

HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPARISON · LEICESTER, UK · 2026/27

De Montfort University vs University of Leicester

A Fully Verdict-Driven Comparison for Indian Students

Two universities in the same affordable UK city, with genuinely different rankings and academic identities. Every figure below is sourced from verified institutional data for 2026/27, with live GBP-to-INR conversions.

₹128 = £1 (LIVE RATE USED THROUGHOUT)	#851-900 vs #314 QS WORLD RANKING 2027	£15,750-20,300 DMU FEE RANGE/YEAR	£17,500-29,000 LEICESTER FEE RANGE/YEAR
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THE 60-SECOND VERSION

At a Glance

University of Leicester holds a meaningfully stronger global ranking; De Montfort is generally the more affordable, more accessible option in the same city.

Factor	De Montfort University (DMU)	University of Leicester
Founded	1870 (as Leicester School of Art); university status 1992	1921; university status 1957
Institution type	Post-92, practical/applied focus	Established research university, not Russell Group but well-regarded (34th UK)
QS World Ranking 2027	#851-900	#314 — a substantially stronger global position
THE World Ranking 2026	#601-800	#192
Students	~25,000+; 18% Indian among international cohort	~20,000+ from 140+ countries
Acceptance rate	~42-55% — moderately accessible	~70-75% (estimated)
Typical fee/year	£15,750-20,300 (~₹20.2L-₹26L)	£17,500-29,000 (~₹22.4L-₹37.1L)
Signature strength	10th in UK for AI research (Shanghai 2026); Business, Law, Media, Engineering; block-teaching model (one module at a time)	Medicine, Law, Engineering, Business Analytics, Archaeology (#26 world subject)

The one-line verdict: University of Leicester holds the stronger global ranking by a wide margin (#314 vs #851-900) and is the stronger overall academic choice. De Montfort is more affordable and offers a genuinely distinctive block-teaching model, plus a strong specific AI research position. Full breakdown ahead.

DETAILED COMPARISON · 01

Fees, Rankings & Entry Requirements

Cost Item	De Montfort University	University of Leicester
UG/PG tuition	£15,750-20,300/yr	£17,500-29,000/yr
Living costs (Leicester, both)	£800-1,120/month typical	Comparable Leicester-wide range applies
UG entry (Class 12)	60-65% — more accessible	65-70%
PG entry (Bachelor's)	50-60%, depending on course	55-65%
Application portal	UCAS (UG); DMU Online Application Portal (PG)	UCAS (UG); direct portal (PG)

DMU Ranking Detail

Global & Subject Position

QS 2027: #851-900. THE 2026: #601-800. 10th in the UK for AI research specifically (Shanghai Ranking 2026) — a genuine, specific strength worth noting despite the modest overall global position.

Leicester Ranking Detail

Global & Subject Position

QS 2027: #314 (34th UK). THE 2026: #192. Archaeology ranks #26 globally (QS Subject) — a standout specific strength. Strong, well-established programmes in Medicine, Law and Engineering.

DMU's distinctive block-teaching method (studying one module at a time, in ~6-week sessions) is a genuinely different pedagogical approach from Leicester's more traditional parallel-module structure — consider which learning style suits you, not just the ranking gap.

DETAILED COMPARISON · 02

Courses & Career Outcomes

De Montfort University	University of Leicester
Popular Courses Business, Law, Arts, Design, Humanities, Media, Engineering — 300+ UG/PG courses. Most courses include a placement year, with graduates placed at BMW, Nike, HSBC and the NHS before finishing their degree.	Popular Courses Medicine, Law, Engineering, Business Analytics, Archaeology (#26 world subject rank) — a more traditional, research-oriented course catalogue with genuine depth in health sciences specifically.
Distinctive Feature Guaranteed internship pathway for graduates not in employment or further study within a year of finishing; dedicated Careers Hub with CV reviews, mock interviews, and industry mentoring.	Distinctive Feature A more established, traditional UK university brand with 100+ years of institutional history; broader international recognition given its higher global ranking.
Career Outcomes Strong regional employer ties in Leicester's business, retail and manufacturing sectors, supported by DMU's dedicated Careers Hub.	Career Outcomes Stronger overall global brand recognition given its higher QS/THE positions, particularly valuable for Medicine and Law graduates targeting recognised professional pathways.

What This Actually Means for You

If your priority is...	Lean toward
The lowest cost and most accessible admissions bar	De Montfort University
Medicine, Law, Archaeology, or the stronger overall global ranking	University of Leicester
A guaranteed placement year and hands-on, block-teaching learning style	De Montfort University

THE VERDICT

So Which One Is Actually Better for You?

Both universities sit in the same affordable UK city — the decision comes down to ranking priority and teaching style, not living costs.

Choose De Montfort University if... DE MONTFORT

You want the most accessible admissions bar and lowest cost of the two, are drawn to DMU's distinctive block-teaching model and guaranteed placement-year structure, and value its specific strength in AI research (10th in the UK).

Choose University of Leicester if... LEICESTER

You want the substantially stronger global ranking (#314 vs #851-900), are targeting Medicine, Law, Engineering or Archaeology specifically, and prefer a more traditional, research-oriented university structure.

Since both universities are in the same city, living costs won't meaningfully differ between them — let your target course and preferred teaching style (block vs traditional parallel-module) make this decision, alongside how much the ranking gap matters to your specific career plans.

Still Not Sure Which Fits You Best?

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