We’re here to help you make the most of your time at Leeds. Send thoughts and feedback to the student communications team. You can also join our Facebook group for current students, follow @UoLStudents on Twitter or visit students.leeds.ac.uk for everything you’ll need while at Leeds.

Industrial action – where to go for advice

Some of you may have questions about the strikes which have taken place this week, and will continue next Monday to Wednesday. Read our questions and answers on the students website, which we will keep up to date with the most recent information.

Finishing your degree and alumni opportunities for all

Graduating this winter?
Congratulations! We hope you enjoy your day. Make sure you’re fully prepared in advance so you know what to expect on the day of the ceremony. You should arrive 90 minutes before the start of the ceremony so you have time to collect your gown and get ready. If you’re posting photos to Instagram or Twitter, tag them with #LeedsGrad19 and you can pick up a free print from the union.

Your career
Did you know the careers centre is here for you throughout your course and even after you graduate?

Over the next few months they will be:

• Sharing useful career resources tailor-made for final years
• Delivering specialist events and workshops
• Giving out ‘Class of 2020’ merchandise
Find out more about the campaign, and follow the Instagram account (@leedsunicareers) for all the latest.

Want to help your club or society?
Crowdfunding is sponsorship from many donors, and it could be from alumni (former students of the University of Leeds), family, friends or even strangers! This semester, LUU Women's Rugby Club showed how Crowdfunding enabled their team to compete on a national level.

Whether it’s taking a show on tour or members to a competition, or getting a speaker in for an event or a professional coach to train your team, find out more about how Crowdfunding can help you.

Want to work for crowdfunding and make a difference?
The Alumni and Development team are looking to recruit students to work as Footsteps Fund Champions in their telephone fundraising campaigns and in the promotion of the Crowdfunding platform. As well as earning £9.02 per hour, working for the Footsteps Fund is an opportunity to improve your negotiation and communication skills and gain valuable material for your CV.

Find out more on the website or email Jessica Mifsud-Bonnici, Footsteps Fund Assistant at j.m.d.mifsud-bonnici@leeds.ac.uk.

Minerva maintenance reminder

Minerva will be unavailable between 12pm on Friday 13 December and 3pm Tuesday 17 December while we carry out some essential maintenance work on the system. Please keep this in mind when planning work or revision.

Voting in the general election

If you’ve registered to vote in the general election on 12 December you can still apply to vote by proxy, where somebody else votes on your behalf. This might be helpful if you’re not sure where you will be on the day. Make sure you apply by 5pm on 4 December.

Exams

Exams start for many on 13 January, lasting for two weeks until 24 January. We’ll be sharing lots of the practical tips and services on our Facebook group for current students and @UoLStudents on Twitter, but if you’re starting to prepare and planning revision over the Christmas break, here are some useful links to help you.

- Past exam papers
- Preparing for exams
Staying in Leeds over Christmas?

Christmas in Leeds is an annual programme for all students who will be in Leeds over the holidays, providing the chance to meet others, experience Christmas traditions and find out information and support.

From film and games nights, to volunteering and trips, there are lots of activities to keep you entertained and make this Christmas in Leeds one to remember!

Cashier opening hours and making online payments

We'll be changing the hours of the cashier service in the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff building from 2 January 2020. This has been done after a review of how it was being used. Don’t forget, you can pay for many items online, including:

- Tuition, accommodation and exam fees.
- Replacement student ID cards, transcripts, award statements, copies of degree certificates.

The new opening hours for cashiers are (Monday to Friday):

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Accommodation

Looking for accommodation for 2020?

Anyone can return to University halls – they’re not just for freshers! Whether you’re returning from a year abroad as part of your degree, or if you just loved your time in halls, we can offer you a place to call home next year. WiFi, energy bills and even an Edge membership will be included in your rent. Find out more and apply now.

Become a Subwarden

Do you want to develop your leadership skills, help support your fellow students and stay in University accommodation for free during 2020/21 academic year? Subwardens are full-time students who help to provide a responsible presence in residences overnight and on weekends, as well as creating a positive environment for students. Apply from Monday 2 December or attend information sessions on 4 and 5 December. Find out more about becoming a Subwarden and details of the information sessions.
**What’s on**

**Summer Abroad fair – make summer 2020 count!**
Want to make the most of your summer? Come along to the Summer Abroad Fair in LUU Foyer on Wednesday 4 December (11am – 2pm) to find out about all of the summer opportunities that the University has to offer, and speak to other students about their experience.
Get into the Christmas spirit with Leeds University Library Galleries.

**What is Christmas without Charles Dickens?**
Join us for December’s free [Tuesday Treasure](#) and discover more festive tales from the literary legend. Drop-in between 12 - 2pm on 10 December at the Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery.

**Join artist Lu Mason for our Festive ‘Make it Social’ Mobile Making workshop**
Using seasonal shapes inspired by our collection, learn how to make a mobile for your home or for a Christmas gift. It’s £10 and is on December 14, 1.30 - 4pm at the Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery.

Keep up to date with all the events in Leeds University Union.

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Do you have any feedback for us on your experience at the University, or student life at Leeds? Tell us what’s on your mind.