

ELIGIBILITY

In order to apply for the US Federal Loans students must meet the general eligibility criteria set out by the US Department of Education, please see the link below

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/basic-criteria>

Please note that the criteria above does not apply to students applying for Private Loans.

In addition to the criteria set out in the link above students must also meet the following;

1. Be enrolled at least half time for the duration of the course. **Students who suspend, drop below half time or withdraw must contact the US Loans office immediately.**
2. Be studying an eligible, degree bearing course.
3. Make Satisfactory Academic Progress throughout the course*

*The University's SAP Policy can be viewed on the main US Loans webpage.

The SAP Policy is applicable to all Postgraduate, Undergraduates, full time and part time students in receipt of Direct Subsidised, Direct Unsubsidised, Graduate Plus and Parent Plus loans.

Eligible and ineligible courses

All degree courses with the exception of:

- Nursing

Programmes of study for which we cannot certify US Loans are:

- Distance learning and correspondence programmes.
- Postgraduate certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Programmes which have compulsory periods of study abroad.

- Foundation programme (unless an integral part of the degree programme)
- Diploma and Certificate programmes.

Student studying one of the above programmes may be eligible to apply for a Private Loan, please click on the link below for further information.

<https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/smart-option-student-loan/>

Study abroad / Erasmus Programmes

For courses whether there is a compulsory Erasmus/Study Abroad then the whole course is not eligible for Federal Funding and only a Private loan can be taken out.

If a student chooses to have a period of study abroad and the Institute where the course is being taught is not certified to administer the US loans programme, then the student is not eligible to taking Federal loans out for the duration of the time abroad and will only be entitled to Federal Loans to cover the period of time studied at Leeds Beckett.

If the Institution abroad is part of the Title IV US Loans Programme, the student can apply to that institute for their Federal Funding, for the time they are studying there and then to Leeds Beckett for any remaining period of study undertaken at Leeds Beckett.