



LIVERPOOL HOPE
UNIVERSITY

Your Home from Home

**YOUR GUIDE TO LIFE AT
LIVERPOOL HOPE AS A STUDENT
FROM NORTHERN IRELAND**



Did you know?

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has the highest proportion
of Northern Irish students
outside of Northern Ireland**

*(Higher Education Student
Statistics: UK, 2024/25)*

Did you know?

You can chat to our student ambassadors and graduates on Unibuddy, some of which come from Northern Ireland. This will be shown on their profile.

Scan the QR code below to be put in touch with one of our friendly ambassadors with any questions you may have.



Welcome

Liverpool Hope University is home to many students from Northern Ireland. In this guide, some of them share their Liverpool Hope story. We also have tips and facts we hope you'll find helpful as you decide where to study.

First, let's tackle one of the big issues – finance!

After people choose which course to study, the next big question is home or away? Often the reduced cost of staying at home is the deal breaker. **But how much does a student loan cost to repay?**

Answer: Nothing until you earn over £26,900 a year after you have graduated. Any outstanding loan is cancelled after 25 years after you start paying it.

This table gives the most recent **repayment figures** for NI students.*

Annual Salary	Monthly Loan Repayment
Up to £26,900	£0
£28,000	£8.25
£30,000	£23.25
£35,000	£60.75
£40,000	£98.25

What is included in a student loan?

Tuition Fees

£10,050 a year (for the 2027/8 academic year), paid straight to the university.



Maintenance Support

you can get up to **£10,020** a year if you are studying overseas.

A **Maintenance Grant** also helps with your living costs throughout the academic year. Unlike the Maintenance Loan, you do not need to repay this. Your eligibility and how much you could get depends on your household income and will affect the amount of a **Maintenance Loan** you borrow. Please check Student Finance NI for further information.



Liverpool Hope also has a range of scholarships and bursaries available, and provides students with opportunities for paid work on campus through Hope Works. Scan the QR code above for more information on the scholarships offered at Liverpool Hope.

**This information is correct as of July 2026, and is reflective of the most up-to-date figures as published by SFNI*

Location

With an international airport on the doorstep and just a two-hour train journey from central London, Liverpool is one of the UK's best-connected cities.



EasyJet flies regularly from both Belfast City, Belfast International Airport and the City of Derry Airport. There are also two ferry crossings a day between Belfast and Liverpool with Stena Line.

Why study at Liverpool Hope?

Liverpool Hope is a **home from home** for students from Northern Ireland, with a strong community feel.



Our degree courses. Our students can choose study a single or combined honours degree to ensure they are studying their perfect degree pathway. Courses are also enriched with opportunities to study abroad and involve work placements.

As well as being one of the **friendliest cities in the UK**, Liverpool is one of the most inexpensive for students to live in.



Easy to get here and easy to get home. Liverpool John Lennon Airport has flights **departing daily to Belfast's airports and to the City of Derry Airport**. Our Hope Park campus is located just **15 minutes by car from the airport**, and is on several bus routes. Trains run directly from the airport to the centre of Liverpool. There are also **two ferry crossings a day** between Belfast and Liverpool.

Travelling around the City is easy and inexpensive, not least, as we have a **free shuttle bus that runs between our campuses**.

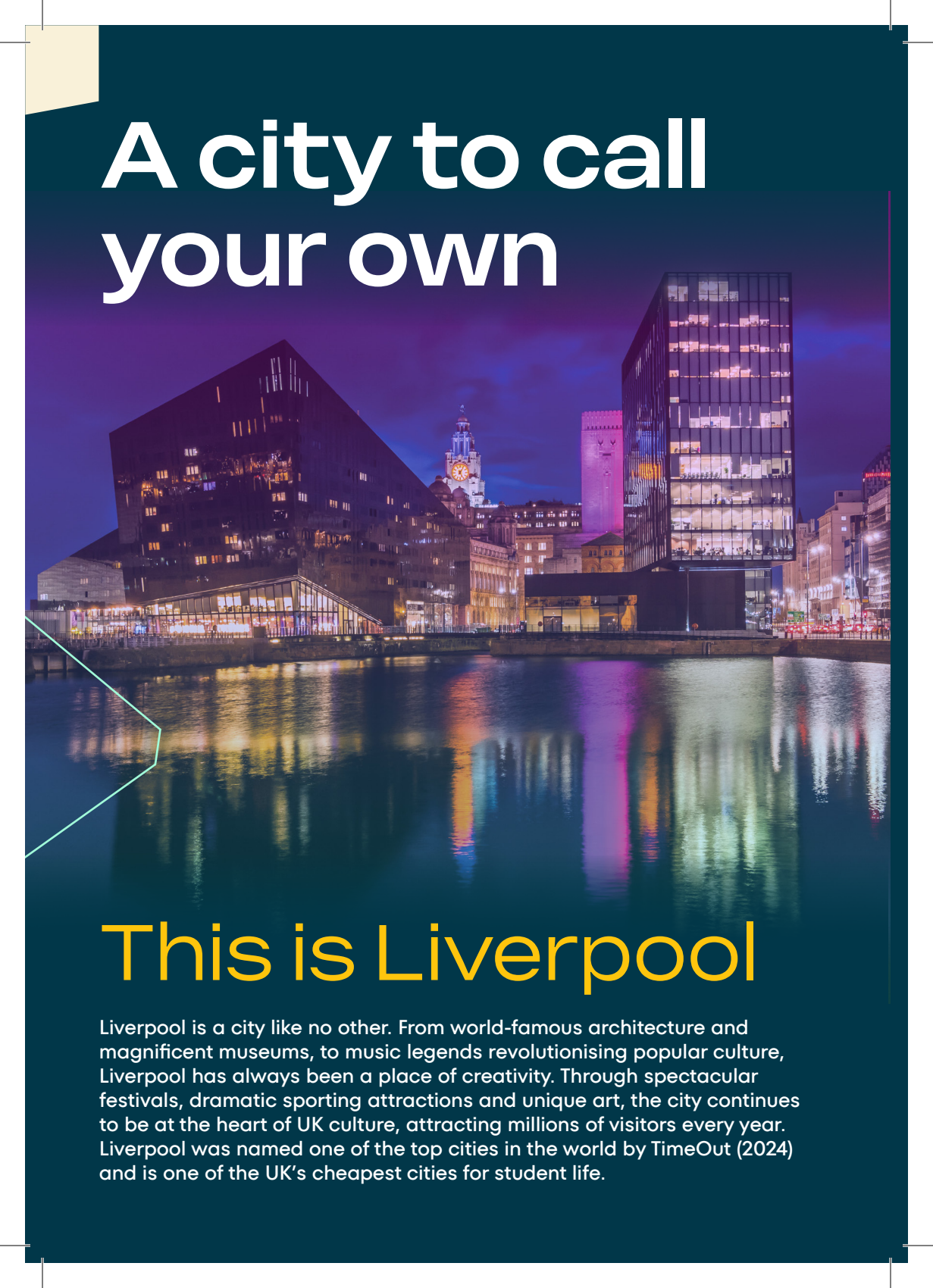


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See our campuses for yourself, scan the QR code opposite to book a visit.

A nighttime photograph of the Liverpool city skyline. The image features a mix of modern architecture, including a large, dark, angular building on the left and a tall, glass-fronted skyscraper on the right, both illuminated from within. In the background, the historic Liverpool Cathedral with its prominent clock tower is visible. The city lights are reflected in the calm water of the harbor in the foreground. The sky is a deep blue and purple. The text 'A city to call your own' is overlaid in white on the top left, and 'This is Liverpool' is in yellow on the bottom left.

A city to call your own

This is Liverpool

Liverpool is a city like no other. From world-famous architecture and magnificent museums, to music legends revolutionising popular culture, Liverpool has always been a place of creativity. Through spectacular festivals, dramatic sporting attractions and unique art, the city continues to be at the heart of UK culture, attracting millions of visitors every year. Liverpool was named one of the top cities in the world by TimeOut (2024) and is one of the UK's cheapest cities for student life.

Music

It's impossible to imagine Liverpool without music – or music without Liverpool. Birthplace of the Beatles, the world's most famous pop group, the city is home to a host of first-class festivals, including Sound City, Liverpool Irish Festival, and world-leading dance festival Creamfields. The city's M&S Bank Arena Liverpool hosts big name acts' concerts, to major events like the MTV Europe Music Awards. In June 2024, Anfield Stadium hosted Taylor Swift's iconic Eras Tour, attracting visitors from across the globe.



Sport

With the Grand National, golf and of course – football, there are plenty of sporting events to keep even the most avid sports fan entertained. Liverpool is home to two Premier League football teams; what better place to come and watch a match?

Culture

Liverpool has a wide range of world-class art galleries and museums, including Tate Liverpool, with free exhibition entry available for Hope students, and the International Slavery Museum. Liverpool Empire Theatre attracts all the latest touring theatre productions, while the Playhouse, Everyman, Royal Court and Unity theatres offer a rich and varied programme of classic and contemporary productions.



Shopping

As well as the 42-acre Liverpool One shopping complex in the heart of the city, Liverpool boasts more than 100 independent businesses. Student-friendly shops offering one-of-a-kind pieces and vintage finds, sit alongside top high street names.

Living on Campus

If you decide to live on campus, Hope will soon become your home away from home. Our accommodation provides you with a secure and fun place to live while you progress with your studies.



We have three accommodation sites:

Hope Park

The 532 rooms available are reserved for first year undergraduates and include both en-suite and shared facilities rooms. The en-suite halls at Hope Park provide you with a single bed, double wardrobe, study area, chair, drawers and shelves, plus an en-suite shower room and toilet. We also have six traditional halls of residence with shared bathrooms, providing an informal and friendly environment for students who enjoy socialising and making friends.

- Price for single ensuite rooms start from £145 pw
- Price for single rooms start from £120 pw



Creative Campus

Our accommodation is situated just outside the city centre and is convenient for all amenities associated with city living, while being away from the main hustle and bustle. The modern, purpose-built hall is situated in Angel Field, a beautiful landscaped garden.

- Price for single ensuite rooms start from £125 pw

Aigburth Park Student Village

Aigburth Park is a residential campus approximately three miles from the city centre and Hope Park. The halls are set in private landscaped gardens and there is a wealth of shops, banks, bars and restaurants, plus a library nearby.

- Price for single ensuite rooms start from £120 pw
- Price for single rooms start from £100 pw

Did you know?

We guarantee accommodation for all our foundation and first year students.



As a student at Liverpool Hope occupying a room in our halls of residence, whether you decide to live in an en-suite or shared flat, we can guarantee that you will have:

- 24 hour security
- A supportive residential life team for out of hours support Monday-Sunday 7pm-10pm
- Common rooms or shared spaces for meetings, social events or just relaxing
- Free high speed wifi
- Bills included within the price cost (rent, electricity, heating, water)
- A furnished kitchen equipped with a fridge freezer, cooker, microwave, kettle, toaster, iron, ironing board and vacuum cleaner.

Did you know?

Liverpool Hope offers a flexible dining plan that can take away the worry of budgeting during your time at university. The plan allows you to enjoy quality food and drink prepared by the university's award-winning catering team, all while freeing you up to spend less time cooking and more time studying and socialising. There are two options for the plan: one at £25 per week (£1,000 per year) or £45 per week (£1,800 per year). For further information, please email catering@hope.ac.uk.

What do our students say?

Scan the QR codes below to discover what our current students from Northern Ireland say about life in Liverpool and studying at Liverpool Hope.



Megan's experience



Katie's experience



Ben

Sport Psychology, Dungannon

What attracted you to Liverpool?

As a student from Northern Ireland, I wanted somewhere that felt welcoming but also had plenty of opportunities. The sporting culture in Liverpool stood out to me, and it felt like a place I could really make the most of my time at university.

What would you say to anyone thinking of coming to study at Liverpool Hope University?

I'd say to go for it. The university has such a supportive and close-knit community. The smaller class sizes mean you get to know your lecturers, and they get to know you. It's a great environment to grow, not only academically but also personally.

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What is the support like at Liverpool Hope?

The support at Liverpool Hope is excellent. I've personally found both the lecturers and my personal tutors very approachable. The student support services are easy to access. You never feel like you're on your own.



Hear more information about our student support services, from Northern Ireland graduate and staff member Melissa.







Megan

Criminology & Sociology, Drumaness, Co.Down

What is the best thing about Liverpool Hope?

The fact that accommodation is across three sites owned by the university, makes it easier to meet other fresher students and also feels a lot safer staying all within the one area especially when you are away from family and home probably for the first time and don't know Liverpool at all.

Do you have any advice for students thinking of coming to Liverpool Hope?

Get to know other students on your course but also go along to the freshers fair and sign up for some societies that you might be interested in. This is a great way to mix, meet likeminded people and make new friends outside your course.

Did you know?

Liverpool Hope University has an Irish specific society, that meet at least once a month for official socials, including Irish céilí celebrations, pub quizzes, Irish language classes and much more. The society is keen to work with the local Irish centre as part of their socials.

If you could recommend two things to do in the wider city, what would they be?

Go to the events and festivals, there's always something on in Liverpool. I was lucky to get tickets to go to Radio 1 Big Weekend music festival and had the best time watching Tate McRae. It's great that there's so many amazing artists that come to play in Liverpool.

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Another recommendation would be to explore the beautiful parks. My favourite is Sefton Park, it is a great place for a walk on a Sunday morning and is connected to Lark Lane, which is a vibrant and unique place full of bars, restaurants and shops.

Katie

Early Childhood Studies, Portadown

Did you stay in halls of residence, if so, what campus and how did you find it?

I stayed in halls of residence at Hope Park campus. I found the experience really positive as it helped me settle into university life quickly and meet new people from different courses and backgrounds. Living in halls gave me a sense of independence while still having the support of the university close by.

What do you enjoy most about campus life at Liverpool Hope?

I've enjoyed the balance between academic and social life, there are excellent facilities for studying, such as the libraries and learning spaces, but also plenty of opportunities to take part in activities, events, and societies. The staff are approachable and supportive, which adds to the positive experience, and the friendly environment makes it feel like a home away from home.

What are the clubs and societies like at Liverpool Hope?

There are many clubs and societies at Liverpool Hope such as the dance society, Taylor Swift society, netball, football, hockey, rugby and

GAA. Joining a society at university is a great way to meet new people and make friends outside of your course. It helps you feel part of the wider university community and gives you the chance to try new hobbies or continue something you already enjoy.

What would you say to anyone thinking of coming to Hope?

Do it, the University is unreal, the facilities are great, and the people are lovely - the Liverpool accent is the best accent about.

Did you know?

Liverpool Hope University have a GAA Team. This is a welcoming community where tradition, teamwork, and friendship thrive. With strong Irish roots on campus and in the city, it's a "home away from home" for students of all experience levels, from beginners to seasoned players. Members train twice a week to build skills, fitness and team spirit and enjoy regular socials.

More info on Instagram page [@liverpoolhopegaa](https://www.instagram.com/liverpoolhopegaa)





Darren

Sport & Physical Education, Belfast

How was the move from Belfast to Liverpool?

Moving from Belfast to Liverpool for university was definitely a big step, but looking back now, it's one of the best decisions I've made. At first, I wasn't sure what to expect with a new city, new people, and a completely different environment. That said, I settled in surprisingly quickly, and Liverpool Hope has honestly felt like a second home!

How have you found the socials on offer at Liverpool Hope?

One of the things that helped me the most in making friends was getting involved with the sports societies, especially football. It gave me the chance to meet loads of people with similar interests right from the start. Being part of a team made the transition a lot easier, and we've built a great sense of community both on and off the pitch. There are loads of different clubs and societies to choose from, so it's easy to find your crowd.



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How would you describe your overall experience at the university and the wider city so far?

Overall, the move from Belfast to Liverpool has been a really positive experience. The city itself is friendly and vibrant, and Liverpool Hope has a welcoming atmosphere that makes it easy to settle in. If you're thinking about making the move, I'd definitely encourage you to go for it. You'll meet great people, grow more confident, and have plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Liverpool Irish Festival

The Liverpool Irish Festival is an annual 10-day event celebrating the unique links between Liverpool and Ireland. Running for more than 16 years, it is the only arts and culture-led Irish festival in the UK.

The festival celebrates the Irish contribution to Liverpool's cultural identity and heritage, and features an incredible array of art, culture, performance, film, music, literature, food and drink, talks and tours. The festival typically takes place throughout October.

For further information, please visit www.liverpoolirishfestival.com

There are other wider Irish festivals and gigs that take place in the city throughout the year, including the Fields of Éire music festival, which recently took place in June 2026 in Newsham Park, Liverpool. This festival attracted artists including Nathan Carter, The Kilkennys, The Fogues, Guinness Brothers and much more.



Irish community care

- ICC are based in Liverpool city centre
- Provide support, guidance for all Irish, Irish Traveller, Gypsy Traveller communities
- Extra support network for students coming to live and learn in Liverpool:
 - Free advice and support
 - Volunteering opportunities
 - Get connected with the Irish Community in Liverpool
 - Free, fun activities - make friends!

For further information, please scan the QR code



It can be difficult being away from home so Irish Community Care was a great chance to meet people and I actually got to speak with someone who only lives a few miles down the road from me.

Jess, Social Policy & SEN BA (Hons) Graduate



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Your next steps to becoming a Liverpool Hope student

Visit us – the best way to get a feel for being a student at Liverpool Hope is to visit us at one of our open days or campus tour days. Scan the QR code for more information.



Apply to us – on UCAS, select Liverpool Hope University (L46) as one or more of your five choices.



Attend our Northern Ireland Applicant Day in Belfast in February/March. Event information will be sent to you once you have received an offer.



Make Liverpool Hope your firm choice if a successful offer has been made.



Reserve your accommodation, which is guaranteed on campus to all first-year students.



Connect with other students on the Liverpool Hope Unibuddy platform. Scan the QR code for more information.







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