International Summer

Programme 2017
Ranked in the global top 1%, Lancaster is a collegiate university with a world-class reputation for research and teaching excellence.

One of only a handful of British universities with a collegiate system, Lancaster’s 12,000 students make for a dynamic and diverse community on one of the safest campuses in the UK. Now approaching our 50th year, Lancaster boasts a global community of over 100,000 alumni in more than 130 countries across the world.
Many international students have studied at Lancaster for part of their undergraduate degree. Credits can be transferred to your home university and applied to your degree here.

The Study Abroad Programme is fully integrated and you will study and live alongside UK and other international students. University accommodation is guaranteed to non EU study abroad and exchange students.
The Lancaster University campus occupies a beautiful 360 acre parkland site at Bailrigg, just three miles from Lancaster City Centre.

Facilities include banks, shops, cafes and restaurants, bars, a supermarket, a post office, a multi-faith Chaplaincy Centre, a health centre and a dentist.
Lancaster University accommodation has retained the accolade of ‘Best University Halls’ in the 2015 National Student Housing Survey of 190+ UK institutions.

Our international students have once again endorsed the Lancaster experience by making us one of just two institutions to be awarded the International Accommodation Quality Mark, for providers that achieve higher than 90% satisfaction from their overseas students. We have held the accreditation for the last three years.
Lancaster University has a variety of award-winning accommodation to choose from, all of it located within distinct college communities within the main university, enhancing the student experience. We even have a dedicated college for our Postgraduate students.
Our £20m Sports Centre and outdoor facilities opened in 2011, offer students the opportunity to take part in a multitude of sporting activities; from traditional sports to recreation activities we offer over 100 groups to consider. Alternatively if you're just looking for some 'time-out' then try our Trim Trail & Woodland Walk covering 2.6 miles and 11 exercise stations.
Ninety-four percent of Lancaster University undergraduates rate our learning facilities as 'excellent'.

Our reputation attracts academics from all over the world, allowing us to offer innovative and pioneering teaching programmes.
A new way of studying

Our main teaching approach is through independent study. This means you take responsibility for your own learning and performance whilst delivering work within set timescales. This will feel different at first, with less contact than you are used to, but don't worry – our college tutor system and teaching staff are there to support and guide you as you make the transition.

This approach develops strong research skills and the ability to make sense of new material quickly, while improving communication skills.
Around Lancaster

Once a thriving Georgian port at the centre of trade with the West Indies, Lancaster and its fascinating history sit alongside culture, knowledge and commerce.

Lancaster's city centre is small enough to explore on foot and there are regular bus services linking it with the campus. It has a twice-weekly market in the old Market Square selling fruit and vegetables and meat and fish, much of it locally grown or organically produced.

Lancaster has both the beautiful River Lune and the Lancaster Canal running through its city centre – so you can combine shopping or lunch with friends with a meander along the towpath too!
Lancaster students can revel in the knowledge that they are not only studying at one of the safest self-contained campuses in the UK, but also have some of the country’s most unspoilt spots on their doorsteps – from country villages, seaside resorts and the lush countryside of the Lake District and the forest of Bowland to the historic and vibrant City of Lancaster.

This diverse mix of City, Coast & Countryside adds a whole new dimension to the student experience – and whilst those studying at Lancaster have all the benefits of a campus 'village' at their disposal, there's so much more to explore and discover within the city and the local area.
British Culture, Language and Society, 1800-present

Lancaster University has a well established summer programme that can be taken as a stand-alone programme or prior to study at Lancaster or another British university.

The programme is conducted by the Department of Linguistics and English Language in collaboration with the Department of English Literature and Creative Writing and the Department of History.
The Course

Taught over four weeks, our programme provides an opportunity to experience life at a British University while learning about the history and culture of the UK, and specifically the North-West of England.

As well as experiencing three lectures each week given by renowned academics, you will be able to discuss the course topics in small seminar groups and go on full-day field trips to sites in the North-West of England each week. We also take you on trips around Lancaster so that you can see how the issues we’ve talked about on the course impacted the local area.
Week 1: A Pastoral England

The first week of lectures and seminars examine the ways in which Romantic poets changed our perceptions of nature – especially through their involvement with the English Lake District.

The field trip this week takes us to the heart of the Lake District and across Coniston Water to visit the homes of John Ruskin and William Wordsworth. We also visit the Ruskin Library on campus, the only dedicated Ruskin centre in the country, which houses a large collection of his works and runs specialist exhibitions.
Week 2:
Industrialisation, political change, and the novel

This week our focus is on the emergence of Britain, and especially Lancashire, during the Industrial Revolution, and the evocations and criticism by scholars, writers and artists of the time.

We visit Quarry Bank Mill in Styal – a National Trust property that continues to showcase the machinery of the cotton industry within a restored mill. It is also the setting for Channel 4’s drama *The Mill* which vividly portrays the hardships of working-class life. This week also features a tour of Lancaster’s own industrial heritage as we visit the canal and view the architectural remnants of the Lancashire ‘powerhouse’. 
Week 3: The Great War and beyond

We trace some of the effects of the World War I on British culture and memory throughout the rest of the twentieth century and up to the present. A visit to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester offers one interpretation of our relationship with war and conflict. On this week’s trip there is also time to explore Manchester itself with its vibrant shops, museums, and places to eat. Locally, we take a walk around Lancaster to view the lasting legacy of the memorialisation of the First World War.
Week 4: Post-colonial Britain

Our final weeks’ focus is on the transformation of Britain since the 1950s, the legacy of the colonial past and the rise of new multicultural communities, new language communities, and new forms of popular culture. We will also visit the Museum of Liverpool and explore the city’s role as an icon of diversity in the history of immigration.
We have a full social programme that runs alongside the academic content featuring cricket, pub quizzes, bar trips, meals out and a ‘ghostly’ castle tour. Finally, we finish up with a farewell pot-luck dinner where you can show off your culinary skills and sample some British delicacies!
The cost of the course is £2,250 and includes; orientation, teaching, assessment, field trips, transport and accommodation.

If you have any additional questions about the course and to apply please contact us:

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