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Your home from home

STUDENTS FROM **NORTHERN IRELAND**
TALK ABOUT **LIFE AT LIVERPOOL HOPE**

Make yourself **at Hope**

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 £24,990 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 24,990	£0
£26,000	£7.58
£28,000	£22.58
£30,000	£37.58
£35,000	£75.08

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A STUDENT LOAN?

Tuition Fees

£9,250 a year, paid straight to the university.



Maintenance Support

you can get up to **£8,316** 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.

**This information is correct as of 2024.*

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 from both Belfast City & Belfast Intl Airport. They will also be operating a new service between City of Derry Airport and Liverpool John Lennon Airport from Monday 4th November 2024.

Why study at Liverpool Hope?

A home from home. Liverpool Hope has the highest percentage of students from Northern Ireland in the city. 9% of our student population are from Northern Ireland, so Liverpool Hope feels like a home from home.



Our degree courses. Our students can choose to 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**.



15% of our student population are from Northern Ireland - Liverpool Hope feels like a home from home for our students from Northern Ireland.



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

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. There is something for everyone in the city that has been voted one of Britain's best travel destinations (*Telegraph*, 2018).



Scan our QR code here to watch
what our students from Northern
Ireland think about life in Liverpool.

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.



Scan the QR code to see what our students from Northern Ireland think of life on campus.



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.



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.

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.



Did you know?

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

Mark Bradley

PGCE Primary

How did you find the move away from home?

I've never lived in England before. The furthest I've lived away from home was Belfast, but you're not really away then because you're home all the time. Moving over here, where you have to do everything for yourself, was a big wake up call, but it's been fun and I've met a lot of new people.

I lived with four other Irish lads who all play Gaelic football for Hope as well, so that has definitely made things easier. I didn't know them before I moved here, but they all studied Primary Education.

If you're coming over here by yourself - like I did - then straight away once you join a team, you have a miniature family.

What's your favourite thing about living over here?

It's very picturesque. I'm just below Lark Lane, so it's a nice spot to go to, and then you have Sefton Park, which is stunning to walk around. It's just a lovely city.

I've been to a couple in England and I'd say that Liverpool is one of the nicest, with lots of things to do. It's tough being away when all of your family is back home, but it's nice having your own space, and the flight home is just 30 minutes.

What was it like playing Gaelic football for Liverpool Hope?

It's been super. It's such a release from school work as well, because it's so easy to get into a routine of going home and lounging about, whereas there's great facilities at Hope Park for us.

We had use of the 4G pitches every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, which is great, and it's a good way to get to meet people.

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Watch our students discuss what they love about our own Gaelic football team.







Caragh Quinn

BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies & Special Educational Needs, PGCE Primary 5-11

Why did you decide to study at Liverpool Hope?

The reason I decided to study at Liverpool Hope was because the range of courses the university provided enabled me to study a combined honours degree in something I had an interest in as not many universities had this choice of option.

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

During my first year of university I stayed in Wesley Halls on Hope Park Campus. Staying in Halls gave me a great opportunity to be able to mix with a wide range of different people from international students and students from England and also Ireland.

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What did you enjoy most about campus life?

I enjoyed my experience in halls. From having other halls coming together at Christmas and at the end of the year for a gala dinner was a great way to mix with other students living on campus and a great opportunity to meet new friends. Also, having social events that were provided by the SU eg; Drag Bingo, Movie night, culture nights and not forgetting pre St. Patrick's Day party. This was my favourite highlight as it was a great way to celebrate my culture and also from seeing other people from different cultures celebrating it as well.

Three tips I would give for new students would be;

1. Don't be shy, be adventurous and join the societies the university has to offer.
2. Find out when you are off for reflective week and upcoming holidays to plan your trips home in advance to keep costs down.
3. Being homesick is natural, everyone is in the same boat as you. So always keep close to your friends and join up with some of the Irish culture societies that the University has provided.

Joshua O'Brien

BA (Hons) English Literature and Media & Communication

Why did you choose Liverpool Hope University?

I chose Hope because I went to a much larger university before this and felt underwhelmed with the support I got there. Here at Hope, the lecturers do offer great support and do care about how we are doing.

What was your biggest achievement at university?

Probably signing up for the SALA award scheme with the Careers department and getting involved with a play in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer.

The University is unreal, the facilities are great, and the people are lovely.

What attracted you to Liverpool?

It's such a lively city with great history for the arts and music. Liverpool's nightlife is brilliant.

Liverpool isn't mad big either - like London or Manchester - so much

stuff is crammed into a great wee area. Liverpool is filled with Irish and Northern Irish people as well. Because there will be days when you are homesick, it's always good to have people who get the same inside jokes around you.

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?

Every student who joins Liverpool Hope has the opportunity to sign up for the University's Service and Leadership Award (SALA), which is an extra-curricular programme designed to recognise the value of volunteering. Students log hours that count as credits towards the award, and result in an additional reward on graduation day.





Victoria Gallery & Museum
Belly Building
Integrated Guild Of Students
Student Services Centre
Leverhulme Building (Dent/Bentley)
Sports and Fitness Centre
Mathematical Sciences Building
Classical Lecture Theatre
Cafe on the Square
Green Place
Central Teaching Laboratories/Hub
Electrical Engineering & Electronics

1 - 14 Information Point
Central Department Building
Resall Building
St. David's Street South
Women's Building
Biology
St. Martin's Wing/Innovation Building
Duffy Building

120m
100m
50m
200m
100m
250m
200m

Hassa Embalo

BA (Hons) Fine Art

Why did you choose to study at Liverpool Hope?

I chose to study at Hope because of my desire to try someplace new, somewhere I am not familiar with and I knew I would grow to love. My course, Fine Art, played a huge part in this, and I think my interview with my tutor really pushed me to realise that Hope was the place for me. Before setting off, I asked many questions about what university life is like, aiming mostly at people who studied at Hope. The answer I always got was 'you'll never want to leave' and I can say, there is nothing more true than this statement.

What's been your biggest achievement at university?

One of my biggest achievements at Hope is winning Sports Team of the Year with the women's badminton team. Hard work and dedication really paid off, and Hope made sure to award us in the best way.

Describe hope in 5 words?

Beautiful, excellent, enjoyable, peaceful, grateful.

What have you learnt about yourself during your time at Liverpool Hope?

I have learnt so much. Most of all, whatever it is I am going through, I can get through it. Going through an essay or exam? No problem, put your head down and do your best, hard work never fails to show exciting results. You can do this.

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Melissa Grindon

BA (Hons) Dance

Why did you decide to leave home and study at Liverpool Hope?

I knew I would have to leave Northern Ireland to specialise in Dance, as there are very few courses that focus specifically on the Arts. Where I'm from has such a small community, which is lovely, but I knew I had to move away if I wanted to pursue my degree.

What is your favourite thing about Liverpool?

I love the buzz of city life. The city centre is always humming with people from all walks of life, and the Arts scene is just constantly booming!

Was university life what you expected it to be?

I definitely didn't expect to be as busy as I was, but this turned out to be a real positive aspect throughout my studies. Keeping busy with activities outside of my studies, such as performing solo gigs, travelling and socialising, definitely filled the time in between my studies well.

What's the best thing about Liverpool Hope?

I would say the sense of community. I felt immediately welcomed to the University, especially while studying at the Creative Campus. People pass by and always say hello, and everyone goes the extra mile to help support each other. Settling in was extremely easy, thanks to the close knit ethos of the Hope community.

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

Get involved in as much as you can! Remember that everyone else is in the same boat, and there's endless support available to you - don't be afraid to ask for it.





Dylan Dunbar

BA (Hons) Early Childhood and Education

How was your experience of settling into life at Hope?

Initially I was nervous of moving away from home and being away from my family – however this quickly changed. It sounds cringey, but you develop your own ‘family’ and network of support at the University and if you have any problems, you know exactly who to go to.

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How have you settled into living in Liverpool?

Very well. I have almost become too comfortable that I could not imagine living anywhere else. I get the excitement of a new big city but it is not too far away from home.

Did you stay in halls of residence and how did you find it?

Yes – I stayed at the Creative Campus, our smaller campus that is located

in the City Centre. I quite liked the idea of living close to the City and so decided to stay on campus for my first year. It was great as I made a bunch of friends from both within and outside of the UK. There are really good social events organised too, such as gala dinner events and quiz nights!



How different is Liverpool to home?

For me, it's the small things. I feel like there is a lot more to do here in Liverpool, such as going for a coffee with friends – there are so many quirky, cheap and friendly cafes and restaurants that are student-friendly.

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



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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