



**DE MONTFORT
UNIVERSITY**
LEICESTER

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME WEEK

TUESDAY 14 TO FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2020

**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT SUPPORT**



HELLO AND WELCOME TO YOUR UNIVERSITY FAMILY!

Everyone at De Montfort University Leicester (DMU) is very happy, and very honoured, to have you join us. Thank you for choosing to live and learn here – our international students' friendship, energy and enthusiasm all help to make ours a warm and welcoming global community.

We want your time with us to be successful, memorable and empowering for you. That's why we have created a safe and inspiring modern campus with excellent facilities, close to the heart of historic and exciting Leicester.

DMU is a university offering award-winning teaching, where you can gain the skills and experiences that increase your life choices and career options. Our DMUworks programme offers a professional work experience opportunity for every undergraduate student, and DMU support is lifelong. From today, you are part of the DMU university family for life and can continue to make friends, build networks and connect with the world through the outstanding experiences we offer alongside your studies.

These opportunities include community volunteering in the UK and overseas, and DMU Global, which offers exciting and affordable wider travel experiences that build confidence and strengthen your studies. You join us as we continue our international commitment through work with the United Nations.

Your DMU years will go by quickly. We want International Welcome Week to help you feel happy and settled, so you can start exploring every opportunity as soon as possible. Remember that the International Student Support Team are always on hand with friendly guidance for you. Life at DMU is about keeping you in good shape, so you stay healthy, centred and confident, and can do all the things you want to do.

Study well, make friends and have fun. Wherever you call home, we hope DMU already feels like your home, too.

INTRODUCTION

This timetable will help you plan activities for your first week here at DMU. We hope you attend as many of these events as you can, as they will help you settle into life in the UK, make new friends and get to know the DMU campus and the city of Leicester.

During the course of the week we'll be running a day trip to Warwick Castle and there'll be evening social activities too. Please do make sure to attend the information sessions and workshops – in particular, it's important to attend the Healthcare session so that you can register with the doctor and we'll also be providing essential information on things like opening bank accounts and campus

safety. To help you make the most of your study experience at DMU, there will also be sessions on academic requirements and expectations in a UK university, and on how to access English language support in order to fulfil your potential whilst you're at DMU.

Course inductions will begin from Monday 20th January, when you'll have the opportunity to meet your Faculty and learn more about your programme. In the meantime, if you have questions, come and talk to us at one of the events during the week, or email International Student Support at iss@dmu.ac.uk

We hope you enjoy your week.

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

Welcome session

10.30am

Edith Murphy House, room 0.28

We'll be offering you a warm welcome to DMU at this session, followed by practical advice and information on the support that is available to you whilst you're living and studying at DMU.

Campus and city tours

12 noon

Student Ambassadors will be available to show you around the university and Leicester city centre. The tours will take place after the Welcome session and will set off from Edith Murphy Building.

Re-freshers Fair

10am-3pm

Campus Centre, ground floor

Join De Montfort Students' Union in the Campus Centre to find out more about the Students' Union - including opportunities, volunteering and some of their partner organisations. It should be an opportunity to sample some food and pick up some free gifts from local business partners. Call into this event any time, between 10am and 3pm.

Registration workshop

2-4pm

Hugh Aston Building, room 2.03

Before you can start your course, you'll need to make sure that you have completed your online registration. At this workshop session staff will be available to help you with this and answer any questions about the registration process. Drop-in any time between 2 and 4pm.

EVENING ACTIVITY

Sports Taster Sessions

8.30-10pm

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre

Try the facilities at our leisure centre. Simply show this programme for admission. Free sessions will be run by DMUactive Activators & DMU sport club members - try badminton, basketball, indoor football (futsal) or Ju Jitsu (self defence). Bring along your sports kit to take part or simply come and watch the fun – it's also a great chance to meet fellow students.

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

Day trip to Warwick Castle

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Join us on this free all-day trip, for a memorable taste of English history and culture.

Warwick Castle is one of the greatest medieval castles in England, with a history stretching back over 1,000 years. Spend the day exploring the towers and rooms of the castle – there'll also be time to look around the streets, shops and cafes in Warwick town centre.

We expect to be back at DMU by around 5pm.

If you have registered online for International Welcome Week, we will email you with more information about this activity.

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

Opening a bank account and how to manage your money

10am

Hugh Aston Building, room 2.06

We'll be explaining the process of opening a UK bank account. Plus, staff from the Student Finance team will make the most of a limited budget and plan to make your money go further.

Wellbeing

10.30am

Hugh Aston Building, room 2.06

Staff from the Welfare team will talk about some of the HealthyDMU activities on campus to support your health and wellbeing.

They'll also explain approaches to problems and how Wellbeing support can sometimes help you to make changes in your life and be a valuable service for you.

Healthcare

11.00am

Hugh Aston Building, room 2.06

Staff from De Montfort Surgery will explain how the UK healthcare system works and answer any questions you may have. It's also an opportunity to register with the health service – it's free to do.

Students' Union Lunch Event

12 noon - 2pm

Campus Centre, atrium

Come along to have lunch with your part-time Executive Officers - they're here to represent you throughout your time at DMU.

Registration workshop

2-4pm

Gateway House, room 2.80

Another opportunity to get assistance with your online registration, or ask any questions you may have about the registration process. Drop-in any time between 2 and 4pm.

EVENING ACTIVITY

Karaoke Night

9pm-midnight

Campus Centre, function room

Come along and sing your favourite songs or simply watch the fun. It's a great way to meet new people - and admission is free.

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

Learning and studying in a British university

10am
Edith Murphy House, room 0.28

We explore what it means to learn at a British university. You will have the opportunity to hear other students' experiences of studying in the UK. The workshop will include –

- What is expected of you as a student? (Self-directed learning, participation in seminars, critical thinking, avoiding plagiarism)
- What type of assignments will you write?
- How can you make the most of your library?

You will leave the session with an awareness of what is expected of you and an understanding of how you can develop your own effective approaches to learning.

English for Academic Success

11am
Edith Murphy House, room 0.28

DMU offers free language support throughout your studies. This session will introduce what language support is available to help students reach their full academic potential.

Job hunting and working in the UK

12 noon
Edith Murphy House, room 0.28

Are you planning to look for part-time employment while you're studying? Find out how we can help with your job search. There'll also be guidance on how volunteering can help you gain new skills and experience.

Give it a Go: Welcome to the Students' Union

12 noon - 3pm
Campus Centre

Discover exciting new hobbies, unleash hidden talents, find a new passion or indulge in what you really love. Being part of a student group welcomes you into a family of like-minded individuals and is a great, exciting place to make new friends. Come along to find out how you can take part and meet other students - refreshments will be provided.

EVENING ACTIVITY

Ten-pin Bowling
6pm onwards

If you have registered online for International Welcome Week, we will email you about the arrangements for this activity. Please note that places may be limited by the capacity of the bowling venue.



CAMPUS MAP

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



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which sessions should I attend during International Welcome Week?

Attendance is not compulsory. However, you are encouraged to go to all the information sessions, which include important details about life in the UK, as well as advice on healthcare, campus safety, opening a bank account and study skills in the UK university. Please try to arrive on time for the different sessions, so that you don't miss important information.

We also hope you can join our trip to Warwick Castle and some of the evening social events.

Do I need to book a place on any of the events?

You don't need to book a place for most activities. However we will email you separately about the arrangements for the Warwick Castle trip and the Ten-pin Bowling, because we will need to finalise student numbers in advance for both of these activities.

When and where do I register onto my course?

You will first need to register online, and there are workshops on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon to help you with this process. We will contact you separately with more information about where and when you will be able to complete the registration process. If you have arrived with a Tier 4 student visa, the Immigration Compliance team will also check your passport and visa at this stage.

When can I collect my Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)?

Your BRP decision letter from UK Visas and Immigration will tell you where to collect your BRP. Most students will be able to collect their Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) from DMU, and you will be able to do this as part of the registration process.

Other students may need to collect their BRP from the Post Office. If you collect your BRP from the Post Office, the Immigration Compliance team will take a copy of your BRP for our records when you register onto your course.

When do I start on my course and meet staff from my faculty?

Induction activity for your course should begin from Monday 20th January (the week after International Welcome Week) and you should receive information about this separately.

Before you can start your course, you'll also need to make sure that you have completed your registration.

Safety and security: what happens if I have to walk home after an evening activity?

Our campus is generally very safe and you should feel comfortable in your new surroundings. Our security team will give you advice during the opening Welcome session. If you are worried about getting home after an evening activity, please talk to a member of staff and we will be happy to advise you.



Comprehensive information and support for international students is available in Student Gateway.

- International Student Support
- Employability and Careers
- Wellbeing
- Student Finance and Welfare
- Disability Advice and Support

Make an appointment with teams through MyGateway

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Ground Floor
Gateway House

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm

Email: studentgateway@dmu.ac.uk