

Lancaster
University



Postgraduate Prospectus 2026

Lancaster

Derived from Loncastre, where Lon refers to the River Lune, and castre from the Old English cæster and the Latin castrum for fort.



Lancaster Castle



Lancaster Castle courtyard



Lune Aqueduct



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Research excellence

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021

Environment



of Lancaster's overall research environment was rated as

'world leading' or

'internationally excellent'

Impact



of Lancaster's research was rated as having

'outstanding' impact or

'very considerable' reach and significance



Joint 3rd for research intensity

with only Cambridge and Oxford ranking higher.

Complete University Guide 2026

Your college, your home

Your college is for everything from support to making friends.



Join a global network

Our alumni network is made up of graduates from 190 countries.



Climate emergency

Lancaster declared a climate emergency in 2020, aiming to be carbon net zero by 2035.



Sustainability

Our wind turbine generates 14% of campus electricity and our new solar farm will reduce our energy-related emissions by up to 40%.

In demand graduates

TOP 30

Lancaster is one of the 30 most targeted universities by the UK's top graduate employers.

The Graduate Market in 2024 report by High Fliers Research, in association with The Times.



Global recognition

QS 5 Star rated for:

- Environmental Impact
- Employability
- Facilities
- Global Engagement
- Innovation and Knowledge Transfer
- Research
- Teaching



QS Stars is a globally renowned university rating system used by hundreds of institutions around the world.

Research-led teaching

At Lancaster, we pride ourselves on the quality of our teaching and student experience. You will learn in a stimulating, research-led environment, from academics who are at the forefront of their fields of research.



We're home to a dynamic postgraduate community. We offer taught master's degrees, such as MSc, MA and MBA, across a wide range of subject areas.

To ensure our excellent quality teaching develops with the needs of our students, we constantly review the way we design, shape and deliver our curriculum to make sure we deliver the best possible learning experience.

We are committed to providing a world-class education that inspires and prepares you for your future. We aim to ensure you reach your full potential by using innovative teaching and assessment methods, and by delivering a flexible academic structure.

We want our graduates to be successful in their chosen careers and personal lives, and to contribute to society. Three key attributes are embedded into all our degrees which will equip you with a range of skills and qualities that go beyond subject knowledge:

Key attributes

- **Academic excellence**
Lancaster graduates will be highly skilled and knowledgeable subject specialists.
- **Professional excellence**
Lancaster graduates will be fully prepared for graduate employment opportunities, and professional in outlook and approach.
- **Global citizenship**
Lancaster graduates will be inclusive, socially responsible, engaged global citizens.

In the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 99% of Lancaster's overall research environment was rated as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent'. This includes support and training of research students, research integrity, equality and diversity, as well as facilities available to support research.

Our library is also a member of Research Libraries UK - a consortium of leading and influential research libraries.

Doctoral Academy

Our Doctoral Academy welcomes PhD students into our thriving research community and offers them opportunities to engage, collaborate and innovate whilst studying for their research degree. It focuses on how to support researcher development through training, supporting the sharing of best practice, celebrating research strengths and working collaboratively to improve your PhD experience.



How you'll be taught

University courses are taught in a variety of different ways depending on what works best for your chosen subject. We offer both in-person and online postgraduate courses here at Lancaster, giving you the option to study flexibly around your other commitments. All students have access to our virtual learning environment, Moodle, where you can find supporting course materials online.

Contact time (any time spent being taught in class) will vary depending on your subject. Science and technology subjects tend to have the most amount of contact time, while arts and social sciences involve more independent study.



Lectures

A lecture is a formal presentation delivered to a class by an academic expert. Although some lecturers invite questions and audience participation, you will mostly listen and take notes. Most courses will give you preparation or follow-up work connected with each lecture.

Seminars and tutorials

Seminars and tutorials involve smaller groups than lectures and give you a chance to explore topics in greater depth. They are an opportunity to clarify anything you didn't understand in the lecture, discuss topics as a group and get advice on upcoming assignments.

Practical and laboratory sessions

Practical and laboratory sessions give you the chance for hands-on learning, such as conducting scientific experiments, learning technical skills or delivering a presentation.

Project work

This might be done independently or in a group, it might even be industry-based. It usually involves completing a task, researching a topic or solving a problem.

Dissertation

A dissertation is a large research project usually completed towards the end of your degree. Typically, it allows you to present your findings in response to a question or proposition of your choice. Whilst you will be guided by a tutor, your dissertation will largely be developed independently.

Independent study

Independent study is self-directed learning outside of guided teaching. It's a big part of university-level study. It might include reading up or researching a subject, preparing for a seminar or exploring a topic covered in a lecture in greater depth, and completing assignments.



Learn your way

Learning styles differ, it's about what works for you. Sometimes, all you need is a little peace and quiet. Sometimes, it's access to a laptop and a printer. And sometimes, you need something a little more specialist – like a lab that can create conditions colder than deep space. Whatever you're learning today, we have the facilities to make it possible.

Focused

For moments of total concentration, we have all sorts of spaces for silent study. At the heart of our campus, you'll find our library. Open 24/7 in term-time, it offers a wide choice of space for individual study with several areas set aside as quiet zones and a dedicated postgraduate study room. The library is built around a central atrium filled with natural light. However, when you want a change from the library, you'll also find a quiet study space in Graduate College's PC Lab.

Together

Some of the best work you'll do will be in groups, so we offer a variety of spaces designed for teamwork. As well as our library, we have our Learning Zone – a dedicated social learning space that's open until late during term time. Both areas have rooms and workspaces you can book for your group work.

There is also a social hub in Graduate College, which can be used for group study, as well as a new family study room – specifically for students with children to use for study and relaxation. And that's not to mention all the comfortable spots dotted around campus you can grab for a meeting or a chat.



Library

Equipped

Specialist study demands specialist facilities. Your subject will determine what spaces and tools you'll find most useful, but your department will have everything you'll need. Maybe you'll discover our ultra-low temperature lab in physics or use CGI technology in our biomechanics lab. If you're an architect, designer or artist, you'll find studios in all shapes and sizes, and plenty of exhibition space. You might get to grips with finance and figures in our Bloomberg Suite or hone your mooting skills in our mock courtroom.

Connected

We know how important technology is. Expect total connectivity with high-speed wired connection and Wi-Fi in your campus accommodation, and a Wi-Fi network across campus. Our digital learning resources, collections and services are available on campus or anywhere in the world.

You'll find learning labs you can access any time – there's even one in Graduate College. This means you're never far from a computer or a printer should you need it. You can also borrow a laptop for a few hours, or access one of our desktop stations in the library. If you want to use your own device, there are over 1,600 technology enabled study spaces in our library alone, not to mention all the other spots on campus like cafes and colleges.



Data Immersion Suite

Distance *learning*

Lancaster's online and distance learning postgraduate courses are ideal if you want to enhance your career with flexible learning.

These courses allow you to work from home, your workplace, or wherever and whenever is convenient. There's no need to relocate to Lancaster or take a career break – you can gain relevant knowledge and skills by studying alongside your ongoing professional and personal commitments.

We offer online and distance learning courses in the following areas:

- Creative Writing
- Data, Computing and Communications
- Educational Research
- History
- Linguistics and English Language
- Health Research
- Management
- Politics, Philosophy and Religion

As well as master's programmes, we also run a range of free and short courses at regular intervals throughout the year, and professional development (CPD) courses; all available online.

Find out more at:
lancaster.ac.uk/lancaster-online.





Career *focused*

We know it can be daunting to start thinking about your future. That's why our friendly team of experienced careers professionals are here to give you the support you need to plan your next steps.

Lancaster University is among the 30 most targeted universities by the UK's leading graduate employers, according to the Graduate Market in 2024 report (High Fliers in association with The Times).

What's more, our global reputation as a centre for research excellence means that a postgraduate degree from Lancaster will be recognised by employers around the world.

Our careers support

We can help you navigate the many options you face after your degree and choose what's right for you, whether it's applying for a graduate job, continuing your studies to a higher level, or both.

There are careers events throughout the year here at Lancaster where you can speak with student and graduate recruiters about their opportunities.

Our Career Mentoring Programme can match you with a mentor who will help you manage your career.

Work in Progress, our centre for innovation and entrepreneurial learning, can support you with bringing your business ideas to life.

We also have a dedicated Careers Coach, exclusively for postgraduate students, who can offer one-to-one appointments and support you with your career plan.



24/7 resources

Our online resources offer 24/7 careers help, including videos and other interactive learning activities to help you develop workplace skills and practise psychometric tests. You can also access tips and insights from top employers on their recruitment and selection methods. With thousands of graduate opportunities listed every year on our job search portal, we'll help you discover a world of possibilities for your career.

Free lifetime support

You probably won't need us after you graduate – most of our students go straight into work or continue their studies. But if your goals or circumstances change, we're here to help for as long as you need us. We currently provide our graduates with free lifetime access to our services.

Part-time paid opportunities

Boost your finances and enhance your CV through part-time, casual and temporary paid work at the University and in the local area. Our Employment and Recruitment Service can help you at any time throughout your studies to find work that suits you best in terms of hours and location.

Volunteering

Lancaster has a thriving volunteering community. We engage with many charities, schools and local organisations to enable you to access a variety of volunteering opportunities. It's a great way to develop your skills, improve your CV, and make a positive contribution to the community.



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Travis Frain, OBE BCA



*His Majesty's
Deputy Lieutenant
for Lancashire*

*Founder of
Resilience in Unity*

*Chair of the
UK's National
Counterterrorism
Advisory Group*

*Master's aligned to
international history*

Travis Frain, who was recently awarded an OBE, is His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant for Lancashire, and the founder of counterterrorism organisation, Resilience in Unity. Here, he shares the inspiring story of his career journey following a life-changing experience.

"My goal was always to become a secondary school history teacher, but the second the attack happened, that totally disappeared," said Travis, who was seriously injured in a terrorist attack on Westminster Bridge, London in March 2017. "After the attack, I couldn't put my feelings into words. I wanted to understand what had happened to me and why, but also what role I could play in the future."

Travis was an undergraduate student at the time of the attack, which meant he had to navigate his studies whilst undergoing operations, physiotherapy, and psychological healing. During this time, his new goal became clear, and he decided that pursuing postgraduate study would allow him to build upon his existing knowledge and to better contribute to the fight against terrorism.

Travis chose Lancaster University for his master's degree. His course helped to put his own experience into a historical context – particularly through the support of his lecturers – while also giving him the chance to study modern-day terrorism and conflict.

Thinking back to completing his dissertation, Travis said, "it gave me the opportunity to apply practical knowledge to academic rigour, and to put into words some of what I feel can be of use to people who have been affected by serious crime."

Reflecting on his time at university, Travis shared: "I am very grateful to Lancaster for the range of teaching that I was provided with."

He explained further, "this degree allowed me to combine my fledgling experience on contemporary national security matters with a historical bank of knowledge that has assisted me in my day-to-day work life ever since."

When asked what advice he'd give future students, Travis shared: "take every opportunity you can get and make the most of your time at university – it'll be over before you know it!"

After graduating from Lancaster University, Travis spent two years as Chair of the UK's National Counterterrorism Advisory Group (which involved delivering talks in schools about his experience), worked in a part-time position at the Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters in London, and trained officer recruits joining Greater Manchester Police at Salford University.

Now, Travis is involved in two roles. In 2021, he founded Resilience in Unity, an organisation with a mission to counter the spread of violent extremism through the voices of those with lived experience. Travis is also His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant for Lancashire, which involves accompanying members of the Royal Family during state visits, liaising with military and cadet units, and nominating outstanding individuals for national honours and attendance at Royal events.

What's most important to Travis is spreading awareness through his work. "The effects don't go away because of the passage of time. They stay with us. It's about taking ownership of it and embracing what has happened, and making sure that something good comes out of something horrific," he shared.

"Together, we can do great things. It's time we took it upon ourselves to 'be' the change."

Where is Lancaster?

Lancaster is a student-friendly city in north-west England. Our campus is about three miles south of Lancaster city centre. Great train links and being close to the motorway make Lancaster well connected and easy to get to.



Find out more



Approximate train journey times





Everything on campus

Our campus offers everything we think
you'll need during your time with us.

-  Art gallery
-  Auto repair shop
-  Bakery
-  Bars
-  Cafes
-  Cash machines
-  Chaplaincy
-  Doctor
-  Hairdresser and beauty salon
-  Launderettes
-  Petrol station
-  Pharmacy
-  Post office
-  Prayer room
-  Pre-school centre
-  Restaurants
-  Sports centre
-  Student-run cinema
-  Supermarkets
-  Sustainable goods shop
-  Theatre
-  Weekly market in term-time





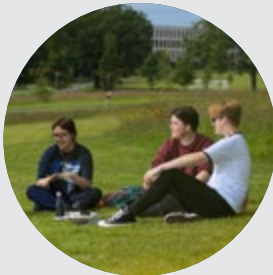
North
Campus

*Our
campus*

South
Campus



Health Innovation Campus



Sports Centre



South-West Campus



Your library

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At Lancaster, we're lucky that what we have is more than the traditional concept of a library as a building that is home to books and services. The library represents so much of our diverse local and global community and it's our aim to showcase that with the pride it deserves.

We've invested in our digital resources as well as physical. Being able to engage with our services in a way that suits you, where and when it suits you, breaks down so many boundaries and makes everything more accessible.

We have great teams within the library supporting your learning: colleagues to support students within the building, faculty librarians who help find resources, and learning developers who ensure that you know how to use the material in your studies.

My favourite thing about Lancaster University is the people. Colleagues have shown me their passion for the University, for our students and for putting them first, as well as finding ways of continuing to support and innovate to make sure university is a positive experience.



I'm proud the library plays such a big part in Lancaster's community. We're passionate about having you, our students, as partners in how we develop our services and spaces. We like to host different types of events to support learning and wellbeing. We've had small musical performances, live readings and collaboration evenings, tea and chat evenings and even a Library Festival – this space is not just for learning, it's a space for bringing people together: a place where education, research and events all take place.



Andrew Barker
Director of Library Services

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Lune Millennium Bridge and Ashton Memorial



Lancaster Castle

Discover your neighbourhood

You'll have everything you need on campus, but you'll quickly discover that the city of Lancaster is a wonderful neighbour. Its fascinating heritage and stunning architecture give student life an impressive setting.

Vibrant culture

Venture into the city and take a tour of the beautiful Lancaster Castle, where you can learn all about the famous Pendle Witch Trials. Or head to a museum to be fascinated by the city's rich history.

Among the history, you'll find an exciting present, too. Lancaster boasts an eclectic arts and culture scene. Vintage festivals and flea markets are also a regular occurrence, and with our varied collection of venues and spaces, there's always something happening.

There's everything you'd expect from a city, a modern high street, independent shops, cosy pubs, buzzing clubs, bars, restaurants and cafes to suit every vibe.



Lancaster is small and *student-friendly*,



Shop, browse, discover

The high street is home to big brands, independent retailers, and lots of hidden gems. Plus, with plenty of ways to shop sustainably, there's something for everyone. We recommend visiting the weekly market to browse handmade goods, upcycled items, and enjoy delicious street food.



Meet and eat

The city is easily accessible by bike or bus from campus. Choose from an array of places to eat, drink and relax with your friends. From familiar favourites like Nando's and Starbucks, to lots of independent restaurants and cafes, you'll find a diverse food and drink culture in the city. You'll soon get to know your favourite coffee spot for a relaxing morning brew or an afternoon studying with friends.



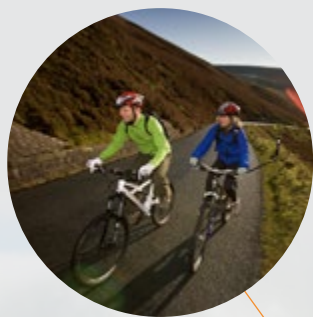
but you'll find *everything* you'd expect from a city.

After hours

With late-night cafes, art spaces and drinks venues, there's plenty to do when it comes to evenings. Choose from cosy pubs or stylish cocktail bars to enjoy a relaxed drink accompanied by live music, or head to a club for a big night out.



We sit in the *heart* of the UK,



Morecambe



Whitewell, Forest of Bowland

where *every* weekend can be *a new adventure.*

Our location means choice. On any given day, you could choose culture and urban bliss in the city, or the scenic quiet of the Lake District and Trough of Bowland. The next day, choose from the seaside charm of Morecambe Bay or ride exhilarating rollercoasters at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. We're also well connected to a variety of popular hotspots like Manchester, Liverpool and the Yorkshire Dales.



Find out more





Your college



Graduate College

When you join Lancaster University, you will become part of our vibrant collegiate system.

We have nine colleges and, as a postgraduate student, you will join Graduate College, which operates exclusively for the benefit of our postgraduate community.

Our colleges offer a safe, welcoming space, where it's easy to make friends with students from many different nationalities and walks of life.

Graduate College is located to the south-west of campus, which is quieter than the centre of campus and only a short walk away. It boasts a friendly, international community that celebrates and encourages diversity, and provides you with an ideal opportunity to make lasting friendships. It also provides an environment for you to develop academically, while the extracurricular activities help to ensure that your postgraduate experience is rewarding.

The College is more than a place to live, you'll also have the chance to study and socialise

there as well. Through the College, you'll be able to access a range of services designed to support you during your time at Lancaster. These include study facilities, such as a quiet study room and a family study room - specifically for students with children. There are spaces for relaxation, group work, and individual study too. All our study spaces are well connected, with IT equipment and Wi-Fi throughout.

It's not all about studying. Getting to know other students and making connections is easy. The College has a packed calendar of organised events like day trips, weekly activities and social events on campus, off campus, and online to enable all postgraduate students to join. There is also a popular Postgraduate Community Kitchen, which is a bookable group cooking and dining space. It can be used for cohort dinners, birthdays, name days, cultural celebrations, and more. It also hosts open food-based activities and events for postgraduates to cook, share, and showcase their cultures and favourite foods.

Your wellbeing is extremely important to us, and your college is the first port of call for any pastoral support that you may need, as well as signposting to central services. The College also offers a buddy programme which is designed to help new international postgraduate students settle into life at Lancaster. The Postgraduate Board is the elected representative body of the College's student members, and aims to represent the needs of all our postgraduate students.

A small membership fee goes towards the running of the colleges and the provision of events and activities for the whole postgraduate community.

Find out more about Graduate College at lancaster.ac.uk/colleges.



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I'm impressed by the friendliness and unity of the community

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Tsveti Ashova

"Having completed both my bachelor's and master's degrees here, I can confidently say that Lancaster University offers an amazing student life, with the college system playing a significant role in it.

"As a member of Graduate College, I'm impressed by the friendliness and unity of the community. The College hosts various events throughout the year - from karaoke and pottery painting to movie nights, there's something for everyone! These gatherings are a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and create lasting friendships. Some of the people I met at these events are now my closest friends and an important part of my life.

"Furthermore, the dedicated postgraduate areas are usually quieter and very modern, which are ideal for group projects, studying, or simply unwinding. Despite my choice to live off campus, I still feel fully integrated into the college life and often spend time in my friends' flats after classes. Some of my most cherished memories involve gathering with friends to prepare a meal while exchanging stories about our home countries.

"A notable difference between the undergraduate colleges and postgraduate is the maturity level; with slightly older peers, there's a shared interest in various activities like painting, cooking and sports, without the need to socialise or go clubbing every week, although the option remains open for those who love it!"

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The communal space at Graduate College is on a whole other level!

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Lila Sullivan

"Coming from Hong Kong and pursuing a postgraduate degree in a new country I found to be a nerve-racking and tough challenge. It was completely normal to feel this way, so if you think you'll feel the same then do not worry as Lancaster University provides an amazing support system and a caring community.

"The University has a collegiate system, with a total of eight undergraduate colleges and one postgraduate college, 'Graduate College'. When I arrived for Welcome Week, the staff personally escorted me to the accommodation and told me about the socialising opportunities that had been arranged for new students. I attended a few and had so much fun and met some of my current best friends.

"The College often sends weekly updates on the events that are happening. In particular, the Chinese New Year painting and food tasting event made me feel even more at home and appreciative that the College hosts similar events for a range of cultures.

"The communal space at Graduate College is on a whole other level! There is a fully equipped kitchen for you and your friends if you need it. It has a quiet study space if you want a change of scenery to do some hardcore studying; an amazing 24/7 porter team so you can collect your parcels whenever you want; and activities like table tennis, darts and drawing stations. I am proud to call Lancaster University my home."



Accommodation at Lancaster

Many students find that living on campus is a great way to make friends and settle in. We have accommodation options within Graduate College to suit a range of preferences and budgets.

Most accommodation is en-suite with a shared kitchen, but we also have rooms in flats with shared toilet and shower facilities. For anyone who prefers to live on their own, there are self-contained studios and flats.

We also have adapted accommodation available for disabled students. Contact the Disability Service via disability@lancaster.ac.uk to discuss your requirements. If you speak to us as early as possible, we can try to match you with suitable accommodation and make any necessary arrangements in time for your arrival.

We offer a small number of two- and three-bedroom family flats which are suitable for students with children. You might wish to make use of our on-campus pre-school centre, or alternatively, there are many schools within a short distance of the campus.

All accommodation in Graduate College is self-catered, but you'll find plenty of places to eat on campus. What's more, all postgraduate students have access to the college facilities including a social hub, the Graduate Community Kitchen, and a family room for students with children.



In the 2025/2026 academic year, postgraduate accommodation prices range from **£142.52** to **£230.30** per week, depending on the room you choose.

Prices for family accommodation vary depending on the number of bedrooms.

If you're looking to rent privately in the city centre, our accreditation service, Lancaster University Homes, can help you find a suitable property that has been checked for quality, safety, and management practice.

Find out more





Support and wellbeing

At Lancaster, we take a whole person and whole university approach to supporting you.



This means that, as a student, you are surrounded by a community invested in your academic success, health, wellbeing, belonging, and university experience. You may already know that some additional support will help you get the most from your time at Lancaster, or you may want to explore options whilst you are here.

We provide a range of free, high-quality, professional support services which you can access at any time throughout your studies. We can work with you to help you manage the impact of any disability, mental health, or wellbeing concern on your studies.

We understand that you are the expert on your wellbeing, which is why we are here to work alongside you to support you. The support we offer depends on your needs or the change you'd like to see. It's designed to help you manage university life and develop the skills you need to succeed.

The help and support we can offer includes:

- advice and guidance
- pastoral, faith-based or peer support
- activities to take part in
- specialist therapeutic or practitioner-led support
- reasonable adjustments
- communicating your needs across the University

We can also connect you with longer term support through the NHS or external services.

You can also have your say in shaping our services through opportunities to get involved with, and support, your fellow students, which will help you to develop skills and knowledge.

For more information, or to start organising your support, please visit: lancaster.ac.uk/ask/wellbeing.

Your Students' Union – *your home for student experiences*

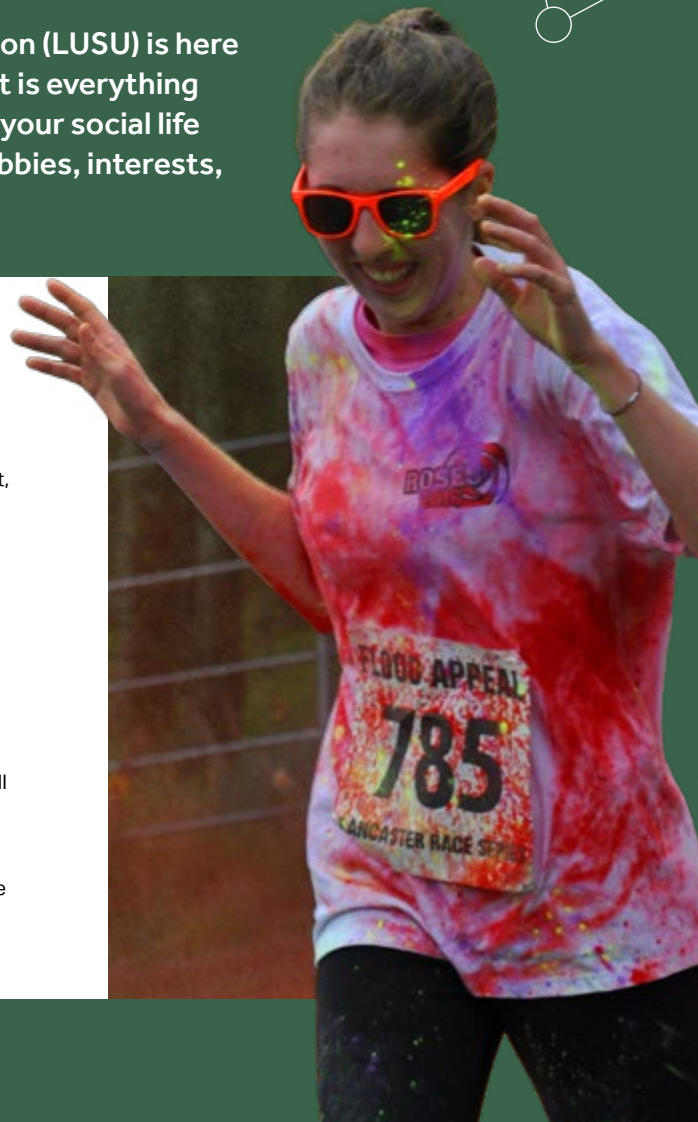
Lancaster University Students' Union (LUSU) is here to make sure your time as a student is everything it should be. We're here to support your social life and studies, sporting activities, hobbies, interests, and the causes you care about.

A fulfilling student life

Your activity groups are at the heart of your Lancaster experience, and with more than 200 clubs and societies affiliated with LUSU, there's something for everyone. Whether you're into sports, have a cause that you're passionate about, a culture or faith you follow, a hobby you want to nurture, or you just want to try something new, we can help you find your sense of belonging.

Have your say

Our elected officers are here to represent you – from academic matters to welfare issues, they campaign for the causes that matter most to you. That includes your college. When you become a student here at Lancaster, you'll become part of the Graduate College, where you'll get the chance to elect your Postgraduate Board. Each of our colleges are a part of LUSU and are crucial to the Lancaster experience - we support the Postgraduate Board and the Graduate College as they work to bring your college community to life and make Lancaster feel like home.



Bringing people together

We help build a sense of community on campus with a calendar of events including the annual sporting event, Roses. This is three days full of sport, challenge, cheering, and fun as we compete against our rivals, the University of York. LUSU hosts a whole variety of events throughout the year, from outdoor cinemas to festive markets. Our sustainability initiative, LUSU Green, is a great way to get involved with your Students' Union as well as helping the environment. Here at LUSU, there is something for everyone.



The essentials

We also provide services for your everyday life to make it as comfortable and fun as possible.

- LUSU shop – located on campus and stocked with all the essentials you'll need.
- LUSU Living – our student accommodation agency can help you find affordable, high-quality accommodation off-campus that includes repairs and support.
- The Sugarhouse – at LUSU's very own student-only nightclub in Lancaster, you can enjoy fun-filled themed nights, socialising with friends in a safe environment, and have your lift home sorted with our dedicated bus service back to campus.

Here for you

If you ever need guidance or support, our LUSU Advice Service is here for you. Our trained advisors can empower you to make the right decision for you – whether that's academically or otherwise.

When you come to study at Lancaster, you'll automatically become a member of LUSU, so you'll have access to all the services and support on offer. However, if you do not wish to join, you also have the right to opt out of membership; the choice is yours.

 [instagram.com/lancastersu](https://www.instagram.com/lancastersu)

If you want to find out more about life at Lancaster, then visit: [welcometolancaster.co.uk](https://www.welcometolancaster.co.uk).

Clubs *and* societies

University is a great opportunity to get involved in a range of activities and socialise with people with shared interests. Our Students' Union hosts more than 200 clubs and societies, including a variety of sports groups, religious communities, craft clubs, political societies, and so much more. Whatever your interests, passions, or beliefs, you'll find your community and a sense of belonging here at Lancaster.



With so many clubs and societies on offer, you'll be spoilt for choice. We host a Freshers' Fair at the beginning of each academic year to give you the chance to get a feel for which ones you might like to join. What's more, many clubs offer taster sessions before fully committing to a society.

When you join Lancaster University, you'll automatically become part of a society – your college. But, outside of this, you might wish to explore more niche interests, whether it's an existing passion of yours, or you're looking to discover something new. Many of our clubs and societies welcome students of all experience and abilities, so get involved. If you find there isn't a society that suits your interests, you can even start your own.

To view a full list of Lancaster University clubs and societies, visit: lancastersu.co.uk/groups.



A snapshot of our societies:

- Bailrigg FM, our student radio station
- Basketball
- Cheerleading Squad
- Dance
- Gaming and Esports Society
- Harry Potter Society
- Living History Society
- Motorsport Society
- Mountaineering Club
- Ultimate Frisbee



Sport at Lancaster

It's important to take care of your physical and mental wellbeing. Our on-campus sports facilities offer an environment that's safe and accessible for all, with both indoor and outdoor spaces.

Choose the right type of membership for you, with discounted subscriptions for students, or pay as you play if you plan to use the facilities less frequently.

We also work closely with the Students' Union to provide facilities for clubs and societies.

Courts and pitches

We offer extensive facilities for group sports, including:

- Tennis, squash, badminton and netball courts
- Football, rugby, cricket, hockey and lacrosse pitches
- Multi-use game areas



The gym

Our 100-station Fitness Suite is split across two levels, and features state-of-the-art fitness equipment, from high-quality cardio machines to our competition-standard Strength and Conditioning Room. If you need any help with the equipment, fully qualified staff are always on hand.

Swimming pool

Our 25m indoor pool is accessible to all, with ropes for lane swimming, an accessibility hoist, and areas for recreational swimming. There's also a sauna and steam room available, providing the perfect place to relax.

Climbing wall

Our 8.5m climbing wall features 17 belay lines, a bouldering cave, and a teaching space. Whether you're a seasoned climber or starting out, we're here to support you.

Group exercise classes

Achieve your health and wellness goals with classes delivered by experienced instructors. Choose from strength and conditioning classes, mindfulness sessions, cardio and dance classes, and small group training. Whatever your experience or abilities, you'll find the right class for you.



Woodland Walk and Trim Trail

Our 2.6-mile Woodland Walk surrounds campus and is an ideal escape for nature lovers. To walk the full route takes around 1.5 hours, but you can join or leave the path whenever you wish, whether you're going for a run or a relaxing stroll with friends.

The Trim Trail is a free, unique way to exercise outdoors. With 11 fitness stations from balance beams to tyre hopscotch, the versatile trail combines fun and fitness for all levels of physical ability.

Find out more: lancaster.ac.uk/sport.



Our *programmes*

Taught degrees

Our taught postgraduate degrees (MA, MSc) normally involve a combination of taught modules, coursework and a research dissertation. Some programmes may enable you to carry out a real-life research project for a company or organisation instead of a dissertation. While most taught programmes enable you to build upon your undergraduate studies, some academic programmes are open to students with little or no prior academic experience in the subject.



Research degrees

Our postgraduate research students are an important part of our research culture and make up a substantial part of our student population. We have a range of research options at Lancaster including:

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Taking between three to four years to complete, most doctoral students at Lancaster work on a traditional PhD by Research. This includes research training and an emphasis on conducting original research leading to a written thesis.

Professional doctorates

We offer two types of professional doctorates: Doctor of Medicine (MD), taking two years to complete and the Doctor of Clinical Psychology, which takes three years to complete.

MSc by Research

A Master's by Research differs from a traditional taught degree as it offers the opportunity to carry out an in-depth research project. It is designed to prepare students for doctoral or PhD research and allows students to develop a programme that is based on their own personal interests.

Integrated degrees (1+3)

Several of our courses offer students the option to take a bridging approach to postgraduate study. Known as integrated degrees, or 1+3, they can be followed at master's level before progressing directly to PhD level. Although there is a taught component to these courses, they are ideal for anyone who already has a clear idea of the field they would like to research, and they are assessed primarily by dissertation.

How *to apply*

We welcome and encourage applications from all over the world and our aim is to make the process of applying as straightforward as possible.

For information on how to apply, please visit:
lancaster.ac.uk/pg-apply.



What do I need to include with my application?

Our online postgraduate application form will guide you through the details that you need to supply and will provide you with a list of required documents.

These will usually include:

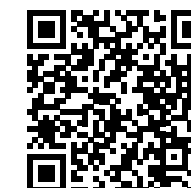
- Degree certificates and transcripts of previous higher education (college/university) degrees. For transcripts in languages other than English, a certified English translation will be required.
- Personal statement.
- Reference(s). We can automatically contact your referees once you have submitted your application, if you ask us to.
- Research proposal (for research degrees).
- We may ask you to provide a recognised English language qualification, dependent upon your nationality and where you have studied previously.

For information on the English language qualifications we accept, please visit
lancaster.ac.uk/pg-english-requirements.

If you want to apply for a postgraduate research degree, we would advise you to consult our departmental web pages prior to submitting an application to select your research area and investigate whether supervision is available at Lancaster University. For the majority of our research programmes, we recommend that you identify a potential supervisor, prior to submitting a formal application. Once you have identified a potential supervisor, you should apply by using our online postgraduate application form. As part of your application, you may be required to provide a research proposal. For guidance on how to write a research proposal, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/research-proposal.

We do offer some funded PhD studentships, and information about these can be found on our departmental web pages. If you are applying for one of these, please follow the instructions on how to apply as it can vary depending on the funding body and area of research.

Contact us



Funding your studies

We understand that funding your postgraduate studies may be complicated. Our student funding team can provide you with advice and guidance on various aspects of university financial support and budgeting.

Living costs and budgeting

While living expenses vary depending on your lifestyle and needs, rent and some living expenses do tend to be lower at Lancaster than in some urban centres. Staff in the Fees and Funding Service and the Students' Union can provide practical advice on funding, budgeting and general debt. For guidance on student living costs, please visit portal.lancaster.ac.uk/ask/money.

Fees for postgraduate study

Our annual tuition fee is set for a 12-month session, which usually runs from October to September the following year. The University will not increase the tuition fee you are charged during the course of an academic year. For students starting at the University for the 2026 session, subsequent fees may be subject to increases. The way in which continuing students' fee rates are determined varies according to an individual's fee status.

If your programme lasts more than one year, your tuition fees for subsequent years are likely to increase each year. To understand those changes and see examples of previous increases, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/fees-in-subsequent-years.

To find out how much your tuition fees will be, please find the programme you are interested in studying in our online course search lancaster.ac.uk/postgraduate.

You need to ensure that you have access to sufficient funds to cover living expenses and tuition fees throughout the duration of your studies.

Additional Fees

As well as tuition fees, depending on the course you study, you may also incur additional fees as part of your studies. These may include application fees, writing up fees, bench fees and deposits. For more information about whether the course you are interested in has any additional fees, please check our online course search.



Funding and awards

We recommend that you start planning the financing of your studies 12–18 months in advance of your programme start date, as some external awards will have application deadlines this early in the process.

To help with studying and living costs, a range of scholarships are available to postgraduate students. We will publish information regarding our scholarships for students beginning their studies in the academic year 2026–27 later in 2025.

Alumni Loyalty Scholarship – this scholarship offers a reduction in tuition fees of taught master's programmes and is open to all our alumni, regardless of nationality or year of graduation. You do not need to apply for this scholarship; you will qualify automatically if you meet the eligibility criteria and course entry requirements.

University Scholarships – we offer a range of scholarships and the majority of these offer support towards tuition fees, although some may also contribute towards living costs. Eligibility for these scholarships is mainly based around academic performance. The number of scholarships offered varies from year to year.

Lancaster also offers a range of scholarships for PhD students and can support PhD students in applying for external PhD funding through various research councils. These awards will ensure that outstanding candidates have access to Lancaster's high-quality research training and facilities.

Additional sources of funding are available for specific programmes across our four faculties and for students from particular regions. For more information about our fees and funding, a detailed list of awards available and information on how to apply, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/pg-scholarships.

Charities, trusts and other general funders

A wide variety of charitable and other organisations have funds they make available to prospective postgraduate students at both master's and PhD level. The amounts they make available vary. The funding awards are made on a competitive basis and have criteria related to either academic excellence or financial need. Many have additional criteria related to the wider charitable aims of the organisation. Their application deadline dates and application processes are very varied and some have a number of different deadlines at times throughout the year.

Further sources of funding may be found at:

- findaphd.com/guides/phd-funding-guide
- findamasters.com/guides/funding.

Postgraduate loans

Loans to help with course fees and living costs are available from the UK Government for students undertaking master's and doctoral level courses. Eligibility criteria may change for 2026.

For more information, please visit: gov.uk/masters-loan or gov.uk/doctoral-loan.

Pre-master's programmes

Lancaster University International Study Centre pathway programmes offer a supported route for international students hoping to progress to Lancaster University.

As a Lancaster University International Study Centre pre-master's student, you'll receive expert teaching and support at our campus study centre. You'll build your subject knowledge, English language proficiency and study skills so you can progress onto your chosen postgraduate degree at Lancaster University the following year.



Pre-master's

A pre-master's allows you to build upon your current academic knowledge or change direction. Dedicated support will help you meet the academic standards necessary for your desired postgraduate degree.

Depending on your English language level, you can study a two or three term programme, leading to a postgraduate degree programme at Lancaster University. Choose from one of three subject pathways:

- Business and Management
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Social Sciences and Law

How to apply

Apply online at apply.intostudy.com or apply through your local INTO educational counsellor.

Check scholarship eligibility at lancaster-isc.com/tuition-and-scholarships.

For more information visit lancaster-isc.com.

Contact us

- lancaster-isc.com/en/contact
- isc-enquiries@lancaster.ac.uk



Improve your English

Need to improve your English language and study skills before starting study at Lancaster? We offer three pre-sessional English programmes to help you do this.

If you do not meet the English requirements for your academic programme, you may have the opportunity to complete a pre-sessional English programme before you start your degree. Once you have successfully completed this, you can progress to your academic programme without retaking an English language test.

Pre-Sessional English 4-week programme

If you require a 0.5 band uplift in your IELTS or equivalent, this programme provides thorough training in language and academic skills that will enable you to best achieve your academic potential at Lancaster University.

The programme aims to:

- Develop the language skills you need for academic study at Lancaster University.
- Prepare you for studying and living in the Lancaster area.

The in-person short programme is four weeks long and the online option includes an additional induction week.

Pre-Sessional English 10- or 20-week programme

If you require a 1.0 or 1.5 band uplift in your IELTS or equivalent, our programme provides thorough training in language and academic skills that will enable you to best achieve your academic potential at Lancaster University.

There are in-person and online options for these programmes, both use new digital platforms to make the course more interactive.

The programmes aim to:

- Develop awareness and competency in the range of language-related academic skills required for successful study at Higher Education level.
- Develop the range and accuracy of written and spoken language to enable you to use language effectively and appropriately, with clarity and confidence.
- Support you in reflecting on your learning and identifying how to improve your skills and language.

Visa requirements

There is no need for you to retake an English language test, such as IELTS, as the programmes test the skills that are needed for the UKVI visa requirement.

Eligibility

You do not need to apply for a pre-sessional English programme with us; if you have not met the English language requirements for direct entry, we will automatically consider you for one when we receive a copy of your English language certificate.

To be eligible, you will need an active offer for an academic programme at Lancaster University and a valid English language test score that meets the requirements for entry to one of our pre-sessional English programmes.

If you have already met your English language requirements and would like to improve your study skills, we also offer an optional two-week academic induction programme called Study Start.

Study Start

Study Start is a two-week programme that provides international students with a great opportunity to settle into life at Lancaster, and to become an independent and confident student, well-prepared to start your academic studies.

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/pre-sessional.



Our postgraduate programmes

Programme list	Degree
Accounting and Finance	
Accounting and Finance	MSc
Accounting and Finance	PhD
Finance	MSc
Financial Management	MSc
Financial Technologies and AI	MSc
Global Finance (Online)	MSc
Investment Management and Financial Analysis	MSc
Architecture	
Architecture	PhD
Art	
Art	PhD
Creative Industries	PhD
Biological Sciences	
Biological Science	PhD
Plant Sciences	MSc by Research
Biomedical Science/Biomedicine	
Biomedical and Life Sciences	MPhil/PhD
Biomedical Science	MSc by Research
Biomedicine	MSc
Chemistry	
Chemistry	MSc by Research
Chemistry	PhD
Materials Science	MSc by Research
Materials Science	PhD
Criminology	
Criminology	PhD
Criminology and Criminal Justice	MA
Data, Computing and Communications	
Artificial Intelligence	MSc
Artificial Intelligence, Society, and Global Challenges	MA
Communication Systems	MSc by Research
Communication Systems	PhD
Computer Science	MSc by Research
Computer Science	MPhil/PhD
Cyber Security	MSc
Cyber Security (Online)	MSc
Data Science	MSc
Data Science (Online)	MSc
Design	
Design	PhD
Design Management	MA

Programme list	Degree
Drama, Theatre and Performance	
Theatre Studies	PhD
Ecology and Conservation	
Conservation and Biodiversity	MSc
Ecology	MSc by Research
Economics	
Economics	MSc
Economics	PhD/PhD (Integrated)
Money, Banking and Finance	MSc
Educational Research	
E-Research and Technology Enhanced Learning (by thesis and coursework)	PhD
Education and Social Justice (thesis and coursework)	PhD
Educational Research (Independent Study)	PhD
Higher Education: Research, Evaluation and Enhancement (thesis and coursework)	PhD
Engineering	
Engineering	MSc by Research
Engineering	MPhil/PhD
English Literature and Creative Writing	
Creative Writing	MA
Creative Writing	PhD
Creative Writing (Online)	MA
English Literature	MA
English Literature	PhD
English Literature and Creative Writing	PhD
Entrepreneurship and Strategy	
Business Innovation and Entrepreneurial Management	MSc
International Business and Strategic Management	MSc
Environmental and Earth Sciences	
Environmental Management	MSc
Environmental Science	MSc by Research
Environmental Science	PhD
Environmental Sustainability	MSc
Flood and Water Management	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Political Ecology	MA
Sustainability and Global Environmental Futures	MA
Volcanology	MSc
Film Studies	
Film	PhD
Film Studies	MA
Geography	
Geography	PhD

Programme list	Degree
Health Studies	
Health Economics and Policy	MSc
Health Economics and Policy	PhD
Health Research	PhD
Palliative Care	PhD
Public Health	PhD
History	
Defence and Security	PgCert/PgDip/MA
Digital Humanities	MA
History	MA
History	PhD
Human Resources	
Advanced Management, Consulting and Change	MSc
Human Resource Management	MSc
Language, Culture and Translation	
Languages and Cultures	MA by Research
Languages and Cultures	PhD
Translation	PhD
Translation Studies	MA
Law	
International Commercial and Corporate Law	LLM
International Law and Human Rights	LLM
Law	LLM
Law	LLM by Research
Law	MPhil/PhD
Linguistics and TESOL	
Applied Linguistics	MRes
Applied Linguistics and TESOL	MA
Corpus Linguistics (Online)	PgCert/PgDip/MA
Forensic Linguistics and Speech Science	MSc
Intercultural Business Communication	MA
Language and Linguistics	MA
Language Testing (Online)	PgCert/ PgDip/MA
Linguistics	PhD
Linguistics (by Thesis and Coursework)	PhD
TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (Online)	PgCert
TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) with Corpus Linguistics (Online)	PgDip/MA
TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) with Language Testing (Online)	PgDip/MA

Programme list	Degree
Management and Business	
Advanced Professional Practice	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Business Analytics	MSc
Healthcare Leadership	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Information Systems and Digital Business Innovation	MSc
Leadership Practice	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Logistics and Supply Chain Management	MSc
Management	MSc
Management (Entrepreneurship and Strategy)	PhD
Management (Organisation, Work and Technology)	PhD
Management and Artificial Intelligence	MSc
Management and Business (Online)	MSc
Management Science	MRes
Management Science	PhD/PhD(Integrated)
Organisation, Work and Technology	MRes
Organisational Health and Well-Being	PhD
Project Management	MSc
Project Management Practice	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Theory and Practice of Management	PhD
Theory and Practice of Management (IDPM)	PhD
Marketing	
Advanced Marketing Management	MSc/MRes
Digital and Social Media Marketing	MSc
Marketing	MSc
Marketing	PhD
Marketing (Online)	MSc
Mathematics and Statistics	
Applied Mathematics	PhD
Mathematical Artificial Intelligence	PhD
Mathematics	PhD
Medical Statistics	MSc
Social Statistics	PhD
Statistics	MSc
Statistics	PhD/PhD (Integrated)
Statistics and Artificial Intelligence	MSc
Statistics and Operational Research	MRes
Statistics and Operational Research (STOR-i)	PhD
MBA and Executive MBA	
Business Administration	MBA
Business Administration (Executive)	MBA

Programme list	Degree
Media and Cultural Studies	
Global Media and Society	MA
Media and Cultural Studies	PhD
Medicine	
Clinical Research	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Health Data Science	MSc
Health Data Science	PhD
Medical Education	PgCert
Medical Ethics and Law	PhD
Medical Sciences	MSc by Research
Medicine	MD
Medicine	PhD
Mental Health	PhD
Social and Behavioural Sciences in Medicine	PhD
Sport and Exercise Medicine	MSc
Sports and Exercise Sciences	PhD
Statistics and Epidemiology	PhD
Natural Sciences	
Natural Sciences	MSc by Research
Natural Sciences	PhD
Philosophy	
Philosophy	MA
Philosophy	PhD
Physics	
Nanoscience	PhD
Physics	MSc by Research
Physics	PhD
Politics and International Relations	
International Relations	MA
International Relations	PhD
Political Theory	MA
Politics	PhD
Public Policy	MSc
Psychology	
Behavioural Science Skills	MSc
Child Mental Health	MSc
Clinical Psychology	DClinPsy
Psychology	PhD
Psychology and Behavioural Analytics	MSc
Psychology of Child Development and Education	Msc

Programme list	Degree
Religious Studies	
Global Religions	MA
Religious Studies	PhD
Sociology	
Applied Social Science	PhD
Environment and Society	PhD
Gender Studies	MA
Gender Studies	PhD
Global Medical and Health Humanities	MA
Science Studies	PhD
Social Research	MSc
Sociology	MA
Sociology	PhD

Meet *us*



Come and explore our beautiful campus, see our facilities, meet our friendly staff and students, and discover what it's like to be a student at Lancaster University. Whether you spend a few hours or a whole day on campus, we'll be happy to show you around.

Welcome Centre and tours

Our campus is open to visit all year round. If you need any information, just call into our Welcome Centre (opening hours apply), where our student ambassadors will be able to answer any questions. You can also book a student-led tour of campus: lancaster.ac.uk/campus-tours. If you can't tour campus in-person, we also offer live stream campus tours.

There may also be the option of a personalised visit that is tailored to your requirements. We can design your visit to include options such as a campus tour, a meeting with an academic for your subject of interest, and the chance to discuss any specialist queries you have with our university teams. For more information about a personalised visit, please email: visitus@lancaster.ac.uk.



Open events

Our open events will give you the opportunity to get a feel for Lancaster University and our campus. You can chat to staff and students about the course you're interested in, find out how we'll teach you, and explore the facilities you'll use.

Postgraduate Digital Open Event

- Wednesday 19 November 2025

Postgraduate Open Day

- Saturday 7 February 2026

Find out more



Online and overseas events

If you're based outside of the UK, we host a range of online and overseas events. Find ways to connect and our latest calendar of activity at: lancaster.ac.uk/study/find-out-more.

Plan your open day journey

Our campus is around three miles south of the city of Lancaster and is easily reached by road and rail. The train station is just a five-minute walk from the city centre, and you'll find a free shuttle bus service running between the train station and campus on open days. If travelling by car, you'll find us two miles from junction 33 of the M6 motorway. Visitor parking is available, and there are charging points for electric vehicles.

Virtual tour

If you can't visit in person, then our virtual tour is the next best thing to explore what Lancaster has to offer. You'll find videos showing what our campus looks like, your accommodation options, our facilities, and much more.

Visit the tour





Important information

The information in this publication relates primarily to 2026/27 entry to the University and every effort has been taken to ensure the information is correct at the time of printing (July 2025).

The University will use all reasonable effort to deliver the courses as described but the University reserves the right to make changes after going to print. In exceptional circumstances that are beyond the University's reasonable control (Force Majeure Events), we may need to amend the programmes and provision advertised. However, in this event, the University will take reasonable steps to minimise the disruption to your studies. If a course is withdrawn or if there are any fundamental changes to your course, we will give you reasonable notice and you will be entitled to request that you are considered for an alternative course or withdraw your application. You are advised to revisit our website for up-to-date course information before you submit your application.

More information on limits to the University's liability can be found at lancaster.ac.uk/compliance/legalnotice.

Our Students' Charter

We believe in the importance of a strong and productive partnership between our students and staff. In order to ensure your time at Lancaster is a positive experience, we have worked with the Students' Union to articulate this relationship and the standards to which the University and its students aspire.

Find out more at lancaster.ac.uk/terms.



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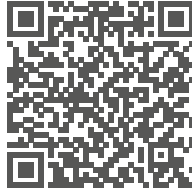
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Saturday 7 February 2026



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