

University of Leicester

Website	http://www.le.ac.uk/		
Facebook and Twitter	University of Leicester Fencing Club (https://www.facebook.com/groups/2204262445/)		
Contact email address(es)	Club Captain: zwl1@student.le.ac.uk Coach:		
Size of fencing club	Approximately 30		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	£35 Club membership fee + £100 University Sports Membership fee. Only open to current students, alumni or associates of the University of Leicester.		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	Manor Road Sports Centre (40 Manor Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 2LL; located within the Oadby student village) / Training is held in the activity room which is comfortably large enough / we have two large cupboards at the venue to store all our kit		
Coach(es)	Stephen May; Rob Cawdron		
Additional coaching costs	none		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	No specific beginner course / cost, but our trainings during the first semester (Oct – Dec) have a beginner session where for the first 2 hours we focus on teaching beginners the basics of fencing and get them up to a sufficient level of training so as to be able to do electric fencing bouts		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	We train with our coaches every Sunday afternoon. We have free fencing nights on Thursdays where we set up 3 pistes, usually one for each weapon group. If we have any upcoming competitions then our free fencing sessions will include a component for competition preparation – this includes footwork and one-on-one drills (availability depends on who turns up for the session)		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	About 20% of our members have fencing experience prior to starting University. Every year we usually have 1 or 2 very experienced fencers (between 8-10 years of experience) that join us. For the academic year of 2012-13, we had a Erasmus student from Denmark who was a highly ranked fencer in his country.		
Does the club run out of term time?	Yes, our training sessions run throughout the Easter holidays and the first half of June.		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Yes, members are not required to purchase their own equipment for training / competitions		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's	Midlands 1A	1st (8W – 0L)
	Women's	Midlands 1A	6 th (0W – 5L)
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	Yes, our members are highly encouraged to go. The AU covers entry fees but not transportation.		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes, but usually only those with previous fencing experience		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	During spring-summer term we have league matches within the Leicester and Rutland Fencing Union County League		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	There's always a trip to a nearby pub after trainings. On Sundays, we end at 4pm so most of the members will have dinner together at the pub as well. We also organise a number of socials throughout the year, ranging from costumed pub crawls to an annual trip to Ecole Polytechnic in Paris for a fencing competition / social event		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	Yes, the University accepts applications for two types of sports scholarships. The first type is the "Gold scholarship" of £500 per year, while the second is the "Team Leicester scholarship" which grants free gold membership to sports facilities (value £200). Both scholarships include a number of additional benefits as well. More information can be found at: http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/sports/scholarships		

Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.	- Andrew Phillipson (Ranked 32 in the GBR Junior Mens Epee 2012) - Patrick Jorgensen (DEN) (Came in 1 st at the London Open Men's Foil 2012 and 1 st at the Coventry Open Men's Epee 2012; 3 rd at the Miller Hallett Open Men's Epee 2012)		
What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	The friendships among our members extend beyond training times and we often hang out to do other stuff besides just fencing.		
What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	Our training venue isn't located on the main University campus itself so it might be slightly more troublesome to get to for some people.		
Anything else we should know?	-		
Any advice for prospective applicants	-		
If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:	Frisbee Fencers (epee club)		
Cost to join	£4.00 per week		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	The Village Hall, 15 Water Lane, LE14 2NP		
Coach(es)	Richard Sharpe; Nigel Tyyrell; Dr Sylvia Brown; Malcolm Allton;		
Additional coaching costs	-		
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	-		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)	(not sure)		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	Club specialises in epee only		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	Yes		
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?	Yes; National competitions; local county competitions		
Do club members attend opens competitions?	Yes		
Any other information?	http://www.frisbyfencers.co.uk		