Congratulations!

Congratulations on achieving your place at the University of Leeds, and a warm welcome to Linguistics and Phonetics in the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies.

Getting started

To help introduce you to studying at university we have produced a webpage to support your transition at http://flyingstart.leeds.ac.uk/linguistics. You will find lots of practical information here about what it will be like for you studying linguistics and phonetics at Leeds, such as which books you will need to buy, and how your time will be spent in a typical week. We have also included some messages from our recent graduates so you can get a feel of things from people who have been studying with us.

Welcome pack

You will shortly receive a Welcome pack from the University. Please study this carefully, because it contains very important information about registration, payment of fees, how to obtain your University email address, and much more. Registration takes place online, and you are strongly advised to do this before you arrive in Leeds. You can find further details at www.leeds.ac.uk/studentguide.

Intro Week meetings

Monday 21st September marks the start of Intro Week (or Freshers’ Week) and it is very important that you arrange to be in Leeds for the whole of this week. You are required to attend an important School meeting on Monday 21 September, which will appear on your electronic timetable, so please make sure you know when and where you need to attend.

As well as the School meeting you need to attend meetings in your individual Subject Area(s). Your first meeting for Linguistics and Phonetics will be on Wednesday 23 September at 1pm in the Roger Stevens Building, LT (lecture theatre) 16. If you are studying a Joint Honours programme you will also have another meeting in your second Subject Area, for which you will be contacted separately. Details of these meetings are also available at http://arts.leeds.ac.uk/go.
Discovery Modules

As part of your programme you will have the opportunity to take modules outside of your main area(s) of study. These are called Discovery Modules and they are grouped within ten different Discovery Themes. Within the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies you can take modules to learn a new language, study world cinemas, learn about a different culture or understand more about linguistics. Around the University, you could choose to take a careers module to develop your CV, learn a new skill to enhance your employability, study a new subject area you haven’t tried before, or decide to continue a subject you studied at school. You can read more about Discovery Modules at https://leedsforlife.leeds.ac.uk/Broadening.

Linguistics Society

Please remember to visit the LingSoc stand at the Freshers’ Fair. LingSoc is your very own student society and we strongly encourage you to become a member. Among many other things, the society runs a great support scheme for first-year students. In August you will receive a postcard from LingSoc that gives you the name and contact details of your buddy (a second-year student), who will be happy to provide you with guidance from the moment your place at Leeds has been confirmed.

And finally …

If you need any further information, don’t hesitate to contact our Student Support Office by phone (0113 343 3669) or email (lcstudentoffice@leeds.ac.uk). Once you have arrived in Leeds, you can visit the office in person. It is open 9am-4.45pm every weekday, and located in the Michael Sadler Building, room G27.

We are looking forward to welcoming you properly in September.

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