A Guide for International Students

The University of Lincoln welcomes international students from all over the world and we are delighted that you have chosen to find out more about us. This guide is designed to provide you with some general information about the University as well as what it is like to study here as an international student.
I am delighted that you are considering studying for a degree in the UK at the University of Lincoln. A qualification from a British higher education institution is recognised internationally and here at Lincoln we endeavour to deliver high quality teaching and facilities to all our students.

The University of Lincoln welcomes students from over 50 countries worldwide, and we are active in encouraging student exchange between countries. This is rooted in our commitment and understanding of international students’ needs.

The University provides its international students with a challenging and supportive learning environment. Through an impressive portfolio of programmes and disciplines that is constantly expanding, we encourage students to acquire and use knowledge for continuous development in their studies and careers.

As one of the UK's leading new universities, we are renowned for the quality education we offer. This is demonstrated by an award of the highest possible rating in the 2003 Institutional Audit, where we were recognised for our successes. Following that, in 2004 and 2006, we achieved the same recognition in a QAA/NHS Review and Postgraduate Research Degrees respectively.

Our research profile is also rising rapidly, with the employment of sixty research professors of national and international standing and an on-going increase in the research activity of staff across the University.

I hope we are able to help you in achieving your chosen qualification and look forward to welcoming you to the University of Lincoln.

Professor David Chiddick
Vice Chancellor
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Why the University of Lincoln?

Excellent facilities

Over the last decade, the main Brayford Pool campus has benefited from £100 million of investment. This is demonstrated by the high-quality facilities on offer. While brand new buildings have been created, the University has also transformed old industrial buildings into modern, student-centred spaces.

The most recent development is the Lincoln Performing Arts Centre. This is a £6 million facility that boasts a 450-seat theatre, three large studio spaces for performance and rehearsal, backstage facilities, workshops and seminar rooms.

There is also the Engine Shed - the University’s Students’ Union Centre and Lincoln’s largest multi-purpose site. The venue, which integrates the city’s last remaining engine shed, cost £6 million to build and acts as the main focal point for student social life on-campus.

Other developments include:

- The University Library, a state-of-the-art learning resource
- The Media, Humanities and Computing building, which is fully equipped to industry standards with media suites, photographic studios and radio editing suites
- The Architecture Building, a £10 million purpose-built centre for the University’s Architecture courses
- The Science Building, providing hi-tech labs and workshops
- The Sports Centre, an on-site sports and fitness facility which also houses the University’s new Human Performance Centre.

Comprehensive range of courses

Courses at the University of Lincoln are designed to suit the demands of both students and future employers. The University offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, covering a wide range of fields and subject areas. Whatever your needs, specialisms or aspirations, the University’s portfolio of courses are developed to either enhance your career prospects or prepare you for further study.

Friendly and supportive staff

At the University of Lincoln we have plenty of staff to support and assist you through your time here. Whether you need advice and guidance on your course or your personal circumstances, staff at the University are here for you.

The University’s Student Services Department employs staff specifically qualified to advise and support you. They provide a central point for general information about careers, counselling, disabilities, health, money matters, complaints, equal opportunities and religion. For your academic needs, teaching staff are committed to aiding and supporting you through your studies.

A great, safe student city

The University is set in the heart of the historic city of Lincoln - a safe, student-friendly city. The University’s main campus is close to the city centre, and everything you could need or want is close by.

The city has much to offer, with plenty of high street stores, restaurants and bars, and for those in search of culture there is a good selection of theatres and galleries. In addition, the city provides a winning blend of a contemporary setting combined with historical sights of interest, such as the Cathedral and an ancient castle.

Value for money

Lincoln has a low cost of living compared to other areas of the UK, so as a student your money will go further. Many venues around the city offer student discounts.
The City of Lincoln

The city

For student living, Lincoln is perfectly suited for international students. The winning combination of a vibrant and traditionally English city with a broad range of cultural activities and venues makes Lincoln an exciting environment in which to live and study.

Overlooked by its famous Cathedral, Lincoln offers a rare but successful mixture of old and new. This is demonstrated by the ancient castle and cobbled streets being only walking distance from the bustling city centre. For those in search of culture there is the newly built £12.5m museum, The Collection: Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire; a theatre and a newly converted arts centre holding regular dramatic performances; as well as Bishop’s Palace, playing regular host to all things Shakespearian. There is a multi-screen cinema right opposite the University, plus a wide selection of bars and restaurants throughout the city offering a variety of cuisines.

At the centre of it all is the University. Situated in the attractive waterfront area in the heart of the city, the University of Lincoln’s location is convenient for all amenities.

The University

The University is spread over several campuses. The main Brayford Pool campus, which houses the majority of the University’s courses, is a modern building set alongside Lincoln’s marina. It is also within walking distance of Lincoln’s main shopping area, cultural venues and social activities of the city.

The city’s Cathedral Quarter is home to the Lincoln School of Art & Design. Within walking distance of one of the world’s most impressive Cathedrals, the School buildings are among the most interesting and historically important in the county.

The University’s Riseholme Park campus is situated just outside Lincoln city centre. Surrounded by acres of parklands and woodland, it houses the University’s agricultural, animal-related and biological science programmes.

Travelling to and from Lincoln

The city of Lincoln is conveniently located:

- London: 2 hours
- Nottingham: 1 hour
- Manchester: 2.5 hours
Studying at the University of Lincoln

The University of Lincoln is modern and progressive, seeking to provide all its students with the best employment prospects and the skills to become lifelong learners. Students benefit from internationally experienced lecturers, modern learning environments and a cosmopolitan student community.

Teaching excellence

The University is proud of the quality of teaching and learning it has to offer. We aim to provide you with a challenging and supportive environment in which to test and expand your skills and abilities. Over the last few years the University has recruited sixty Professors with significant international reputations in a wide range of disciplines. In addition, the University attracts high profile guest speakers and visiting professors.

Faculties

The University’s wide range of courses and degree programmes are organised into four faculties:

- The Faculty of Art, Architecture & Design
- The Faculty of Business & Law
- The Faculty of Health, Life & Social Sciences
- The Faculty of Media, Humanities & Technology

Undergraduate study

We offer a wide range of programmes that will allow you to specialise in a subject area that interests you and will enhance your career prospects. This is partly thanks to the University working closely with industry, commerce, the public sector and the professions to keep up-to-date with the skills students need once you graduate. This means we can give you an advantage in today’s competitive job market.

We aim to keep our degree programmes as up-to-date as possible and to design them so that you gain as much as you can from them. Because of this, we keep both the structure and the content of our programmes under review to improve your learning experience and to ensure that what you study is relevant in today’s world.

At the University of Lincoln we offer undergraduate programmes as single Honours degrees.

For more information on our courses, visit: www.lincoln.ac.uk
Postgraduate study

The University is committed to providing the support, guidance and facilities necessary for you to get the most out of your postgraduate study. The University has a large number of tutors and supervisors of national/international research stature to support student study in a wide range of fields.

Postgraduate study at the University of Lincoln is often conducted in collaboration with industry, business and the professions. Many students carry out research directly related to the needs of external organisations as part of their studies. In some areas (such as fine art and design and the humanities) research work may be more individually based or you may work with some of the country’s leading practitioners.

Research is a strong driving force within the University. This is reflected in the number of research staff, as well as the number of research projects and publications they produce. Research also underpins much of the teaching at the University. There are many opportunities for postgraduate research leading to MRes, MPhil and PhD qualifications.

The Graduate School

The University of Lincoln’s Graduate School is dedicated to supporting a range of postgraduate matters and aims to give an excellent service to postgraduate students. It exists to foster the development of all forms of postgraduate activity and to champion the interests of postgraduate students throughout the University. The Graduate School works closely with faculties to support postgraduate students, encouraging the adoption of high standards and good practice in postgraduate teaching, learning and research.

Types of postgraduate programmes

At the University of Lincoln we offer the following types of postgraduate programmes:

Taught Masters, Diploma and Certificate programmes.

Postgraduate Certificates and Postgraduate Diplomas

Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas are a good way of starting postgraduate study, achieving professional qualifications and personal advancement. By adding a dissertation module to Diploma level certain courses can be converted to a Masters.

Masters Degrees: MA, MSc, MBA, LLM, MRes, MFA

Masters degrees usually involve 1-2 years full-time study, depending on the subject. They are classed as a taught course although you will also have to complete a dissertation. This work can then form the basis of future research at a higher level. Most Masters degrees are designated either MA (Masters of Arts) or MSc (Master of Science) depending on the subject. The University also offers an MBA (Master of Business Administration), MRes (Master of Research) and LLM (Master in Law).
Research-based programmes:

Research degrees: MPhil, PhD

MPhil: The MPhil qualification requires you to critically investigate and show a comprehensive understanding of appropriate research methods. It may be either a record of original work or a critical survey of a field of knowledge. This qualification normally takes two years full-time.

PhD: PhD students will produce a thesis which must form a distinct contribution to knowledge and afford evidence of originality. You may be required to register initially for the MPhil with transfer to the PhD normally occurring after one year, subject to the completion of satisfactory work. A PhD will usually take at least three years full-time to complete.

Professional Doctorate degrees: EdD, DClinPsych

These comprise a programme of taught units in both subject study and research methods together with a period of research leading to either the submission of a research portfolio or a thesis. Such programmes offer a more structured alternative to the PhD. These have a strong vocational orientation, and assessments and research are often structured around work experience as well as academic issues.

Research-based Masters: MRes, MA and MSc by Learning Contract

MRes: The MRes (Master of Research) degree is an initial research degree that aims to provide you with a solid foundation in the methods of advanced postgraduate research. A MRes is normally completed in one year full-time and includes training on research methodologies as well as a research dissertation project. A MRes programme may be taken as a stand-alone qualification, though it may also serve as the first part of a more substantial MPhil/PhD or a Professional Doctorate programme.

MA/MSc by Learning Contract: The Learning Contract Scheme enables you to develop an individually tailored, primarily research/project-based, postgraduate programme in most of the University’s disciplines. The Learning Contract Scheme recognises the significance of employment-based learning and encourages projects, where appropriate, to build directly on work-based experience. By undertaking postgraduate study via this scheme, you can negotiate your own study content, assessment and pace of study. There is no requirement for formal attendance.
Learning resources

Our resources
Completing your course means more than just attending your lectures and seminars. Library and learning resources staff are here to help you with your individual study.

The library
The Great Central Warehouse Library provides an excellent environment for study. With an extensive range of books, access to paper and electronic journals and a huge selection of reference materials, the library has everything you need to research your project work. There are also daily newspapers, videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs, dissertations and special collections which you can use in individual study spaces or in group workrooms. The University computer network helps you find what you are looking for, and the Internet, electronic journals and databases are also there to be used as additional resources.

We will endeavour to provide you with the equipment and support to help you develop the skills you need to present your work properly and research your project work effectively. The University has an impressive student-to-computer ratio, and across all our sites you will find PCs, Apple Macs and other specialist machines. The University-wide computer network means you can access your files, emails, software and the Internet, wherever you are, as off-campus access is also available. You will also be able to use your own laptop by using our wireless network resource.

Multimedia
The University provides access to audio and digital video recording equipment, editing facilities and studios, as well as a wide range of cameras and other media-related accessories. You can borrow any of these items from the media stores located in the Media, Humanities and Computing Building, situated on the main Brayford Pool campus.

Improve your language skills
At the Brayford Pool campus you will find all the language facilities that you need so you can learn at your own pace.

You can also:
- Use computer-based learning packages
- Borrow books, audio cassettes, journals, newspapers and tourist brochures
- Find resources to support learning English as a second language.

Developing your skills
Employability and career-management skills are so important that at Lincoln they exist as an integral part of many of our study programmes.

The University is committed to giving you the support you need as you move into your career and enter today's competitive job market. Recently, the University has formed Enterprise@Lincoln, a centre for our work in careers, enterprise and employer engagement. The centre is designed to build links with employers and to offer you advice for your first job and throughout your career.
Student Support

Life at university is both an enjoyable and life-changing experience, but sometimes there are unexpected challenges along the way. Whether health, financial, spiritual or career issues, the Student Services team is here to give free, impartial, confidential and non-judgmental advice and guidance.

Student Support Centre

The University’s Student Support Centre provides a central point of contact for international students, supplying all the University’s administrative and support services. A team of staff is available to deal with all enquiries regarding University systems or procedures, funding, fees and payments, housing, personal support, advice and information. The Centre also employs specialist International Student Advice Workers to give practical and emotional help, advice and support, as well as assistance in resolving any issues or concerns international students might have.

Advice Service

The Advice Service offers advice on legal, financial, employment, accommodation and international student issues, as well as course-related queries.

Counselling Service

Our professionally trained counsellors are very experienced in helping students to deal with a wide variety of personal and academic worries. You can talk to them in complete confidence.

Chaplaincy Service

The Chaplain is here for anyone within the University. If you need someone to listen, want to share good news or bad, or have issues surrounding work, relationships or life in general, the Chaplain is here to help.

The Chaplain can put you in touch with local faith communities and help you find a place of worship, or help you to continue to pursue your leisure interests and hobbies within the local community. There is a special welcome on offer to international students, whereby the chaplain presents a programme of visits to places of interest.

Student Profile...

“It was love at first sight when I came to Lincoln. This was helped by state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities that are based in award winning buildings, and the superb relationships that exist between students and lecturing staff. Lincoln itself provides a good home for international students thanks to affordable living costs, safe nights out, a nearby shopping centre and good transport links. Historic Lincoln meanwhile, includes the castle, Cathedral and various museums - just a few of the nearby tourist attractions.”

Joseph B Akpan, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria
Health Centre

Health concerns may arise during your stay, and a comprehensive health system is in place to deal with whatever may occur. The University has a Health Centre on the Brayford Pool campus that you can register with.

DART - the University’s Disability Service

If you have a disability, medical or mental health condition, or have a learning difference (e.g., dyslexia) then the University’s Disability Service is the section of Student Services that can offer you professional advice, guidance and assistance on all disability-related matters.

Student Revenue - money matters

Student Revenue is here to help and advise on what funds are available to you.

Careers Service

Our graduate careers advisors understand the concerns of international students and employers, so they are ideally placed to give you advice on the move from university to work.

For more information, please contact Student Services:

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Student Profile...

“I completed my undergraduate degree in Architecture at Lincoln. It was a wonderful experience to be part of a developing university. As an Architecture student I was lucky enough to see many new buildings being built, including our very own Architecture School. I am now planning to go on and complete my postgraduate course here. The staff and students are very friendly and as it is a fairly small and very pretty city, it has made it easy to make friends here. I will never forget the experience I have had, the friends I have made and of course the education I have received from the University of Lincoln.”

Harshit Jholapara
India
Accommodation

Where you live is an important factor in your success as a student in the UK. When you have comfortable accommodation that meets your needs, you are able to study and relax properly and can make the most of your time here.

The University of Lincoln is perfectly situated right in the centre of the city, and each of the main accommodation sites is either on-campus or only a short walking distance from it. You can choose to live in University accommodation, or in one of the University-approved private developments. Whatever your choice, we guarantee to assist international students in finding accommodation within the city centre.

University accommodation

Lincoln Courts

Lincoln Courts is a stunning waterfront-based university accommodation complex. It is situated on-campus, next to the University’s academic buildings, and only a short walking distance from the city centre. There are 17 contemporary buildings of self-catered apartments, each apartment housing five to eight students. Some apartments also have specifically designed rooms for students with disabilities. The site has a range of facilities and an enormous sense of student community, totalling 1,037 on-campus student bedrooms. Fees include both heating and electricity bills, plus personal possessions insurance and free university Internet access.

Facilities

- En-suite rooms are available
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Launderette facilities
- Free university Internet access
- Disabled access
- 24 hour on-campus security
- CCTV
- In-room telephones (with free on-campus telephone calls included)
- Bicycle storage

What’s available?

Each apartment has a kitchen/dining facility that is fully fitted with a cooker, fridge freezer, microwave oven, kettle, iron, ironing board and a vacuum cleaner. All rooms are fully furnished, with many including en-suite facilities.

Student Profile...

“The University of Lincoln is a friendly and comfortable place to study partly because most of its buildings are within walking distance. It has high quality lecturers, academic staff and front line staff as well.

Another good thing about the University is its location, as nearby facilities include a shopping high street, cinema and train station.

After finishing my PhD research, I will return to my home country, Sultanate of Oman, where my qualification will enable me to participate in its development”.

Said Al Sulimani
Sultanate of Oman
Accommodation

Student Profile...

“Before coming to Lincoln, I was certain of my career ambitions and very sure of what I was going to experience on a Masters degree programme here at the University.

The University’s qualified and student-friendly Faculty of Media, Humanities & Technology imparted a quality education and helped me develop my skills, while state-of-the-art facilities set within a hi-tech, purpose-built campus gave me an enriched practical knowledge essential to pursuing my career goals.

Studying MA Journalism at a university equipped with up-to-date radio and TV studios, and degree programmes that are taught by award-winning professionals, gave me an insight into the professional environment of the news and media industry. Working with the University’s student radio station, Siren FM, helped me to gain practical knowledge of broadcast media even before I graduated from the University. Finally, the work experience I acquired through the University was welcomed by the local BBC radio station, BBC Radio Lincolnshire, and they subsequently offered me a place as a broadcast assistant.

If you are considering studying in the UK at a university where you hope to achieve practical knowledge as well as hands-on experience, the University of Lincoln should be your one and only choice”.

Moinuddin Muhammad Khawaja
Pakistan
Money, Fees and Scholarships

International students enrolling on a course at The University of Lincoln will be required to pay full tuition fees for each year of their course. You will be informed of the cost of your course in your University offer letter. Tuition fees will vary depending on the course you wish to study.

For information on fees please see our website www.lincoln.ac.uk/international

**Lincoln International Student Scholarship**

All overseas students (undergraduate and postgraduate taught/research), who begin study at the University of Lincoln will be awarded a £1,000 scholarship for the first year of their course.

For more details on fees and funding, visit: www.lincoln.ac.uk/international

**Discount**

In addition, students who pay their fees in full ON or BEFORE enrolment will automatically receive a 5% discount. This discount will apply to the amount that the student owes after the scholarship has been awarded.

**Student Profile...**

“Choosing to study at the University of Lincoln for my MBA is by far the best decision I ever made. The ambience, discipline and level of education are simply outstanding, and the staff are very supportive, encouraging and caring.

The entire university is like a family and I now feel proud to be part of this family. Words cannot explain the richness of this university and the city of Lincoln, and I have come here to experience this wealth.”

Dipanjan Ganguly
Kolkata, West Bengal, India

**Stage 2**

50% of the balance to be paid on or before enrolment. Sponsorship letters will not be accepted.

**Stage 3**

The remaining balance to be paid on or before 6 December for the year of enrolment.

The British Council suggests that students studying in the UK should bring between £7,800 and £9,000 with them for living expenses, if they intend to stay for a full twelve months. However, your living expenses for the year will depend largely on your standard of living as well as where you live. The city of Lincoln has a relatively low cost of living which means your money goes further.

**Methods of payment**

Students will be asked to pay their fees in three stages:

**Stage 1**

10% deposit to be paid on receipt of a conditional offer (on tuition fees of £5,000 or more).
Culture

By studying in the UK, you will have the opportunity to experience a different culture. This may seem a little daunting at first but eventually you will become accustomed to the way of life in the UK. However, this does not mean that you have to give up your own traditions and beliefs as the UK has a versatile community.

Joining clubs and societies, such as the International Society, is a good way of making friends and taking part in social and cultural activities. The Students’ Union organise all kinds of social functions including nights out, trips and events. There is also an International Students’ Officer available to offer any advice and tips about being a student in Lincoln.

Meeting friends in bars, coffee shops and restaurants to socialise is a traditional part of British life. Drinking alcohol, in moderation, is therefore an accepted form of behaviour in Britain. However, it is important to realise that non-alcoholic drinks are also widely available at these places. Whatever your pastimes are, you will find that there is always something for you to do.

In Lincoln, there are many people practising various faiths and, as the number of people from different cultures has grown, so have the facilities that allow them to lead a life according to their religious beliefs. The University Chaplain will be able to assist you in locating appropriate facilities.

If you have any questions regarding places of worship or cultural differences, you can contact the chaplain by telephone on: +44 (0) 1522 886079 or email: chaplains@lincoln.ac.uk

Climate

The climate in Lincoln is moderate and all four seasons can vary in temperature. Despite what you might think, the British weather is not all rain and fog and is actually more varied than that.

When you arrive in the UK, the weather will be changeable. Sometimes in Autumn there are lovely warm days when the sun shines, and you do not need a coat.

However, the weather is equally likely to be cool, and it will become colder throughout the first semester. Generally, the period from November to February is very cold. Wet weather can often make it seem colder, and you will need several layers of clothes, a waterproof coat and sturdy shoes as well as an umbrella.
Representatives Overseas

We have education agents who represent the University in various countries around the world. They will liaise with the University on your behalf and assist you in the following areas:

- Making an application
- Studying in the UK
- Applying for a Visa

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