

## Courses

**Q: What courses do you offer?**

**Q: Which courses do you specialise in?**

We offer and specialise in

- Business and Economics,
  - Creative Arts – Fine Art / Textiles / Graphics
  - Engineering and Design Aero / Auto / Architecture / Materials and Bio Engineering / Chemical / Civil Eng / Design / Electrical / Mechanical / Manufacturing
  - Humanities – Media / English / politics and IR / Geography / History
  - Science – Maths / Chemistry / Physics / Biology / Computer Science
  - Sociology and Criminology,
  - Sport
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- Visit this page <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/a-z/>
  - Then search for a key word – for example ‘textiles’ or ‘sport’ and see the individual courses we offer in that subject.

**Q: What different sport courses are there?**

- [Sports Technology BEng \(Hons\)](#)
- [Sport Science, Coaching and Physical Education BSc \(Hons\)](#)
- [Mathematics and Sport Science BSc \(Hons\)](#)
- [English and Sport Science BA \(Hons\)](#)
- [Sport and Exercise Psychology BSc \(Hons\)](#)
- [Sport and Exercise Science BSc \(Hons\)](#)
- [Geography and Sport Science BSc \(Hons\)](#)

**Q: What are your most popular courses?**

- Oooh that changes year on year as students change and the job market evolves.
- Engineering is always strong, Sport and Exercise Science and the Psychology courses are popular, Business and Economics courses are always popular.

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**Q: What %/hours is lectures/independent work on average? How many hours do you spend studying on average?**

- That will vary from course to course. Which course are you interested in and I'll send the info.
- You could ask one of our current students:  
<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/student-life/ask-students/>

**Q: Which courses take up the most time? Which are the most demanding?**

- Traditionally engineering courses have the fullest timetables.
- Every course is demanding though.

**Students would like to know if you have courses in the following subject areas:**

Drama	No but we have modules within the English degrees and very strong drama societies at the uni
Musical theatre	No, tho we offer several related societies
Coding/Website Design,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#"><u>Computer Science</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Computer Science and AI</u></a></li></ul>
Gaming Design	Not specifically
Art/Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#"><u>Fine Art BA (Hons)</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Textile Design BA (Hons)</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Graphic Design BA (Hons)</u></a></li></ul>
Design / Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#"><u>Design BA (Hons)</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Industrial Design BA (Hons)</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Product Design and Technology BSc (Hons)</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Product Design Engineering BEng (Hons)</u></a></li></ul>
Teaching	we offer a couple of PGCE courses currently but not an undergraduate degree
Film Making and Production	no tho we have a state of the art <a href="#"><u>media centre</u></a> open to all students and offer a <a href="#"><u>Media and Communication</u></a> degree

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Engineering	<p>Yes, we first started as an engineering institute - in 1909</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Aeronautical Engineering MEng and BEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Architecture BArch and MArch</u></li> <li>• <u>Automotive Engineering MEng and BEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Bioengineering MEng and BEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Biomaterials Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Chemical Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Civil Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Electronic and Electrical Engineering MEng and BEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Engineering Management BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Engineering Physics BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Manufacturing Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Materials Science and Engineering MEng and BEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Mechanical Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Product Design Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Robotics, Mechatronics and Control Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Sports Technology BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></p>
Pharmacology/ Pharmaceuticals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry BSc (Hons)</u></li> </ul>
Astrophysics	<p>relevant modules in...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Physics with Theoretical Physics MPhys (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Physics MPhys (Hons)</u></li> </ul>
Veterinary,	no
Astrology,	no
Geography,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Geography BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Geography BA (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Geography and Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Geography with Economics BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Geography and Sport Science BSc (Hons)</u></li> </ul>

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Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Architecture BArch and MArch(Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Architectural Engineering BEng and MEng (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Urban Planning BSc (Hons)</u></li> </ul>
nursing, medicine	no
Business,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>International Business BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Business Analytics BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Finance and Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Economics and Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Economics BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Accounting and Financial Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Marketing and Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>English with Business Studies BA (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Geography and Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Sport Management BSc (Hons)</u></li> </ul>
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Chemistry BSc and MChem (Hons)</u></li> <li>• <u>Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry BSc and MChem (Hons)</u></li> </ul>

### Facilities

**Q: What are your facilities like?**

**Q: What facilities/courses made you one of the leading unis of 2019?**

- Our 440 acre single-site campus is one of our greatest assets and we continue to invest and expand the amenities available. £350m has been invested in our facilities over the last ten years.
- Our incredible facilities include lecture theatres, laboratories, an impressive and recently refurbished library, extensive IT network, an arts centre, two theatres, a conference centre, accommodation, restaurants, a bank, shops, a health centre and of course, Loughborough Students' Union.
- Take a look at our virtual tours and see for yourself :  
<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/virtualtour/>
- What Uni 2020 – best for University Facilities <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/news-events/news/2020/july/named-university-of-the-year-wucas/>



## Clubs and Societies

### Q: Can I join different sports clubs at once?

- Yes its completely up to you which clubs and societies you join
- Loughborough sport clubs: <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/sport/sport-clubs/>
- Lboro societies <https://lsu.co.uk/societies/list>
- You'll want to balance your time between taking advantage of all the clubs and societies, course work, perhaps a part time job and social life.

### Q: Do you have a golf team or golf society?

- We do, check out <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/sport/sports/golf/>
- Full societies list: <https://lsu.co.uk/societies/list>

### Q: Would I be able to maintain my gaming life outside of university, as I'm part of a successful E-sports Fortnite team?

- Yes how you manage your time is a personal decision. You can choose how to spend your free time, whether that is joining societies on campus or continuing with commitments from before / outside university.
- Loughborough Video Game Society - <https://lsu.co.uk/societies/LSUVGS>
- Full societies list: <https://lsu.co.uk/societies/list>

### Q: Do all courses start on the same date?

- For undergraduate courses yes – early October usually. With staggered dates for arrival over the course of the freshers week.

**Admissions, Grades and entry requirements**

**Q: Do Universities automatically think better of a student that studied in a private school rather than a state school?**

Absolutely not, basically in reviewing an application we go through these steps

- step 1: check qualifications (GCSE / Level 3 subjects / Level 3 grades / predicted grades)
- step 2: Personal Statement – is the applicant enthusiastic about the subject, do they understand what the subject is about, where it might lead, what skills and qualities do they have that will make them a good student.
- Step 3: school reference.
- No notice of school name or type – we want to know about you and your story.

**Q: Is an AS grade a useful qualification?**

- For entry to Loughborough we use 3 A levels or a mix of BTECs (other equivalent quals accepted too) plus GCSEs we don't list AS as an entry requirement.
- Some universities still use UCAS points so it might be useful there.
- It might be useful if it gives you a grounding in a subject that supports your degree later.
- It might be of interest to you.

**Q: If someone had a criminal record, would it affect their chances of completing a degree?**

- Having a criminal conviction will not normally prevent an individual from studying at Loughborough. However, as part of our duty of care to the University community, we ask prospective students to disclose information about certain criminal convictions.
- This is to enable the University to assess and appropriately manage the risk linked to admission. The University has a specific policy and procedure for this process which can be found at:
- [www.lboro.ac.uk/study/apply/support/criminal-convictions/](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/apply/support/criminal-convictions/)

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### **Q: What grades on average do I need to get accepted?**

- Courses vary but generally between AAB and ABB for 3 A Levels for a Bachelors degree.
- Always check if there are any specific subject requirements too
- Also check GCSE requirements.

### **Q: Are universities lowering offers because of the pandemic?**

### **Q: Do you think it's going to be easier to get in to universities, if less people want to go because of the pandemic?**

- If less people want to go then there will be more places available, so in theory yes. Universities will still set entry requirements and each institution will decide whether they are prepared to lower those grades.
- To be honest we do not know how this will play out yet.

### **Q: What GCSE grades do I need to be accepted into University?**

- We normally expect applicants to have a minimum of GCSE grade 4/C in English Language and, for most courses, GCSE grade 4/C in Mathematics. A higher level of achievement in specific GCSEs is required for some courses and details of these are included in the relevant course entry. An applicant's overall GCSE grade profile is also considered alongside the specific GCSE requirements listed. In terms of the numerical GCSE grading in England, we ask for a 4 as equivalent to a grade C, 6 as a grade B and 7 as a grade A.

### **Q: Is there any way you can make your application more appealing to have a higher chance of getting accepted?**

- Yes really focus on your Personal Statement. There's some guidance here
- <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liaison/resources/personal-statements/>
- Really understand the courses – do your research on the websites and look at the modules, graduate destinations, research related to your subject academics who will teach you, read the graduate stories.
- I've created some resources here to help students look at research and graduate stories <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liaison/resources/wim/>



**Q: In general, what grades are required for Engineering courses at uni?**

- This is just a guide for Loughborough... individual course entry requirements for courses can be found on the study page at <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/>

From A Levels:

- For BEng degree generally we're looking for AAB
- For an MEng degree generally A\*AA / AAA

From BTec

- For BEng degree generally BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma: D\*DD in a relevant subject plus A Level Maths at grade A
- For an MEng degree generally we're looking for BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma: D\*D\*D\* in a relevant subject plus A Level Maths at grade A\*

**Q: Is having top grades and no work experience better or worse than having mediocre grades and lots of work experience?**

- The first thing that an Admissions Tutor will look for is the subjects studied and grades. If your grades are not meeting or close to the entry requirements then they will not be able to make you an offer.
- They will then look for your interest and enthusiasm for the subject along with your evidence of transferable skills and qualities that make you a good student. There are many ways to evidence this and work experience is one way, but it could also come from group projects at school / balancing study with care responsibilities at home / clubs and societies in and out of school / D of E / mentoring etc etc – doesn't have to be a part time job.
- Having work experience is great but we want to know what you have learnt from it and how it contributes to you as a person, student and ultimately and employee.

## Accommodation

### Q: Is accommodation always available?

- If you make Loughborough University your firm choice and register for accommodation before the end of July, we will guarantee you a room in University hall accommodation.
- Check out <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/accommodation/>
- We also have a massive range of off campus accommodation in Loughborough.

### Q: What is the average cost?

- Accommodation Halls offer 39 week let – so you don't have to move everything out when you go home for holidays.
- It depends on the accommodation and contract (ensuite room? Fully catered? Shared room?)
- This year costs vary from £3,700 ~ £7,500 approx

## Employability

### Q: What proportion of graduates get into employment (linked to their degree) with 6 months of graduating?

- Employability rates do vary across courses.
- You can check each course's rate at <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/>
- For example for Business courses its 94% / Textiles 97% / Materials Science 98%
- Our aim as part of the Loughborough experience is to equip our students for every aspect of their life and career. Employers are impressed by the energy, enthusiasm and competitiveness Loughborough graduates demonstrate.
- With placement options available on every undergraduate course we pride ourselves on supporting our students to gain the vital experience and develop the skills employers seek.
- For this reason, we are ranked top 10 in the UK for graduate prospects in the most recent results of all three major league tables in the UK (Guardian University Guide 2020, Times Good University Guide 2020 and Complete University Guide 2021).

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- Loughborough University has been ranked first in the UK and in the top 20 globally for employer-student connections by the QS 2020 Graduate Employability Rankings.

### Finance

#### **Q: Do you think it is beneficial to get a job whilst you are at university? Does it affect your student loan if you have a part time job?**

- Having a student job does not affect your student loan.
- It can be beneficial in many ways, not just financial. You may develop transferable skills, meet new people and make friends, make contacts for future work.
- You should however always be careful that you get a balance and have the time and flexibility needed to dedicate to your studies.

#### **Q: Will there be a reduction in fees if there is reduced face to face learning?**

- Our academic staff are currently working hard to refresh the delivery of course material so that you will have access to the best possible learning experience, regardless of whether your teaching is delivered online or in person. More information about your course will be made available shortly so you have clarity about what to expect before the start of term.
- If the current Government Alert level remains in place at the start of term, students will be given access to a mix of in person classes (including practical and laboratory work), live online interactive sessions, and 'on-demand' pre-recorded lectures. These sessions will be supplemented by individual/group project work and guided independent study, alongside support from teaching staff and personal academic tutors.
- Our plans include revisions to cover a full spectrum of future scenarios, and our approach to teaching will enable us to react quickly if Government guidance changes at a national or local level. Regular updates will be circulated to students and staff across the year so that everyone on campus is aware of the University's latest guidelines and measures.
- The University has maintained in person teaching as a significant element of the Loughborough student experience and will continue to do so whilst government guidance allows and can ensure that it is as safe as possible.
- More info available here:  
<https://www.lboro.ac.uk/internal/coronavirus/applicants/>

About Loughborough

**Q: What is your student satisfaction rate?**

- 2019 National Student Survey – 1<sup>st</sup> in England for overall student satisfaction
- What Uni Student Choice Award 2020 – University of the Year
- Times Higher 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> for Student Experience
- <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/about/achievements/>

**Q: What makes your university different from others?**

- Our students
- Our staff
- Life at Loughborough has a strong community feel. It's a factor we pride ourselves on and is all down to one key element... our people.
- Our students, graduates, staff and campus-based partners are at the heart of all we do. They're the key to our continuous success. Within this close-knit community there is an atmosphere of determination and a will to succeed, which creates an environment that motivates everyone to be the best they can be.

**Q: How far away is your university from my school?**

- About 40 miles, straight down the M1.
- Or train to Loughborough then the bus onto campus.