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WARWICK INDIA FORUM

# SURVIVAL Guide

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# BEFORE ARRIVAL

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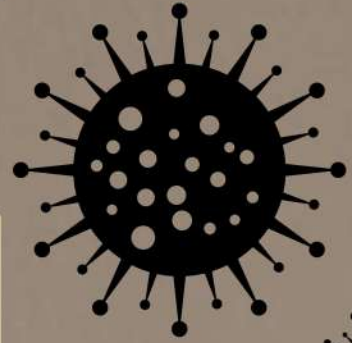
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# Vaccinations



## MENINGITIS

### a

All first year undergraduates are now advised to have a **Meningitis (ACWY) booster** if they were less than 10 years of age when they received their first Meningitis C injection.

**(Recommended, not essential)**

### b

## MMR

MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles). **Before starting** higher education students should have had two doses. **(Recommended, not essential)**

### c

## TB TEST

Indian nationals are **required to take a Tuberculosis test from APPROVED test clinics**. More information:

<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>

**(Essential)**



# Packing List

## CLOTHING ITEMS

- UMBRELLA / RAINCOAT / WINDCHEATER
- PUFFER JACKET/PARKA
- PARTY/CLUBBING OUTFITS
- 2/3 TRADITIONAL INDIAN OUTFITS
- 2/3 FORMAL OUTFITS
- BOOTS / SNOW SHOES
- SPORT SHOES
- SCARVES & WOOLENS

## FOOD ITEMS

- INDIAN SPICES (AVAILABLE IN UK AS WELL)
- SNACKS & BISCUITS
- INSTANT NOODLES AKA MAGGI
- READY-TO EAT MEALS
- TEA (ESPECIALLY FOR THE SNOWY DAYS!)
- DEHYDRATED CURRIES - VERY CONVENIENT FOR WHEN YOU ARE TOO LAZY TO COOK & NEED A QUICK, EASY MEAL!
- FROZEN PARATHAS & THEPLAS

## ROOM ESSENTIALS

- DUVET
- DUVET COVER
- BEDSHEETS
- PILLOWS & PILLOW CASES
- ROOM DECOR
- FOLDABLE STORAGE SHELVES
- (IKEA HAS SOME GREAT OPTIONS)
- BASKETS FOR ORGANISING  
*Lifesavers!!*
- CLOSET HANGERS (NOT PROVIDED IN UNI ACCOMS)
- STICK-ON HOOKS

## MISCELLANEOUS

- BACKPACKS / TOTE BAGS
- BOOKS AND STATIONARY
- WATER FILTER
- LINT ROLLER
- PORTABLE BIDET
- EXTENSION BOARD & CHARGERS

*(These are lifesavers - use an Indian extension board with an adaptor to keep using your Indian chargers, saving money on new ones.)*



# Packing List

## COOKING ESSENTIALS

- NON STICK PANS AND POTS -
- PRESSURE/ RICE COOKER
- GRATER / PEELER
- TIFFIN BOXES
- PLATES AND BOWLS- 2 EACH (CERAMIC/ MICROWAVABLE)
- GLASSES
- CUTLERY
- KNIVES
- ELECTRIC BLENDER
- CHOPPING BOARD

*(If you want to make your life easier, get the onion chopper machine)*

## TOILETARIES AND ACCESSORIES

- SHOWER GEL
- SHAMPOO
- TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE
- TONGUE CLEANER
- SHAVING KIT
- SHAMPOO AND CONDIITONER
- PERFUMES
- TOILET CLEANER
- TOILET FRESHNERS
- EARBUDS
- MOISTURISER
- LAUNDRY BASKET

## ELECTRONICS

- ADAPTORS/ UNIVERSAL ADAPTORS
- POWER BANK
- CHARGING CABLES
- TRIMMERS
- LUGGAGE WEIGHING MACHINE
- HAIRDRYERS AND IRONS
- LAPTOPS / IPADS
- STEAM IRON

## HEALTHCARE

- MEDICINES
- PRESCRIPTION GLASSES
- CONTACT LENSES
- CLEANING FLUID
- BRACES
- RETAINERS
- BASIC FIRST AID KIT
- SPECIFIC MEDICATIONS

# Key Dates

## **CAMPUS ARRIVALS**

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*From Thursday, 19th Sep. 2024 to  
Sunday, 22nd Sep. 2024*

## **WELCOME WEEK**

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*From Monday, Sep. 23rd 2024 to  
Sunday, Sep. 29th 2024*

## **AUTUMN TERM**

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*From Monday, 30th Sep. 2024 to  
Saturday, 7th Dec, 2024*

## **SPRING TERM**

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*From Monday, 6th Jan. 2025 to  
Saturday, 15th Mar. 2024*

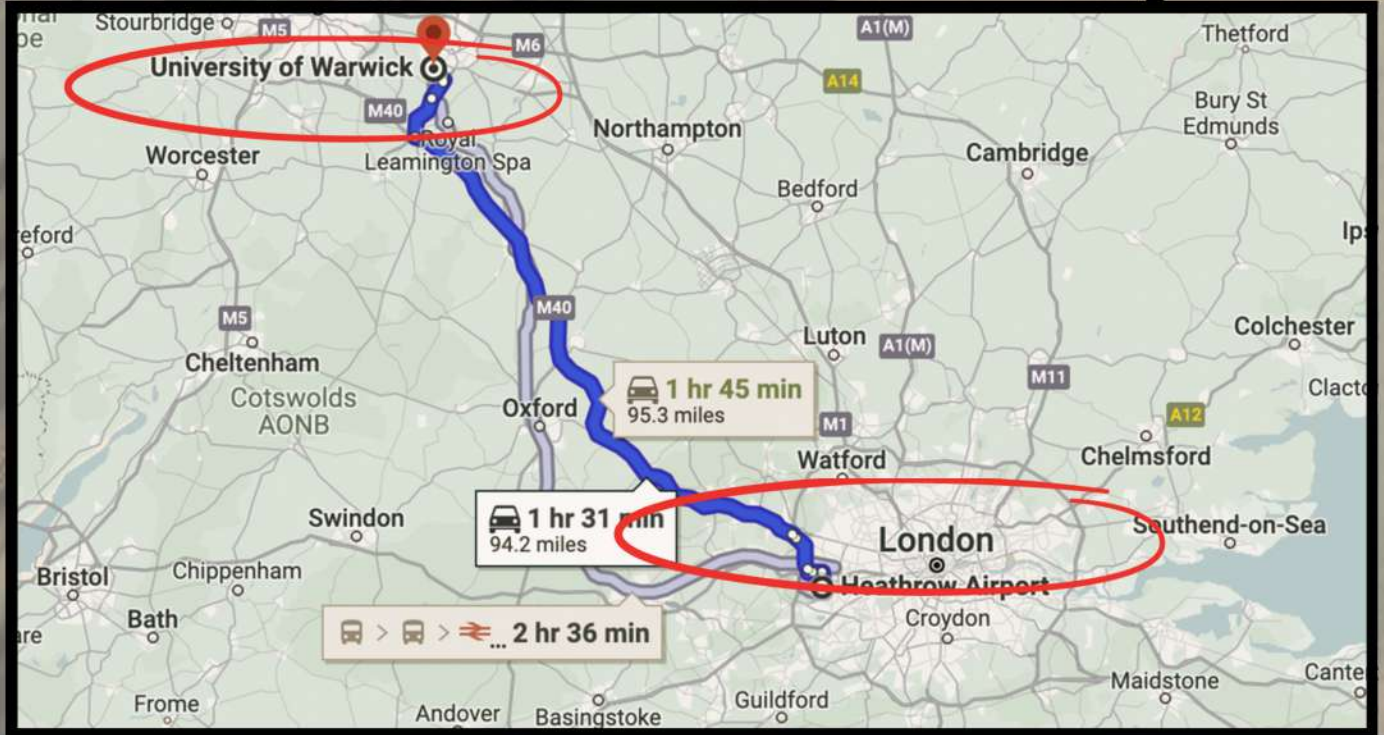
## **SUMMER TERM**

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*From Wednesday, 23rd Apr. 2025 to  
Saturday, 28th Jun. 2024*



# Transport from the airport



## HEATHROW AIRPORT TO UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

### 1. Flights:

Options: You can book a direct flight or a flight with a layover to London Heathrow.

### 2. Getting from London Heathrow Airport:

#### By Cab:

- You can call for an Uber, Akmal Cabs (Phone: +44 7973 868889), or Ghalib (Phone: +44 7867099857).
- It's recommended to travel with someone if it's your first time.
- Cost: Usually above £125.

#### By Bus:

- Take a bus from Heathrow Airport to Coventry Pool Meadow Bus Station.
- The bus departs from a specific terminal; you can use the free underground service within Heathrow to reach the bus terminal.

#### By Train:

- Take the Elizabeth Line from Heathrow Airport to London Liverpool Street.
- From there, take a train to Coventry Station.



# Transport from the airport



## BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT TO UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

### 1. Flights:

Options: You can book a direct flight or a flight with a layover to Birmingham Airport.

### 2. Getting from Birmingham Airport:

#### By Cab:

- You can call for an Uber, Akmal Cabs (Phone: +44 7973 868889), or Ghalib (Phone: +44 7867099857).
- It's recommended to travel with someone if it's your first time.
- Cost: Usually above £25.

#### By Bus:

- Take a bus from Birmingham Airport to Coventry Pool Meadow Bus Station.
- Then take another bus from Coventry Pool Meadow Station to University of Warwick.

#### By Train:

- Take the Cross Country from Birmingham International to Leamington Spa or Coventry Station.
- Further take a bus or a cab from the station to the University of Warwick.





# Hotels


**Congratulations on your acceptance into the University of Warwick! As you gear up to move to university, you will need to keep in mind that it is recommended to stay in a hotel room (if you do not have any family or friends nearby) for a few days before moving into your student accommodation as it gives you a place to stay while you shop for all the essentials you need to set up your room.**

**MORE BELOW**



## RADCLIFFE



 **Central Campus,  
Adjacent to WBS**

 **£65-£85 per night**

**PROS:** Proximity to central campus: located on campus helping you easily settle in as you get a feel for the campus!

Learn more at  
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/conferences/spaces/radcliffe>



## SCARMAN



 **Lakeside Campus**

 **£65-£85 per night**

**PROS:** Proximity to central campus: located on campus helping you easily settle in as you get a feel for the campus!

Learn more at  
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/conferences/spaces/scarman>



## RAMADA HOTEL



 **Coventry**

 **£70-£90 per night**

**PROS:** Being in Coventry makes all the supermarkets (Tesco, ALDI, Argos, Costco) very close by which makes shopping for university all the more convenient!

Learn more at  
<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/en-uk/ramada/coventry-united-kingdom/ramada-hotel-and-suites-coventry/overview>



## REGENT HOTEL



 **Leamington Spa**

 **£80-£95 per night**

**PROS:** Located right next to the bus stop, this hotel is great for commute to and from the university. Additionally, staying here can enable you to easily access all the great shops in the heart of Leamington Spa and also experience many of the restaurants there.

More at:  
[https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/143/The-Regent-Hotel-Leamington-Spa-hotel?WT\\_tsrc=GHA\\_Organic&utm\\_campaign=GHA\\_The%20Regent%20Leamington%20Spa&utm\\_medium=GHA\\_Organic&utm\\_source=google](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/143/The-Regent-Hotel-Leamington-Spa-hotel?WT_tsrc=GHA_Organic&utm_campaign=GHA_The%20Regent%20Leamington%20Spa&utm_medium=GHA_Organic&utm_source=google)



# UPON ARRIVAL

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*Important Documents*



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*Student Finances*



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*Food, Shopping & Fun*





# 1 Important Documents to Collect



## BIOMETRIC RESIDENCE PERMIT

You will receive your BRP once you finish your final university registrations in the Rootes Learning Grid within the first week. This will serve as your VISA and is undoubtedly your most important document so keep it carefully! More information:

[https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/student\\_route/brps/](https://warwick.ac.uk/study/international/immigration/student_route/brps/)

# 1

# 2

## SIM CARD

You may buy sim cards from Coventry city centre or any of the supermarkets in and around university (TESCO, CannonPark, Rootes). Sim cards are normally free as you pay when you buy an internet pack. You may also have been provided with a Sim card along with your visa.



# 3

## NHS RESITRATION

If you are new to the University and living on campus you should register with a GP practice at the University Health Centre as soon as possible. You must not wait until you are ill as you could experience problems getting an appointment with a doctor. Here's a link guiding you through the entire process :

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/gps/how-to-register-with-a-gp-surgery/>

## BANK ACCOUNT



# 4

- Students typically have their primary account in one (or more) of the following banks: Lloyds, HSBC, Santander.
- Make sure to carry a FOREX card to suffice you until you open a bank account.
- E-Banking platforms such as Revolut and Monzo are also very popular due to their convenience. But make sure you have an account in a bank listed above before opening an account in one of these.

Links for more banking information :

<https://www.hsbc.co.uk/current-accounts/products/student/>

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/current-accounts/all-accounts/student-account.html>

<https://www.santander.co.uk/personal/current-accounts/123-student-current-account>



# Payment of Fees

## 1ST INSTALLMENT

50% of total annual tuition

Due by the first day of term 1  
(30/09/24)

## 2ND INSTALLMENT

25% of total annual tuition

Due by the first day of term 2  
(06/01/25)

## 3RD INSTALLMENT

25% of total annual tuition

Due by the first day of term 3  
(23/04/25)

### *Payment Instructions*

You may pay your fees through the Warwick eVision portal which is linked in your CAS confirmation email (hyperlinked to 'Enrolment Dashboard'). Please proceed to the 'My Student Finance' section on the eVision portal to pay your tuition and accommodation fees.

### COMMON WAYS OF PAYING FEES ARE:

- Bank transfer via FlyWire (directions provided on the eVision portal : <https://warwick.ac.uk/evision/> )
- Credit/Debit Card via FlyWire (note that these are typically more expensive than bank transfers due to which most students do not prefer this method of payment)
- Direct Debit setup



# Budgeting & Finance

BUDGET BREAKDOWN OF AN AVERAGE MONTH (EXCLUDING RENT) (AFTER INITIAL SUNK COSTS)	PER MONTH
Meals/ Ingredients Cost	240-336 (8-12 GBP per day)
Event tickets can range from 6-15 pounds	25-100
Transport via bus to Coventry or Leamington on occasion	20
Supplies for room and bathroom	15
Monthly phone/data bills	10-22
Leisure activities (bowling, cinema, go-karting, etc.)	20-50
Good Estimate:	330-543
OTHER POSSIBLE EXPENSES (ALL COMPLETELY VARIABLE AND DEPENDS ON THE INDIVIDUAL)	PER MONTH
Night outs	50-100
Memberships including the gym, sauna, sports, etc	40-100
Entertainment memberships (Spotify, Netflix, etc)	15-50
Shopping	0-unlimited



# Budgeting Tips

## TRAVELLING AROUND CAMPUS



- Cycling and walking are popular ways to get around campus. Paid rental bikes are available for convenience, and you can buy affordable second-hand bikes during the freshers' sale.
- Book an Uber/Bolt to travel off campus late at night. Black cabs are also available if needed.
- Late-night buses are available until a certain time and can be a cost-effective commuting option once you adjust to university life.
- Use the buses at University Interchange to travel to nearby towns like Coventry and Leamington Spa, with departures every 15-30 minutes. (U1 and U2 buses go to Leamington Spa, while the 12X is the main bus to Coventry.)
- Walking late at night? Explore campus safely with these tips:
  1. *Safety checkpoints are located around campus.*
  2. *Campus security, managed by Warwick Community Safety, is available 24/7.*
  3. *Contact them at 024 7652 2083 (ext. 22222).*
- The campus map can be accessed via the 'MyWarwick' app, a handy tool for when you are getting late for lectures or lost on campus.

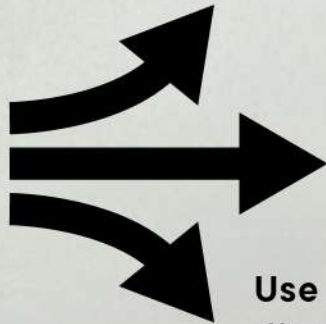
## INTRA-UK TRAVEL GUIDE

- The most common form of travel within the UK is via train.
- You can purchase train tickets on TrainLine ( <https://www.thetrainline.com> )
- It is advised to purchase a rail card (which subsidises train ticket prices) as you will likely save a considerable amount of money if you regularly travel to and from other cities. More information: <https://www.railcard.co.uk>



# Budgeting Tips

## TIPS TO SAVE MONEY AT UNIVERSITY



**Sign up for a TESCO Clubcard to avail discounts on most everyday items**

(<https://www.tesco.com/account/register/en-GB>).

**Aldi and Poundland also offer great deals which students can avail to save money**

**Use UNIDAYS and StudentBeans for student discounts. Always carry your student ID and ask for discounts—most places offer them!**

<https://www.myunidays.com/IN/en-IN>

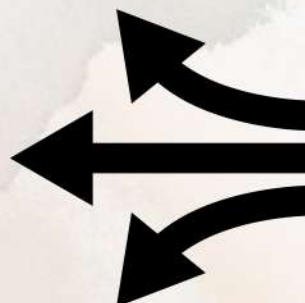
<https://www.studentbeans.com/in>

**On a Student Visa, you're allowed to work up to 20 hours per week in a part-time job. Pay typically ranges from £9 to £13 per hour.**

**Part-time job options include working at the gym, restaurants, or research positions. If you're interested in a specific job, don't hesitate to inquire directly; campus staff are professional and helpful.**

**Unitemps is the primary platform for finding on-campus jobs. For more information:**

<https://www.unitemps.com/branches/university-of-warwick/>



## TIPS TO MAKE MONEY AT UNIVERSITY



# Campus Eateries - WIF'S REVIEWS



## Trishas at Rootes

While it's not as good as home-cooked food, we accept that laziness is part of student life. When you're tired of bread, pasta, or pizza and don't want to cook, Trishas is always there for a decent Indian meal.



## Benugo

Student dining but make it fancy! Mainly people eat here because of its central location, and the fact that the ambience is nice. The food itself passes as decent, and the pizza at least is worth trying. (Our coordinator believes the garlic bread on the menu is basically a naan, so try it for yourself)



## Adam's Kebab Van

Adam's Kebab Shop is your go-to spot when you're desperately in need of something hot and tasty after a marathon study session or when you've had one too many at Pop (trust us when we say we've all been there) and need to soak up the regret with something fried and greasy.



## Fusion Sports Bar

If you are a sports fanatic or just like a good hearty burger, this place is the best fit for you. Some of your best college memories might just be screaming your heart out with strangers as you watch your favourite team clinch the tournament!



## Anna's Dosa Stall

Every single individual on campus, regardless of whether they are Indian or not, will tell you that they only know the location of the computer science building, because our beloved dosa stall is right next to it. Anna's honestly a saving grace when it comes to decent Indian lunches on campus.



## WBS Cafe

Need a place to watch lectures and grab a bite to eat? Well then I don't think you have to look any further, as this place basically exists for that sole reason. WBS students we know where to find you in exam season, where you try to cram all the lecture content during the day.



## Pret A Manger

BRING BACK THE SUBSCRIPTION! From being literally the most claustrophobic and busiest place on campus you would fight to enter just to make use of your five drinks a day to now being the one who got away...



## The Library Cafe

The actual closest thing to a canteen that Warwick actually has. If you are jealous of your friends based in America or India who don't think twice about what to eat because their canteen always has enough options to satisfy their culinary curiosities, don't worry you can get the same experience here! (not for dinner, only lunch)



## Caffe Nero

Good Coffee, membership discounts and comfy couches to sit and study when you're in the FAB. Need we say more?



# SHOPPING



IF YOU'RE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STAYING IN A WARM AND TEMPERATE PLACE, CHANCES ARE YOU DO NOT HAVE THE **WINTER WARDROBE** REQUIRED TO SURVIVE BRITISH WINTERS (TRUST US WHEN WE SAY IT GETS... CHILLY - THINK **-3 DEGREES CELSIUS**). HENCE AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF CLOTHING TO BRING TO UNIVERSITY IS A **PUFFER JACKET, PARKA OR A WARM COAT** AND WE SUGGEST THAT YOU **SHOP FOR ONE IN THE UK** ITSELF AS YOU WOULD HAVE A WIDER SELECTION TO CHOOSE FROM. WE WOULD SUGGEST SOME OF THE FOLLOWING:

## UNIQLO

A GREAT BUDGET  
OPTION FOR  
DOWN AND  
PUFFER JACKETS!



### PRICE RANGE

£70 - £140

Link:  
<https://www.uniqlo.com/au/en/products/E449724-000?>

## COLUMBIA

ANOTHER GREAT  
OPTION FOR HIGH  
QUALITY WARM  
JACKETS!



### PRICE RANGE

£70 - £140

Link:  
<https://www.columbia.com/c/mens-insulated-puffer-jackets>

## NORTH FACE

A PRICIER OPTION  
BUT GREAT FOR  
CHILLY WINTERS!



### PRICE RANGE

£150 - £350

Link:  
<https://www.thenorthface.com/en-us/>

**H&M - COVENTRY CITY CENTER & LEAMINGTON UPPER PARADE-**  
ABOUT AS AFFORDABLE AS H&M IN INDIA. **£30-£60.**

**MARKS AND SPENCER'S - COVENTRY & LEAMINGTON SHOPPING MALL -** IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SPEND THE EXTRA FEW BUCKS FOR BETTER QUALITY. **£60-£90**

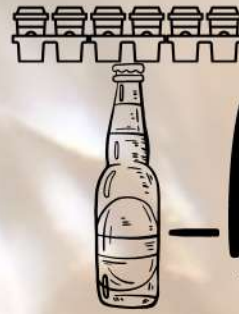
**PRIMARK - COVENTRY CITY CENTER - MOST AFFORDABLE PRICES AND THE GO TO CHOICE FOR UNI STUDENTS. £10 - £50**

**SOME OF THE MORE GENERAL BRANDS AVAILABLE NEARBY UNI ARE**





# CLUBBING



Campus features the popular Terrace (T) Bar, a must-visit on Fridays. It's the perfect spot to start your night before heading to Leamington clubs. Enjoy affordable drinks, good music (including Bollywood hits), and it's within walking distance of all accommodations.

# Leamington Spa



Leamington is the place for all your nights away from the Library. With an impressive selection of clubs, each promising a different experience, including the experience of coming back in the bus after the wildest night possible, it is some experience. The order we recommend is as follows:

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## Kasbah

📍 Coventry  
🏠 3 Rooms  
★ Terrace Bar

W



## POP!

📍 UWarwick  
🏠 2 Rooms  
★ In-House Circling!

T



## Smack

📍 Leamington  
🏠 2 Rooms  
★ Downstairs Hip Hop

TH



## Smack

📍 Leamington  
🏠 2 Rooms  
★ Downstairs Hip Hop

F



## Neon

📍 Leamington  
🏠 3 Rooms  
★ Main Room Music



# SPORTS & SOCIETIES



Warwick Sports Hub has a variety of sports facilities like the gymnasium, badminton, swimming, squash, indoor rock climbing, etc.

Facilities like fitness classes are also available on the Warwick sport website.

Warwick also offers Rock-Up sessions for various sports, so you can just show up and try them out for free!

There are various sports societies and clubs you can join once you arrive on campus

Gym Membership: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/sport/gym>

# SOCIETIES



## Intro To Uni Societies

Societies are the best place to explore new interests, connect with new people and hone your current talents. There are several societies you can join on campus such as academic, sports, dance, cultural and many other societies. They help you connect with like-minded people and gain important skills and insights.

## WARNING

Be wary of potential scams and tickers for fake events circulating online and via WhatsApp groups. Beware of spiking and any other suspicious behaviour in clubs and bars. Have fun but always remember to stay safe and aware of your surroundings.



## The prices to expect

You will need to pay an initial fee to the Warwick Student Union (SU) of approximately £60 to be able to join any society. Each society also has its own membership fee (normally around £0-£5). To be able to join sports societies, you will need to pay an additional initial fee of approximately £100.

ALL OF THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WARWICK SU WEBSITE. MORE INFORMATION:  
[HTTPS://WWW.WARWICKSU.COM](https://www.warwicksu.com)

## TIPS

Make sure to attend all Fresher Week events (**especially the societies fair**) to know more about what every society has to offer.



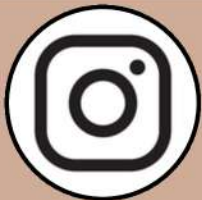




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