used by student faith groups and individual members of world faiths.

Loughborough Students’ Union
Our Students’ Union is one of the most highly rated in the UK according to the National Student Survey. It enhances your student experience with over 55 sports clubs and 60 societies covering a range of hobbies and interests, including a variety of international societies and faith societies.

“The key reason I chose Loughborough was that it is one of the best ranking universities in the UK, with the department of Aeronautical and Automotive engineering having its own exceptional rankings and connections with the industry. I also liked the fact that it’s a single site campus based in a very safe town where you have easy access to university, library, lecture rooms, laboratories and shops within a matter of few minutes.

Loughborough University inspires its students in many ways as a part of the whole experience you gain. For me it was to achieve more in what I can and to never stop trying until I get to where I want to be.”

— Kalpa Perera (Sri Lanka)
MEng Aeronautical Engineering
Applying

All applications for the International Foundation Programme are through UCAS.

For more information about the application process visit the UCAS website: www.ucas.com

Loughborough’s institution name is LBRO, and our institution code is L79. The UCAS course code will depend on the International Foundation course you are applying for (see page 5).

You will find helpful advice for international students planning to study at Loughborough University here: www.lboro.ac.uk/international

Fees and financial support

For non-EU international students the International Foundation Programme fee for the academic year 2018 entry is £16,400.

Subsequent course fees will vary depending on the course you wish to progress on to after completing the International Foundation Programme.

An indication of likely costs can be found at www.lboro.ac.uk/study/finance/international/ and on individual course pages www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/

Please note that these fees may also be subject to inflationary increases both before, and as you progress through the course.

For more detailed information visit: www.lboro.ac.uk/students/finance/international/

Information for elite athletes

At Loughborough, we recognise that elite athletes can find their demanding training and competition schedules challenging to manage alongside their academic studies without the underpinning support to be able to achieve in both areas. Our International Foundation Programme now also offers the opportunity for students performing at a very high standard in a chosen sport, generally defined as competing at junior international level or higher. As an elite athlete or elite level coach studying at the UK’s top sporting university, you will benefit from:

- Excellent coaching
- Expert strength and conditioning
- Sport medicine support
- Discounted gym membership
- Access to our world-class, unrivalled sports and training facilities

Tailored individual support and further development opportunities are available through our performance sport programme.

If you wish to be considered as an elite athlete please ensure you highlight this in your application.

Visiting

If you get the chance, we highly recommend you come and visit Loughborough University at one of our Open Days – and see our fantastic campus, accommodation and facilities for yourself.

However, it is not always possible to make the trip, so we have organised a number of on-line chat events to help answer your queries and concerns! You’ll be able to have live discussions with our International Office staff members and current students who can share with you their experiences of living and studying in Loughborough.

For details of upcoming events, visit: www.lboro.ac.uk/international/web-chat/

About Loughborough

Loughborough is a thriving university market town in the East Midlands, boasting great travel links to major cities, including London and the three nearby cities of Nottingham, Leicester and Derby. The town has a variety of entertainment on offer, including theatre, comedy, cinema and restaurants serving up global cuisine, alongside delis, bars and coffee shops.

www.loveloughborough.co.uk/