



International student guide for  
**NIGERIA**

# Why choose De Montfort University?



**De Montfort University (DMU)** has a reputation for quality that is a result of its first-rate teaching, world leading research and impressive modern facilities.

## 1 GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY:

DMU graduates are highly valued by employers worldwide and our courses teach transferable skills that are essential to career development, such as giving presentations, working as part of a team and communication skills. Some courses also include work placements with local, national and multinational employers.

## 2 TEACHING QUALITY:

International students come to study in the UK because our teaching is among the best in the world. At DMU, you will be taught by academics who are leading experts in their fields and whose research is respected around the world.

## 3 RESEARCH EXCELLENCE:

DMU has built a significant international reputation as a research institution and achieved excellent recognition in the UK Government's Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). 43 per cent of DMU's research activity across 19 subjects was rated in the top two categories, 'internationally excellent' (3 star) and 'world leading' (4 star).

## 4 WORLD LEADERS:

The university contributes a great deal to the creative industries, with skilled DMU graduates working in areas from fashion to computer games programming. DMU's groundbreaking Institute of Creative Technologies carries out pioneering research into new creative fields and is recognised by companies such as Microsoft as leading the world in creative innovations and collaborations.

## 5 PART-TIME WORK:

Leicester is a student-focused city with plenty of part-time jobs for students – many of our international students work during their studies, which is great for improving their language skills and helps them to experience different aspects of British culture.

## 6 LINKS WITH PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

Many courses are accredited by professional bodies, ensuring you get the skills that employers need. Plus, students can sometimes gain additional professional qualifications and exemptions in addition to their degree.

## 7 ACCOMMODATION:

We have a wide range of accommodation in comfortable, modern halls of residence that are on, or very near, campus. What is more, students in Leicester pay on average 50 per cent less for accommodation and living costs than students in London and Oxford.

## 8 EXCELLENT LIBRARY FACILITIES:

The Kimberlin Library is open 24 hours a day, five days a week and offers comprehensive information resources for all students: more than 400,000 books; 2,500 print journal subscriptions; access to more than 14,000 electronic titles; a large collection of videos, CDs, DVDs and slides; more than 500 computer workstations; 1,200 study places; a bookshop; and experienced staff who are dedicated to supporting learning.

## 9 AWARD-WINNING STUDENT SUPPORT:

DMU's Student Services team provides support and guidance to all students. They can assist with many different issues and offer dedicated international student support for anyone in need of help with domestic, academic, visa, financial or health concerns. We also offer special faith provisions at DMU and cater for students of many different religions.

## 10 INTERNATIONALISATION:

DMU is proud to be a truly international institution and embraces the diversity and richness that our students, staff and collaborators contribute to our activities.

## 11 WORLDWIDE PARTNERSHIPS:

We are partners with some of the world's highest ranking universities. The opinions and expertise of our academics are in demand around the globe and our graduates make an impact on the world stage.



# Why choose Leicester?



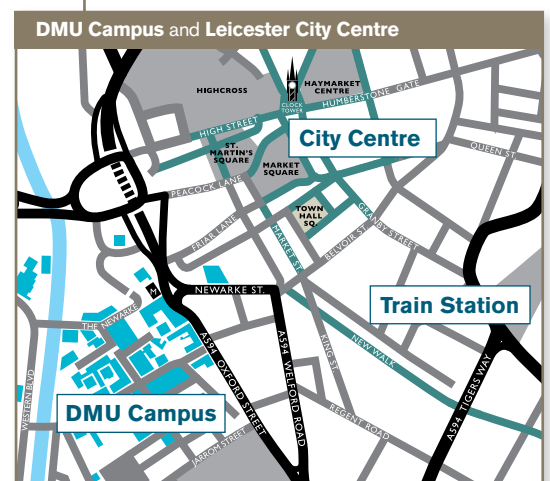
**Leicester** is the ideal student city with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, a safe environment and lots to do for its large and diverse student population. More than 10 per cent of Leicester's 300,000 residents are university students.

The cost of living is relatively low and the lively social scene of cafes, bars, restaurants and clubs means not only an interesting nightlife but also ample opportunities to find part-time work. There are also opportunities to watch top class professional sport in Leicester, with the stadia of Leicester Tigers, the most successful English rugby union club of the modern era, and Leicester City Football Club being within walking distance of the campus.

Leicester is a vibrant, multicultural city that celebrates the foods, faiths, cultures and festivals of many different nationalities. A full choice of shops, supermarkets and restaurants cater for a wide range of tastes. Bargains can be found at Leicester market, the largest of its kind in Europe. There are also places of worship and established communities for all mainstream faiths. Many festivals and cultural events are celebrated throughout the year, from the largest Diwali festival outside of India to the annual Afro-Caribbean carnival, the second largest in the UK.

Leicester is in the middle of England, making it the ideal base for exploring the rest of the country. It is just 30 minutes from East Midlands Airport and is within two hours' drive of major UK airports such as Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton, Birmingham and Manchester. It is well served by the motorway network, with the M1, a major route connecting the Midlands and the North of England with London and the South East of the country – running next to the city. Direct train links run throughout the day between Leicester and the Eurostar terminal at London St Pancras, meaning mainland Europe is within easy reach.

The city, which has its origins in Roman times, is now enjoying the benefits of a £3 billion facelift. This includes Curve, a new £61 million spectacular state-of-the-art theatre in Leicester, producing and staging world-class theatre and a £350 million extension to the Highcross Shopping Centre, making the city one of the top shopping destinations in the country. DMU is also supporting Phoenix Square, an exciting development combining a digital cinema, arts centre and living and office spaces.



# Entry Requirements for Nigerian students



Our admissions teams look at each application individually. However the information below will give you an indication of the entry requirements for courses.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Generally SSEC / WAEC plus a recognised foundation course or a national diploma will be considered for our undergraduate courses. Some courses will require specific subjects (e.g. in Art & Design).

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Our admissions team will normally look for a first degree from a recognised Nigerian university. If you wish to study one of our business master's courses and you have a Third Class degree or are an HND graduate, our Business Pre-master's (International Business Graduate Certificate) is the ideal course to bridge the gap.

PhD applicants will be expected to have a postgraduate degree in a subject area closely related to the proposed research topic. This degree should normally have been awarded within the last five years, and must have included an assessed component dealing with research methods. An equivalent academic or professional qualification may be acceptable.

Generally you are expected to identify your own project and, as part of your application process, you are expected to write an outline research proposal. Guidelines for writing the proposal are available on the DMU website at [dmu.ac.uk/researchproposal](http://dmu.ac.uk/researchproposal)

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## INTERNATIONAL PHD

DMU offers an international PhD programme where doctoral students may largely pursue their research in their own countries. Students are required to come to the DMU campus to discuss progress with their supervisor at a mutually convenient date. This scheme allows academics to maintain their careers and family situations while gaining their PhDs. For more information visit [dmu.ac.uk/research](http://dmu.ac.uk/research)

## DISTANCE LEARNING

Several DMU postgraduate courses are available on a distance learning basis. These can be fully studied remotely with no need to visit the DMU campus. Study materials are provided and tutors guide students in an e-learning environment where, for instance, podcasts of lecturers are available. Students will also have online access to the library where electronic journals can be downloaded. Please see our 2013 postgraduate prospectus for details on available courses.

Available courses include:

- A range of LLM law courses
- MA Youth Work and Community Development
- MSc Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- MSc Energy and Industrial Sustainability
- MSc Energy and Sustainable Building Design
- MSc Intelligent Systems and Robotics
- MSc Intelligent Systems

## ADVANCED ENTRY TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Students wishing to enter the second or third year of a degree will be considered on an individual basis. You should supply detailed information of courses you have studied to support your application. This should include grades showing scores, your syllabus and a grading guide. For advanced entry, our course leaders normally look for a fairly close match between the first degree subjects and our own DMU qualifications. We will try to be flexible if the match is not exact by taking other factors into consideration.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

To begin a full time course at DMU you will need to provide evidence of your English language ability. You must have an English language level equivalent to:

- IELTS 6.0 – 6.5 (depending on subject)
- TOEFL 78 or above

A SSEC/WAEC grade of six or better in English language will be sufficient to prove your English language ability. If you have an English language level of IELTS equivalent of 0.5 less than your required score (5.5 or 6.0) you can attend the five week pre-sessional English course and on successful completion you have improved to an English language level equivalent to IELTS 6.0 or 6.5.

# Tuition fees and finance



Course	2013/2014 fees per year	Nigerian Naira
International Foundation Programmes	£8,000	2,000,000
Graduate Certificate in International Business (pre-masters)	£4,000	1,000,000
Undergraduate classroom based	£10,750	2,687,500
Undergraduate lab based	£11,250	2,800,000
Postgraduate / PhD classroom based	£11,700	2,925,000
Postgraduate / PhD lab based	£12,200	3,050,000
MBA	£12,500	3,125,000
International PhD route	£5,500	1,375,000

Conversion £1=250 Naira (January 2013)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

DMU is committed to helping students from Nigeria to benefit from study in the UK. A range of scholarships are available for students who are starting their studies with the university. For 2013 entry the following scholarships are available.

### ■ Vice Chancellor's International Scholarship 2013/14

This £1,000 scholarship is based on academic merit and supports our overseas students with the cost of studying in the UK. It is deducted from the full tuition fees of overseas status students. Once you have applied and been accepted onto a course at DMU, and if you achieve the required grades, you will automatically be awarded the scholarship. The Vice Chancellors Scholarship is only available for full time study.

Please see [dmu.ac.uk/international](http://dmu.ac.uk/international) for conditions.

### ■ Alumni Scholarships

£500 scholarships are available for students who have previously studied and successfully completed a course, of nine months or more in duration (full-time, part-time or distance learning), at any DMU UK campus.

For full details please visit [dmu.ac.uk/international](http://dmu.ac.uk/international).

## EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNTS

All students are required to make a payment of £3,000 towards course fees when accepting an unconditional offer from DMU. The university offers international students an opportunity to receive two discounts when paying these course fees. An Early Pre-Payment Discount of £500 is available for students who pay the initial £3,000 before 31 May 2013.

Students who chose to pay their full course fees within the first four weeks of the start of their programme, and are an overseas student enrolling with the university for the first time, could then also be entitled to a Full Payment Discount of £500 (some course exclusions apply).

## LIVING COSTS

Good news! The cost of living in Leicester is lower than in other major UK cities – up to 50 per cent less than in London or Oxford for example. Student accommodation is high quality and plentiful and there are many affordable bars, clubs cafes, shops, restaurants and leisure facilities aimed at the city's large student population. Public transport is good and affordable, however is not always necessary as most of the city centre and accommodation is within walking distance of the campus.



# The cost of living



The table below gives an approximate guide to a typical student's costs for a year at DMU:

	Annual costs	Nigerian Naira
<b>University allocated accommodation</b>	£3,822 – £6,579	955,500 – 1,644,750
<b>Private accommodation</b>	£2,900 – £4,000	725,000 – 1,000,000
<b>Food and toiletries</b>	£1,300	325,000
<b>Books and stationery</b>	£200	50,000
<b>Travel</b> (excluding international flights)	£260	65,000
<b>Heating</b> (often included in university accommodation charges)	£260	65,000
<b>Laundry</b>	£156	39,000
<b>Mobile phone</b>	£120 +	30,000 +
<b>Water rates</b> (often included in university accommodation charges)	£52	13,000
<b>Insurance</b>	£52	13,000
<b>TV licence</b>	£140	35,000
<b>Clothes</b>	£350	87,500
<b>Social life</b> (minimum)	£1,000 – £1,500	250,000 – 375,000

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## PLACEMENTS AND IN-COMPANY PROJECTS

Many DMU courses offer the chance for a work placement with a relevant employer. Most students have a good knowledge of their subject when they graduate, but sandwich placement students also have the practical experience that attracts employers. All undergraduate courses which offer sandwich placements have placement tutors with broad employer contacts, and are therefore able to match you to the most suitable and fulfilling placement. The process is competitive, and you will have to apply for jobs. What's more, in most cases, placements are paid.

## POSTGRADUATE TECHNOLOGY PLACEMENTS

Our MSc courses in Technology offer the option of a year long placement. This is a great opportunity to boost your career prospects. The faculty has a dedicated Industrial Placement Unit which will help you obtain a one year placement. Once in placement, you will be supported by your visiting tutor to ensure you gain the maximum benefit from the experience. Placements begin after the taught component of the course has been completed – usually around June – and last for 12 months. When you return from work placement you will begin the dissertation stage of your course. If you decide to opt for a placement please make this clear by writing 'Placement' after the title of your course on your application form.

For further details please email the Technology Industrial Placement Unit:  
**E: [placementunittech@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:placementunittech@dmu.ac.uk)**



## INITIAL CONTACT AND ENQUIRY

You may make first contact with DMU in one of many ways. Some students meet staff at exhibitions or after speaking to our representatives in Nigeria, while others visit our website or read our prospectus. If you meet staff in Nigeria we will collect your details and will contact you a few weeks later to see if you need any additional information. We like to keep in touch and will also send you additional news about our courses, our students' successes, life at DMU and details of when we will next be visiting your city.

## MAKING YOUR APPLICATION

Firstly, take a good look at yourself and choose a subject that matches your skills and interests – look closely at the course content. Try to make your application clear and focused and show your enthusiasm. If you need help and advice with the application process you may want to contact one of our representatives in Nigeria who are familiar with our courses and offer a professional service. On arrival at DMU your application will be processed by the International Admissions Office. Your qualifications will be assessed by a team of specialists, and then forwarded to the admissions team in the faculty for a final academic decision.

## OFFER MAKING

Our faculty admissions teams are subject specialists who look at each application individually. They will provide an overall assessment of your academic qualifications, references and personal statement and will also often need to talk to the course leader before making an offer. We aim for the application and offer process to take ten days. The first offer made may be conditional and could be based on your performance in qualifying exams or IELTS. This offer will be emailed directly to you or to your representative. When we receive your exam results your offer can be upgraded to unconditional and an offer pack will be sent out by courier.

## ACCEPTANCE

To accept the offer you will need to pay a minimum deposit of £3,000. We will then send you a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number. You will also need to choose and book your accommodation. Many of our students are leaving Nigeria for the first time, so we try to make the process as smooth as possible. Booking instructions will be sent to you once you have paid your deposit, and we recommend you begin the process as soon as possible.

## BEGINNING YOUR STUDIES

Finally... your course begins! You may find our teaching environment and study styles are quite different to what you are used to. Although you are encouraged to work independently remember our lecturers, tutors and welfare staff are here to help and support you. Enjoy your studies and don't be afraid to ask if you are uncertain about anything. You must also make sure you get a good balance between work and social life. We recommend you should join the International Student Association (ISA) and also make the most of the range of activities offered by the university clubs and societies throughout the year. DMU also has an active Nigerian student society.

## GRADUATION

We hope your relationship with DMU lasts a lifetime and encourage you to keep in touch after graduation and keep us updated on your future successes. The Alumni Association helps you to stay in touch with the university and with each other. All former students can access our online alumni community and take advantage of the many benefits that are available. Staff from DMU regularly visit Nigeria and are always delighted to catch up with our alumni.

# Ask Andy



**Andy Gale** is our International Student Support Officer and is based in our Student Gateway. He will be one of the first people you meet at DMU as he co-ordinates the arrival and orientation programmes.

Andy will give you specialist support and guidance on issues such as immigration and employment plus general information about living and studying in the UK. Here is a selection of some of the most frequently requested information by international students.

## ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

We operate a free coach pick-up service from Heathrow to coincide with the start of English courses during the summer and with the main Welcome Week (orientation) in September (check out our website for details). If you're coming at a different time – even if it is late at night – be sure to let us know and we will try to meet you when you arrive in Leicester and take you to your accommodation. We work hard to ensure all Nigerian students have a place in halls throughout their academic course. Most people take the National Express coach service from Heathrow to Leicester, as this is the cheapest way to travel. At DMU we also know that it's important to make friends when you arrive and we'll try and put you in touch with existing students from your own country. If you are arriving at a different airport, please email [internationalsupport@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:internationalsupport@dmu.ac.uk)

## WELCOME WEEK (ORIENTATION)

Our main orientation programme takes place in September. We strongly recommend that you come to Welcome Week because it's a really good opportunity to meet other students and we also provide a lot of advice and information about living and studying in Leicester. We run trips to places of interest, which are always popular. Last year we organised a daytrip to Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace) as well as Leicester Space Centre and city tours. There's also an indoor sports tournament and a disco at the end the week. And it's all free! Details of the Welcome Week programme will be announced before the summer, check the DMU website. This year there are Heathrow coach pick-ups on the Friday and Saturday before Welcome Week.

**W:** [dmu.ac.uk/internationalwelcome](http://dmu.ac.uk/internationalwelcome)

If you're coming at another time of year, we'll still try to make sure you receive all the information and advice you'll need when you start university. Be sure to let us know when you're arriving and we'll do our best to help!

## EMPLOYMENT DURING/AFTER STUDY

If your course is for 12 months or more, then your student visa may allow you to work during your time at DMU. There may also be the possibility to apply to live and work in the UK after you have completed your course but restrictions do apply.

For the latest information, please check [dmu.ac.uk/international](http://dmu.ac.uk/international) or the UK Border Agency's website at [ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)

The Careers and Employment Support team is based in the Student Gateway and can help you identify work options and develop the skills you need to get a job, including assistance with interview techniques and CV development. The careers advisers and employer liaison staff are professionally trained, experienced in working with international students and committed to supporting you in using your qualification to achieve your career ambitions.

## ACCOMMODATION

University accommodation is made available for international students in modern halls of residence, either on campus or within short walking distance. Conditional and unconditional offer holders may reserve accommodation online from May 2013.

Alternatively, several Nigerian students choose to find their own privately rented accommodation and there is a range of options around Leicester to suit all preferences and budgets. DMU's housing office can assist with both, and may be contacted on **+44 (0)115 257 7595**.





## BANKING

You should be able to open a bank account straight away, though you will need to provide some proof of identity first. This may vary according to which bank you use, although generally you'll be asked for your passport with your student visa, as well as proof of your address. Most banks will accept a letter from DMU confirming your place on the course and your address details – we'll explain to you nearer the time how to get this letter. It will usually take longer – perhaps seven to 10 days – before you get your cash card or debit card. We always recommend new students bring enough money for the first few weeks in the UK. See the International Checklist for more information about this. It's worth shopping around and looking at what different banks can offer you – keep in mind that some banks make a monthly charge for certain types of accounts. Some banks also offer special accounts for international students. It's always worth coming to see us in Student Gateway to find out which banks are the most helpful and which are recommended by other students.

## INTERNET

If you have just arrived at DMU, there is free internet access in the Student Gateway (open between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday). Once you have registered as a student and have your student reference number, you will be able to use the IT equipment in the Kimberlin Library. The library has more than 500 workstations equipped with different software and the building is open 24 hours a day. There is also a wi-fi network on campus which allows you to connect your own wireless-enabled laptops to the main DMU network, to access email, the internet and other services. IT Services will be happy to speak to you about this. Internet access can be set up easily in all halls of residence – speak to the Hall Manager for more information about this when you arrive.

## VISAS

If you need to renew your visa as a student, the Welfare and Education Centre (part of the Students' Union in the Campus Centre) can usually send the application on your behalf through the Home Office 'batch scheme' – this will generally mean that your renewal is processed more quickly than if you do it yourself. If you have any questions about visas or immigration-related problems, we can provide information and guidance at the Student Gateway, or the Welfare and Education Centre can help you. If you are planning to travel elsewhere in Europe during your holidays, we can also provide advice about Schengen visas (which allow you to travel elsewhere in the European Union). For the latest information on visa, please visit the UK Border Agency's dedicated website [ukvisas.gov.uk](http://ukvisas.gov.uk)

## ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about visas, coming to DMU or anything else to ask about your arrival and support at DMU, feel free to email Andy directly: [internationalssupport@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:internationalssupport@dmu.ac.uk)

# Tunde Banjo: A day in my life...



“ I spent a lot of time researching British universities and was impressed with the reputation of DMU and its engineering school in particular. ”

“ I think Leicester is a beautiful city and it is really interesting to live alongside people of so many different nationalities. ”

Having graduated with a BSc in Engineering Physics from Obafemi Awololo University in Ile Ife, I was determined to develop my passion for both mechanics and electronics. My course at DMU, MSc Mechatronics, is perfect as it combines both. The decision was finally made after I met a Nigerian academic from DMU at a fair. He convinced me that DMU was the right choice for me, and since then, I have not looked back once.



**8am** My day starts when I wake between 7.30 and 8am. I live in a university apartment in Kingfisher Court which I share with four other postgraduate students. Two of my housemates, both from India, have become good friends and we share books and often discuss our ideas in the communal kitchen. I don't really like cooking so breakfast is normally just a quick sandwich.



**9am** The first class of the day is Mechatronic Systems. This takes the form of project work and I am in a team of six involved in designing and building a tennis practice machine which automatically serves tennis balls. As a group we have to plan the project and allocate tasks to individuals, monitoring progress every week. At first, some members of the group had personal differences but these are now resolved and we are working together cohesively. In fact, we now also socialise together and all met up to watch a movie last night.

Also, it is fascinating to work with fellow students from all over the world, which is valuable preparation for the world of work. Yesterday, I received my first coursework mark for this module and I was really happy to get 70 per cent, the grade required for a distinction.



**12pm** I like to eat lunch at my favourite fast food restaurant in the city centre, which is very close to campus. I just love the chicken in there and it is always busy.



**2pm** After lunch, I take the short walk back to campus for this afternoon's Business Environment lecture. We are currently studying lean manufacturing, where the emphasis is on improving productivity systems such as by reducing down time and excessive inventory. At first, I was apprehensive when starting this course as I had no background in business studies but the lecturers are helpful and allow students to ask as many questions as they want. One of the aims of the module is to apply the techniques we have learnt to real life businesses and, with help from the university's strong links with industry, I have had contact with Caterpillar and Rolls-Royce.



**4pm** The final class of the day is Programming, where we are learning the programming language C++. The first half is taken up by the lecturer teaching us new techniques which we then put into practice in the laboratories afterwards.



**6pm** After class, I meet some Nigerian friends to go to our local church. We play in a music group together and need to rehearse for this Sunday's service. My instrument is the guitar and this is a great opportunity to play with others while praising God at the same time. It's also good to spend time with people from my own country and background.



**8pm** Home at last and it's time to eat, so I make egusi soup. There is a Nigerian shop nearby where I get the ingredients from and preparing Nigerian dishes makes me feel closer to home. I rarely feel homesick as I am just too busy, and if I ever do, I listen to rock music on my iPod!



**9pm** After dinner, I go back to the library for some more study. My accommodation is on campus so all facilities are close at hand. The library is open 24 hours a day and the range of resources available there is awesome. The level of technology is so advanced compared to what I found in Nigeria. Students have access to everything they need to make their studies a success but it's also necessary to have the motivation and drive to make the most of the opportunity.

I also find time to fill in an application form for a work placement, which is an optional part of my course. Although completing the form is time consuming, the end result will be worth it as it would be great to have some UK work experience on my CV.



**11pm** After a tiring day, it's now time to ease off and unwind. I like to watch movies, particularly comedies, and also I can access the internet in my room thanks to the wi-fi. Some evenings, I invite three or four friends to my apartment for something to eat and drink and to discuss all kinds of subjects. There is also plenty of fun nightlife in Leicester if you want it but personally I tend to avoid wild parties!






# Susan Chomo: A day in my life...





“After extensive online research, I applied to DMU due to the excellent reputation of the business school and the relative affordability of the course.”

“DMU has exceeded my expectation of challenge and fulfilment at the same time!”



Since graduating from the University of Ilorin with a BSc in Economics, I have worked in several professional roles, including marketing in the banking sector and with a tobacco multinational company, a spell in the UK working for an energy company and then in event management in Lagos. I decided that studying for an MBA would help my career progress and give me a full package of tools to run my own business in the future.

-  **8.30am** I leave my flat for the short bus ride to campus. As I enjoy privacy and calm, I decided to find private accommodation in Stoneygate, a peaceful neighbourhood of Leicester, just south of the city centre. Before leaving, I download lecture notes from Blackboard, a really useful online resource which I access five or six times a day. I read the notes on the bus to maximise the use of my time.
-  **9am** The first lecture of the day is Marketing. We are currently learning about researching the external market environment. I am working on a group presentation about the UK travel sector and it is important to build relationships within the group as we have to be in agreement on content and structure. When researching this, I find the many online databases available through the library's online portal to be indispensable.
-  **12pm** As usual, lunch for me is some fruit eaten in the dedicated postgraduate suite in the Business School. There is a studious atmosphere here and I put the finishing touches to a weekly assignment for this afternoon's class.
-  **1pm** I head to the library to pick up some books that I had reserved online last night. It's so convenient! The library has a huge stock of books and the online catalogue makes finding what you're looking for really easy. There is also a really good bookshop in the Business School and I have decided to buy some core textbooks there rather than borrowing them from the library.
-  **2pm** This afternoon's Corporate Performance Management (CPM) lecture is on the balanced scorecard, a multi-dimensional performance measure, which is an alternative to traditional financial performance monitoring. All of the modules on the course are interrelated and elements of this morning's lecture link into this one. It is really enlightening to see how it all fits together. I sometimes feel that life at DMU is like a moving train – active and fast paced. DMU has exceeded my expectation of challenge and fulfilment at the same time!

-  **3pm** Straight after the lecture is the CPM tutorial. These are really interesting as they bring to life what we have learned in the lecture and help us to understand the concepts better. These feature more group presentations, which form part of the module assessment.
-  **4pm** Now the fun really begins as we take part in a simulation game where we really can put our knowledge and business skills to the test. The simulation is run across all of the Master's courses in the Business School, not just the MBA, and it is really interesting and inspiring to meet a broad mix of students. I have been elected class representative and it is an honour and pleasure to fulfil this role. My colleagues sometimes turn to me for advice and I am always happy to oblige. Both DMU and Leicester are multicultural environments and it is so interesting to live and study with all kinds of different people. For example I have made friends with some Saudis and they recently invited me to their Eid celebrations. It was fun to learn about their culture and try new food.
-  **6pm** I finally get home after a really busy day. I watch the news on the BBC as I like to know what's going on in the world before I eat. My husband and family are my biggest support and we talk on the phone every day. In my spare time I love to work voluntarily within the community. I have joined a local charity, Independent Age, which helps old people without a support network. I am currently arranging a social event to raise much-needed funds for the group.
-  **9pm** I return to my books for a while before bed. I aim to immerse myself in my studies so that I can develop myself fully from my year at DMU. My aim is to eventually set up my own business in corporate services, either as a training provider or organising corporate events.





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## Representatives in Nigeria

DMU staff will be visiting **Nigeria** to meet and interview potential students and attend education exhibitions.

As we cannot be in Nigeria to help you all year round, DMU works closely with our representatives in Nigeria. Trained staff can help you with your application, the visa process and offer advice on moving to study in the UK for the first time.



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