



University of Leeds Academic Statement

As part of your application to the University of Leeds, you are required to write an academic statement describing why you have chosen to study abroad at Leeds, and how you are prepared academically for that challenge. A well-written academic statement can make the difference between a regular application and an incredible one. The University of Leeds admits applicants who are driven, motivated and prepared for an academically rigorous semester.

Think of your academic statement as a college admissions essay. Your academic statement should be about 300 to 500 words and outline the reasons why you want to study abroad at Leeds and study the subjects you've chosen. A statement can be especially useful for providing additional information which is not immediately apparent from your transcript and which is relevant to your course and departmental selection.

You should discuss your reasons for applying, preparation you've done to be academically suited to Leeds, and specific study and research interests that you intend to pursue while at Leeds. Mention a course you'd like to take at Leeds and discuss why it's important to you: Is it not available at your home university? Is it in an unusual or interesting subject area that would be inaccessible outside of the U.K.? Why will studying at Leeds broaden your academic horizons?

In conclusion, your personal statement should include:

- Why you have chosen to study abroad
- Why you have chosen to apply to the University of Leeds
- How you have prepared academically for your semester abroad at Leeds
- Why you have chosen to take the specific courses you have selected and indicated on your course preference form.

This academic statement is due at the same time as the course preference form, family visit form (if attending), and housing preference form.