

Welcome to the University of Leeds



*Korea Development Institute (KDI)
South Korea*

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Hello!



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The UK

- Many University cities and towns
- Undergraduate courses are 3 or 4 years long in total
- Masters courses are 1 year
- A focus on your subject right from the start
- Focus on independent learning
- Russell Group: top 24 / research expertise
- Lots of aspects of student experience to consider
- Take your time, find out as much as you can, and ask questions to ensure a good fit



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City of Leeds

- 3rd largest city in UK
- Excellent transport links
- Located in Yorkshire
- Student friendly
- One of the UK's largest centres for business legal and financial services
- Centre in the North of England for sports, the arts, theatre, opera and music – and a student hub!



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Why Leeds?



Top 100
university in
the world

QS World University
Rankings 2023

37th
most
international
university in
the world

Times Higher
Education 2022

5th
most targeted
UK university
by graduate
recruiters

The Graduate Market in 2022
High Fliers Research

3rd
in the UK
for student
experience

Times Higher Education
Student Experience
Survey 2018



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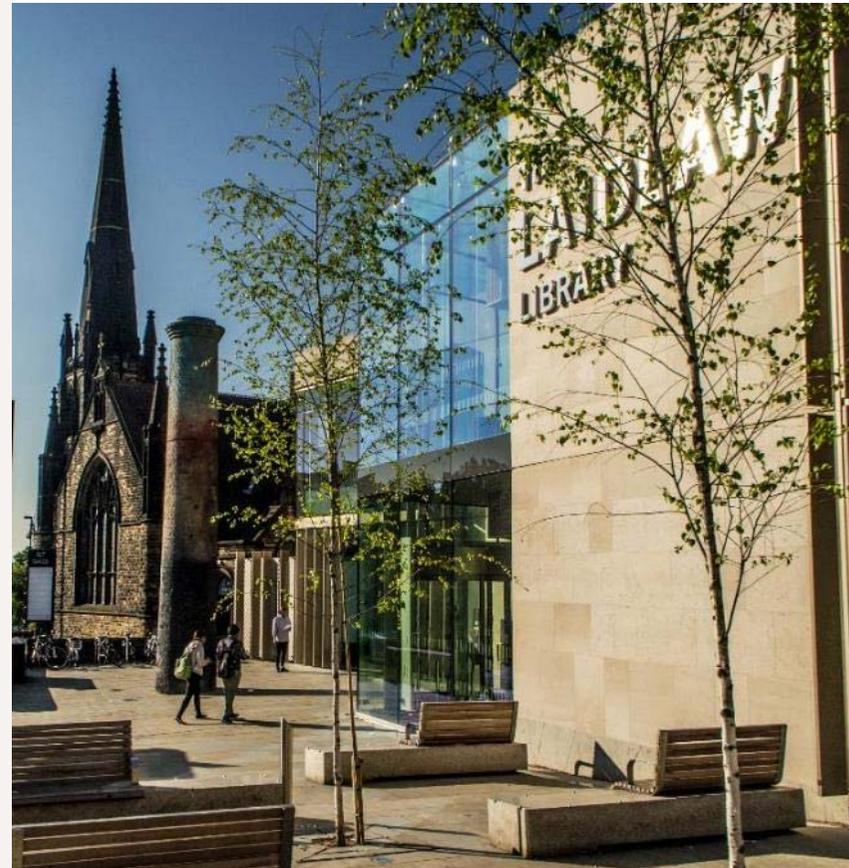
Leeds: facts & figures

- Established in 1904, Russell Group University
- One of the largest universities in the UK with over 38,000 students from over 130 countries - including over 90 (this year) from South Korea 😊
- Over 300 Undergraduate and 200 Masters programmes

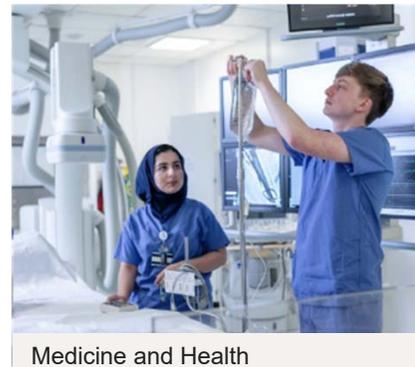
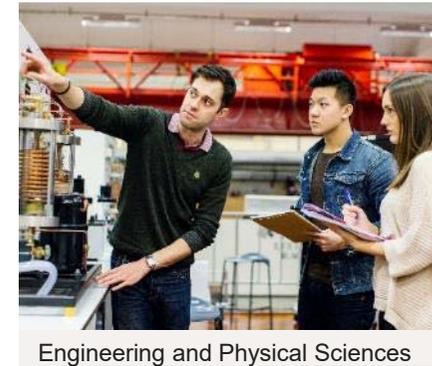


Leeds: academic facilities

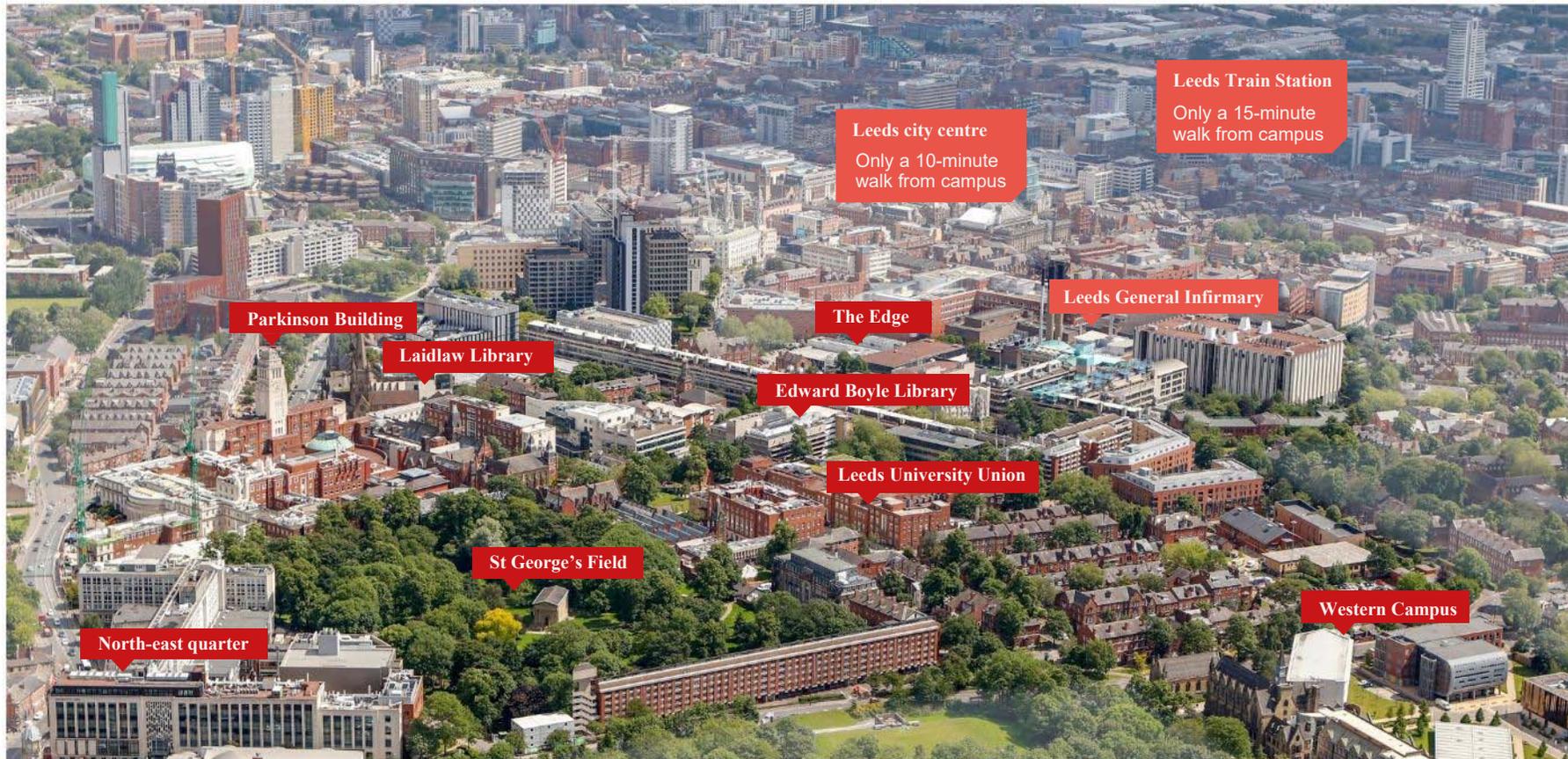
- Four on-campus Libraries
 - 2.8 million items and 500,000 online books
 - Over 3,900 study spaces
- Computing
 - IT and tech support on campus
 - Award winning 'Virtual Learning Environment'
- Language Centre
 - Pre-sessional and in-sessional English language support
- Careers Centre - 5th most targeted UK university by graduate recruiters



Our Faculties



The University's campus



Employability and opportunities

- **Graduate Route Visa in the UK**
- Dedicated careers centre
- Specialist careers support for international students
- Part time jobs through Job Link
- Unique 'Leeds for Life' approach
- Employer Engagement and Links with Industry
- Mentoring and Leeds Network
- Help with CVs, application forms, interview preparation
- Chance to meet and network with employers



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The Graduate Market in 2022
High Fliers Research



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Student social life



- Leeds University Union – facilities
- Clubs and Societies
- Global Café
- LUU Korean Society
- Welcome and Orientation Programme
- Part-time work

**More than
300 clubs
and societies
for you to
choose from**



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Student support



- Dedicated international student support
- Visa and Immigration Advisors
- Academic Personal Tutor in POLIS
- Skills@Library
- Disability Services
- Student Support Officers
- Leeds Student Medical Practice
- Student Counselling and Wellbeing
- Online communities: Togetherall
- LUU Advice Centre
- Buddy Scheme / mentoring
- Chaplaincy
- Nightline
- 24-hour Security office



Student accommodation



- KDI accommodation application deadline: 1 December 2023
- Choice of facilities and costs
- ‘The Edge’ membership included
- Wardens and Residence Life Assistants (RLAs) for pastoral support and maintenance of discipline
- Variety of locations
- Safe and secure
- Extensive events and social programme
- May have to move residences from Sept – December 2024
- Private accommodation also exists

Money, fees and scholarships

Tuition Fees

POLIS: £22,250 (or £23,500 for MA Global Development & Education)

Scholarships

KDI awards

Daily living costs in Leeds

Student-friendly, wide choice to suit different budgets





**Politics and
International
Studies (POLIS)**



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POLIS

- Students from KDI can study Masters programmes taught by the **School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS)**
- Part of the Faculty of Social Sciences – located at the heart of campus
- Over 1500 students from all around the world
- Over 100 academic staff with different disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise



Top 50

in the world for Development
Studies

(QS World University Rankings 2022)



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POLIS course options

KDI students can choose from the following Masters programmes:

- MA Global Development
- MA Global Development and Education
- MA Global Governance and Diplomacy
- MA International Relations
- MSc Political Science
- MA Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding
- MA Terrorism and Insurgency

www.essl.leeds.ac.uk/politics-masters



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POLIS KDI credit pathways - *NEW*

<u>MA Global Development and Education</u>				
<i>Credits</i>	<i>Tuition Fee</i>	<i>KDI Scholarship</i>	<i>Compulsory modules</i>	<i>Optional modules</i>
180	£23, 500	£2250	See catalogue	See catalogue
150	£18, 500	£2000	60 credits of compulsory modules and 60 credits Dissertation	One choice – 30 credits
120	£14, 750	£1500	60 credits of compulsory modules and 60 credits Dissertation	No optional modules

Final details announced soon!
60 credit transfer maximum



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Research interests

- Cutting-edge, world-leading research, which impacts policy
- Research expertise feeds into teaching and to your classes
- Academics regularly appear in the press and as experts for radio and TV – in the UK and internationally
- Focus on investigating, understanding and helping shape the '**politics of global challenges**', driven by a commitment to make **positive global change**



Careers destinations

- **Government and International organisations:** World Health Organisation; Ministry of Education (Brunei); Ministry of Defence (Japan); UK Parliament; Italian Embassy; UK National Health Service (NHS)
- **Private sector:** Royal Bank of Scotland; Zenith Bank
- **NGOs:** Save the Children; Greenpeace; Global Witness; Women's Aid
- **Research Institutes:** National Centre of Social Research
- **Further study and academia**



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POLIS course structure

Under the KDI agreement, you can start the POLIS course in **January 2024**

You will take both compulsory and optional modules, split over two semesters

Depending on your programme, you'll study a combination of these module types:

Compulsory modules – All courses include compulsory specialist modules to deepen your knowledge in your chosen area.

Optional modules – All courses allow you to choose optional modules to tailor your masters to your personal interests and career aspirations.

Dissertation – All courses include a dissertation.

Research modules – Some courses include a choice of research modules, so you can enhance your skills in the most relevant way.

If you select the full 180-credit Masters, KDI students receive a scholarship of £2250 for POLIS courses.



POLIS example optional modules

Africa in the Contemporary World

Civil War and Intrastate Conflict

Diplomatic Practice

Global Governance through Law

Global Justice

International Political Economy

Popular Culture: World Politics, Society and Culture

The Rise of China



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Entry requirements and how to apply to Leeds for your Masters



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POLIS entry requirements

Academic requirements

- From a Korean Bachelors degree: **3.5 out of 4.5** in a social science, humanities, or other related discipline,
- Passed all the elements of Year 1 of KDI's programme (certain modules required), with an overall average GPA of 3.5 out of 4.5,

English language requirements

- IELTS 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each component
- Or another accepted test eg: TOEFL - a total score of 88 with at least 19 in listening, 20 in reading, 22 in speaking, and 21 in writing

www.leeds.ac.uk/international-admissions/doc/entry-requirements



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How to apply and KDI timeline

Applications are made online via your Applicant Portal.

You will need to prepare:

- Application form
- Degree certificates and academic transcripts
- English language evidence (e.g. IELTS/TOEFL results)
- Personal Statement
- Other documents may include: CV or reference letters

Timeline

KDI application deadline: **22 September 2023**. Programmes start in January 2024 for KDI students. They end 12 months later.

You are encouraged to contact us for advice.



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Contacts at Leeds

Claire Zupnik – International Office

Dr Owain Williams – KDI Link Tutor in POLIS

Rhiannon Bland – Student Education Service Manager in POLIS

Keep in touch with us – we will need to offer you bespoke advice



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Link to Leeds

Contact one of our current students

- Talk to the ambassadors directly via email, instant messaging or social media
- Hear about their experiences of being a student at Leeds
- Get first hand advice on how to prepare for your studies
- Take part in live chat events

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Hello from Sara!



Sara Kaizuka

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- Previously studied a Masters at Leeds
- Presented research at Political Studies Association Annual International Conference 2021
- Experience as a teaching assistant, Education Outreach Fellow and Japanese language tutor
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Thank you for welcoming me to KDI today – good luck for your future UK applications!

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Any questions?



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