Welcome to the University of Leeds

Korea Development Institute (KDI)
South Korea

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Hello!

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- Graduated from Leeds (BA History) in 2009
- Worked at the International Office since 2010
- Current role is International Manager for South Korea (East Asia)
- 10 years of experience as a resident Warden in University accommodation, Central Village
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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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About Leeds

Top 75
university in the world

QS World University Rankings 2024

6th
most targeted UK university by graduate recruiters

The Graduate Market in 2023
High Flyers Research

31st most international university in the world

Times Higher Education 2023

Leeds
One of the best places to live in the UK (North and Northeast)

The Times and The Sunday Times 2023

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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

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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
  - In-sessional English language support
- Careers Centre - 6th most targeted UK university by graduate recruiters

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Our Faculties

Arts, Humanities and Cultures

Biological Sciences

Business

Engineering and Physical Sciences

Environment

Medicine and Health

Social Sciences

The University's campus

www.virtualcampustour.leeds.ac.uk/

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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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Student social life

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

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

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Student accommodation

- Application deadlines will apply
- We offer single person accommodation and family accommodation – and there are differences!
- Choice of facilities and costs
- Wardens and Residence Life Assistants (RLAs) for pastoral support and maintenance of discipline
- Variety of locations
- Safe and secure, extensive events and social programme
- Single: May have to move residences from Sept – December 2025
- Single: ‘The Edge’ membership included
- Private accommodation also exists

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)**
- These Masters normally begin in September and, in the unique relationship with KDI, also offer a start date in **January** to match KDI year
- 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 Governance and Diplomacy
- *MA Global Security Challenges – Pending: subject to final approval*
- 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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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**

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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 2025**

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** – Some 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.

You can select the 180-credit route – which will include optional modules

The 120-credit route has NO options – it is compulsory elements only

Scholarships apply to both routes

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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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POLIS KDI credit pathways - *NEW*

MA International Relations

Credits	*Tuition Fee*	*KDI Scholarship*	*Compulsory modules*	*Optional modules*
180	£24,500	£ TBC	See catalogue	See catalogue
120	£15,000 - £17,000 (TBC)	£ TBC	60 credits of compulsory modules and 60 credits Dissertation	No optional modules

60 credit transfer maximum

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Money, fees and scholarships

POLIS Tuition Fees – to be confirmed

£24,500 - £26,000 (180 credit route)

£15,000 - £17,000 (120 credit route)

Scholarships – to be confirmed

KDI awards – in January 2024, this was £2,250 (180 credits) and £1,500 (120 credits)

Daily living costs in Leeds

Student-friendly, wide choice to suit different budgets

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Figures are subject to change

Money and finances in Leeds

Tuition fees are charged per course – see exact amounts on Course Search

Accommodation and day-to-day living costs will vary by lifestyle

There is a guide to finances and budgeting here

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Entry requirements and how to apply 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 Semester 1 of KDI's programme with an overall average of B-
- If credit recognition is sought on 120-route, a pass on certain named (core) modules at KDI: see agreement

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

Guideline only: See our agreement for full entry requirements

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How to apply and KDI timeline

Applications are made online via our 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
POLIS KDI application deadline is **Friday 20 September 2024** for a January 2025 start. The MA ends 12 months later.

You are advised to contact us for bespoke advice.

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Contacts at Leeds

Claire Zupnik – International Office

Dr Adam Tyson – KDI Link Tutor in POLIS

Maria Brys – Student Education Service Manager in POLIS

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

Songyee Park and Ji Hyun Kim are both in Leeds now and were at KDI last year! (MA International Relations and MA Global Development)

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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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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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