

Loughborough College
International Foundation
Programme 2020/21

The gateway
to your future



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Loughborough University

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Make the Loughborough College International Foundation Programme your gateway to top UK universities

The Loughborough College International Foundation Programme (**LCIFP**) is designed for international students who have good end-of-school grades but are in need of an extra year of study before beginning their university studies in the UK.

Special emphasis is placed on subject-specific tuition to prepare students for their chosen degree programme, as well as developing the study skills needed for success in an independent learning environment.

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Train times to major cities and airports



Edinburgh
4 hrs 45 min
(EDI)

Manchester
2 hrs 30 min

Liverpool
3 hrs 30 min

Derby
23 min

Nottingham
20 min



(EMA)

Loughborough



Birmingham
75 min
(BHX)

Leicester
12 min



London
90 min
(LHR)

Universities that our international foundation programme students have progressed to ...



Loughborough University

Imperial College London



Durham University

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK



LANCASTER UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF BATH

THE UNIVERSITY of York



The University of
Nottingham

UNITED KINGDOM • CHINA • MALAYSIA



The
University
Of
Sheffield.



University of
Reading



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

MANCHESTER
1824



UNIVERSITY
of DERBY

University of
Kent



University of
Leicester

UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER

NOTTINGHAM ^{NTU}
TRENT UNIVERSITY

Reasons to choose the LCIFP

1. Recognition

Last year, over **70%** of our LCIFP students progressed to a top 20 UK university and over **85%** progressed to a top 30 UK university.

3. Choice of modules

Choose modules tailored towards your chosen degree programme or keep your options open.

2. Help with English

Compulsory Academic English module, as well as IELTS support for those who need it, helping you to make the most of your studies in the UK.

4. Accommodation

Stay in fantastic student accommodation on the College campus and only minutes away from Loughborough's lively town centre.



5. Loughborough Students' Union

Become a member of Loughborough Students' Union, voted Number 1 for student experience, and get involved with over 90 sporting clubs and societies.

6. One-to-one support

Your Progress Tutor will take a special interest in your academic development, helping you to plan your work, offering advice on university, and guiding you through the UCAS application process.

7. Fantastic facilities

Study in our £14-million teaching and learning space.

9. Location

Loughborough has fantastic rail and air links: be in London or Paris in an hour and a half!

8. Dedicated International Team

Our dedicated International Team are here to support you before you arrive and throughout your time in the UK.



Teaching and support

LCIFP students can be confident that, throughout their studies, they will receive high-quality academic teaching, guidance from a Progress Tutor, and ongoing help and advice from an experienced International Team. Other LCIFP study benefits include:

- teaching staff who are experienced in supporting learners throughout the transition to study in the UK
- the opportunity to study with students from all over the world
- support to develop both the language and study skills needed for success at university in the UK
- study through seminars, lectures, group work, independent research, and laboratory work



All LCIFP students undertake a comprehensive induction, which introduces them to their course, the College, the surrounding area, and living in the UK, through a variety of activities and events. This enjoyable and informative experience ensures that students quickly settle into the College, whilst also providing an ideal opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

PROGRESS TUTOR

Every international student at Loughborough College is assigned a dedicated Progress Tutor who takes a special interest in their academic development, helping them to plan their work and offering advice on further study. Progress Tutors undertake regular reviews to make sure that students are progressing on their course and achieving their targets. If students have any problems with their course, their Progress Tutor will support them by liaising with other College staff and tutors.

They will try to help resolve any issues related to the student's academic programme of study, as well as personal issues which may be affecting their progress.

At the start of the programme, students meet with their Progress Tutor to discuss study plans, timetables, the structure of the LCIFP, and life at the College.

The Progress Tutor also guides and supports students during their UCAS application and specialist advice is given to assist students in making their university choices and deciding which course is best for them.

For more information on teaching and support, visit our website.



Learning facilities

Study in the Loughborough Sixth Form College: our £14-million redevelopment opened in September 2015. Its state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities include:

- eight specialist laboratories
- 20 fully refurbished classrooms
- additional areas for independent study and group work
- 'break-out' spaces to encourage open learning



For more information, visit our website or contact the Library: library@loucoll.ac.uk

LIBRARY

Our Library is based in the Hub and offers a range of drop-in and bookable computer facilities in a variety of comfortable study environments.

A wide range of academic books, e-resources, e-books, and e-journals are available to LCIFP students, all of which can be accessed both on- and off-site.

Library Facilitators hold regular study skills surgeries and workshops including presentation skills, referencing, and preparing for exams.



Programme structure

The LCIFP is a flexible learning experience, offering Academic English Language (AEL) classes, as well as a great selection of subject-specific modules.

The programme consists of four key elements:

1. AEL PLUS STUDY SKILLS

These classes help students to develop the skills essential for success at university, including researching, extended writing, presenting, and summarising.

2. CHOICE OF SUBJECT PATHWAYS

These focus on equipping students with the foundation-level subject knowledge required to progress on to more specialised study at university.

An experienced member of the Curriculum Team is available to advise students when choosing these modules at the start of the programme.

3. ONE-TO-ONE TUTORIALS

Progress Tutors work closely with students throughout the programme, supporting them in their academic development and monitoring their progress.

They offer advice in regular meetings, helping students to apply for university and ensuring that they receive the best possible education during their time at the College.

4. IELTS SUPPORT

English language tutors are on hand to support those students who need to improve their IELTS score before starting their degree programme.



The subject-specific pathways selected will depend on the individual student's chosen degree programme and its entry requirements.

All modules on the LCIFP are accredited by NCFE and students are required to achieve a total of 120 credits during the course.

Each of the subject modules completed is worth a number of credits, which are added up to equal the 60 credits that you must successfully achieve each semester. All LCIFP modules are worth 15 credits each.

Each semester, students take classes in Academic English Language, as well as three subject-specific modules (one from each group) from the grid below.



SUBJECT PATHWAY SAMPLE MODULES (Module choice is subject to availability): Students study four modules in each semester, selected from below (note some modules are compulsory to a specific pathway and some may be prohibited by a specific pathway)

SUBJECT PATHWAYS AVAILABLE	SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic English: Note-taking and Referencing Conventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic English: Research and Presentation Skills
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths for Business: Statistics and Probability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths for Business: Probability Models and Financial Maths
Science and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths for Engineering & Science: Algebra, Number, Calculus and Trigonometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths for Engineering & Science: Functions, Calculus, Complex Numbers, Matrices and Vectors
Computing and IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics: Mechanics and Electric Circuits Web Design and Development: HTML, CSS, and PHP/Javascript Business Finance: Using Financial Data to Inform Business Finance Decisions Microeconomics: Study of Markets and Market Failure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics: Fields, Waves and Fundamental Aspects of Matter Procedural Programming Principles of Marketing Macroeconomics: Study of the National Economy and Government Policy

Timetable and assessment

LCIFP students receive four and a half hours of tuition per subject per week, as well as an additional three hours of IELTS support if required.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE 2020/21

	09:00 - 10:30	10:45 - 12:15	13:15 - 14:45	15:00 - 16:30
Monday	IELTS		Maths for Business	Academic English
Tuesday	Economics	Business Finance	Business Finance	Academic English
Wednesday		Maths for Business	Academic English	Economics
Thursday			Business Finance	Maths for Business
Friday	Tutorial	Economics		IELTS

To see more of what our students have to say about studying at Loughborough College, visit our website: www.loucoll.ac.uk/international

PROGRAMME START DATE:
Monday 14th September 2020

PROGRAMME END DATE:
Friday 18th June 2021



ASSESSMENT

The programme aims to prepare students for Higher Education and for the different kinds of assessment that they can expect to encounter at university in the UK. Learning is assessed through a combination of coursework assignments and end-of-module examinations. Some modules rely entirely on coursework assessments; whereas others are assessed through a combination of coursework and end-of-module examinations.

Examinations take place at the end of Semester 1 (January) and Semester 2 (June); whereas coursework deadlines

occur regularly throughout the academic year. Coursework assignments range from extended essays to presentations, research projects, and laboratory reports. Students receive full support during classes and tutorials in preparation for their assessments and are also helped to develop the planning and time management skills required to succeed in them.

Each module on the LCIFP is marked using the following grading criteria:

Pass	Merit	Distinction
40 - 59%	60 - 69%	70% +





Busayo
Nigeria

“ The Foundation Programme was a totally new and different experience for me. The programme was arranged in such a way that it enabled me to be independent and settle in easily. The frequent advice from my Progress Tutor, as well as the support from my teachers and the International Team, made my stay at Loughborough College very easy. ”

Loughborough College (2013/14)

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management
Loughborough University (2014 - 2017)



Salman
Bahrain

“ The tutors can be reached at any point and are always there to support me. The Foundation Programme has helped me learn the required skills to progress to university and given me a better view of what to expect from university life. ”

“ It’s more like university because you have questions which you need to do, you have deadlines you need to keep up to ... I think that’s a good thing! ”



Ore
Nigeria

“ I gained a lot from Loughborough College in my foundation year; not only the qualification but also communication skills and team skills, which benefit me a lot in my university life. ”

Loughborough College (2010/11)

BSc (Hons) Mathematics

University of Bath (2011 - 2014)

MSc Statistics

University College London (2014 - 2015)



Gao
China

Settling in

We know how important it is to feel safe and be comfortable when living away from home, especially for the first time. That is why we have dedicated support services and facilities available to help make Loughborough feel like home.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Our experienced International Team are here to support you before you arrive and throughout your time at Loughborough College. They can help you with opening a bank account, registering with a local doctor, extending your visa, and a whole lot more to help you settle in.

MEET AND GREET SERVICE

We understand how concerned some students, and their families, can be when preparing to leave their home country, especially if they have never done so before.

That is why, for all new LCIFP students, we arrange a free airport collection service. Travelling students are given a mobile telephone number before they depart and can make direct contact with their driver who will be waiting for them at the airport.

For more information on the support available to LCIFP students, do not hesitate to get in touch with the International Team.





ACCOMMODATION

Most LCIFP students stay in The Gables, our high-standard, self-catering halls of residence, just a five-minute walk away from the main College campus. The halls are divided into single rooms in flats for 5 or 6 students, with shared kitchen and dining facilities. Shared bathrooms, as well as private, en-suite facilities, are available.

The large, communal lounge area has a television and a selection of games and is a great space for students to relax after classes. The town centre and a large supermarket are just a 15-minute walk away. There are coin-operated laundry facilities on site, as well as bicycle storage and a communal outdoor seating area. Communal areas of the halls are cleaned regularly. Students under the age of 18 stay in a separate block and a warden is contactable by all residents 24 hours a day.

Our Accommodation Team is committed to making The Gables as safe, comfortable, and pleasant as possible for all of its residents. All accommodation requests require a deposit to reserve a place.



To find out more about the accommodation on offer at Loughborough College, including fees and room types, visit our website or contact the Accommodation Team:

+44 (0)1509 515435
accommodation@loucoll.ac.uk

Student life in Loughborough

Voted Number 1 for student experience, Loughborough is home to one of the biggest, independently owned students' unions in the UK.

The Loughborough Students' Union (LSU) gives all LCIFP students the opportunity to join over 90 different sporting clubs and societies. Getting involved can be a lot of fun and is a great way to enhance your time spent studying in the UK.



SOCIETIES

If your interests include culture, art, music, faith, film, and games, then LSU has a society for you. Societies provide great opportunities to have engaging and challenging experiences outside of the classroom.

SPORT

On top of this, the Athletic Union has over 50 sporting clubs, boasting a total membership of over 4,000 Loughborough students. It is a great way to meet other sports enthusiasts and develop your skills both on and off the field.

FUNDRAISING

Last year, LSU Rag raised almost £1.5 million for local national, and international charities! From skydiving to climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, becoming a member of Rag is always a rewarding and worthwhile experience.

VOLUNTEERING

Joining Action is a fantastic way to maximise your experience in Loughborough. Running over 30 projects, they provide a huge range of options for Loughborough students to volunteer in the local community.

To join certain societies and sporting clubs, costs may apply. For more information, visit:

www.lsu.co.uk

www.loughboroughsport.com

As the largest town in Leicestershire, there is no shortage of things to do in Loughborough. You could watch a movie at the Odeon cinema, visit The Climbing Station, or take a stroll around the local parks and woodland.

The College itself is located on a vibrant campus situated opposite Loughborough University and about a 15-minute walk away from the town centre. Regular shuttle buses to the town centre and train station ensure that students get around easily.

SHOPPING

Loughborough offers a great shopping experience: high street brands sit side by side with a mix of independent boutiques. You will find all the big names in the Carillon and The Rushes shopping centres and across the pedestrianised Market Place.

EATING OUT

There are plenty of places to eat out in Loughborough, with a wide range of cuisines on offer ranging from Indian, Italian, and Thai to Mexican, Chinese, and Australian. Firm favourite fast food chains are also available in the town centre, alongside independent delis and coffee shops. Markets are held in the town centre twice a week selling a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables and other goods.

TRANSPORT LINKS

Loughborough is an ideal base from which to explore the rest of the UK. With its fantastic rail links, you could be in Manchester in two hours or London in an hour and a half! In addition, East Midlands Airport is only 13 kilometres away and offers flights to many of Europe's major cities.



Campus facilities



THE HUB

As well as the Loughborough Sixth Form College, we have invested £15 million into the Hub: a modern complex with excellent dining facilities and a range of student support services all under one roof at the heart of the College campus. The Hub is also the home of the International Team.

PLACES TO EAT

There are plenty of places to eat on campus with a range of hot and cold food at prices to suit all budgets. We have two brand-new eating areas based over in the Hub with The View and The Box Office providing the ideal space to relax between classes.



MULTI-FAITH ROOM

The multi-faith room has been set aside for prayer, meditation, reading, or quiet reflection.

THE RADMOOR CENTRE

Based on the Loughborough College campus, The Radmoor Centre houses a range of facilities and services, including:



RESTAURANT

The Radmoor Restaurant offers a friendly and inviting environment where you can enjoy fantastic food and drink. Our talented chefs use delicious, fresh produce sourced from quality, local suppliers so, whatever you order, you can be sure that your food will be of the highest standard.

HEALTH & FITNESS

The Radmoor Centre is home to a range of excellent sporting facilities, including a well-equipped gym, indoor cycling studio, dance and exercise studio, and two sports halls. We also have a BOD POD, sauna, steam room, and brand-new hot tub spa, as well as a floodlit, all-weather pitch.





“ I really had a great time being part of the Foundation Programme. The teaching on the course was really good and I found that all my tutors were very supportive, in terms of giving me academic advice and helping me to get used to the UK study environment. ”

Jolie
Hong Kong

How to apply

To find out more and apply, visit our website:

www.loucoll.ac.uk/international

Here you will also find information about UK visas, including how to apply for one from outside the UK. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our International Team:

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We look forward to welcoming you
to Loughborough soon ...



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