

MASSOC

Freshers Handbook

Your guide to settling in,
connecting and making
Leeds your home.

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Everything you need to know before and after you arrive in Leeds.

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Welcome to Leeds!

Dear Freshers,

They say university is where you find yourself. We think it's also where you find your people.

Congratulations, and welcome to the University of Leeds!

Starting university is an exciting new chapter, filled with new experiences, opportunities, and friendships. While moving to a new country may feel unfamiliar at first, we hope you'll soon discover what so many of us have—that Leeds quickly becomes a place you'll proudly call home.

From social gatherings and cultural celebrations to sports, welfare initiatives, career talks, and our flagship events, we hope you will find lifelong friendships, unforgettable memories, and a community that supports you every step of the way.

We hope this handbook helps you settle into life in Leeds, and we can't wait to welcome you to the MASSoc family. See you in Leeds soon!



LUUMASSoc Executive Committee 26/27
Leeds University Union Malaysian and Singaporean Society





INTRODUCTION

About MASSoc

The **Leeds University Union Malaysian and Singaporean Society** (MASSoc) was established in 1984 with the aim of helping Malaysian and Singaporean students adapt to life in the UK and make the transition to university abroad smoother.

Over the years, MASSoc has grown into a welcoming community that offers both a sense of home and cultural familiarity for students abroad. The society organises a wide range of events throughout the year such as festive celebrations, social mixers, sports activities, and many more. We also support our members academically and emotionally through peer networks and mentorships. Whether it's for making new friends, staying connected to home culture, or simply having fun, MASSoc is here to help students feel at home in Leeds.



MNight (Malaysian Night)

One of our annual flagship events, where we celebrate Malaysian culture through a student-led theatre production featuring drama, dance, and music. It's a creative and collaborative showcase that brings our community together and offers a unique platform for students to express their talents and share a piece of home with others.

MGames (Malaysian Games)

Another one of our annual flagship events, where Malaysian societies from across the UK gather in Leeds for a full day of competitive sports like volleyball, football, and more. It's a fun and energetic way to connect with other students and celebrate the Malaysian community through teamwork and some friendly competition.



MBall (Malaysian Ball)

One of our annual flagship events, where students come together for an elegant evening of celebration, entertainment, and connection. Often described as the Malaysian student prom in Leeds, the event offers the opportunity to dress up, enjoy a formal dinner, recognise outstanding members through awards, and create lasting memories with friends before the academic year comes to a close.

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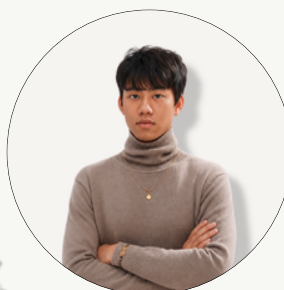
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Joining *MASSoc*

Join our Official Whatsapp Group Chat!



Our official MASSoc FamiLeeds WhatsApp group chat will provide you with general announcements relevant to our society, as well as very useful info e.g. part-time job vacancies, education fairs, and upcoming events.

Link:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/CejwBbNYGcCKDkPPJyn506?mode=ac_c

How to get involved?

We keep our Instagram updated with all our upcoming events, and you can find more info in the captions of each post. Follow us **@luumassoc** to stay updated!

If an event requires registration, the link is always located in our [Linktree](#).

Both members and non-members are always welcomed. If you're uncertain about anything, just send us a DM and we'd be happy to help. Our events are super chill and a great way to meet people, so don't hesitate to get involved!

Our Membership - Join us today!

Buy membership through:

<https://engage.luu.org.uk/groups/C6Q/malaysian-singaporean>

Note:

- Memberships for the 2026/2027 academic year are valid from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027.
- You will need your University of Leeds Student ID to purchase your membership through the LUU website.
- Payment can be made using a credit or debit card.
- Memberships can also be purchased at the MASSoc Freshers' Fair stall during Freshers' Week



PRE-DEPARTURE

Student Visa - Application

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This is only a rough outline of the Visa application process. Please see the [University's guidance](#) on applying for a Student Visa and [VFS's guidance](#) for more comprehensive guidance.

ACTIONS TO TAKE:

1. Accept your offer

- You must first accept your unconditional offer to study at the University of Leeds via UCAS. Then, the University will begin processing your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

Note: The CAS is an electronic document given by the university as evidence for the UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) to prove that you are a student at the University of Leeds. You cannot submit your Visa application without a CAS.

2. Apply for an ATAS certificate - if required

- Only some courses require an ATAS certificate alongside your Visa application, hence ignore if this does not apply to you. You may check if are required to [apply for an ATAS certificate](#).

3. Begin your online Visa application at:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply-online>

- Complete all required fields accurately, as any incorrect information may impact the outcome of your Student Visa application. You will be required to pay the visa fee along with a healthcare surcharge, the amount of which depends on the duration of your course.

4. Review all details on your CAS carefully once received

- If all details are correct, update your CAS reference number in your Visa application and submit your Visa application to VFS.
- If there are mistakes with the details on your CAS, you must get it rectified. The email you received your CAS in should provide you with information on who to contact if there are mistakes. Else, email seooffice@leeds.ac.uk and inform them that there has been a mistake in your CAS.

Student Visa - Application

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5. Documents you need to prepare:

- Passport
- **English-translated** Birth Certificate
- Confirmation of Acceptance Studies (CAS)
- ATAS Certificate - if required
- Tuberculosis (TB) Test Certificate
- Proof of parental consent - if you are under 18 years old
- Proof of funds

Note: For proof of funds, sponsored students should provide a financial statement. Privately funded students should provide a bank letter as well as bank statements and accompanying documents.

6. Tuberculosis (TB) Test Certificate

***This is only required for **Malaysian** students and is *not needed* for **Singaporean** Students.*

- Learn more about where you can get the TB in Malaysia, what you need to bring to the testing clinic, and test fees [here](#). You need to make an appointment before visiting the testing clinic.
- Your TB results will only be valid for Visa application if you obtain it from an approved test clinic; you can find the list of approved test clinics in the link above.

7. Biometrics Test

- After submitting your Visa application, you will receive an email inviting you to book an appointment for your biometrics to be taken at a [Visa Application Centre](#).
- All the info you need to know about what to bring to your appointment is on [VFS's website](#)

Important: It is essential to print all the required documents as specified on the website. Failure to bring hard copies of the requested documents will result in you being unable to proceed with your appointment. Soft copies will not be accepted, and you will need to reschedule for another day.

Electronic Visa (e-Visa)

The e-Visa is a fully digital version of your UK Student visa, replacing the old physical Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) cards and passport visa stickers. Instead of carrying a physical document, you'll access your visa status online via your UKVI account.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN E-VISA:

1. Create a UKVI account.
 - If you receive an email inviting you to create your account, follow the instructions provided.
 - If you do not receive an email, you may still create a UKVI account via: <https://www.gov.uk/get-access-evisa>
 - You should receive a confirmation email that your UKVI account has been created, then you will be able to sign in.
 2. Download the UK Immigration: ID Check app to confirm your identity .
 - You'll need to scan your passport, verify the document details, and take a facial photo as part of the identity verification process.
- Available in the App Store
and Google Play Store*
3. Complete all the required sections, and read through the declaration.
 - Once you are ready, click Submit to connect your UKVI account with your e-Visa.
 - You should receive an email once your e-Visa is available to view.
 - Your e-Visa will be linked to your passport, so double-check that your current passport is valid and is correctly associated with your e-Visa before travelling.
 4. Generate a Share Code before travelling.
 - This code proves your right to study, rent, or work in the UK and is valid for 90 days. Immigration officers may ask for it, so be sure to have it ready.

Registering with the University

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For new undergraduate students, you can register from **2 September 2026 - 26 October 2026**.

For new taught postgraduate students, you can register from **3 August 2026 until 26 October 2026**.

You must register within this period, else you will be considered to have forfeited your place at the University. For more information about University Registration, visit [here](#).

ACTION BEFORE REGISTERING:

1. Pay tuition fees.

- Learn more about paying tuition fees (how much you need to pay, setting up an instalment plan, etc.) [here](#).
- If you do not have a UK bank account to pay your tuition fees, the University accepts [alternative payment methods](#) from bank accounts overseas.
- If you are a sponsored student, you can find out more on how to pay your fees [here](#).
- If you do not wish to pay in full, you may [set up an instalment plan](#). The deadline to do so is **1 December 2026**.
- If you're eligible for a partial tuition fee waiver due to a scholarship, simply pay the full (non-discounted) tuition fee amount in your first instalment. The waiver will be applied automatically, and the discounted amount will be reflected in your second instalment.
- If you prefer not to use a credit card from back home to pay your tuition fees and would rather use funds from a UK bank account, you can still set up an instalment plan even if you don't yet have a UK bank account. There will be an option to provide your UK debit card details at a later stage. Once your UK bank account is open and your debit card is issued, make sure to update your payment details through Student Services, so the remaining instalments can be collected from your UK account.
- If you are unable to set up an instalment plan before the deadline but still wish to pay your tuition fees in instalments, you may contact ugfees@leeds.ac.uk (for undergraduate students) or pgfees@leeds.ac.uk (for postgraduate students) explaining your situation. Please note that exceptions are rarely granted and only considered under genuine mitigating circumstances that prevent you from meeting the deadline.

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REGISTERING:

2. Ensure you have all the necessary documents to complete your registration.

- Fee payment information - if you are a sponsored student, email your sponsor letter to Sponsors@leeds.ac.uk, else you may have to either pay your fees, provide your UK bank details, or show proof of Student Finance support.
- Home address details, term-time address details, and emergency contact addresses and phone numbers.
- Student number - nine-digit number found on your offer letter, welcome email or applicant portal.
- Original academic qualifications

3. Activate your IT account.

- Your IT account will be activated 60 days before your programme starts, or two working days after your accept an unconditional offer, whichever comes later.
- When your IT account has been set up, you will receive an email from do-not-reply@identity.leeds.ac.uk containing your username and activation instructions. Follow these instructions accordingly.
- Find out more on how to set up your IT account [here](#).

4. Complete your online registration at: <https://studentservices.leeds.ac.uk/>

- Once you have completed your online registration, you will be required to complete an identity check. Find out more on how to do so [here](#).

5. Module Enrolment.

- Keep track of when module enrolment opens and relevant deadlines.
- Learn more about what you can do to prepare yourself for module enrolment, deadlines to enroll, and how to enroll, [here](#).

Student Accommodation (Private)

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Private Accommodation

If you booked private accommodation, you will need to liaise directly with your letting agent about your contract, payments, key collection, moving into the property etc. The University is not responsible for your accommodation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

1. Many letting agents are asking me for a UK-based guarantor as a prerequisite for renting a room or a flat. Can the University act as my guarantor?

- No, the University cannot act as your guarantor.
- Usually when letting agents ask for a guarantor, they are looking for a person who is either a UK permanent resident/citizen working in.

2. I don't have a UK-based guarantor. What should I do?

- If you do not have a UK-based guarantor, you can ask the letting agent for alternative options. Some letting agents might still allow you to rent without a UK-based guarantor if you can pay upfront the rent for the entire duration of your contract. They might also allow you to pay in one lump sum e.g. 6 months' rent.
- If you would like to pay your rent in several instalments instead of one lump sum, you would typically need a UK-based guarantor.

However, there are a few private student accommodation providers in Leeds who do not require a UK-based guarantor:

(a) [Unipol](#) - You can pay rent in up to 6 instalments.

(b) [IQ Leeds](#) - You can pay rent in up to 4 instalments.

(c) [Vita](#) - Requires a guarantor, but your guarantor does not have to be based in the UK. So you can just provide either one of your parents/guardian's details to act as your guarantor even if they are overseas.

- For Vita, you will need to pay in 2 instalments (50% rent on each instalment). You also have the choice of paying upfront the rent for the entire duration of your contract.

(d) [YPP Lettings](#) - You can only pay in monthly instalments if you have a UK-based guarantor. If you do not have a guarantor, you can pay in 3-month instalments.

Student Accommodation (Private)

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Private Accommodation

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

3. If I have already signed my accommodation contract but can't make it to Leeds in time from my contract start date, will I be able to claim a rent refund for the duration that I was not in?

- Read your contract carefully before signing to see if the contract provides for this situation. If it does not, please work this out with your letting agent and find out if you are entitled to a refund of any sort before signing the contract. The University is not responsible for what you agree with your letting agent.

4. I would like to rent private accommodation but I'm still looking for flatmates/housemates. Will MASSoc be able to help me find someone to rent with?

- MASSoc usually does not run any housemate-matching programmes for freshers.
- If you are a new student looking for a flatmate/housemate to rent together, you can post about this on our WhatsApp group chat saying that you are looking for a flatmate/housemate. (See previous section on how to join our group chat!)

Student Accommodation (University)

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University Accommodation

If you have applied for University accommodation, your room offer will be sent to you by email. Most undergraduate allocations are made after **A-Level Results Day (13 August 2026)**, while postgraduate offers are generally sent from **late July to early September**.

If you have not received an accommodation offer by **10 September 2026**, contact Accommodation Services on **+44 (0)370 1200 189**.

This is only a rough outline. Please refer to the University Accommodation website for the latest guidance.

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1. Accept your room offer

- Once you receive your offer, log in to the Accommodation Portal to review and accept it.
- You will usually have 2 working days to accept your offer.
- Once accepted, you enter into a legally binding contract with the University. If you would prefer private accommodation, do not accept the offer.

2. Complete your pre-arrival requirements

- Complete the required online accommodation induction.
- Check your move-in date, arrival instructions and key collection arrangements.

3. Set up your payment plan

- For 2026/27, you can pay your accommodation fees in full, in 3 instalments, or in 8 monthly instalments.
- Check your accommodation contract for the exact amount and payment schedule that applies to you.

Student Accommodation (University)

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University Accommodation

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

1. Can I move in before the start date of my contract?
 - If you are arriving earlier than your contract start date, you **MUST** inform the resident life team by filling in the early arrival request form so they can prepare your room and arrange for an early key collection timeslot.
 - There is no guarantee that you will be allowed to move in before your contract start date; the residence life team will assess early arrivals on a case-by-case basis.
 - You can find out more about early arrivals and fill in the early arrival request form [here](#).
 - Unfortunately, if early arrivals accommodation is already fully booked and you are arriving earlier than your contract start date, you will need to book a hotel or Airbnb for the time being.



Packing Essentials

Please note that this is only a recommendation from MASSoc and not an official guideline. We are not responsible for any items you may forget.

Before Packing:

1. Check your baggage allowance to make sure you do not exceed the weight limit
2. Do not over pack, there are many places in Leeds that allow you to get the things you need. (See in next section)

Clothing

- ☐ Outerwear - e.g. a puffer, jackets or coats
- ☐ Hoodies & sweaters
- ☐ Thermal wear - e.g. Uniqlo's Heat Tech
- ☐ Summer Clothing (as you would wear in Malaysia/Singapore)
- ☐ Shoes - sneakers, slippers, dress/formal shoes
- ☐ Formal Wear
- ☐ Dinner Wear
- ☐ Traditional Attire

Kitchen Appliances & Food

Before packing, check what kitchen appliances come with your accommodation. For private accommodation, you may contact your letting agent to check these details. For university accommodation, you may check what furniture and facilities that are provided in your residences [here](#).

- ☐ Basic Cutlery
- ☐ Comfort Foods (e.g. instant noodles, milo, etc.)
- ☐ Herbs/pastes for cooking or medicinal purposes

Others

- ☐ Stationery
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Medicine
- ☐ Contact Lenses
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Photos/Decorations
- ☐ Speaker/Headphones
- ☐ Bedding
- ☐ British Pounds



ESSENTIALS

Document Checklist

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Below are some important documents you should bring with you before departing for the UK. Be sure to pack all of them in your hand luggage, as you may be required to present these documents to enter the UK. It's always a good idea to keep these documents organised in a folder for easy access while travelling!

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ eVisa and the letter you received when your visa is issued
- ☐ Academic Offer Letter
- ☐ Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)
- ☐ Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate and letter from the University - if required
- ☐ Original academic qualification certificates and English language test report - bring formal translations if your documents are not in English
- ☐ Proof of fees paid - if paid in advance
- ☐ Sponsorship Letter - if applicable
- ☐ Proof that you have sufficient money to cover your fees and support yourself while living in the UK - including bank statements
- ☐ Marriage and Birth Certificates for you and your family - if applicable
- ☐ Proof of Address (in home country) - could be either a letter from the University sent to your home address or a recent letter from your bank
- ☐ Proof of UK Address
- ☐ University Accommodation Contract - if applicable

Before

ARRIVING IN LEEDS

To help you feel ready for your move to Leeds, there are a few important tasks to sort out beforehand!

Opening a Bank Account (Before arriving to the UK)

- **HSBC Everyday Global Account**

- Allows you to hold and spend in 11 currencies (including both GBP and MYR).
- However, there are certain requirements needed, such as maintaining a Total Relationship Balance of at least RM300,000.

- **Wise Account**

- Allows you to hold, receive, and spend in over 40 currencies (including both GBP and MYR).
- Especially convenient if you plan to travel around Europe, as it offers a debit card with low conversion fees and free ATM withdrawals up to a limit.

- **Maybank Global Access Account**

- Able to apply through the MAE app with a minimum deposit of RM50.
- Comes with a Mastercard World debit card.

Opening a Bank Account (After arriving in the UK)

You can choose between traditional physical banks or digital-only banks. Most banks allow you to start your application online, but you may be asked to visit a branch or upload documents for verification.

- Required Documents (may vary across banks):
 - **Proof of your identity** - Passport
 - **Proof that you're a student** - Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) or bank letter from University / University Student ID Card
 - **Proof of your address** - Housing Contract / Utility Bills / Bank Letter from the University
 - **Your Electronic Visa**

Tip: always check the specific bank's website for their latest requirements

Before

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Common Bank Options Among Malaysian Students in Leeds:

Physical Banks:

- HSBC
 - HSBC Global account supports multi-currency features and has international access with ATM across the world but has high eligibility requirements.
- Lloyds
 - Lloyds Bank provides student account and has branches across the UK. (requires UK address proof when setting up an account)
- Barclays
 - Barclays Bank also provides student account with wide ATM network and good online banking system, but may require in-person visit to open an account.

Digital Banks (No Physical Branches):

- Wise
 - Wise app provides multi-currency features and offers low conversion rate and free ATM withdrawals up to a limit.
- Monzo
 - Monzo app provides good features for budgeting and doesn't require UK credit history.
- Starling
 - Starling app supports fee-free spending abroad, which is good for students who wants to travel around.
- Chase
 - Chase Bank offers cashback feature, but it is only available for UK residents.
- Revolut
 - Revolut supports multi-currency and cryptocurrency features. Some features might be unlocked through paid subscription.

Before

ARRIVING IN LEEDS

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Setting up a UK mobile number

Before purchasing SIM cards from the mobile data provider you have chosen, make sure to check whether your accommodation has already provided you with one (University Accommodation generally provides you a SIM card). Some 2025/26 intake of students also reportedly received SIM cards from VFS Global office upon completion of their biometric testing (during the Visa process), however, it is not guaranteed you will be given one.

Mobile Data Providers:

- **giffgaff** - offers cheap plans and has good coverage
- **voxi** - offers variety of plans (with unlimited socials/music/video)
- **three** - plans starts at half price for the first 6 months, and gradually increases
- **vodafone** - bill will increase each year, but offers package deals such as Disney+, YouTube Premium, Amazon Prime, etc.
- **O₂** - generally pricier when comparing with other providers, and bill increases each year

Apps to download



Duo Mobile



UniLeeds



NHS App

Academic / Medical Apps

Duo Mobile - for university student account verification

UniLeeds - for class attendance and timetable

NHS App - for medical help and appointment booking

Food / Grocery Apps



Deliveroo



Uber Eats



Just Eat



Gopuff

Travel Apps



First Bus



Uber



TrainPal



Trainline

Banking Apps (if applicable)



HSBC



Wise



Monzo



Lloyds

GP & NHS

REGISTRATION

To ensure you stay healthy during your time in Leeds, it's important to register with a GP and the NHS as soon as possible!

What does GP stands for?

A General Practitioner (GP) is your first point of contact for most medical concerns. They generally offer a wide range of services, ranging from diagnosing and treating common illnesses to providing health advice and referring patients to specialist care when needed. In the event of an **emergency** (serious or life-threatening conditions only), reach out to your nearest NHS Hospital A&E (Accident and Emergency) for help or dial 112 or 999.

How do I register with a GP?

1. Locate a local GP near your term-time address:
 - Visit the NHS website [here](#) and select GP, search by your term-time postcode or use your location if you're in your accommodation
2. Choose a GP practice with the "Accepting new patients" tag
3. Complete the registration forms via the GP's website
 - GMS1 form - basic NHS registration details
 - Health questionnaire - questions about your medical history and current conditions
4. Provide necessary documents during the online registration such as proof of address (e.g. tenancy agreement) and your photo ID (e.g. passport)
5. Wait for confirmation
 - Processing generally takes up to 1-2 weeks
 - Once registered, a confirmation email will be sent to you and a NHS number will be assigned to you

Quick tips and additional information:

- Make sure to register early to ensure you stay healthy during flu seasons or exam stress peaks!
- GP visits and hospital care are free of charge as you have already paid the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) during your Visa application.
- Note that dental and optical care may have additional charges!

Settling In

UPON ARRIVAL

To help you feel at home in Leeds, here are some useful tips for getting from the airport, arriving safely, and picking up your essentials!

Travelling from Airport

The University of Leeds offer a free airport pickup service from Leeds Bradford Airport and Manchester airport, which can be a convenient option for new international students. But be sure to sign up before the deadline, signup link will be available in mid-July and for more information, visit [here](#).

✈ From Manchester Airport to Leeds

Manchester Airport is the closest major international airport to Leeds, and it's a popular arrival point for many students. From the airport, you can take a direct train to Leeds, which takes around 1.5 to 2 hours. Trains run frequently throughout the day and depart from Manchester Airport train station, located within the airport complex. You can buy tickets online in advance (e.g. via TrainPal or Trainline) or at the station.

Alternatively, coach services like National express and Megabus are available, though they may take longer than the train. Taxis and airports transfers are also options, but they are generally more expensive and not recommended for students (£70-£100+).

✈ From London Heathrow to Leeds

If you're arriving at London Heathrow, getting to Leeds takes a bit longer but is still straightforward. The quickest way is to take the Heathrow Express or the London Underground (can be paid by debit or credit card) to London King's Cross Station, then catch a direct train to Leeds, which takes about 2.5 hours. This whole journey usually takes around 4-5 hours in total.

You can also take long-distance coaches like National Express directly from Heathrow to Leeds, which is a more affordable option but takes longer - typically for 6-7 hours. Make sure to plan your journey in advance and factor in transfer times.

Settling In

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Arriving in Leeds

When you arrive at Leeds Train Station, you're just a short journey away from your new home. If you're carrying heavy luggage, it's recommended to take an Uber or licensed taxi directly to your term-time accommodation for ease and comfort. If your accommodation is nearby, walking may be an option - just make sure to check the distance on Google Maps beforehand.



Getting your Essentials

Once you've settled in, you will need to pick up some daily essentials like kitchenware, bedding and bathroom items. You can easily find these at local supermarkets and stores such as Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, or Argos. To save time and avoid the hassle of shopping right after arrival, freshers can also pre-order essentials through [UniKitOut](#), who is a partner of University of Leeds, which delivers directly to your term-time accommodation before you arrive in the UK.

We will also be organising our annual fun and practical IKEA trip to IKEA Leeds, happening during the week before the semester begins (exact dates to be confirmed). It's a great chance to grab anything you still need, meet fellow MASSoc members, and get help from our friendly committee members, who will act as guides. Keep an eye on our Instagram page [@luumassoc](#) for more updates and details!

Emergency Contacts

In any emergency, knowing who to call can make all the difference - keep these contacts close, just in case!

Emergency Services - Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance:

- Dial 112 or
- Phone 999

Mental Health Emergencies (both phone line are open 24/7):

- Call the NHS on 111
- Call the Leeds Crisis Assessment Centre at [0800 183 1485](tel:08001831485)

If the emergency is on campus or in university accommodation:

- Call the University Security Services emergency number at [+44\(0\)113 343 2222](tel:+441133432222)

University of Leeds Harassment and Misconduct Team

- Email reportandsupport@leeds.ac.uk

University of Leeds Disability Support Team

- Email disability@leeds.ac.uk

Find all available helpline [here](#).



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



A photograph of the University of Leeds, featuring the prominent clock tower and the main building. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark brown filter. The text "LIFE IN UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS" is centered in a white, serif font.

LIFE IN UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



OUR CAMPUS

The University of Leeds has a single-site campus just a short walk from Leeds city centre, with lecture halls, libraries, cafés, shops, green spaces, and student facilities all within easy reach.



Great Hall



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The Edge

The Edge is the University's sports and wellbeing centre, featuring a gym, swimming pool, fitness classes, and sports facilities. It's also where we host most of our MASSoc sports Socials.



Leeds University Union (LUU)

The **Leeds University Union (LUU)** is the hub of student life, home to hundreds of clubs, societies, events, and social spaces. It's also where many of our MASSoc events are held.

OUR CAMPUS

At the heart of our campus, lies the Leeds University Union (LUU), which is our student union centre and is the heart of student life on campus, providing a welcoming, inclusive space where students can relax, connect, and get involved. It hosts a multitude of student-led clubs and societies, ranging from cultural and academic groups to sports and hobbies, making it easy for everyone to find their community - you'll find some of our events held here!



A little walk away is where you'll find The Edge, the university's flagship fitness, sport, and wellbeing facility, featuring a fully equipped gym, a swimming pool and various courts/fields to get active with your favourite sports like football, badminton, basketball or volleyball. Keep a lookout as we'll hold most of our sports casuals here.



OUR LIBRARIES

The University of Leeds has four libraries offering study spaces, learning resources, and academic support for all students.



1. LaidLaw Library

Located opposite Blenheim, with over 1000 study spaces specifically dedicated to undergraduate students, though postgraduate students are also welcome

 weekdays: 8am-8pm

 weekends: 10am-8pm

2. Brotherton Library

Located and accessed inside the Parkinson building. It is the oldest Library within the University Of Leeds dating back to 1936

 weekdays: 8am-8pm

 weekends: 10am-8pm



3. Edward Boyle Library:

Located near the student union, Edward Boyle Library houses over 2000 study spaces spread out through six levels, not to mention it's 24 hour access, easily makes it the largest and most accessible library on campus

 weekdays: 24/7

 weekends: 24/7

4. Health Sciences Library:

The Health Sciences Library is on level 7 of the Worsley Building. It contains the Library's main medical and health-related collections.

 weekdays: 8am-8pm

 weekends: 10am-8pm



Online Learning Service (Minerva)

Minerva serves as the main virtual learning environment, providing students with easy access to course materials, announcements, assignments, and learning tools all in one place. With a user-friendly interface and mobile accessibility, Minerva helps students stay connected with their modules, tutors, and peers — making it an essential part of academic life at the University of Leeds.

Minerva Allows you to:

- Access Course Materials for all of your modules
- Submit your assignments and view your grades for those assignments
- View any announcements made by any of your lecturers
- Access Student Services (module enrolment, view timetable, etc..)

and many others....

How to access Minerva:

1. Go to [Minerva.leeds.ac.uk](https://minerva.leeds.ac.uk)
2. Log in with your student email and password
3. For new users, you will have to set up your dual authentication with your phone number

Tips for using Minerva:

1. Check Minerva regularly for announcements made
2. You can make use of the calendar feature
3. Check out the My Leeds tab for all kinds of tools and services (student services, student wellbeing, study space booking, etc..)

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LIFE IN LEEDS

Transport

AROUND LEEDS

To ensure help you get around and not feel lost when in Leeds, here are some useful tips for your transport around

Bus:

- The buses in Leeds are operated by First Bus. The First Bus App can be downloaded on the app store and it allows you to check the bus you should be taking by entering your current location as well as the destination so that you know which bus stop to go and what number to take.
- You can either purchase students' monthly or annual pass, or you can purchase a single student ticket (FirstSingle University) on the app. You would have to verify your university email to purchase the student ticket. Note that FirstSingle University is **only eligible for the route which passes by the school** (<https://www.firstbus.co.uk/leeds/routes-and-maps/leedscity/routes-1-6-8-27-28-29>) but it's very useful for those who are staying in Headingley Area.
- You can also purchase normal price tickets on the app. When you get on the bus, scan the QR code of your ticket. Note: You will need to use a **credit/debit** card to purchase tickets on the app.
- Don't worry - you can also buy bus tickets with cash when you get on the bus. Just tell the bus driver which bus stop you're getting off and you will be told how much the ticket costs. If you plan to do this, you must prepare spare change.
- Do press the stop button when you are about to arrive at the stop where you need to get down.

Walk:

- If you live in student accommodation, chances are there are a lot of local amenities within walking distance. Leeds is also quite small and so many places are within walking distance from one another. You can easily find your way around using Google Maps.

Things to do

IN LEEDS

To help you feel extra at home at Leeds and not left wondering what to do, here are a few suggestions on things to do

Shopping & Leisure:

Leeds Trinity

Trinity Leeds, the city's go to destination for retail, dining, leisure and entertainment boasts over 120 national and international brands under one roof to offer shoppers a brand new experience each and every time they visit. Since opening in March 2013, Trinity Leeds has brought an exciting mix of retailers including Superdry, Hollister, Mango, Fossil and many more. [here](#)



Corn Exchange

The Leeds Corn Exchange is one of the city's most iconic and architecturally stunning buildings, known for its grand Victorian design and unique domed roof built in the 19th century. Inside, you'll find a curated collection of boutique shops, artisan retailers, vintage fashion stores, and quirky gift outlets — all housed within a beautifully restored circular space. [here](#)



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Leeds Victoria

Victoria Leeds is a premier shopping and lifestyle destination in the heart of the city, combining luxury, elegance, and modern convenience. It consists of two distinct yet connected spaces — the historic Victoria Quarter, with its stunning arcades and ornate architecture, and the contemporary Victoria Gate, known for its striking design and flagship stores. Home to the likes of Harvey Nichols, John Lewis, and many exclusive labels, Victoria Leeds is the go-to place for a refined shopping experience. [here](#)



Thorntons Arcade

Thornton's Arcade originally opened in 1878 and is Leeds' oldest shopping Arcade. Today Thornton's Arcade is the home to many locally and internationally known independent businesses and is considered to be at the heart of Leeds independent shopping scene. [here](#)



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Entertainment & recreational:

Leeds Grand Theatre

In the heart of Leeds, the Leeds Grand Theatre opened in 1878 and continues to enchant audiences with West End musicals, opera, ballet, comedy, and major touring shows. Its lavish Victorian-Romanesque interior features ornate plasterwork, majestic chandeliers, Gothic fan-vaulting, and an auditorium seating around 1,500 people blending rich history with world-class performances, making it a cultural cornerstone of the city. [here](#)



Leeds City Museum

Leeds City Museum is a fascinating, family-friendly attraction located in the heart of the city, offering a journey through natural history, world cultures, archaeology, and local heritage. Housed in a grand 19th-century building on Millennium Square, the museum features engaging, interactive exhibits across four floors and not to mention free entry. [here](#)



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Roxy Ballroom

Roxy Ball Room brings the playground to your night out with a electrifying mix of booze and ball games. It offers American pool, ping pong, beer pong, shuffleboard (SHUFL.), duck-pin bowling, bank shot shuffleboard, karaoke booths, and classic arcade games—all set to a soundtrack of rock and indie tunes. They also have lively bars serving craft beers, cocktails, pizzas, burgers, and shared snacks. [here \(Merrion Street\)](#) & [here \(Boar Lane\)](#)



Junkyard Golf Club

Junkyard Golf Club is a place where mini golf is met with a party atmosphere, funky soundtrack, epic cocktails, and snacks. With a few unique and fun golf courses, it is perfect for group hangouts. [here](#)



Things to do

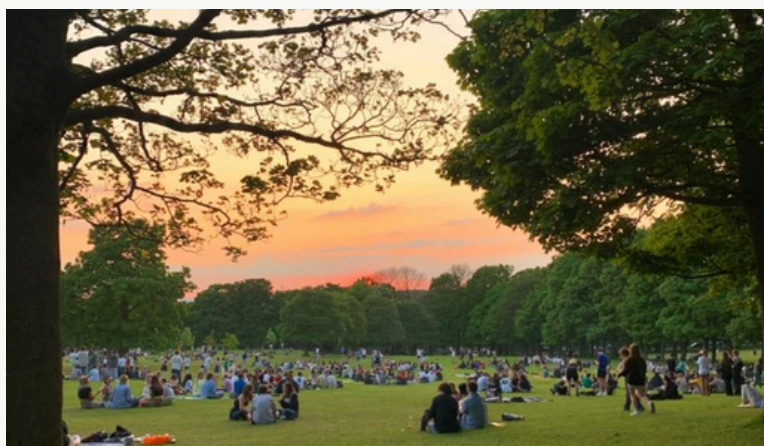
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Parks:

Hyde Park

Not to be mistaken with the Hyde Park located in London, Hyde Park Leeds is a lively green space located near the University of Leeds and a popular hangout spot for students and locals alike. It's a great place to chill with friends, play sports, have a picnic, or attend seasonal events like outdoor film screenings or festivals. [here](#)



Roundhay Park

Roundhay Park is one of the largest urban parks in Europe, offering over 700 acres of rolling parkland, lakes, woodlands, and landscaped gardens. Though it is considered a bit far requiring a bus ride from the city centre, it's still a favourite spot for relaxing walks, picnics, jogs, or scenic days out. [here](#)



Grocery

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To ensure you know where to get your groceries and essentials, here are a few suggestions

General:

Morrisons

Located on the edge of Leeds City Centre: goo.gl/maps/2ij5s1vaVv7kk81K7

it is a large store with a variety of goods. What you can buy there:

- Everyday groceries (fresh produce and meat - stuff you can cook with)
- Kitchen appliances and cutlery
- Other household supplies (e.g. duvet, food containers etc.)
- Toiletries (e.g. shampoo, soap etc.)
- Cleaning supplies

[Online groceries shopping and delivery](#) to your doorstep available



Tesco Express

There are an abundance of Tesco Expresses and they should be located near your accommodations. They sell similar stuff to a 7-elevens though with maybe a couple more essential groceries. [Online groceries shopping and delivery](#) to your doorstep available



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Sainsbury's and Sainsbury's Local

Sainsbury's has items and groceries similar to what you would find at Morrison's with a likewise similar price range. There is one large [Sainsbury's store in the city centre \(The Headrow\)](#) as well as another large [Sainsbury's store in Headingley](#). Along with that you also have Sainsbury's locals which are smaller Sainsbury's stores kind of like Tesco Express. [Online groceries shopping and delivery](#) to your doorstep available



Kirkgate Market

The Leeds Fish Market selling a wide variety of fresh produce meat and baked goods from different vendors. The location is near Leeds City Centre [here](#)



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Co-op

Various locations throughout Leeds. Most Co-op stores are quite similar to Tesco Express and Sainsbury's Local stores. It's basically a mini supermarket/convenience store. Items are generally pricier here but there is [Co-op store inside the Leeds University Union building](#) whenever you feel lazy to leave campus



Marks and Spencer

located inside Leeds Trinity [here](#). It is also on the pricier end but they sell good quality fresh produce, cooking ingredients, and pastries. Also have clothes, beauty products, furniture, food products etc. [Online groceries shopping and delivery](#) to your doorstep available.



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Asda

Asda is a large store with a wide variety of goods but is considered quite far out from the Leeds City Centre and Woodhouse. However it is considered convenient if you live near Burley, Headingley or Hyde park. Similar items to Morrisons but also generally cheaper. It is located [here](#).

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Aldi

Another large store with a wide variety of goods. Located near Asda [here](#). Also considered generally cheaper than most alternatives. [Online groceries shopping and delivery](#) to your doorstep available.



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Asian Supermarkets:

Asian supermarkets differ from the other supermarkets by offering items that are mostly asian/from asia. Yes that includes Malaysia and Singapore. If you want to try your hand at making Nasi Lemak or want to have a Hotpot, chances are you'll be able to find your needed ingredients here

Sing-Kee Oriental Supermarket

They offer a 10% student discount off your total bill if you present your student ID card at checkout! 10% discount not applicable to some items though this is not applicable to some items. [here](#)



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Hang Sing Hong/ Taste the orient

They offer a wider selection of goods compared to Sing-Kee with multiple branches at different locations. The biggest branch is located in [Leeds City Centre on Vicar Lane](#). Other branches include one on [Blenheim Terrace next to Tesco Express](#) and one next to [Vita \(student accomodation\)](#).



Halal Markets:

There are also a few locations that offer Halal groceries

Sultan Halal Market

[Here](#)

Mahmood Halal Butchers

[Here](#)

Noshi Food Stores

[Here](#)



Thank you
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See you in Leeds!

