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As you are about to embark on an overseas Summer School opportunity, we want to ensure that you have an enjoyable and educational experience. To help, we have created this guide which contains tips and information to help you make the most of your time overseas.

Joining a Summer School is an exciting opportunity – a way to unlock your potential, develop your skills and achieve something new. DMU is dedicated to helping you become an empowered, responsible and active global graduate and citizen, with the skills and experience you need to succeed at university and beyond.

The DMU TNE Summer School is a non-credit-baring international experience programme for DMU TNE students, which aims to enrich studies, broaden cultural horizons and develop key skills valued by employers.

If you have any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help. We hope you thoroughly enjoy your overseas experience.

### **Global Partnership Unit**

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## Why sign up for the Summer School?

- Experience life on the DMU
   Leicester campus and in the UK
- Enhance your current studies from a different perspective or learn something completely new
- Explore a new culture while studying and meet students from all over the world
- Take advantage of trips to local places of interest offered by DMU or travel in your free time
- Use this opportunity to consider whether you would like to study or work abroad long-term in future
- Gain international experience to add to your CV and impress prospective employers



# Please read through this list to check you've completed everything you need to do before you travel to the UK

### Apply for a visa (if required)

The UK has strict immigration laws for visitors and students. Summer School students will need to apply for a visa to gain entry into the UK. As the Summer School is only a short trip, most students will be able to apply for a visitor/tourist visa. Please see the government website for more help and advice on applying for visas here.

#### https://www.gov.uk/apply-to-cometo-the-uk

You will need to apply for your visa in plenty of time for the start of the Summer School. DMU will provide an invitation letter to support your visa application. On your arrival at DMU you will be asked to provide a copy of your visa/proof of entry - please bring

documentation along to the Welcome Event.

DMU has developed guidelines for you that set out your and our immigration responsibilities. Please take some time to read this advice <u>here</u>.

# **Book your airport pick-up**

You will need to arrange your own transport from the airport you land at in the UK. If you are travelling in a large group and would like support in booking a private coach transfer, please get in touch with your trip leader from your institution.

Guidance on travelling from the airport by public transport is <u>available online</u>, including links to taxi providers and information about the National Express bus service.

### Have your documents ready

Please make sure you have all your documents ready to travel, including; your passport, invitation letter and your travel insurance.

You will also need to bring a bank card that you can use in the UK.

#### **Arrange insurance**

Don't forget to book travel insurance to cover you and your luggage during your journey. For any queries relating to travel insurance, please speak to the trip lead within your institution and they can support you with this.

# **Key dates for students**

# Saturday 19 July 2025

Accommodation is available for check in

# Wednesday 30 July 2025 Last full day of the Summer

Last full day of the Summer School

## Monday 21 July 2025

First day of the Summer School

#### Thursday 31 July 2025

Must check out of the accommodation



Packing can seem difficult, particularly if you're coming to the UK for a long time. Try not to bring too much – bedding is provided by the accommodation, as well as cooking equipments. You can easily buy toiletries and snacks when you arrive in Leicester. The weather in the UK can change quickly. Whilst you will be traveling during the summer months, we recommend you bring clothing to suit both warm and cooler weather, as well as rain.

If you feel comfortable bringing your laptop and other valuables with you, please make sure you have arranged travel insurance to cover these items.

Remember to check the baggage allowance for your flight to the UK when packing for your trip.

Also consider how much spending money you would like to bring with you on the trip. We recommend not carrying around large sums of cash so consider what bank cards you can use in the UK.



International air travel can be both an exciting and daunting prospect, so we have put together some tops tips to help you relax and ensure that you arrive at your destination refreshed and ready for your Summer School experience.

# Stay hydrated

The air pressure can dehydrate you. Drink plenty of water before and during the flight.

## **Dress comfortably**

Wear loose-fitting clothes and avoid anything that could restrict circulation

#### Entertainment

Pack some things to keep you entertained whilst travelling, whether that be a book, a tablet with movies and games, or some music.

#### **Avoid alcohol**

Try not to drink alcohol before or during the flight as this will dehydrate you. Diuretics such as coffee are also to be avoided.

#### Rest and relax

It may be worth investing in some earplugs, neck support, and an eyemask to create a peronsal bubble in which you can relax.

#### Move around

Stand up and walk around regularly to improve your circulation.



## Mobile phones

You will need to check your current network providers roaming charges when visiting the UK as they may charge you a lot to use your phone abroad. Your current provider may be able to offer you deal so do check with them before you leave for the UK. Alternatively you can purchase a UK pay as you go SIM card. Popular options are Lyca Mobile and Lebara which you can purchase online and in shops for a small cost. These are sold by a range of companies, so it might be worth shopping around to find the card which offers the best deal and checking with other students from your home country.

#### Wi-Fi access - accommodation

Details of how to access Wi-Fi whilst in your accommodation will be available in your room.



# Wi-Fi access on campus

Wi-Fi Network: DMU-Guest

#### Visitor account and Wi-Fi instructions:

- Make sure your wireless adapter is set to dynamically obtain an IP address
- 2 Connect to the wireless network: DMU-Guest
- © Credentials will be provided to you prior to your arrival and will remain active throughout the duration of the Summer School.



At DMU you'll experience the best of both worlds – a friendly, safe campus that's just a short walk to a lively city centre. We have a great blend of historical buildings, innovative architecture and modern accommodation that will make you feel at home, and you'll be spoilt for choice with so many spaces to study, relax, socialise and eat.

At DMU, we place a high value on punctuality, as it reflects respect for our academics, staff, and fellow students. In the UK, being on time is an essential part of our culture, ensuring that everyone can fully benefit from each session. To help you arrive promptly, we recommend familiarizing yourself with the location of your lectures, sessions, and activities in advance, allowing sufficient time for travel. Being prepared is equally important; please bring a laptop and/

or a notepad and pen to take notes and actively engage in discussions. Active listening and participation are crucial for a productive learning environment. We also expect all students to show respect to our esteemed academics, dedicated staff, and fellow peers, fostering a collaborative and supportive community. By adhering to these guidelines, you'll make the most of your summer school experience and contribute to a positive and enriching atmosphere for everyone.







Halls consist of flats with between 3 and 10 bedrooms and are self-catered with a shared kitchen. The rooms are modern with internet access and many have en-suite bathrooms. Some halls have communal social spaces and on-site gyms. Single-sex options are available and there's also an opportunity to handpick your own room. You'll feel safe and comfortable in your new home as halls have on-site or on-call security, on-site managers, and CCTV or electronic door entry.



### **New Wharf**

Students will stay in DMU halls of residence which are located on campus. This accommodation is owned and managed by DMU.

It is made up of flats which has 4-10 bedrooms. Students will have their own private bedroom, with shared kitchen and bathroom faculties.

Bedding is provided, as well as kitchen utensils.

Walking distance from campus: 10 minutes

Walking distance from city centre: 10 minutes

Rooms available: 215

Flat size: Four, seven and 10 bedrooms, each with shared bathroom and shared kitchen facilities

En-suite: No

Cleaning service: Yes (shared bathrooms

only)

42-48 Western Boulevard Leicester LE2 7BU

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Out-of-hours: +44 (0)116 257 7642 W3W: https://w3w.co/stages.smug. metals

Please make sure that you have arranged and confirmed your accommodation before you arrive in Leicester.

If you are staying in halls of residence, it's important that you notify hall management of your expected date and time of arrival, so someone can be there to give you your keys when you arrive.



# **Security**

The DMU Security team is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Security control room is located on campus and as well as running campus patrols, Security operates a comprehensive CCTV system around campus. If you have any questions or concerns about your safety, you can contact Security at any time.

The police in the UK are friendly and helpful. As a visitor, you are entitled to the same service as anyone else.

If you are the victim of a crime, report it to the police as soon as possible.

# **Safety Advice**

When planning nights out, it is always a good idea to think ahead about what you might need, how you will get home safely and which route you will take. Avoid taking short cuts and walking alone or down dark roads and pathways, and remain cautious. For more details on safety, check out our <u>Student</u> Survival Guide.

# Religious support

Our OpenFaith initiative encourages students of all faiths and no faith to celebrate diversity and humanitarian values. You're welcome to use our multi faith prayer room and chapel, or the Breathing Space – a calm place for mindfulness and spirituality activities.

dmu.ac.uk/chaplaincy

# Security contact number:

+44 (0)116 2577642

# **Emergency Contacts**

Police

Emergency 999

Non-emergency 101

# **Explore Leicester**

# **Shopping**

DMU is just a short walk from the lively city centre, where you will find the Highcross shopping centre. Leicester's Lanes – a maze of quirky and Instagrammable streets – complements this with a wealth of independent shops.

# **Countryside and parks**

Students can relax in Castle Gardens, a park located next to campus. You can take a walk along the Grand Union Canal, which runs through campus and the city. On the outskirts of the city is Bradgate Park, where you can spot deer or enjoy countryside walks.

#### **Festivals and events**

Leicester has a full calendar of festivals and events, such as the Leicester Comedy Festival, UK's longest-running comedy festival, the Caribbean Carnival, and the biggest Diwali celebrations outside of India.

Find out <u>what's on</u> in Leicester during your stay.

# A sporting city

Leicester is a city with sporting achievements to be proud of, and DMU shares that spirit. Home to Leicester City Football Club, rugby union's 2021/22 Premiership champions, Leicester Tigers, one of the UK's most successful women's hockey clubs, previous British Basketball League champions, Leicester Riders and Leicestershire County Cricket Club – sports fans will be spoiled for choice.











## **Culture**

Arts and culture are renowned across the city. Students interested in film, theatre and performance can visit Leicester's Cultural Quarter, enjoy live performances at Curve theatre, or see a movie at the Phoenix or Showcase cinemas.

There are also a number of galleries and museums, including the King Richard III Visitor Centre and the National Space Centre, and on your travels you'll spot that Leicester is lined with colourful street art that brings the city to life.

## Restaurants and cafés

The Highcross shopping centre has a range of well-known restaurants and diners, or you can have afternoon tea or grab a sandwich at the cafés located in The Lanes. Leicester is also home to some of the best Indian restaurants. There are also a number of student pubs near to campus, serving great value food and drinks.

## **Leicester Market**

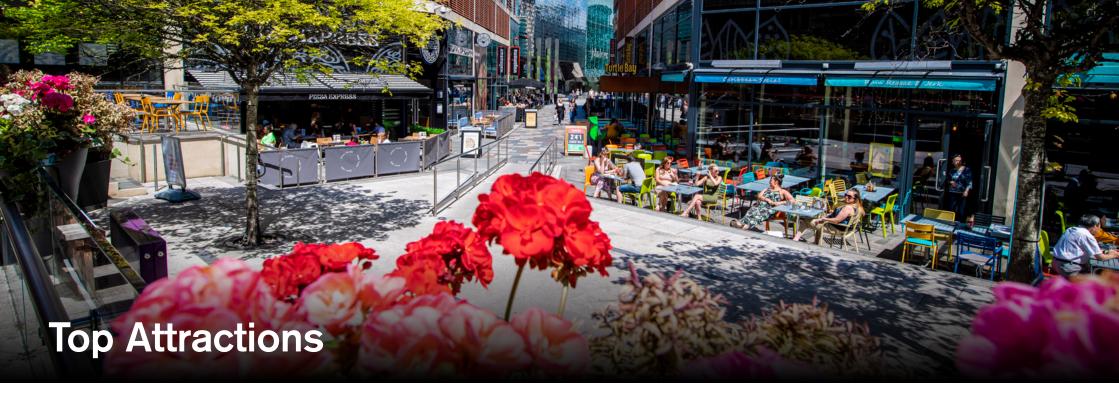
Leicester has the largest outdoor covered market in Europe. It sells a wide range of fruit and vegetables from all over the world, offering great value and choice – ideal for any budget.

# **Supermarkets**

The four biggest supermarkets nearest to campus are Tesco, ASDA, Sainsbury's and Morrisons, with Tesco being the closest. Supermarkets are normally open from at least 8am to 7pm, however, many of the larger supermarkets are open 24 hours. On Sundays, most supermarkets only open from 10am to 4pm.

# **International food**

Leicester has a wide variety of shops and small supermarkets specialising in different types of cuisine. Close to campus, Narborough Road has a wide selection of international supermarkets and restaurants and the nearby Belgrave Road is one of Leicester's main streets for Indian shops. Learn more about Leicester's attractions.



Please check the websites of each of the attractions to find out more information and the prices of each attraction. We highly recommend booking in advance as these activities can get very busy during the summer months. You will be able to get student discount at some of these places if you show your DMU student ID card. Please speak to a member of staff at DMU if you would like any support in bookings these activities.

#### Lane 7

Forget everything you thought you knew about bowling alleys, because Lane7 is different. Really different. We've got 7 incredible bars, 5 street food vendors, 11 bowling lanes, ping-pong, pool, beer pong, karaoke, shuffleboard, incredible gaming, and an unrivalled atmosphere. All in all, it's a pretty cool concept, and you're going to love it.

https://lane7.co.uk

# **RoamDome VR experience**

Get ported' to an alternate world and immerse your senses at the UK's ultimate cinematic VR experience in the heart of Leicester. It's the closest thing to the "holodeck" that exists. We combine motion capture with the latest in VR hardware to create the best and most advanced VR experience on the planet. It's a very different VR experience from the one you might have tried at home. This Feels Real and the only way to truly understand it, is to round up some friends and come try it for yourself.

https://roamdome.co.uk

# **Boost Trampoline Park Leicester**

Boost is Leicester's massive all-new trampoline park with an awesome choice of activities:

A main Jump Area – 42 interconnected trampolines including a tumble lane and more for advanced jumpers, basketball hoop, battle beam, foam pit – with 2 jump points including a high diving board and angled trampoline, inflatable Wipe-Out Zone, interactive Climbing Wall with foam pit, cardio wall with trampolines and a trapeze with foam pit.

https://www.boosttrampolineparks .co.uk/?r\_done=1



# **National Space Centre**

Your Journey Starts Here - With six interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium, unique 3D Simulator experience and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower, the award-winning National Space Centre is an out of this world experience.

http://spacecentre.co.uk

# **Ninja Warrior**

Our Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park is a supervised activity and fitness venue inspired by ITV's hit programme Ninja Warrior UK! You can climb, balance, jump and swing across different obstacles using and developing your Ninja skills, plus we also have the famous Warped Wall for every aspiring Ninja to conquer. A great place for supervised family activities and for keeping fit, we welcome you on your Ninja journey.

https://ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/ leicester

### **Richard III**

Find out about the search for King Richard III in Leicester, including information about the King Richard III Visitor Centre and the reinternment of King Richard III in March 2015.

http://www.visitleicester.info/ things-to-see-and-do/richard-iii

# **Treetop golf**

Welcome to the jungle. Here, you'll trek wondrous terrain in our two indoor 18-hole mini golf courses — dodging ancient spirits and discovering lively locals along the way. And once your appetite for adventure is fulfilled, delve into the magic of the Amazon's best bars and bites, too.

https://adventuregolf.com/leicester



# **Travelling around the UK**

Leicester is situated in the heart of England and is a great location if you're planning to do some sightseeing in the UK.

#### Rail

Leicester railway station is less than a mile from campus. Rail is usually one of the fastest ways to travel around the UK. Leicester is 99 miles (159km) from London and just over an hour by train. It is usually cheaper to travel outside peak times or at weekends.

### **Coaches**

Travelling by coach (bus) is usually much cheaper than train, although you will find that journeys take longer. National Express operates a national coach service and has an enquiry and booking office at St Margaret's Leicester bus station.

## **Uber/Taxi**

There are many taxi services available in Leicester city centre. ADT offer a tailored service for Leicester students, with fixed fares from 6pm – 6am. You can find their office on Braunstone Gate (towards the QEII Leisure Centre) or call them on 0116 255 5222.

# **Driving**

If you are planning to drive in the UK it's important to make sure you meet all of the legal requirements which apply to both the driver and the vehicle, and that you are aware of the correct procedures. You may be committing a criminal offence if you drive without correct documentation. Check <u>UKCISA</u> for the most recent information.

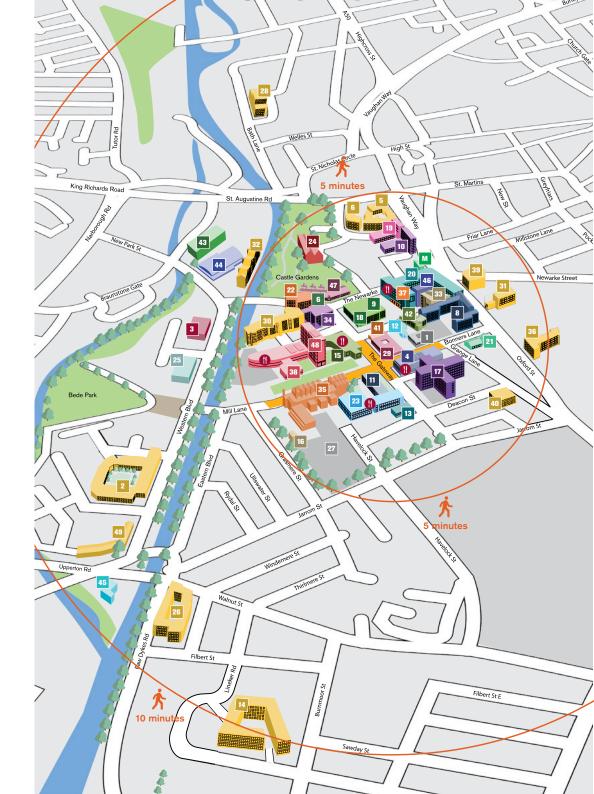
# Campus map

- 1 Art Factory (DMU International College)
- 2 Bede Hall (hall of residence)
- 3 Bede House
- 4 Campus Centre Building
- 5 Castle Court (private hall of residence)
- Castle Street (private hall of residence)
- 7 Chantry Building
- Clephan Building and Courtyard Studios
  (Arts, Design and Humanities;
  Computing, Engineering, Media and The Centre
  for English Language Learning)
- **DMU Museum** (based within Hawthorn Building)
- Edith Murphy House
  (Health and Life Sciences)
- 11 Eric Wood Building and Learning Zone
- 12 Estates Development Building
- Estates Services Building, including Security Office
- 14 Filbert Village (private hall of residence)
- 15 Food Village
- 16 Forensic Science Facility
- Gateway House (Computing, Engineering and Media, Student Gateway)
- 18 Hawthorn Building (Health and Life Sciences)
- 19 Heritage House (Health and Life Sciences)
- Hugh Aston Building (Business and Law)
- 21 Innovation Centre
- John Whitehead Building
- 23 Kimberlin Library
- 24 Leicester Castle Business School
- 25 Leicester Media School Bede Island (Computing, Engineering and Media)
- 26 Liberty Park (private hall of residence)

- Main campus car park staff and visitors
- Merlin Heights (private halls of residence)
- Mill Studios (Computing, Engineering and Media; Health and Life Sciences)
- 30 Newarke Point (private hall of residence)
- 31 Newarke Street (private hall of residence)
- 32 New Wharf Hall (hall of residence)
- PACE Building (Performance Arts Centre for Excellence; Arts, Design and Humanities)
- Portland Building (Arts, Design and Humanities and Health and Life Sciences)
- 35 Queen's Building (Computing, Engineering and Media)
- Rose House (private hall of residence)
- 37 Stephen Lawrence Research Centre
- 38 Leicester Gallery
- The Glassworks (private hall of residence)
- The Grange (private hall of residence)
- 41 The Greenhouse
- The Philip Tasker Building (DMU International College)
- The Queen Elizabeth II
  Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre
- The Venue@DMU
- 45 The Watershed
- The Yard (Business and Law)
- 47 Trinity House
- 48 Vijay Patel Building

(Arts, Design and Humanities, the Confucius Institute and Leicester Gallery) and Riverside Cafe

- The Magazine Gateway
- Pedestrianised area
- Catering Outlets





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