

PG Open Day programme and activities, Feb 2020

Programme

11.00 – 15.00 Meet our academics, students and the admissions team (drop in)

13.00 – 13.30 Complimentary lunch School of English, (10, Cavendish Road)

13.30 – 13.45 Introduction to English courses and research (talk) School of English, Alumni Room (10, Cavendish Road)

13.45 – 14.30 Introduction to a Masters in English – the student view (talk) School of English, Alumni Room (10, Cavendish Road)

13.45 – 14.30 Postgraduate research scholarship guidance (talk) School of English, Douglas Jefferson Room, (8 Cavendish Road)

14.30 – 15.00 Introduction to Masters study in English (Q&A) School of English, Alumni Room (10, Cavendish Road)

Drop-in, School of English, 11.00-15.00

Seminar 5 drop-in:

We no longer give out any brochures or leaflets, but will have iPads set to this homepage:

<https://ahc.leeds.ac.uk/english/doc/school-english-pg-open-day>

The homepage has links to all of our programmes (entry requirements, course structure, module catalogue), as well as info on facilities, careers, accommodation, funding, wellbeing and support, the Open Day programme and a campus map.

In a quiet moment, please check out the homepage, and do use the iPads to show visitors information they are asking for.

Douglas Jefferson Room : Postgraduate research scholarship guidance talk – please attempt to steer people to the drop in if you find people in here outside of the talk.

Seminar Room 5: refreshments. Tea, coffee, and lunch will be available (self-service) and visitors can sit here and have a chat/rest/etc. A student ambassador will be based in here to chat to visitors about the work and student experience etc.

Please mention to visitors that all these rooms are **accessible by lift or stairs**, especially of course if there are wheelchair users in the group. Student ambassadors will be around to escort visitors upstairs.

MA degrees 2020-21

MA American Literature and Culture

MA Creative Writing and Critical Life

MA English Literature

MA English Literature (Renaissance pathway)

MA English Literature (Victorian pathway)

MA English Literature (Modern and Contemporary pathway)

MA Postcolonial Literary and Cultural Studies

MA Programme Structure

Semester 1	Semester 2
<i>Studying English: Research Methods</i>	<i>Option module</i>
<i>Option module</i>	<i>Option module</i>
<i>Research Project / Dissertation</i>	

- 12 month programme (full-time)
- All programmes also available on a part-time basis (over 24 months)
- Course begins: September 2020
- Final hand-in: September 2021 (full-time) or September 2022 (part-time)
- Graduation: December 2021 (full-time) or December 2022 (part-time)

Basic Entry Requirements

- First or 2:1 degree in English or closely related subject
- Satisfactory English proficiency scores if English is not your first language

Tuition Fees

- For Sept 2020 entry: £9,000 for UK and EU applicants
£19,500 for international applicants

Leeds BA students: a **Leeds Alumni Bursary** is available which offers to pay 10% of your tuition fee. Unlimited number available. See online.

Postgraduate Loans are also available from Student Finance England for up to £10,280 - <https://www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan>

Deadlines

There is **no set deadline** for applying to our MA programmes but we recommend you apply before the programme starts, leaving sufficient time to prepare.

However, if you wish to apply for a scholarship, you **MUST** apply to the MA programme before you can submit any scholarship applications.

All scholarship information at ahc.leeds.ac.uk/english > **Postgraduate > Masters funding**

Key facts

Teaching excellence, research and reputation:

School of English

- REF 2014 puts us in the UK top 20 (18th) for research.
- Over 80% of our research has a top-quality rating of either “world-leading” or “internationally excellent.”
- 21st in the UK for English (The Complete University Guide 2020)
- 34th in the world for English Language & Literature (QS World Rankings by Subject 2019).

University of Leeds

- Recently climbed 20 places to be 67th in the world for arts and humanities (World University Rankings 2020)
- Ranked 13th in the Times Good University Guide 2020
- 7th most targeted by UK employers (High Fliers Report 2020)
- Top 10 most targeted by UK employers (The Graduate Market 2019)

Common questions:

Q. Can I request to change my programme once I have applied or arrived?

Yes, in most cases there is no problem changing a student’s programme after they have applied. Entry requirements are the same for all of our MA programmes, so there is no need to submit two applications for two different School of English MA programmes.

Q. If I begin my MA on a full-time basis, is it possible to change to part-time later on?

Yes, we have students who start out studying on a full-time basis but, due to other commitments, feel it would be better to change to part-time. It is generally fine for students to make this change, ideally prior to week 8 of semester 1.

Employability

Careers pursued by Leeds English graduates include law, publishing, administration, teaching, the Civil Service, management and management consultancy, advertising and marketing, accountancy, journalism and charity work.

Companies and organisations who have employed Leeds English graduates in the last few years include the BBC, the NHS, the British Council, Microsoft Limited, Ernst & Young, the Scottish Parliament, Leeds City Council, Oxfam, Unicef UK, and Oxford University Press.

Outstanding facilities

- Over 2.8 million library resources at your fingertips, including 33,000 online journals.
- New Laidlaw Library.
- The Edge is our state-of-the-art fitness, sport and well-being facility which includes a 25m 8-lane swimming pool and the largest fitness suite of any UK university. Our playing field space is the equivalent of 50 international size rugby pitches.
- In recent years we have spent £157m on new buildings and refurbishment to create the environment to pursue excellence in research and teaching.

Student life at Leeds

- We have one of the UK's biggest and best students' unions.
- Over 350 clubs and societies are available via Leeds University Union.
- LUU can provide help with careers and finding a part-time job, finances, mental health, welfare, etc.
- Our single campus is only a ten-minute walk from Leeds city centre.
- Leeds has its own repertory theatre, opera house and ballet companies. Leeds Art Gallery has a fantastic collection of contemporary British art.
- The city hosts many vibrant cultural events and festivals: Live at Leeds, Leeds Fest, Light Night, Leeds Film Festival. Plus the School has very strong links with the Ilkley Literature Festival.
- Cost of living: University accommodation suits a range of budgets (prices are currently around £3,500-£7,500 per 42-week year), so there's flexibility.
- A great-value city, especially if you're from the south: The Natwest Student Living Index puts us 11th in the UK for student affordability.