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An aerial photograph of the De Montfort University Leicester campus. The image shows a modern building with a prominent glass and wood facade, surrounded by green lawns, walkways, and trees. A river is visible in the background under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

STUDY ON EXCHANGE AT DMU

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WELCOME TO DMU

De Montfort University (DMU) has a vibrant and friendly international community, and we welcome applications from students at our partner institutions to study with us on exchange for a semester or year. Currently, our population encompasses staff and students from more than 130 nations; we are immensely proud of this diversity and welcome students from all over the world.

Alongside the outstanding teaching environment, we offer students an unforgettable student experience with great extra-curricular activities offered through De Montfort Students' Union (DSU), and a range of exciting festivals, celebrations and on-campus events for students to get involved in, which are a great way to meet new people and make friends.

We hope that this guide gives our partners and potential exchange students an insight into the fantastic opportunities awaiting them at DMU!

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WHY CHOOSE DMU?

Here are just a few reasons why you should choose to study on exchange at DMU...

- 1. Academic excellence** – DMU achieved Gold, the highest ranking possible in the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework, for outstanding learning and teaching.
- 2. Internationally renowned** – DMU is ranked in the top 3% of world universities and is a truly global university – with students from more than 130 countries.
- 3. Great location** – just over one hour by train from London, Leicester is a multicultural and welcoming city. The city has been named as one of the top 10 cities in which to live and work in England.
- 4. Outstanding facilities** – DMU offers outstanding facilities, industry-standard equipment, state-of-the-art studio spaces and modern accommodation. Our campus is a mix of traditional and modern buildings, creating the inspiring environment that our students deserve.
- 5. Student experience** – volunteer in the community with DMU Local, or become an active member in one of over 130 sports clubs or DSU societies to make the most of your time at DMU.



WHERE IS DMU?



LEICESTER

Located in the centre of England, Leicester is well-connected to major cities such as London, Nottingham and Birmingham. Leicester is less than half an hour from East Midlands International Airport, and Birmingham, Luton and London Stansted airports are all within reach. There are also good transport links with London Heathrow and London Gatwick airports.

As a city university, the DMU campus is less than five minutes' walk from hundreds of shops, cafés, restaurants, pubs, clubs, cinemas, gig venues and a world-class theatre. Leicester has been named as one of the best cities in which to live and work in the UK, according to the 2016 Good Growth for Cities Index.



SPORT

Leicester City defied all expectations to be crowned champions of the Premier League and Leicester Tigers are one of the most successful clubs in English rugby. The city is also home to Leicestershire County Cricket Club and the Leicester Riders professional basketball team.

ENTERTAINMENT

Leicester has a thriving music scene attracting big-name bands and artists to venues such as the O2 Academy and De Montfort Hall. The city has also has an array of theatres, cinemas and annual festivals for you to enjoy whilst studying here.

GREEN SPACES

On campus you can relax in green spaces or by the canal. Beyond the city centre, you can visit Abbey Park with the remains of Leicester Abbey or Bradgate Park with wildlife and ruins of one of the oldest brick-built country houses in England.

FOOD AND DRINK

Leicester's multiculturalism is reflected in the diverse range of restaurants in the city, in particular the Belgrave area of the city – known locally as the 'Golden Mile' – is renowned for serving some of the best curries in the world. In addition, as a university city, Leicester has a thriving nightlife offering everything from high-end cocktail bars to traditional English pubs.

CAMPUS

- 1 Art Factory**
- 2 Bede Hall**
(hall of residence)
- 3 Bede Island**
(Technology Leicester Media School)
- 4 Campus Centre Building**
- 5 Chantry Building**
- 6 Clephan Building and Courtyard Studios**
(Arts, Design and Humanities and Technology)
- 7 Edith Murphy House**
(Health and Life Sciences)
- 8 Eric Wood Building and Learning Zone**
- 9 Estates Development Building**
- 10 Estates Services Building including Security Office**
- 11 Filbert Village**
(private hall of residence)
- 12 Food Village**
- 13 Forensic Science Facility**
- 14 Gateway House**
(Technology, Student Gateway)
- 15 The Glassworks**
- 16 Hawthorn Building**
(Health and Life Sciences)
- 17 Heritage Centre**
(based within Hawthorn Building)
- 18 Heritage House**
- 19 Hugh Aston Building**
(Business and Law)
- 20 Innovation Centre**
- 21 John Whitehead Building**
- 22 Kimberlin Library**
- 23 Leicester Castle Business School**
- 24 Liberty Park**
(private hall of residence)
- 25 2Main campus car park**
- 26 Mill Studios**
- 27 Newarke Point**
(private hall of residence)
- 28 New Wharf**
(hall of residence)
- 29 PACE Building**
(Performance Arts Centre for Excellence) (Arts, Design and Humanities)
- 30 Portland Building**
- 31 Queen's Building**
(Technology School of Engineering and Sustainable Development and Leicester Media School)
- 32 The Grange**
(private hall of residence)
- 33 The Greenhouse and Accommodation Office**
- 34 The Philip Tasker Building**
(Leicester International Pathway College)
- 35 The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre**
- 36 The Venue@DMU**
- 37 Trinity House**
- 38 Victoria Hall**
(private hall of residence)
- 39 Vijay Patel Building**
(Arts, Design and Humanities, The Confucius Institute, The Centre for English Language Learning and The Gallery)
- 40 Waterway Gardens**
(hall of residence)
- 41 Watershed Centre**
- M The Magazine Gateway**
- Yellow square Pedestrianised area**



ACCOMMODATION

All exchange students at DMU are guaranteed accommodation at our Liberty Court halls of residence (close to campus) if they complete their application before the given deadline.

All of our halls are self-catered and fully furnished, offering shared kitchens, laundry facilities and internet access. With on-site or on-call security, halls also have on-site managers, CCTV and/or electronic door entry systems.

The price of accommodation is likely to range from £118 to £130 per week for an en suite room.

If you prefer to find private rented accommodation, SULETS is the recommended lettings agency and is jointly owned and run by De Montfort and Leicester Students' Unions. SULETS offers a fair and transparent service to all students, and there are no agency, registration or reservation fees to pay.



FACILITIES

DMU has invested £136 million transforming its campus into one of the finest higher education complexes in the country. Some of the highlights awaiting you at DMU include:

- The new Vijay Patel Building, which houses sector-leading facilities, including professionally equipped art and design workshops
- Our Hugh Aston Building, with lecture theatres, high-spec IT labs, and a dedicated Law environment complete with mock courtroom, client interviewing room and library
- State-of-the-art facilities for Health and Life Sciences with laboratories dedicated to the study of pharmaceutical technologies, clinical sciences, pharmaceutical chemistry and microbiology
- The Kimberlin Library, which offers 24-hour study facilities throughout the year and online access to thousands of resources and publications
- Our Student Union received a £3million investment to turn it into a fantastic hub for students to relax and socialise

When you need to take a break, DMU has a range of open spaces and social meeting areas, as well as an exciting array of places to eat and drink, including our new Food Village, Riverside Café, Newarke Café and the Students' Union.



STUDENT SUPPORT

DMU is a friendly and welcoming university that offers support, advice and guidance to exchange students whilst at DMU.

EXCHANGE STUDENT SUPPORT

We have dedicated staff within the Global Mobility Office (studentexchange@dmu.ac.uk), located in Portland Building, providing support before, during and after your time at DMU. In cooperation with the International Student Support Team exchange students can benefit from services such as international welcome week, airport pick-ups and a 'buddies' scheme which matches you with a current DMU student to help you settle in.

FACULTY SUPPORT

Each faculty has its own Student Advice Centre, the first point of call for all learning support enquiries. They help with printing and binding work, lending equipment and offer advice on IT software and e-learning resources. This is also where you hand in and collect coursework.

DISABILITY SUPPORT

We want students to have a high-quality experience and reach their full potential during their time at DMU. Our Disability Advice and Support (DAS) Team offers services tailored to the specific needs of students with physical and sensory disabilities, medical conditions and Specific Learning Differences (SpLD).

MENTAL HEALTH

We welcome students with mental health conditions and make every effort to deliver the support they need to reach their full potential. We ask students to notify our Mental Health Inclusion Team as soon as possible so it can help to manage and minimise the impact of any mental health difficulties on studies and also to guide students towards the many support services available.

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT

There is both a Christian prayer room and a Muslim prayer room (with washing facilities) on campus. Anyone can visit the chaplaincy for non-denominational religious support advice alongside spiritual, pastoral, moral and social care, to students of all faiths and none.





GETTING INVOLVED

DE MONTFORT STUDENTS' UNION

Whilst on exchange at DMU we encourage you to actively engage with the activities, clubs and societies that belong to DSU. Being part of a society is a great way to integrate into UK student life and meet like-minded individuals. Not only do societies offer a unique platform to make friends, learn new things and have fun, being part of a society means you could win awards, attend conferences, ceremonies and gain qualifications.

SPORT

Exchange students can take advantage of discounted rates at our QEII Leisure Centre, which boasts a 25-metre swimming pool, poolside sauna, climbing wall, eight court sports hall, fitness suite, dance studio and free-weights area.

DMU also offers a fantastic range of sports clubs for students to get involved in; from football and rowing to trampolining and cheerleading.

VOLUNTEERING

DMU is committed to the public good, and this is underlined by DMU Local, our volunteering programme which gives students' the chance to help the community and deliver positive change to the local area. Exchange and international students are encouraged to volunteer whilst at DMU.



FACULTIES

As an exchange student at De Montfort University (DMU) you will belong to one of our four faculties, depending on your programme of study. Each faculty delivers a wide range of courses to students as well as overseeing world-changing research and fostering enviable commercial links that inform our teaching and ensure DMU courses are relevant to modern employers.

DMU's four faculties are: Art, Design, and Humanities; Business and Law; Health and Life Sciences; and Technology. Within these Faculties we have the following Schools:

ART, DESIGN AND HUMANITIES

- School of Design
- School of Humanities
- School of Visual and Performing Arts
- Leicester School of Architecture

BUSINESS AND LAW

- Department of Politics and Public Policy
- Leicester Castle Business School
- Leicester De Montfort Law School

HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

- School of Allied Health Sciences
- School of Applied Social Sciences
- The Leicester School of Nursing and Midwifery
- Leicester School of Pharmacy

TECHNOLOGY

- Leicester Media School
- School of Computer Science and Informatics
- School of Engineering and Sustainable Development

