INTRODUCTION

We are the Undergraduate Admissions Interns. As current Business School students we’re keen to tell you what it’s like to be a student here. This is our alternative guide to what life is like in Leeds, both in and out of University.
**IDENTIFICATIONS**

**BECCA**

**BA Management and the Human Resource, 3rd year.**

**What is your favourite thing about Leeds?**

I love that Leeds is a campus university that feels like its own community, but isn’t isolated from the city. Many universities are either campus or city-based, but here you get the best of both worlds as you can walk to the centre of town within 10 minutes.

**What is your favourite thing about your course?**

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I love the city’s architecture and the fact the city centre is nice and compact, so it is never too difficult to get anywhere. The Union is definitely my favourite thing about the University of Leeds! I always enjoy walking towards it, with its colourful bunting, and the Monday street vendors that are there. Every time you walk past you wonder what is going to be happening next.

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The opportunity to network with the different employers who come into the School every week thanks to the strong links the University has with these employers. This for me is very important as I have the opportunity to ask employers what exactly they look for in their candidates and work on improving my CV in order to be an ‘ideal’ candidate.

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What is your favourite thing about your course? Getting to be involved in a group project where we had to run a virtual business as a retailer of sports equipment in South East Asia. It was such a great experience to put my theoretical knowledge into practice and see how our decisions impacted our business performance. It was really fun yet very competitive as well, which added a real life element to the competition!
The Business School

Leeds University Business School delivers Undergraduate, Masters, MBA, PhD and Executive Education programmes to over 3,800 students from around 140 countries.

The Business School was recently placed 1st in the UK for Accounting and Finance, 3rd for Economics and 6th for Business, Management and Marketing, according to The Guardian’s University Guide 2017. Further to these achievements, we were shortlisted for the ‘Business School of the Year’ by The Times Higher Education Awards 2016. The Business School holds ‘Triple Crown’ accreditations from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, placing us in the top 1% of business schools globally.

The School is a faculty of the University of Leeds, one of the leading higher education institutions in the UK, ranked in the Top 100 universities in the world (QS rankings 2016/17) and a member of the prestigious Russell Group of research-intensive UK universities. The University of Leeds has also recently won three high-profile national awards for enterprise and entrepreneurship.

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Teaching

Possibly one of the most significant changes you will face when coming to university is the change in teaching style from school. Teaching can be broadly categorised into lectures and seminars, though workshops and tutorials feature in some modules.

Lectures

These take place in large lecture theatres and are very similar to presentations. These usually last one hour and are led by a University academic. A lot of the core content of your modules will be given in lectures.

Seminars

These are usually classroom-based, allow for much more detailed discussions and are effective in ensuring you understand the lecture content. Also, seminars are a great place to ask questions, rather than a big lecture.

Modules

Each academic year you are required to take 120 credits worth of modules. You will be required to take these over two semesters, averaging 60 credits a semester. Module types can be categorised as shown below:

- **Compulsory** – These modules form part of your degree course at the Business School and must be taken as part of your course.
- **Optional** – These modules are additional Business School modules that relate to your course. This gives you scope to choose modules that interest you most and in turn allows you to tailor your degree to these interests.
- **Discovery** – Offer the opportunity to take modules in any subject, from any department across the University! These are subject to timetabling, pre-requisites and availability. Visit leedsforlife.leeds.ac.uk/broadening to see what Discovery modules we have to offer.

Please be aware that module proportions can vary between programmes. We suggest that you check the latest key information on courses here: www.courses.leeds.ac.uk

“Our Mission is to make an exceptional impact on business and society globally through leadership in research and teaching.”

Professor Peter Moizer
Executive Dean of Leeds University Business School

Top Tip

Students at the Business School get free online access to the Financial Times newspaper. It is an extremely useful asset for keeping up to date with current affairs not only to help with your studies, but also enhancing your commercial awareness – a key attribute that employers are looking for.
NURTURING TALENT

This is one of the many opportunities available at the Business School that aims to make you as employable as possible when you graduate. The Business School has recruited over 170 skilled professionals with the purpose of acting as mentors. There are three main aims of the mentoring scheme: to enhance employability skills of students, to start building their professional networks, and to develop key skills associated with their degree. This scheme offers extensive benefits in terms of practical advice and learning from the experience of others, if your application for a professional mentor is successful.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR SCHEME

You may have spoken to one of our student ambassadors during a visit to the University, and this is yet another chance to get involved at the Business School. If you apply and make it through the selection process you could represent your course, division and the Business School as a whole to prospective students. This will also help you enhance your CV while earning a little extra cash throughout the year.

COURSE/ SCHOOL REPS

Course and School representatives are in place to represent students on each programme at the Divisional Undergraduate Staff-Student Forum and keep fellow students up to date with the Forum’s business. They address issues arising on courses to ensure students’ views are heard.

IBSOC

The International Business Society (IBSoc) is aimed specifically at integrating undergraduate and postgraduate International Business students, and is an excellent way to make professional contacts within and outside the University.

FABSOC

The Finance and Business Society (FABSoc) is a society open to all students interested in a career in the financial services sector. The society provides you with everything you’ll need to prepare yourself for interviews, CV tips, interpreting financial news and data, as well as meeting people you could be working with beyond university.

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The Trading and Investment Society (LUUTIS) aims to help more students to get a career in the financial services sector. The society provides you with everything you’ll need to prepare yourself for interviews, CV tips, interpreting financial news and data, as well as meeting people you could be working with beyond university.

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Whilst at Leeds there is the opportunity to gain work experience to boost your CV. This can be obtained by taking part in the following: Insight days, Summer internship, Year in Industry, Year in Enterprise.

Although you have to obtain the roles yourself, there is plenty of support to make you aware of the available opportunities and help you through application processes. For example, the Careers Centre, jobs fairs and Professional Development Hub are available to help you improve your employability as well as modules such as ‘From Study to Work’.

Industrial Placement
Alice McLoughlin – Bank of England – Project Assistant
Whilst working at the Bank of England, I interacted with many people within the Bank and worked with projects such as the launch of the new £5 polymer note. In order to secure my placement I made the most of support from the Careers Centre, including the CV proofreading service and going for a mock interview, as well as the Professional Development Hub, which connected me with people who had done a placement before. Over the year I improved many skills like confidence and communication, and securing a graduate role has taken off the pressure to find a job in my final year.

Olivia Carter – Marks and Spencer – Trainee Commercial Manager
During my year with M&S I spent time in all areas of the store, learning the basics before taking on an area of accountability. I was involved in the planning and execution of whole store events such as food festivals and charity events. I now have real experience managing teams, presenting to external visitors and adapting quickly in a fast-paced environment; putting me in a stronger position in the graduate job market.

John Munn – Year in Industry – Relic Brewery Ltd.
I chose a Year in Enterprise because I see it as a win-win situation. If the business succeeds, you’ve got a business. If the business fails, you’ve learnt so much along the way that it doesn’t actually matter because employers just love that you’ve shown the initiative and ambition to try. You learn so many skills that you move to the top of the pile CV-wise.

Summer internships
Richard Taylor – E H Smith – HR Department
Last summer I undertook a summer internship at E H Smith (Builders Merchants) Limited. I worked in the HR department and was involved in various projects. My main responsibilities were in the recruitment and selection of eight candidates for a Sales Trainee Programme that the company was running. I was given a huge amount of autonomy within my role, and was quite surprised as to how much responsibility I was given. I was involved in the decision-making process throughout the experience every stage of the recruitment process. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, but more importantly I opened my eyes to a profession that I am now considering as an option after graduation.

Brunclle Ramalefo – KPMG – Middle Markets Audit Team
This past summer I undertook a summer internship at KPMG in Leeds. I worked in the Middle Markets Audit team and worked with six different clients during my time there, most notably Virgin Media. As my role was very client-facing, I spent a lot of my time at client sites rather than in the office. This was a really great experience as I got to see different clients’ working cultures and gain first hand insights into their businesses.

After completing my internship I was offered a graduate job, which I accepted. This now gives me the opportunity to focus solely on my final year of study without the pressure of having to find a graduate job while meeting deadlines.

GET THE APP
Transports you quickly to relevant pages for any issues you may have during your time at Leeds.

Find available washing machines in your University halls, and monitor your machine to see when your washing is done.

Check your weekly timetable and receive reminders 10 minutes before your next class is about to start.

Keep up to date with the latest events and opportunities in the Union.

Find and book your favourite Edge classes up to two days in advance.
STUDY ABROAD

At the Business School every student has the opportunity to apply to study abroad and gain some valuable life experiences. The options are:
- Study abroad year (after your second year)
- Summer schools.

Emma James  
BA Management  
My experience in Australia has been amazing, such a worthwhile year that should be considered by all future Business School students. I have met many new people, making lifelong friends who I have shared such amazing experiences with. This year has provided so many opportunities to travel. Particular highlights have been skydiving onto Mission Beach, bungee jumping in New Zealand and volunteering at Brisbane International Tennis Tournament.

Bogdan Ionascu  
BSc Accounting and Finance  
Adapting to the local way of life in Hong Kong has been an ongoing process. The flexibility of the programme allowed me to tailor my schedule, giving me plenty of time to immerse myself in the local culture but at the same time taking advantage of attending a top ranked university. From a social aspect, the diversity of the exchange life has allowed me to find people with shared interests making settling in seem less of a challenge. I would wholeheartedly recommend any future Business School students to do this!

Tolly Oram  
BA Economics and History  
Last year I studied abroad at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The opportunity to study at a world-class institution located directly on the beach facing the Pacific Ocean (aka Paradise) is not one that comes along often, and it is one I would absolutely recommend to anyone. The classes I was able to take were far different to those at Leeds – from Californian History to Ancient Persia to Elementary Sailing – and it was in the perfect location to travel as much as possible.

Graeme Quinlan – BSc Economics  
Spending the past year studying in Sweden has been one of the best years of my life and something I feel has enhanced both my degree and university experience significantly. Across the year I met so many people from a huge range of countries and had the chance to experience things I may never have been able to otherwise. Alongside the social side of studying abroad, and the opportunities to travel, it has also helped me to improve and develop many skills which have come in useful when applying to graduate jobs.

Milan Farhan – BA Management  
I personally took advantage of the extensive summer school programme that the University offers, studying in Hangzhou, China. I had no idea what to expect however, this was the best decision I made during my first year. The programme had a great balance between academic learning and cultural insight. For those who want to make the most of China, there is plenty of time for that. One weekend I went and explored Shanghai which was amazing; the journey on the bullet train was an experience in itself! I would 100% recommend a summer school to other students.

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LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION

The Union represents more than 30,000 students and is the only union in the country to have been awarded “Excellent” status by the National Union of Students. Home to more than 300 societies, there is something here for everyone. From volunteering in Fiji to Quidditch, skydiving to salsa and more than 40 different sports teams, societies are a great place to meet like-minded people. The recently refurbished building also holds a number of retail and catering outlets, including:

FOOD & DRINK
- Terrace – bar and kitchen serving delicious food, as well as an extensive cocktail menu
- Old Bar – everyone’s favourite pub with a hearty selection of food and drink
- Salad Box – build your own salad by choosing a base, sides, delis and garnishes
- Hidden Café, Balcony & Pyramid – cafes where you can relax and unwind with a cup of Fairtrade coffee or tea and all sorts of sweet and savoury goods.

SHOPS
- Essentials – stock up on all your uni essentials at the Union’s in-house supermarket
- Gear – get your University of Leeds hoodies, t-shirts, mugs, pens and more!
- Vintage shop

AND THERE’S MORE…
- Joblink – the Union’s tailor-made service to help you find part-time work while you study
- Santander Bank
- Optician
- Fruity – one of Leeds’ biggest and longest running student nights, with three rooms to cater to everyone’s music preferences, cheap drinks and good vibes all round
- Events, gigs and festivals including Leeds Ball & Damnation.

UNION EXEC

This is an elected group of people who ensure that your needs as a student are being catered to in every possible way. See more at: luu.org.uk
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Leeds is home to over 6,000 international students from more than 140 countries. This truly shows that Leeds is a multicultural institution as well as a global city. The large international presence brings about the opportunity for students to gain insight into different cultures and increase their awareness of what happens beyond the borders of their country.

There is an amazing support network from the Business School and the University to ensure that your transition from college to university is as smooth as possible.

There are also events aimed at improving students’ cultural awareness:
- Cultural Insight Wednesdays – Every Wednesday in the Business School a student provides an insight into their country and its way of life. This can give you an appreciation of someone else’s culture and may give you a bit more insight if the country is one of your tourist or study destinations.
- Global Café is a great place for UK and international students to relax with friends and meet people from all around the world. Anyone can tag along to learn about other cultures, practise language skills, make new friends and enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits, every Monday in the Union.

With so much to do and a lot of opportunities to make new friends one may consider Leeds home away from home.

LIBRARIES

With five libraries across campus, students rarely struggle to find a place to study. As well as holding thousands of books, many resources like academic journals, industry reports and even textbooks are now available online, courtesy of the University.

Each library has silent study areas, computers, printing and copying facilities. You can also book rooms for group work, or participate in a range of workshops related to academic and employability skills, including referencing, note-taking, psychometric testing and revision strategies.

Additionally, some libraries are open 24 hours during exam time so you can be as flexible as you want with your revision.

Two libraries, Edward Boyle and Laidlaw, have recently been refurbished to provide state-of-the-art facilities and study space to make sure you can make the most of your studies. These are the five main libraries:
- Brotherton library
- Laidlaw library
- Edward Boyle library
- Health Sciences library
- St. James’ library

THE EDGE

Between your studies it may be hard to remember to stay in shape, which is why first year students in university accommodation receive free Edge Club membership. This membership allows you to train at certain times during the week, and can be upgraded to give you more flexibility. As well as winning multiple awards for customer service and environmental friendliness, the University has recently invested £12.5 million in state-of-the-art facilities that now include:
- Cardiovascular machines including TV screens and iPhone compatibility
- Lots of free weight and resistance equipment
- More than 150 free classes a week during term time
- An 8-lane, 25 metre swimming pool and sauna
- An 8 metre climbing wall
- Tailored personal training sessions
- Court and room booking
- Physiotherapy and sports massages

CAREERS CENTRE

The Careers Centre is by far one of the University’s best resources if you need assistance in securing a summer internship, placement or even a graduate role. They even have an exclusive jobs database where you can find opportunities targeted at University of Leeds students and graduates.

The Careers Centre also hosts the Yorkshire Graduate Recruitment Fair, which gives you a chance to meet over 100 of the UK’s top employers including Asda, HSBC, Deloitte, PwC, Unilever and many more.

The Careers Centre has drop-in sessions Monday to Friday 1pm to 4pm (no appointment needed) where you can come in and ask for focused or general career guidance, be it advice on your CV and/or application, to mock interviews and tips. You can also book an appointment online if the drop-in sessions don’t suit your schedule.

Find out more: careerweb.leeds.ac.uk
"Being Vice President/Treasurer was a really great experience for me as I got to be involved in organising various activities for the residents in our halls. I was responsible for managing our hall’s funds which included negotiating and paying for activities. I gained a lot of valuable skills from being a part of the hall exec including, leadership, time management and organisational skills.”

Bruncle Ramalefo, Hall Executive Committee

ACCOMMODATION

There is a lot of variety when it comes to accommodation in Leeds, from new large developments near the city centre to more traditional halls of residence. The University guarantees all first year students a place in halls, providing the application deadline is met. With a wide range of halls of residence to choose from, you’re sure to find one to suit your needs and budget. The layout of halls will vary depending on where you choose to live. Some halls are catered and some are self-catered. You will generally be living in flats of between four and nine people all sharing a kitchen. Some halls will have a shared bathroom between the whole flat, between two people or an en-suite room.

NB: Your rent includes energy costs, wi-fi, contents insurance and membership to our state of the art gym.

Alice McLaughlin – In my first year I chose Lupton as it appeared cheap and cheerful. Whilst gentle on the pocket the halls are situated in the studenty area of Headingley with plenty of places to eat out, go for drinks and the prime location for the start of an Otley Run.

April Woodmansey – In my first year I lived in Harry Price, as I loved how close it was to the Business School. Being so close to campus was perfect for those early morning lectures and meant that I could almost roll out of bed and be at lecture within five minutes.

Becca Mark – In my first year I stayed at Leeds and absolutely loved it. I was lucky enough to have an en-suite, lovely flatmates and a good amount of space to myself. I was also within 20 minute walk of campus and the city, which meant I could basically walk anywhere I needed.

Matthew Moore – In my first year I stayed at Otley. It’s part of the Westwood scoots grounds so there’s plenty of open space. I really felt like I was in the countryside, when I was only a 15 minute bus journey from the city. I got along with everyone really well and it felt like a real community. There was even a bar which opened just for us and a gym on site!

Mato Leppalibusit – I was very happy at Sentinel Towers as I had great flatmates alongside a spacious, en-suite room with a double bed. The area is full of students, and Leeds offers so much that it’s hard to avoid social activities.

Bruncle Ramalefo – In my first year I lived in Montague Burton as it is one of the few residences that was cheap and fairly close to the University. Montague Burton had a community feel to it which was great and the BBQ area was great to use on the days we had perfect summer weather!

Joseph Sim – I chose to live in Charles Morris because of the convenience of staying on campus, which meant that any place on campus was a short walking distance. Having catered food was a good opportunity to have daily interaction with other residents outside my flat as well. I met the loudest people in my flat and in halls and to this day I am still good friends with a lot of them.

Kanone Lechiti – I lived in Central Village in my first year and I must say it was a great experience. I was a two minute walk away from the gym which meant I had no excuse for missing my gym sessions, especially leg day! I really got along well with my flatmates and we used to go to a lot of outings in town as it was a short walk from my halls.

Emily Hooper – In my first year I lived in James Baillie which was about a 20 minute walk from campus. It was really sociable with their own events and it was really close to Headingley which was great for the pubs and bars!

See the accommodation website for more details: accommodation.leeds.ac.uk
For most students one worry is managing your money, but if you budget you can work out exactly what you are spending each week, and save yourself a little extra cash. The table below shows average living costs in Leeds according to the NUS’ Student Lifestyle Report:

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Top Tip
Purchase and top up a University Refresh card, and save 10% on selected foods and to earn loyalty points and free hot drinks.
Christmas Market
Each year Leeds’ Millennium Square is transformed into a little piece of Germany in the heart of the city centre. Browse the wooden chalet stalls for authentic German gifts for family members, or venture into the market’s food/drink stalls. From festive food and drink to traditional stalls and a carousel, the Christkindelmarkt is the perfect place to have a warm cup of Glühwein and some Stollen.

Varsity
The biggest sporting event of the year!
An inter-university sports varsity between arch rivals University of Leeds and Leeds Beckett University which includes 60 fixtures across 25 different sports in one day. This event culminates with the Men’s Rugby Union Grand Finale at Headingley Stadium in the evening, which attracts an audience over 12,000 students each year. This event takes place within the first week of October. So if you don’t feel like a ‘Unayyy’ student by then, you certainly will be by the end of this event! Be prepared because this event is a big one – a unique spectacle not to be missed!

Hyde Park Picture House
Having opened in 1914, Hyde Park Picture House is one of the oldest cinemas in the country. It is open every day and shows a variety of films from recent blockbusters to independent, classic and foreign language films.

Kirkgate Market
Here you can find one of the largest indoor markets in Europe, and a cheaper alternative to high-street grocery shopping. There are roughly 170 traders selling fresh food, drink, jewellery, hardware and flowers, not to mention the scenic decor and vibrant atmosphere.

Com Exchange
Situated alongside Kirkgate in the city centre, the Com Exchange is a grade I listed building which has been converted to house around 30 independent shops and cafes. The Com Exchange hosts regular events and fairs and offers a unique shopping experience.

First Direct Arena
The venue opened in 2013 and can hold 13,500 people. The First Direct Arena has hosted a wide range of musicians and comedians such as Mumford and Sons, Kaiser Chiefs, John Bishop and many more. More recently the arena held the National Audio and Radio Industry Awards.

Bakery 164
Generously-filled sandwiches made with homemade bread and a selection of delicious fillings. Located opposite the Parkinson building and perfect for a lunchtime treat. Chicken and sweet potato is a firm favourite.

Belgrave Music Hall and Canteen
A spacious bar, restaurant and live music venue. Belgrave serves canteen-style food as well as cocktails and craft beers – all of which can be enjoyed on their roof terrace.

Trinity Kitchen
A number of street food vans that change on a six-weekly basis as well as permanent chains offering everything from Burritos to Vietnamese food.

LS6
Also known as the ‘clock cafe’, LS6 is situated on the edge of Hyde Park where many students live. LS6 serves breakfast, lunch and dinner but is best known for its brunch. This quirky cafe also hosts jazz nights, gigs and exhibitions to showcase local talent.

Red’s True BBQ
Red’s serves delicious BBQ grub, it’s a meat lover’s dream. Tuck into succulent ribs, juicy brisket, smoked chicken or the infamous donut burger.