Introduction

Collaborative and interdisciplinary

+ Nine departments and over 20 disciplines – all dedicated to generating and advancing knowledge.
+ We break through traditional academic boundaries.
+ We welcome students from a range of academic backgrounds including the whole range of social science disciplines, from Business/Management through to Psychology, providing opportunities to explore new disciplines.
+ Through close links with the Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC), science students also have the opportunity to complement their studies with a postgraduate degree in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
+ Part-time, distance, and blended learning options are available, offering flexibility around work.
+ 25 specialist research centres.

Global

Our postgraduate community is truly international with students and staff from over 80 countries worldwide.

Student population in 2016/17

67% UK
31% International
12% EU

We invest in our students

Each year, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences invests £2m in postgraduate student scholarships.

In the last 3 years we’ve also successfully supported 20+ students a year in obtaining PhD scholarship awards from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).
Fees and funding
Tuition fees are payable for study at Lancaster University and the fee charged will depend on the course that you wish to study.
To find out how much your tuition fee will be, please refer to our online course search www.lancaster.ac.uk/masters
To help with study and living costs, Lancaster University offers students a range of scholarships and bursaries. The UK government also provides a postgraduate loan scheme for eligible students taking Masters courses.
For more information about the funding opportunities available, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgfunding

Employability in the Arts and Social Sciences
Employers recognise that Arts and Social Sciences students make articulate, reflective and industrious graduates with excellent subject knowledge and a broad range of transferable skills. During your course you will have opportunities to develop your skills, gain practical experience and make links with employers in your chosen field. Many courses include employment related modules and all students have access to:
+ A dedicated Careers team – one-to-one support for career planning, job search and applications, plus a huge range of specialist resources, workshops and careers events.
+ Paid work experience – a wide variety of roles are available in third sector, not for profit and local government organisations, as well as small and medium sized businesses. Work experience is a great way to develop your skills, make useful contacts, and make your CV stand out in a competitive job market.
+ Research Internships – the Richardson Institute Internship Programme provides voluntary research experience in organisations such as NGOs, think tanks, charities and faith-based organisations. These internships are designed to develop your research skills in a real-world situation and to enhance your academic profile. They can include high profile opportunities to publish and present your work, as well as developing your network of research contacts and gaining valuable work experience.

International entry requirements
The entry requirements stated on our programme overviews are based on UK qualifications however, we also accept international equivalent qualifications. You can find further details of the equivalent grades required on the following page: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/international-qualifications
English language requirements vary by department. Our online course search provides you with the most up to date information: www.lancaster.ac.uk/masters

“At Lancaster I’ve found the perfect balance. The academic community is busy and inspiring with lots of opportunities to hear outside speakers and take part in conferences and seminars. Academic staff are supportive and readily available if I need feedback. At the same time, it’s a very attractive campus with a choice of quiet spaces for when I need to focus on my work.”

Hailey Purdue
PhD Politics

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The Department of Educational Research has a world-class reputation and a thriving research culture.

The Department is a leading international centre of postgraduate research in education. We offer world-leading postgraduate programmes in Education and Social Justice, Higher Education, and Technology Enhanced Learning. Our three research centres in these areas are internationally recognised for the excellence and originality of their research.

The Department’s excellent international reputation for research and doctoral provision was reflected in the results of the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF), 2014, in which the Department was placed in the top six research-intensive Education departments in the UK.

Students can join us for MA, traditional PhD study or structured PhD doctoral programmes. We encourage the involvement of PhD students in all aspects of departmental life, including reading groups and departmental seminars. We also use digital technologies to ensure that our online students, who are located in countries across the world, can participate in departmental activities.

Research degrees
- Educational Research (Independent Study) MPhil/PhD
- Education and Social Justice (thesis and coursework) PhD
- Educational Research - Higher Education PhD
- E-Research and Technology Enhanced Learning PhD
- Higher Education: Research, Evaluation and Enhancement PhD

Taught programmes
- Education and Social Justice MA

Research areas
The Department’s research is organised through the following three centres and our PhD students may be members of at least one of these research centres.

The Centre for Social Justice and Wellbeing in Education
Research in the Centre explores questions about equity, diversity, inclusion and wellbeing. We have particular expertise in relation to gender; critical pedagogy; theories of social justice; social class; disability; motivation; assessment and the implications for social justice; technologies; widening participation; youth ‘at risk’; learner identities; literacy; self-esteem and wellbeing. Our work spans a range of formal and informal education contexts including schools, higher education, home and the workplace.

The Centre for Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL)
The Centre supports research concerned with teaching and learning, using digital technologies and with widening digital participation across a range of populations. We seek to understand fundamental learning processes and the ways they relate specifically to digital technologies, and we focus on learning and pedagogical approaches where digital technologies and networks support learners from primary schooling to higher education, as well as in the workplace, in informal, formal and non-formal settings. We take an interdisciplinary stance and utilise a range of methodologies to systematically explore questions concerning educational technologies with respect to three interweaving research themes: inclusivity, pedagogy and learning; criticality, theory and research; and mobility, time and space.

“My PhD was an extremely positive experience, and one that will never leave me! From the beginning I was actively encouraged to participate in the research community within the Department, where I was able to engage and reflect on much wider educational issues. I would not hesitate to recommend studying within the Department of Educational Research, as I feel I have gone from a dependent student to an independent researcher.”

Dr Karen Broomhead
PhD Educational Research
Educational and Social Justice MA

Overview
This programme has a strong research ethos that allows you to gain research expertise, and to develop your knowledge of social justice issues. Such research experience will be particularly useful if you wish to learn how to intervene in education systems to promote social justice, and if you wish to develop research-led policy agendas in your own institution.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent

Assessment
Formative and summative assessment

E-Research and Technology Enhanced Learning PhD

Overview
You will benefit from a set of structured modules (over two years) residential events, and an online learning community, receiving support from fellow students and tutors. You receive support in research methodologies and practice, and undertake small-scale studies related to your professional environment. This is followed by a period of intensive individual research supervised by an expert in the field.

Duration
4 years, part-time

Entry requirements
A Masters degree, or equivalent. We also consider applications from students with at least 3 years’ practical experience of working in a field concerned with learning and technology

Assessment
Combination of assessed module assignments and thesis

Higher Education: Research, Evaluation and Enhancement PhD

Overview
During the first two years you will undertake modules covering key issues for H.E., including policy and change, enhancing learning, teaching and assessment, and evaluation. In years 3 and 4, supported by a supervisor, you will undertake independent research and write a thesis. You will also benefit from studying with a cohort of PhD students who act as critical friends.

Duration
4 years, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree and, preferably, a Masters degree, or its equivalent

Assessment
Combination of assessed coursework and thesis

Educational Research (Independent Study) MPhil/PhD

Overview
We welcome applications for research degrees (PhD or MPhil) in any area of education in which our staff have expertise. You will work independently with an appropriate supervisor in face-to-face meetings at Lancaster, or at a distance.

Duration
3 years, full-time; 5 years, part-time

Entry requirements
MPhil: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, and a viable research proposal
PhD: A Masters degree, or equivalent, or at least 3 years’ work experience in further or higher education, and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Original research and thesis

Education and Social Justice (thesis and coursework) PhD

Overview
This part-time structured PhD programme is undertaken entirely online over four years. As a professional, working to promote social justice in or through education, the programme enables you to focus on issues at the heart of your professional practice, to become an independent researcher.

During the first two years you will undertake modules covering key social justice issues, approaches, and theories, as well as research methods. In years 3 and 4, supported by a supervisor, you will undertake independent research and write a thesis. You will benefit from studying within a cohort of PhD students who act as critical friends and a support network.

Duration
4 years, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree and, preferably, a Masters degree, or its equivalent

Assessment
Combination of assessed coursework and thesis

Educational Research - Higher Education PhD

Overview
This part-time programme is designed to meet the needs of experienced professionals in the areas of higher and further education. The programme provides you with the opportunity to become an independent researcher and to gain deeper, and more critical insight, into your own and others’ professional practices and concerns.

The programme is structured, supported and assessed through modules involving directed study and residential teaching. The programme is organised around a series of residencies which enable you to meet, collaborate, and participate in seminars and lectures with classmates and academic colleagues from the department. You will focus on your final research thesis from the third year onwards.

Duration
4 years, part-time

Entry requirements
A Masters degree, or equivalent, or at least 3 years’ work experience in further or higher education

Assessment
Combination of assessed coursework and thesis

Taught programmes

Educational Research
In the most recent national assessment (REF 2014) English Language and Literature was ranked third for research power, behind only Oxford and Cambridge, and Creative Writing was ranked fourth in the UK by The Complete University Guide, 2018.

We have world-class research strengths in all major areas of literary study and creative writing. Our critical-creative identity is underpinned by our three distinguished visiting professors: Terry Eagleton, the world-famous literary critic; Paul Muldoon, one of the greatest living poets; and Benoît Peeters, celebrated biographer and graphic novelist.

Our research is uniquely shaped by the juxtaposition of the critical and the creative and by our location in the historic city of Lancaster, with its medieval castle and close ties to the nearby Lake District, home of Romanticism. The Department has an excellent reputation for research across a wide range of specialisms, from the early modern period to contemporary literature and literary/cultural theory. We also offer a substantial platform of taught Masters courses.

Integrated within the Department is The Lancaster Writing Programme, one of the leading creative writing schools in the UK. Creative Writing at Lancaster offers tuition in creative writing (both campus-based and distance learning) at both Masters and PhD level, and our staff supervise across a range of literary modes including script-writing, prose (fiction and non-fiction) and poetry. In addition to the individual expertise of our staff, the Department hosts three research centres with excellent reputations:

- The Wordsworth Centre
- The Centre for Transcultural Writing and Research
- The Shakespeare Programme

Other areas of research strength include Critical/Creative Writing; Gothic Literature and Culture; Literature, Place and Location; Literature and Religion; 20th and 21st Century Literature; The Long 19th Century; and Medieval and Early Modern.

The Department has a vibrant postgraduate culture, hosting numerous reading groups, specialist conferences and research seminars and workshops with distinguished academics and visiting writers. It holds its own literary festival, Lancaster Words, and has close links with Lancaster Litfest and the Dukes Theatre. Two student-run postgraduate journals are published within the Department, The Luminary (for academic writing) and Cake (poetry and flash fiction). We pride ourselves on the Department’s friendly and inclusive atmosphere and encourage postgraduate students to get involved.

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For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/english
English Literature and Creative Writing

Research degrees

Creative Writing PhD

Overview
We host a thriving international and transcultural community of PhD students working across a range of literary genres and research projects. You can join our vibrant research culture on campus, or study by distance learning. Our pioneering virtual learning and research facilities – facilitated with ‘blended’ learning on campus – bring together students, working in English, from all over the world to share creative work and critical readings.

Entry requirements
An MA in Creative Writing or a closely related discipline; previous publications of high quality; and a viable research proposal

Assessment
By thesis, a sustained piece of creative writing of publishable standard and a substantial piece of reflective or critical writing

English Literature PhD

Overview
We accept proposals in all literary fields, but are particularly interested in matching students with the expertise in our research centres and among our staff.

Entry requirements
An MA in English Literature (closely related disciplines will also be considered on a case-by-case basis) and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Original research and thesis

Entry requirements
An MA in English Literature and/or Creative Writing (closely related disciplines will also be considered on a case-by-case basis) and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Original research and thesis

Entry requirements
An MA in English Literature or related subject, or its equivalent, and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Combination of coursework, research methodology portfolio and dissertation

Entry requirements
An MA in English Literature and/or Creative Writing (closely related disciplines will also be considered on a case-by-case basis) and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Original research and thesis

Overview
This cutting-edge programme has been pioneered by Lancaster University. It is designed for innovative cross-disciplinary projects in which the balance of English Literature and Creative Writing is roughly 50/50. If you wish to explore fusions of critical/creative writing or parallel pieces of research then this is the course for you.

Entry requirements
An MA in English Literature and/or Creative Writing (closely related disciplines will also be considered on a case-by-case basis) and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Original research and thesis

Overview
Our MA in English Literary Research is an independent study programme, which is especially attractive to students who already have a well-developed project and a clear sense of their research interests.

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree in English Literature or related subject, or its equivalent, and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Combination of coursework, research methodology portfolio and dissertation

Overview
The MA is an opportunity for you to pursue an extended research project alongside essential research methodology training. You may choose to pursue an MA by Research in any area of Literary Studies providing a suitable supervisor is available.

Tuition is through one-to-one supervision plus attendance on the Department’s Research Methodologies programme.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree in English Literature or related subject, or its equivalent, and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Combination of coursework, research methodology portfolio and dissertation

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Creative Writing (Distance Learning) MA

Overview
This international programme links students in the UK and overseas through virtual learning. The programme is mediated by online tutorials and conferences. You will be a member of a cohort of 18–20 students exchanging and critiquing writing in a range of literary forms. You will be allocated a personal tutor (an expert in your chosen genre), and our course site provides research training modules and a cybercafé where you can meet and communicate informally.

In the summer term of your first year, a five day Summer School is held on campus, consisting of workshops, personal progress reviews, and visits by agents, publishers and writers.

Duration
24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree (or equivalent) in English/Creative Writing or related subject

Assessment
Portfolio of creative work plus a piece of self-critical reflective writing

Creative Writing (Modular) MA

Overview
Offering the flexibility to pursue a generalist or specialist degree pathway, this course is taught by prize-winning, practising writers and is part of the longest-established Creative Writing scheme in the country. You will be part of a vibrant literary community, honing your critical and creative skills whilst engaging with visiting writers and publishing professionals.

The specialist pathway offers a choice of modules in prose fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and dramatic forms. The specialist pathway in poetry, prose fiction or creative non-fiction enables you to focus on your chosen specialism in two of four modules and your creative project.

A number of professional writers visit the course throughout the academic year, giving talks in their specialist genres, hosting workshops to stimulate new work, or providing insight and advice in areas of prose fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and other literary forms. We also offer structured advice on the publishing industry, inviting leading agents and publishers to visit the course and advise students.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree (or equivalent) in English/Creative Writing or related subject

Assessment
Combination of coursework, portfolio and research methodology portfolio

Creative Writing by Independent Project MA

Overview
This course allows you to pursue an independent writing project in your chosen literary form supported by specialist tutors, a peer critiquing process in weekly workshops and tutorials, and termly online conferences via the University’s Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

A number of professional writers visit the course throughout the academic year, giving talks in their specialist genres, hosting workshops to stimulate new work, or providing insight and advice in areas of prose fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and other literary forms. We also offer structured advice on the publishing industry, inviting leading agents and publishers to visit the course and advise students.

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
Portfolio of original writing and any undergraduate degree

Assessment
Portfolio of creative work plus a piece of self-critical reflective writing

Creative Writing with English Literary Studies MA

Overview
The MA in Creative Writing with English Literary Studies provides a rare opportunity to combine creative and critical writing at Masters level. It’s your chance to learn from the prize-winning, practising authors who lead our long-established Creative Writing scheme, and tutors who are leading experts in English Literary Studies, engaging with a vibrant literary culture.

The MA follows a similar pattern to the MA in Creative Writing (modular) but enables the selection of two modules in English Literary Studies alongside two modules and research training in Creative Writing and a final creative portfolio.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree (or equivalent) in English/Creative Writing or related subject

Assessment
Combination of coursework, creative portfolio and research methodology portfolio

English Language and Literary Studies MA

Please see the entry under Linguistics and English Language.

English Literary Studies MA

Overview
The MA in English Literary Studies provides you with the opportunity to learn from tutors who are leading experts in their fields. It offers several different pathways, each specialising in a period or area of study, enabling you to craft a degree that suits your needs:

+ English Literary Studies which allows study across a range of periods and subjects
+ Early Modern Literature including Shakespeare and the Renaissance
+ Romantic and Victorian Literature
+ Modern and Contemporary Literary Studies including Film and Media
+ Literary and Cultural Studies which is taught with the Department of Sociology and explores contemporary debates in cultural theory

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in English Literature or related subject

Assessment
Combination of coursework, dissertation and research methodology portfolio

For more information please visit [www.lancaster.ac.uk/english](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/english)
English Literature and Creative Writing

Taught programmes

English Literary Studies with Creative Writing MA

Overview
The MA in English Literary Studies with Creative Writing provides a rare opportunity to combine creative and critical writing at Masters level. It’s your chance to learn from tutors who are leading experts in English Literary Studies and from the prize-winning, practising authors who teach in our long-established Creative Writing Department. The MA follows a similar pattern to the MA in English Literary Studies but enables the selection of two modules in Creative Writing alongside two modules and research training in English Literary Studies and a literary dissertation.

Modules
- Core
  + Research Methodology and Reflective Practice in English Literature I
  + Research Methodology and Reflective Practice in English Literature II
- Optional
  + Two from the optional English Literature modules from those listed below
  + Two from the optional Creative Writing modules from those listed below

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in English/Creative Writing or related subject

Assessment
Combination of coursework, dissertation and research methodology portfolio

Gender and Women’s Studies and English MA

Please see the entry under Sociology.

Optional Modules available in the Department of English Literature and Creative Writing

Not all modules listed below will be taught every year due to staff availability.

Creative Writing
+ Approaching the Novel
+ Flash Fictions
+ Literature and Location: Space and Place in Creative Non Fiction
+ Narrative, New Media and Digital Storytelling
+ New Media and Experimental Writing
+ Psychogeographical Investigations: Myth and Place
+ Seeing Things: Visualising Poetry
+ The 21st Century Writer
+ The Contemporary Short Story: Expanding the Form
+ The Personal Essay
+ Writing Poetry Today
+ Writing Radio Drama
+ Emotional Geographies in Early Modern Literature
+ Fusions
+ Literature and Film
+ Modernisms
+ Nineteenth–Century Literature: Place-Space-Text
+ Postcolonial Women’s Writing
+ Posthumanism: Literature after the Human
+ Premodern Bodies
+ Romance and Realism: The Evolution of 19th Century Fiction
+ Romanticism on Location: Writing in the Lake District and the Alps
+ Victorian Extremes: the Coming of Modernity
+ Victorian Literature and Other Media
+ Visionaries or Madmen? Science and Literature in the Romantic Period
+ Writing the Nineteenth Century City

English Literature
+ 19th Century Literature and Technology
+ Contemporary British Fiction
+ Contemporary Gothic: Text and Screen
The Department of History enjoys a thriving research culture. We foster original research and support collaborative relationships within and outside of the discipline.

Our stimulating, friendly and supportive environment helps you achieve your full potential. There are regular seminars, masterclasses by renowned historians, conferences and colloquia. We host an annual postgraduate conference, ‘Histfest’, welcoming postgraduate researchers, from any field of historical research, from across the country. The Department is marked by a creative synergy and high standards of scholarship as well as a strong collegiality.

The wide variety of internationally recognised research activity in the Department often involves specialist research teams of academic staff, research associates, and visiting scholars, and we are involved in a number of exciting, externally funded projects.

The Department is particularly strong in the fast-developing area of Digital Humanities. A range of our digital humanities research projects have been funded by the European Research Council, the ESRC and the AHRC.

Our staff retain a strong commitment to individual research and scholarship and through this the Department has developed expertise in areas extending from late antiquity to modern and contemporary history.

Our research embraces socioeconomic, cultural, political, religious and intellectual history, and has an innovative cross-disciplinary emphasis. It also encompasses an exceptionally broad geographical scope, including Western, Southern and Central Europe, North Africa, South and East Asia, Australasia, and the Americas. This breadth enables us to offer supervision and teaching in a wide range of historical research specialisms.

We have a deep commitment to engagement with the local community while aspiring to the highest professional standards. The Department houses the Regional Heritage Centre and we are proud to be a leading contributor to the history of the North West and Lancaster.

Research degrees

History MPhil/PhD

Overview

Our department has a lively and cosmopolitan postgraduate research community. As a postgraduate researcher you will have the opportunity to take our bespoke research and professional skills course which, alongside the development of your academic research and expert supervision, is designed to help you develop as a researcher and scholar.

We offer supervision across a wide range of topics, from early medieval to contemporary history, and from the British Isles and Southern Europe to North America and the Caribbean, North Africa and the Mediterranean, India and Singapore. Our research embraces socio-economic, cultural, political, religious and intellectual history, and often has an innovative cross-disciplinary emphasis.

We are also able to offer joint supervision from staff both located within the department and in other departments at Lancaster. Through our ESRC and AHRC doctoral training partnerships we can also co-supervise your thesis with colleagues at partner institutions.

Entry requirements

An MA in History or related discipline, or equivalent, and a viable research proposal

Assessment

Original research and thesis

Taught programmes

History MA

Overview

The MA programme is designed to foster the study of history at an advanced level and to help you develop skills which may form the basis of further research or can be transferred into professions outside the university. The MA in History is divided into four pathways:

+ Medieval and Early Modern
+ Modern
+ Heritage
+ Digital History

Each of the pathways consists of five taught modules, one of which prepares you for graduate research and a 20,000 word dissertation.

Duration

12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in History or a related discipline

Assessment

Coursework and dissertation
Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts is committed to contemporary practice and critical thinking in the arts and has a thriving interdisciplinary research culture and outstanding creative industry connections.

Our ambition is to support traditional modes of scholarship while also fostering informed, creative and intelligent practitioners. LICA is unique in its commitment to the informed practitioner: the contemporary artist or designer working both independently and collaboratively. The UK government’s most recent Research Excellence Framework placed LICA joint 7th in the UK for our research environment with 82% of our research classed as world (4*) or internationally (3*) leading.

Our facilities include performance and acoustic labs, public event and installation spaces, workshops, and fine art and design studios.

LICA houses postgraduate research opportunities in Fine Art, Design and Design Management, Digital and Live Art, Film and Media, and Theatre, Performance and Dance.

Research areas
LICA has a vibrant and internationally recognised research environment, providing students with the opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research activities. Research students are fully integrated into our research centres and are encouraged to link their research to the wider research themes within the institute. LICA organises its research in two research centres, Imagination and Insight.

Imagination
This is an open and exploratory design-led research lab that conducts applied and theoretical research into people, products, places and their interactions. With an extensive track record of research funding, Imagination puts design and creativity at the forefront of Lancaster’s contemporary arts research activities, working with a variety of organisations to provide fresh perspectives on real-world issues and facilitate innovation. Its mission is to help imagine and make tangible the future through design-led creative approaches, supporting multi-level interaction and knowledge with academics and non-academics including citizens, end-users, industry, and policy-makers. Emphasis is placed on productive collaborations to create desirable and sustainable futures.

Insight
Insight focuses upon making meaning in the arts. It brings together expertise from fine art, film, theatre, dance and sound by engaging with notions of societal value and use, through both practice and theory. Insight facilitates cross-disciplinary work within Lancaster University and beyond, initiating international dialogue and providing a platform for events across a range of themes and contemporary art formats.

Our facilities include

- The Nuffield Theatre: an established professional touring venue
- The Playroom: a sprung floor black box studio
- The TV unit: digital and video facilities together with professional production support
- Computer suites featuring professional editing software
- A £10m contemporary arts centre, with seminar and teaching spaces
- Several rehearsal rooms
- Fine art studios for individual use (accessible 24/7)
- Fabrication workshops, photography lab and life-drawing room
Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts

Art / Contemporary Arts / Design / Film / Theatre Studies PhD

Overview
Applications are accepted for any area of study in the contemporary arts including fine art, design, film, music, theatre and dance. LICA has a thriving community of over 60 doctoral students and you will be supervised by staff who are leaders in their respective fields. The majority of research in LICA is outward looking, involving the wider public, professionals, and policy makers in the development and benefits of research.

LICA offers you the opportunity to undertake research that integrates creative practice with theoretical or historical study, as well as offering you more traditional research programmes assessed by thesis only.

Duration
3-4 years, full-time; 4-7 years, part-time

Entry requirements
A Masters degree in an appropriate discipline plus a viable research proposal
Original research and thesis and/or creative practice

Assessment
PhD

“...the PhD is giving me new perspectives on my practice, which is developing in ways that it would not have done otherwise.”

Louise Anne Wilson
Theatre Studies PhD

Research degrees

Taught programmes

Arts Management MA

Overview
This programme is designed to help you develop the core skills and knowledge that are required by managers in the arts and cultural sector. It will enable you to develop an understanding of the environment within which cultural and creative organisations operate and identify the issues that influence them.

You will undertake a work placement with a cultural/creative organisation, through which you will gain a practical understanding of the ways in which these organisations conduct themselves.

Drawing on the experience gained during your creative industries placement, your dissertation will allow you to reflect on the issues facing arts organisations. It will also enable you to consider how you addressed the individual challenges you faced whilst completing this work.

Client organisations for the MA in Arts Management have included the FutureEverything Festival, Grundy Art Gallery, Horse and Bamboo Theatre, The National Trust, Dukes Theatre, Nuffield Theatre, Workshop Media, and other local and regional community arts organisations.

Modules

• Arts Management Practice
• Creative Industries Placement
• Research Theory and Methods
• Strategic Thinking in the Arts

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline

Assessment
Course work which includes essays, reports, presentations and a dissertation

Design Management MA

Overview
The course will help you to develop an understanding of contemporary design management. It prepares you for careers such as design consultant, manager, researcher and design-led change-maker in private and public organisations, as well as for doctoral study.

You will develop modes of thinking critical to the challenges design managers face across a range of real-world situations. The course explores design management from a range of future-oriented perspectives, including service design, design for sustainability, design strategy, and design and branding. An Imagination Lab – an intensive project-based design studio – enables you to undertake a deep dive into a complex design challenge.

Client organisations for the MA in Arts Management have included the FutureEverything Festival, Grundy Art Gallery, Horse and Bamboo Theatre, The National Trust, Dukes Theatre, Nuffield Theatre, Workshop Media, and other local and regional community arts organisations.

Modules

• Contemporary Issues in Design
• Design and Business
• Design Directions
• Design Management
• Design Research Methods
• Imagination Lab
• Major Research Project

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in Design or a related discipline

Assessment
Coursework, presentation and major research project

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/lica
Languages and Cultures

Our research focuses on nationally specific and/or transcultural aspects of European and global cultures and societies. The specialist interests of our academic staff include the languages and cultures of France and the Francophone world, Germany and Austria, Spain and the Hispanic world, as well as their relationship with English speaking cultures globally.

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Particular areas of expertise include

- African studies
- Austrian literature and cultural politics
- Authorship and celebrity
- Comparative cultural studies
- Cross-cultural communication
- Digital literature and culture
- Film
- French and Francophone literature
- German literature
- Latin American studies
- Multilingualism
- The poetics of resistance
- Translation
- Writing and migration
- Medieval literature of Spain

Research degrees
- European Languages and Cultures MPhil/PhD
- Translation PhD
- Languages and Cultures (by research) MA

Taught programmes
- Translation MA
  - Languages available
    - Chinese
    - French
    - German
    - Spanish

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/languages-and-cultures
Languages and Cultures

Research degrees

European Languages and Cultures MPhil/PhD

Overview
We warmly welcome enquiries from appropriately qualified applicants who are keen to register for doctoral research in any of the areas covered by our staff’s research expertise. You may pursue a topic based entirely within one or several languages, but we are also interested in projects which are comparative or transnational in the scope of European and Global Studies. It is possible to receive joint supervision by Languages and Cultures and another department in the university such as English, History, Linguistics, Politics, Philosophy and Religion, or Sociology.

Entry requirements
Usually an MA degree and a viable research proposal
Original research and thesis

Assessment

Translation PhD

Overview
We welcome enquiries from appropriately qualified applicants who are keen to register for doctoral research in any of the areas covered by our staff’s expertise in translation and related areas.

Entry requirements
Usually an MA degree and a viable research proposal
Thesis and successful completion of core module

Assessment

Translation programmes

Translation MA

Overview
The Lancaster University MA in Translation is a qualification that will facilitate your entry into the translating profession. It is also suitable for practising translators who do not have, but wish to gain, formal qualifications.

We combine language-specific practice in one or two languages in addition to English. You may specialise in translation between German-English; English-German; French-English; English-French; Spanish-English; English-Spanish; Chinese-English; English-Chinese.

The MA enables you to build effective translation strategies, understand theories and methodologies of translation, and develop advanced research skills. Our placements, visiting translators and translation seminar series offer you invaluable experience of the translation profession.

Modules
Core
• Academic and Practical Methods in Translation
• Research Skills for Modern Linguists

Optional
• Bilingualism
• Independent Study Unit
• Introduction to Discourse Studies
• Introduction to Liaison Interpreting
• Sociolinguistics
• Stylistics
• Translating in a Professional Context

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
Usually a 2:1 degree, or equivalent, in languages, or a related discipline

Assessment
Translation project, coursework and examination

Languages and Cultures (by research) MA

Overview
This MA programme is an excellent choice if you are keen to build on your love of languages and cultures and would enjoy the freedom to explore a research topic of your choice.

The MA is an excellent pathway to doctoral research and facilitates the development of high-level skills in independent thinking, research, and communication, which are crucial qualities in many professions.

You will choose three taught modules from the fascinating range available in the Department of Languages and Cultures, in addition you will then choose modules from related departments across the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
Usually a 2:1 degree, or equivalent, in Languages, and a viable research proposal

Assessment
Research and dissertation

“I realised that I loved translation, but I didn’t have the skills or professional connections to begin working in the industry. The MA in Translation at Lancaster offered the chance to consolidate my language abilities into a practical, marketable skill-set.”

Emma Page
MA Translation - French and Spanish
The Law School at Lancaster University is recognised as one of the leading law schools in the UK, with over 80% of our research rated as internationally excellent or world leading in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF).

The Law School supports a dynamic range of research and scholarships in Law and Criminology and was ranked 11th in the UK in the most recent REF for research intensity. The School’s ambition is to set the intellectual agenda in our areas of specialism. Research is organised primarily around our research centres. These centres provide a focus for collaborative research activities and engagement with those outside of the University who might be interested in the findings of our research – including policy-makers, judges, lawyers and NGOs.

Research centres

- Centre for International Law and Human Rights
- Centre for Crime, Law and Justice
- Centre for Child and Family Justice Research

Research degrees

- Criminology MPhil/PhD
- Law MPhil/PhD
- Law by Research LLM

Taught programmes

- Criminal Justice and Social Research Methods MSc
- Criminology and Criminal Justice LLM/MA
- Criminology and Social Research Methods MSc
- Diplomacy and International Law LLM/MA
- Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning) LLM/MA
- Environment and Law LLM
- Human Rights and the Environment LLM
- International Business and Corporate Law LLM
- International Human Rights and Terrorism Law LLM
- International Human Rights Law LLM
- International Law LLM
- International Law and International Relations LLM/MA
- Law LLM
- Law PgDip

The Law School has a thriving postgraduate programme, which is characterised by its multidisciplinary approach to the study of law as a social phenomenon. We believe in the need to explore law and criminology in the light of current developments and in a learning environment where postgraduates and academics can work in an informal atmosphere conducive to open debate.

Research degrees

Criminology PhD

Overview

We welcome applications for PhD and MPhil research in all aspects of criminology. Criminology is situated within Lancaster University Law School, a vibrant research environment where colleagues are engaged in all aspects of criminological research. In addition to regular meetings with your supervisors, and participation in relevant research training, you will be invited to attend the many guest lectures and seminars that we hold. We also host regular student-led seminars, arranged by research students themselves for the discussion of work in progress. Successful applications will contain a viable research proposal focused on our areas of research expertise which can be found at www.lancaster.ac.uk/law/staff-research.

Entry requirements

- Duration: 3 years, full-time; MPhil – 2 years, full-time. Part-time and distance learning options are also available
- Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal. A Masters degree is desirable but not essential (the Law School may take into consideration attainment in dissertation modules and relevant work or other experience)
- Assessment: Thesis and viva

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/law
Law School

Research degrees

**Law MPhil/PhD**

**Overview**
We welcome applications for PhD and MPhil research in all aspects of legal studies. The Law School at Lancaster University is a vibrant research environment where colleagues are engaged in all aspects of criminological research. In addition to regular meetings with your supervisors and participation in relevant research training, you will be invited to attend the many guest lectures and seminars that we hold. We also host regular student-led seminars, arranged by research students themselves for the discussion of work in progress. Successful applications will contain a viable research proposal focused on our areas of research expertise which can be found at [www.lancaster.ac.uk/law/staff-research](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/law/staff-research).

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**Law by Research LLM**

**Overview**
You will be advised to take some research training in the form of appropriate LLM modules or modules from the Faculty Research Training Programme. Successful applications will contain a viable research proposal focused on our areas of research expertise which can be found at [www.lancaster.ac.uk/law/staff-research](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/law/staff-research).

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**Taught programmes**

**Criminal Justice and Social Research Methods MSc**

**Overview**
The MSc in Criminal Justice and Social Research Methods offers excellent postgraduate training. You will engage with the ethical issues and policies informing the design of research into crime, deviance, and punishment. It opens doors to research careers in both the public and private sectors.

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**Criminology and Criminal Justice LLM/MA**

**Overview**
The Criminology and Criminal Justice MA/LLM is distinct in covering a range of criminal justice and criminological debates. It enables you to engage in more specialised socio-legal studies and offers the opportunity to explore discourse on international human rights, criminal law and transitional justice.

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“I selected Lancaster University mostly for its impressive research and student satisfaction ratings - plus the Lancaster Law School offered an interesting LLM in International Business and Corporate Law. The staff at Lancaster are friendly and supportive and the teaching methods are modern and up to date.”

Nurzhan Anuarbek
LLM in International Business and Corporate Law
Taught programmes

Criminology and Social Research Methods MSc

Overview
What are the key ethical considerations concerning criminological research? How does criminological research differ from other social science research? How does it inform policy? The MSc in Criminology and Social Research Methods tackles these key issues in criminological research and offers excellent postgraduate training.

The degree guides you through the theory of criminological research and advances your skills in the collection, analysis and reporting of qualitative and quantitative data. Distinct in its integration of criminal justice and criminology modules, it gives you a broader overview of current research in criminology and criminal justice, and of more specialised socio-legal research and debates.

Modules
Core
- Crime and Criminal Justice in the 21st Century
- Criminological Research in Practice
- Criminological Theory
- Dissertation (Criminology)
- Quantitative Research Methods 1
- Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination

Optional
- Four or five from the Law modules

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Diplomacy and International Law LLM/MA

Please see entry under Politics, Philosophy and Religion.

Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning) LLM/MA

Please see entry under Politics, Philosophy and Religion.

Environment and Law LLM

Overview
This joint programme with the Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC) is intended to appeal to students who wish to study the environmental aspects of law and human rights, or the legal regulation of the environment through human rights at Masters level.

It is a very distinctive course, offering you the opportunity to study both legal and scientific subjects in connection with protection of the environment.

Modules
Core
- International Environmental Law
- Environmental Justice
- Climate Change and Society

Optional
- Students may choose one further Law module from those detailed on page 37 plus two of the following modules from LEC:
  - Air Pollution and Climate
  - Chemical Risk Assessment
  - Climate Change and Society
  - Environmental Justice

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Human Rights and the Environment LLM

Overview
This joint programme with the Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC) is intended to appeal to students who wish to study the environmental aspects of law and human rights or the legal regulation of the environment through human rights at Masters level.

It is a very distinctive course, offering you the opportunity to study both legal and scientific subjects in connection with protection of the environment.

Modules
Core
- Dissertation
- Either Environmental Law or International Environmental Law
- Perspectives on Environment and Development

Optional
- Students may choose one further Law module from those detailed on page 37 plus two of the following modules from LEC:
  - Air Pollution and Climate
  - Chemical Risk Assessment
  - Climate Change and Society
  - Environmental Justice

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

International Business and Corporate Law LLM

Overview
This programme uses the globalised economy as the context for an in-depth study of corporate law. It enables you to gain a coherent international and European perspective on corporate and business law, and to examine the strengths and weaknesses of UK corporate law in the global context.

You will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of globally and commercially significant issues while developing specialist expertise.

There are two pathways available and both enable you to pursue your own interests:

- Studying five modules and completing a 20,000 word dissertation
- Studying six modules and completing a 15,000 word dissertation

There is also a January intake for this degree.

Modules
Core
- Corporations in International Business Law
- Dissertation

Optional
- Four or five from the Law modules detailed on page 37, depending on your chosen pathway

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/law
Taught programmes

International Human Rights and Terrorism Law LLM

Overview
This engaging Masters programme combines two highly-relevant and challenging areas of legal study and explores the interplay between them. It is your opportunity to engage with teaching staff who are working at the forefront of international research into these fascinating legal and socio-legal issues.

There are two pathways available and both enable you to pursue your own interests:
+ Studying five modules and completing a 20,000 word dissertation
+ Studying six modules and completing a 15,000 word dissertation

We pride ourselves on the range of elective modules available, offering you access to sought-after expertise in high-demand areas and growing fields.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Modules
Core
+ Dissertation
+ International Human Rights Law
+ International Law

Optional
+ Two or three from the Law modules detailed on page 37, depending on your chosen pathway

International Human Rights Law LLM

Overview
This programme is your opportunity to explore the way that international law is used to protect human rights.

Through the core modules, you will evaluate the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights protected through international instruments. You will also develop the skills required to critically evaluate research relating to international human rights law; skills which are sought-after by employers, both here in the UK and overseas.

There are two pathways available and both enable you to pursue your own interests:
+ Studying five modules and completing a 20,000 word dissertation
+ Studying six modules and completing a 15,000 word dissertation

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Modules
Core
+ Dissertation
+ International Human Rights Law
+ International Law

One of the following Human Rights options
+ International Criminal Law
+ Rights of Peoples
+ The Right to Adequate Food as a Human Right

Optional
+ Two or three from the Law modules detailed on page 37, depending on your chosen pathway

International Law and International Relations LLM/MA

Overview
Combining teaching from the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) and the Law School, this popular degree develops skills, ability and knowledge in the field of International Relations.

If you do not have prior experience in the study of politics, law or international relations, you are encouraged and expected to make up the gap to master advanced level study of these subjects.

You will be awarded either an LLM or an MA degree dependent on the weighting of law and politics modules studied. All students will study five modules and complete a dissertation.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Modules
Core
+ International Law
+ Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
+ Dissertation

Optional
+ A total of three optional modules from the Law or PPR modules listed on page 37

International Law LLM

Overview
This fascinating Masters programme allows you to gain an in-depth understanding of the structure of the international legal system, its relationship with national law, and the sources and subjects of international law.

Through the broad range of elective modules available, you can explore a wide range of globally-significant contemporary issues and you will develop your analytical and communication skills; skills which are highly valued by employers.

There are two pathways available and both enable you to pursue your own interests:
+ Studying five modules and completing a 20,000 word dissertation
+ Studying six modules and completing a 15,000 word dissertation

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Modules
Core
+ Dissertation
+ International Law

Optional
+ Four or five from the Law modules detailed on page 37, depending on your chosen pathway

"The LLM at Lancaster has allowed me the freedom to pursue my own academic interests through the wide variety and flexibility offered in terms of modules. Not only has the Law School environment at Lancaster allowed me to focus my studies but, more importantly, its supportive nature has ensured that I received guidance from many staff members through all stages of successfully applying for PhD funding from the ESRC. I could not be happier to be staying at Lancaster to undertake my PhD."

Luke Graham
LLM in International Human Rights Law
### Law School

#### Taught programmes

**Law LLM**

**Overview**
This internationally recognised postgraduate Law degree is our most flexible programme, providing you with the freedom to choose your modules from the whole range offered in the Law School.

Whether you wish to advance in your existing professional career, or to contribute to the legal and academic community with new, original research, this opportunity to tailor-make your programme enables you to work towards those goals.

There are two pathways available and both enable you to pursue your own interests:

+ Studying five modules and completing a 20,000 word dissertation
+ Studying six modules and completing a 15,000 word dissertation

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**Modules**

- **Core**
  - Dissertation

- **Optional modules**
  - Five or six from the Law modules detailed on page 37, depending on your chosen pathway

**Law PgDip**

**Overview**
This diploma programme is an exciting first step for non-law graduates looking to learn about the law, or for those wishing to enhance their existing career by acquiring further legal knowledge and skills.

You will study modules from the taught elements of our full LLM programmes, but will not submit a dissertation. This means you have the opportunity to study the core and optional modules from any of our LLM specialisms to suit your own development needs.

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**Modules**

Optional modules taught by the Law School include

- Conflicts of Law in Business Relations
- Contract and Companies
- Corporate Governance
- Corporations in International Business Law
- Environmental Law
- European and International Competition Law
- European Union Law
- Independent Research Module
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Business Law and Institutions
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Investment Law
- International Law
- International Terrorism and the Law
- Law and Global Health
- The Law of International Organisation and Institutions
- The Right to Adequate Food as a Human Right
- The Rights of Peoples
- Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Peacebuilding

Optional modules, available to those on the International Law and International Relations programme and the campus-based Diplomacy and International Law programme, include

- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Conflict, Culture and Tolerance
- Globalisation: Its Meanings, Causes and Consequences
- International Relations and Politics of South Asia
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East
- Public Policy
- Theorising Security and War
- Theory and Concepts in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

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For more information please visit [www.lancaster.ac.uk/law](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/law)
The Department of Linguistics and English Language is not only the largest linguistics department in the UK, it consistently ranks as one of the best in the world.

We rank 19th in the QS World University Rankings 2017 and 40% of our publications were classified as world leading in the British Academy’s recent review of published academic research. Whether you are a Masters or PhD student, joining our department means working with people who lead the world in the study of linguistics and the English language.

We offer a range of degree programmes at Masters and PhD level that encompass a broad spectrum of research interests. Just as important, though, are the opportunities you have for participating in a community of scholars. There are research groups in corpus studies, discourse analysis, literacy studies, second language learning and teaching, and language testing which you’re encouraged to join. There are opportunities to get involved in the Department’s ongoing research activities, sometimes as a participant and sometimes working with a staff member. There are strong communities formed among our students, a highly international group of scholars, which are a powerful source of information and knowledge. The opportunities for learning extend far beyond the classroom, and we encourage all postgraduate students to become active members of the Department.

The Department also offers an outstanding array of technical equipment available for postgraduate research. It has a state-of-the-art phonetics laboratory, cutting-edge equipment used in eye-tracking studies and sophisticated data analysis software for supporting ethnographic and other qualitative research. The University Library’s linguistics holdings are among England’s best and we have specialist computer laboratories for teaching and research.

Research areas

- Bilingualism
- Cognitive linguistics
- Corpus linguistics
- Critical discourse analysis
- Discourse studies
- First language acquisition
- Forensic linguistics
- Language education
- Language testing and assessment
- Linguistic theory and language description
- Literacies studies
- Multimodality
- Phonology and sociophonetics
- Pragmatics
- Second language acquisition
- Sociolinguistics
- Stylistics

Research degrees

- Applied Linguistics (by Thesis and Coursework) PhD
- Linguistics PhD

Taught programmes

- Applied Linguistics and TESOL MA
- Discourse Studies MA
- English Language (Distance) MA
- English Language and Literary Studies MA
- Language and Linguistics MA
- Language Testing (Distance) MA
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Distance) MA

Winner of the Queen’s Anniversary Prize in 2016.
This thesis and coursework programme is ideal for people with a background in applied linguistics who want to deepen their knowledge of research methodologies and/or for people with professional experience. The flexible programme allows part-time and full-time students to choose from on-campus and/or distance modules. Many students are professionals, balancing PhD studies with full-time careers, and this contributes to the stimulating academic environment.

You will attend four intensive residentials at Lancaster University, and engage in a range of professional and academic development activities. Work with a thesis supervisor begins immediately. Full-time students study in Lancaster, whereas part-time students typically live outside Lancaster or the UK.

Research degrees can be undertaken full-time, part-time, or by a combination of both. You can also register as studying away from Lancaster for all of your studies. Proposals are accepted in a wide range of topics including: language and media, linguistic description and theory, sociolinguistics, applied linguistics, corpus linguistics, critical discourse analysis, language learning and teaching, first and second language acquisition, bilingualism, gender and language, literacy, stylistics, language testing, and pragmatics.

Students will be matched with staff interests to provide strong supervision relationships.

"My supervisors play a very active role in my academic growth, providing constructive feedback throughout the research process. I am also one of the organisers of Second Language Learning and Teaching research group meetings. We organise talks, and workshops quite regularly and have a very friendly and lively PhD community, organising various social events throughout the year."

Dogus Can Öksüz
PhD in Linguistics

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/linguistics
Linguistics and English Language

Taught programmes

**Applied Linguistics and TESOL MA**

**Overview**
The MA in Applied Linguistics and TESOL is an exciting programme that prepares current and future language teachers to be innovators in the profession. Core modules cover four areas considered essential to an applied linguistics degree. Optional modules can be chosen from a range of specialised or broader topics. The modules are a rich mix of the latest thinking about the teaching, acquisition, and assessment of languages.

Our learning environment is warm and supportive, and our MA graduates have presented and published their research internationally.

**Modules**
- **Core**
  - Dissertation
  - Language Test Construction and Evaluation
  - Postgraduate Academic Study Skills
  - Principles of Language Teaching
  - Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
  - Second Language Acquisition
- **Optional**
  - At least two from the following four modules
    - Using Corpora in Language Teaching
    - Task-Based Language Teaching
    - Content-Based Approaches to Language Education
    - Pedagogical Grammar

**Duration**
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant subject area. Consideration will also be given to applicants with over two years of relevant teaching experience and a DELTA certification (or equivalent)

**Assessment**
Coursework and dissertation

**Discourse Studies MA**

**Overview**
This MA is an innovative programme specifically designed to give you the competence to undertake empirical work in discourse studies.

You will address the social, historical, cognitive and interactional dimensions of meaning-making in text and discourse in a range of contexts, modes and genres of communication, from both theoretical and analytical perspectives. The MA enables you to explore text and discourse in areas such as politics, law, business, media and health, whilst developing skills in a range of analytical methods. Support for your studies is provided by the non-credit Postgraduate Academic Study Skills module which runs in terms 1, 2 and 3.

**Modules**
- **Core**
  - Critical Discourse Analysis
  - Dissertation
  - Introduction to Discourse Studies
  - Postgraduate Academic Study Skills
  - Pragmatics
  - Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
- **Optional**
  - Two modules from the optional modules listed on page 45

**Duration**
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant subject area

**Assessment**
Coursework and dissertation

**English Language (Distance) MA**

**Overview**
Designed to appeal to a wide audience this MA focuses on the description and explanation of the English language, including its structure, functions and social contexts of use. English language here refers to the study of English as an academic subject, not the practice of English.

Each of the six modules, spread over two years, begins with a Saturday face-to-face session at Lancaster University and is completed in distance mode. Assessment is via coursework. The final year involves a dissertation supported by an individual supervisor.

**Modules**
- Corpus Linguistics
- Discourse Analysis
- Dissertation
- English Grammar
- History of English
- Investigating Spoken English
- Stylistics

**Duration**
36 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant subject area

**Assessment**
Coursework and dissertation

**English Language and Literary Studies MA**

**Overview**
The MA in English Language and Literary Studies is ideal for you if you would like to combine your studies of English Language with the study of literature and literary theory. This MA is taught jointly by the Department of Linguistics and English Language and the Department of English Literature and Creative Writing, allowing a great deal of flexibility to follow your own interests.

It consists of six credit-bearing modules, including at least two from each department, at least one research methods course and a dissertation. Support for your studies is provided by the non-credit Postgraduate Academic Study Skills module which runs in terms 1, 2 and 3.

**Core**
- Either Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language or Research Methodologies
- Dissertation

**Optional**
- Two or three Linguistics and English Language optional modules from those listed on page 45
- Two or three English and Creative Writing optional modules from those listed on page 16

**Duration**
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant subject area

**Assessment**
Coursework and dissertation
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Distance) MA

Overview
This innovative web-based programme is designed for English language teachers with at least two years’ experience in the field. Drawing on the research strengths of the department, modules will cover second language acquisition, innovations in teaching methodology, language assessment and curriculum design. During the course you work together with fellow students from different parts of the world in a supportive online learning environment. The programme develops your understanding of classroom practice and allows you to focus both your coursework and dissertation on issues in your own educational context.

Modules
Core
+ Classroom Language Assessment
+ Curriculum Design and Teacher Development
+ Dissertation
+ Second Language Acquisition
+ Second Language Classroom Research
+ Trends and Issues in Language Teaching Methodology

Optional modules
- Background to Applied Linguistics and English Language include (availability may vary from year to year):
  + Bilingualism
  + Cognitive Linguistics
  + Content-Based Approaches to Language Education
  + Corpus Linguistics
  + Critical Discourse Analysis
  + English Grammar: A Cognitive Approach
  + Experimental Approaches to Language and Cognition
  + Intercultural Communication
+ Introduction to Discourse Studies
+ Language Test Construction and Evaluation
+ Language, Literacies and Digital Communication
+ Pedagogical Grammar
+ Pragmatics
+ Principles of Language Teaching
+ Second Language Acquisition
+ Socioclinguistics
+ Stylistics
+ Task-Based Language Teaching
+ Using Corpora in Language Teaching

Overview
This is our most flexible taught programme. You take one core module, and a dissertation, based around your specialist interests. You then have the freedom to choose your modules from the full range on offer.

Modules
Core
+ Dissertation
+ Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
+ Postgraduate Academic Study Skills

Optional
Five modules from the optional modules listed on page 45

Language and Linguistics MA

Overview
This is our most flexible taught programme. You take one core module, and a dissertation, based around your specialist interests. You then have the freedom to choose your modules from the full range on offer.

Modules
Core
+ Dissertation
+ Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
+ Postgraduate Academic Study Skills

Optional
Five modules from the optional modules listed on page 45

Language Testing (Distance) MA

Overview
This programme is designed to meet the needs of professionals who have responsibilities for language testing and assessment at institutional, regional or national level. It provides you with a solid grounding in language test design, construction and evaluation, and in research methods. This ensures that the testing and assessment policies you create within your own contexts conform to international standards of validity and reliability.

Modules
Core
+ Background to Applied Linguistics for Language Testing
+ Dissertation
+ Issues in Language Testing
+ Language Test Construction and Evaluation
+ Research Issues for Applied Linguistics
+ Statistical Analysis for Language Testing
+ Statistics for Language Testing

Optional modules in the Department of Linguistics and English Language include (availability may vary from year to year):

Language and Linguistics MA

Overview
This is our most flexible taught programme. You take one core module, and a dissertation, based around your specialist interests. You then have the freedom to choose your modules from the full range on offer.

Modules
Core
+ Dissertation
+ Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
+ Postgraduate Academic Study Skills

Optional
Five modules from the optional modules listed on page 45

Language Testing (Distance) MA

Overview
This programme is designed to meet the needs of professionals who have responsibilities for language testing and assessment at institutional, regional or national level. It provides you with a solid grounding in language test design, construction and evaluation, and in research methods. This ensures that the testing and assessment policies you create within your own contexts conform to international standards of validity and reliability.

Modules
Core
+ Background to Applied Linguistics for Language Testing
+ Dissertation
+ Issues in Language Testing
+ Language Test Construction and Evaluation
+ Research Issues for Applied Linguistics
+ Statistical Analysis for Language Testing
+ Statistics for Language Testing

Optional modules in the Department of Linguistics and English Language include (availability may vary from year to year):

Language and Linguistics MA

Overview
This is our most flexible taught programme. You take one core module, and a dissertation, based around your specialist interests. You then have the freedom to choose your modules from the full range on offer.

Modules
Core
+ Dissertation
+ Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
+ Postgraduate Academic Study Skills

Optional
Five modules from the optional modules listed on page 45

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+ Issues in Language Testing
+ Language Test Construction and Evaluation
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Optional modules in the Department of Linguistics and English Language include (availability may vary from year to year):

Language and Linguistics MA

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Optional modules in the Department of Linguistics and English Language include (availability may vary from year to year):


The Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) comprises an internationally renowned body of academic staff and professional researchers with specialist knowledge in each of its three distinctive subject areas.

**Research degrees**
- Politics
  - International Relations PhD
  - Politics PhD
  - International Relations MRes
- Philosophy
  - Philosophy MPhil/PhD
- Religion
  - Religious Studies MPhil/PhD

**Taught programmes**
- Politics
  - Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies MA
  - Conflict, Development and Security MA
  - Diplomacy and Foreign Policy MA
  - Diplomacy and International Law MA/LLM
  - Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning) MA/LLM
  - Diplomacy and International Relations (by Distance Learning) MA
  - Diplomacy and Religion MA
  - International Law and International Relations MA/LLM
  - International Relations MA
  - Politics MA
  - Politics and Philosophy MA
  - Politics and Religion MA
  - Political Theology for Peace (Distance) PgCert
  - Politics, Philosophy and Religion MA
  - Politics, Philosophy and Management MSc
- Philosophy
  - Philosophy MA
  - Philosophy and Religion MA
  - Politics and Philosophy MA
  - Politics, Philosophy and Religion MA
  - Religious Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert
  - Religious Studies PgCert
  - Quaker Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert
  - Quaker Studies PgCert
  - Religious Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert
  - Religious Studies PgCert

**Research areas**
- Politics
  - Our broad research interests include international relations, diplomacy and security, development, political economy, public policy and administration, and area studies.
- Philosophy
  - Our research interests include feminist philosophy and theory, philosophy of science, politics, mind, language, technology, applied ethics, bioethics, moral philosophy, aesthetics, and metaphysics.
- Religion
  - Our research interests include sociology of religion, religion and society, religion and modernity, philosophy of religion, postmodernism and theology, continental philosophy, Asian religion, Christian theology, traditional and contemporaryMuslim thought and practice.
The study of Politics and International Relations at Lancaster is innovative, interdisciplinary and post-disciplinary. Research proposals reflecting this are especially encouraged from those seeking to undertake PhD research degrees.

The Department has a strong approach to supporting you in your studies, whether through reading groups, research methods study classes, opportunities to present and review research projects or links with external presenters. There is good support from the library and a vigorous seminar programme. We enjoy good working relationships with related departments and centres, and joint supervision arrangements, across different disciplines, are possible.

International Relations PhD
Politics PhD

Overview
The MRes in International Relations provides you with research training in international relations as a social science. It provides you with an understanding of the major theoretical and epistemological debates in the social sciences, and also gives you an introduction to quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. This research training is coupled with, and customised for, research in international relations. It addresses key concepts, methodological and epistemological issues, and data collection and analysis in international relations. The programme mainly consists of compulsory courses but you may take one optional course in the area of your designated thesis topic.

Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies MA

Overview
This MA programme is designed to critically examine the theoretical and methodological issues surrounding the dynamics of peace and conflict in the contemporary world. The programme engages with the work of leading peace and conflict studies scholars at both conceptual and empirical levels and draws on evidence from a range of recent armed conflicts.

The programme also addresses techniques in conflict resolution, such as mediation, in order to deepen your understanding, and to develop practical skills in conflict analysis. The programme also uses optional Politics modules to support the core programme.

You will take five taught modules each assessed by a 5,000 word essay.

Conflict, Development and Security MA

Overview
This MA programme is designed to critically examine the theoretical and methodological issues surrounding the dynamics of peace and conflict in the contemporary world. The programme engages with the work of leading peace and conflict studies scholars at both conceptual and empirical levels and draws on evidence from a range of recent armed conflicts.

The programme also addresses techniques in conflict resolution, such as mediation, in order to deepen your understanding, and to develop practical skills in conflict analysis. The programme also uses optional Politics modules to support the core programme.

You will take five taught modules each assessed by a 5,000 word essay.

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/ppr
Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning) MA/LLM

Overview
Collaboratively delivered by the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) and the Law School, this programme examines different aspects of diplomacy, foreign policy, and international law, providing a strong introduction to the field.

Building on the already very successful campus-based programme, this distance learning course offers you convenience and flexibility in terms of study time and location.

Delivered entirely online the programme is designed to introduce you to the fields of diplomacy and international law and leads to a LLM or MA depending on the modules selected.

Modules
Core
- Dissertation (20,000 words)
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Theory and Concepts in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies

Optional
- A combination of optional modules from Law and PPR leading to at least an overall minimum of 180 credits. Please refer to our website for further details

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/ppr
### Taught Programmes

#### Diplomacy and Religion MA

**Overview**
This programme is designed to encourage you to consider the practical processes, ideological dynamics and theoretical dimensions involved in the interface of diplomacy and religion.

The programme is especially relevant if you are thinking about, or currently working in, diplomacy, international NGOs, and international policy and politics. Core modules are supported by selected Politics modules.

Distinguished diplomatic and foreign policy practitioners directly contribute to elements of the programme. You may also opt to participate in trips to, for example, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, European Union organisations in Brussels and international organisations in Geneva.

**Duration**
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry Requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline.
- Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered

**Assessment**
- Coursework and dissertation

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#### International Law and International Relations LLM/MA

Please see the entry under Law School.

#### International Relations MA

**Overview**
This is a broad programme that sets out to help you understand contemporary global politics.

The programme offers you a range of courses that encompasses regional/area based analysis of security, politics and economics through to courses that explore specific themes and issues in global politics.

The MA sets out to prepare you for work in a range of organisations from business to government, to non-governmental organisations; and prepares you for further study as research students.

**Duration**
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry Requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline.
- Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered

**Assessment**
- Coursework and dissertation

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Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Politics

Taught programmes

Politics, Philosophy and Management MA

Overview

This ground-breaking programme, taught jointly by the Department of Organisation, Work and Technology and the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, is unique in Europe in bringing together the important areas of politics and management with an interdisciplinary lens. It enables you to develop a sophisticated understanding of social, political, organisational and managerial processes and of the connections between them.

It provides an ideal foundation for careers in all kinds of cross-national organisations, from multinational companies to NGOs or international bodies such as the European Union or United Nations.

Modules

Core

- Public Policy
- The Production of Managerial Knowledge
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies

Optional

- International Relations and Management
- Philosophy and Management
- Politics and Management
- Politics, Philosophy and Management

Pathways

You can choose one of four pathways through the programme:

- International Relations and Management
- Philosophy and Management
- Politics and Management
- Politics, Philosophy and Management

Duration

12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any Arts or Social Science discipline, including Business and Management

Assessment

Coursework assignments, group projects, formal examinations and dissertation

Politics, Philosophy and Religion MA

Overview

This unique multidisciplinary programme is designed to allow you to undertake sustained and focused study across the disciplines of Politics and Religion, with particular attention to the topic of conflict.

In addition to core and optional modules in politics and religion, a 20,000 word dissertation provides you with the opportunity to undertake an extended project which focuses upon one of a number of dimensions relating to the interface of politics and religion, as it pertains to conflict.

Core

- International Relations and Management
- Philosophy and Management
- Politics and Management
- Politics, Philosophy and Management

Optional

- Two modules, please refer to our website for further details

Duration

10 weeks

Entry requirements

An honours degree in any subject

Assessment

5,000 word mini-dissertation

Political Theology for Peace (Distance) PgCertA

Overview

Political Theology for Peace is a single module combining distance learning with an intensive teaching weekend at Lancaster.

The ten week course is designed for peace practitioners, already located within the various occupational spheres of society, enabling you to investigate contemporary political theology as a context to evaluate and test an innovative, inclusive, reconfiguration of the politics of Jesus, known as kenarchy.

Core

- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Dissertation
- Studying Religion
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies

Optional

- Two modules, please refer to our website for further details

Duration

10 weeks

Entry requirements

An honours degree in any subject

Assessment

5,000 word mini-dissertation

Politics and International Relations PgCert

Overview

This programme aims to provide you with a secure knowledge of the major theories, concepts and issues relating to Politics and International Relations.

You will gain a systematic understanding of a range of debates and discussions raised by past and present approaches to the subject. In addition, the PgCert will equip you with the necessary skills appropriate to evaluating, analysing and interpreting both academic and practitioner approaches to Politics and International Relations.

In addition to the core module of Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations you will choose two optional modules from the range available in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion.

Core

- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Dissertation

Optional

- Two modules, please refer to our website for further details

Duration

12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered. Students not meeting the standard entry qualifications may be asked to write a 3,000 word essay to demonstrate their academic abilities

Assessment

Coursework
Research degrees

Philosophy MPhil/PhD

Overview
Philosophy at Lancaster is pluralistic in approach, and open to engagement and collaboration with other disciplines and institutions. We can supervise in most areas, but our particular strengths are in philosophy of mind and psychology, theoretical and applied ethics, post-Kantian European philosophy, and bioethics.

Your work towards a PhD in philosophy at Lancaster will be supported by your supervisors, by other members of philosophy staff, and by our active community of postgraduate students. You will also find support through our busy programme of reading groups, work in progress meetings, visiting speaker seminars, professional development classes, and research conferences.

Duration: 36 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A Masters degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal
Assessment: Original research and thesis

Philosophy MA

Overview
This flexible programme allows you to pursue and develop your interests across the whole range of philosophy. It builds on a core module, which introduces you to central disciplinary skills and knowledge, with choice from a wide range of optional modules in the various sub-disciplines. You will be taught in groups, or by one-to-one supervision. The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation in a subject area of your own choosing.

The flexibility of the programme means that it would suit your needs whether you intend to go on to a PhD, are stepping into philosophy from another discipline, or simply want to deepen your understanding of the subject.

Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Philosophy and Religion MA

Overview
This cross-disciplinary programme allows you to pursue and develop your interests in philosophy and religious studies, and to focus on the interface between the two. It builds on core modules, which introduce you to central disciplinary skills and knowledge, with choice from a wide range of optional modules across both disciplines. The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation, on a topic that brings the two disciplines together.

If you intend to go on to a PhD, this programme provides an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the two disciplines. Equally, the advanced research skills, developed through the programme, are relevant to a range of professions.

Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: An upper second class honours degree, or its equivalent, in a related discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Modules
- Core
  - Dissertation (20,000 words)
  - Studying Religion
  - Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies
  - What is Philosophy? Methods, Aims, Debates
- Optional
  - Two modules, please refer to our website for further details

Politics, Philosophy and Religion MA

Please see entry in Politics section.

Politics, Philosophy and Religion MA

Please see entry in Politics section.
Philosophy

**PgCert**

**Overview**
This programme allows you to study philosophy at postgraduate level without committing to an entire MA programme, but with the option to progress to the full MA after completing the PgCert. It builds on a core module, which introduces you to central disciplinary skills and knowledge, with choice from a wide range of optional modules in the various sub-disciplines. You will be taught in groups or by one-to-one supervision.

**Duration**
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Relevant professional experience may be considered in lieu of standard qualifications. Students not meeting the standard entry qualifications may be asked to write a 3,000 word essay to demonstrate their academic abilities.

**Assessment**
Coursework

**Modules**
Core
- What is Philosophy? Methods, Aims, Debates

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**Religion**

**Research degrees**

**Religious Studies MPhil/PhD**

**Overview**
The Department has a strong approach to supporting you, through research methods study classes, opportunities to present and review research projects and links with external presenters. We enjoy good working relationships with related departments and centres, and joint supervision arrangements are possible.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, and a viable research proposal

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**Taught programmes**

**Diplomacy and Religion MA**
Please see entry in Politics section.

**Philosophy and Religion MA**
Please see entry in Politics section.
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Taught programmes

Quaker Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert

Overview
The Postgraduate Certificate in Quaker Studies is an excellent way for you to gain a foundation in the academic study of Quakerism. The programme is the result of an innovative, interdisciplinary collaboration between the Postgraduate Quaker Study Centre at Woodbrooke, Birmingham and the Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Religion (PPR).

The programme is designed to introduce you to the history, theology and sociology of Quakerism in a global context. It is especially relevant for those who are interested in Quaker theology and history, globalisation and religion, and secularisation.

On successful completion, students have the option of transferring to the MA in Quakerism in the Modern World.

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

Assessment
A combination of participation in weekly learning activities and coursework

Religious Studies PgCert

Overview
This programme aims to provide you with a secure knowledge of the major theories, concepts and issues relating to religion in a variety of intellectual traditions and historical and contemporary contexts. You will gain a systematic understanding of a range of debates and discussions raised by past and present religious beliefs and practices. In addition, the PgCert will equip you with the necessary skills appropriate for evaluating, analysing and interpreting both academic and practitioner approaches to Religion.

The programme comprises three modules, two compulsory and one taken from the group of religion modules specifically designed for distance learning delivery.

Core
+ Quaker Theology in Context
+ Quakerism, Peace and Justice
+ The Sociology of Contemporary Quakerism

Optional
+ Quaker Theology in Context
+ Quakerism, Peace and Justice
+ The Sociology of Contemporary Quakerism

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

Assessment
Coursework, coursework preparatory tasks and online activities

Religious Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert

Overview
The programme, delivered entirely online, aims to provide you with a secure knowledge of the major theories, concepts, issues and practices relating to Religious Studies. You will gain a systematic understanding of a number of ways in which the scholarship of religion frames and analyses religious belief and practice in the modern world. In addition the PgCert will also allow you to gain a firm grasp of the necessary skills appropriate for evaluating, analysing and interpreting the concrete contexts of contemporary religious beliefs and practices.

The programme comprises three modules, two compulsory and one taken from the range of religion modules specifically designed for distance learning delivery.

Core
+ Faith Debates: Religion, Society and Politics
+ Religion and Conflict

Optional
+ Quaker Theology in Context
+ Quakerism, Peace and Justice
+ The Sociology of Contemporary Quakerism

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

Assessment
Coursework, coursework preparatory tasks and online activities
Social Work is located in the thriving interdisciplinary Department of Sociology, which is globally renowned for teaching and research. It is one of the best places to study social work in the UK, currently ranked 2nd by the Complete University Guide 2018, with a strong record in applied social research, social work practice, family justice, disability studies and social welfare policy.

You will benefit from being taught by academics who are leaders in their fields and who continue to closely engage with social work practice, through a variety of therapeutic, expert, innovation and research roles. Working in partnership with regional, national, and international practice partners, our postgraduate programme ensures that you develop a combination of keen analytic skills as well as the sensitivity and compassion to deliver the very best service to individuals, families and communities.

Social work provides students with a collegial and supportive environment for a wide range of research activity. This covers both theoretically innovative work, for example, on the processes of global change, and applied policy orientated work with a focus on informing effective social work practice.

Social Work

Research areas
Centre for Child and Family Justice Research
This newly established interdisciplinary centre is unique in the UK, bringing together formal family justice systems (eg courts, tribunals, mediation services) and social justice concerns (eg poverty, housing, migration, violence and abuse). The centre will incubate and progress applied empirical and theoretical research with a strong emphasis on cutting-edge methodologies and real-world impacts.

Disability Research
Social work staff play a core role in the University’s Centre for Disability Research (CeDR) and organise the biennial Disability Studies Conference held here. The conference is internationally respected and makes a significant contribution to the University’s profile and status in Disability Studies.

Drugs and Alcohol Research
We have a strong regional and national profile of research exploring and analysing emerging drug trends and the relationship between drugs policy, law enforcement models and activities, and user motivations and behaviour. The research has shaped strategic level activities in the region and nationally.

Violence and Society UNESCO Centre
Several members of the social work team are founding members of this multi-disciplinary team centred in Lancaster University across eight departments. The centre is a coalition of researchers investigating violence and society, who seek to build a coherent understanding and explanation of variations in violence and to contribute research expertise to public debate and policy making.

“The social work course at Lancaster exceeds all expectations! The academic opportunities, practice placements, approachability of lecturers, leading research produced by the Department, and career prospects make me feel privileged to be a Lancaster graduate. I couldn’t have made a better choice. I would recommend the course to anyone.”

Lindsay Youansamouth
MA Social Work graduate and PhD student

Professional Development
We are able to produce and deliver a range of post qualifying CPD courses. Contact the social work office for more information: socialwork@lancaster.ac.uk

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Research degrees
+ Applied Social Science PhD
+ Social Work PgDip/MA

Taught programmes
Social Work

Research degrees

Applied Social Science PhD

Overview
We believe that matching well qualified, able and enthusiastic PhD and MPhil students with supervisors who have relevant experience, expertise, and research interests, makes a healthy research environment. We offer a number of flexible full- and part-time routes, and an innovative pathway if you want to focus on professional practice.

Our research is well established in the fields of drugs, youth offending, disability studies, theories of welfare, gender and sexuality, child protection, family justice, community care, and health and social care. Recent work has been informed by issues of equal opportunities, social justice, poverty and social exclusion.

Duration
3 years, full-time (part-time options also available)

Entry requirements
A Masters degree, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal. Equivalent qualifications are accepted and support is available to produce a research proposal.

Assessment
Original research and thesis

Taught programmes

Social Work MA

Overview
This programme offers both an academic award and a professional qualification in social work, preparing you for a career in social work agencies and settings. On successful completion of the course you can apply to register as a social worker with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Our teaching emphasises issues relevant to social work in contemporary Britain, and explores the ways in which sociology, law, social policy and psychology inform and enhance our profession.

We work in partnership with local stakeholders to offer 200 days of placement practice learning.

The NHS Business Services Authority offers some bursaries for the MA. Please see www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students.aspx for more information.

Modules
Core
- Mental Distress and Health
- Policy and Legal Contexts of Social Work
- Preparation for Practice 1 and 2
- Social Divisions and Social Diversity
- Social Work and Drug Use
- Social Work and Young People
- Social Work in Adult Social Care
- Social Work with Children and Families
- The Research Minded Practitioner

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in any subject. GCSE in English and Maths grade C or above, or its equivalent, and relevant experience in social work placements, coursework, presentations, examinations and dissertation

Assessment
Fieldwork placements, coursework, presentations, examinations and dissertation

Application procedure
Apply via UCAS using course code L508 (www.ucas.ac.uk)
Lancaster has one of the top Sociology departments in the UK and includes some of the foremost sociologists in Europe.

The Department is ranked 46th in the QS World University Rankings 2017 and 8th in the UK for Sociology in the Guardian University Guide 2018. Lancaster Sociology is a research-intensive department that foregrounds critical and active engagement with contemporary real-world problems. We pride ourselves on pushing social theory and empirical sociology into new and often post-disciplinary directions. Substantive areas of research in the department include gender, media, cultural studies, science and technology studies, environmental change, political economy, mobilities, social work, disability studies and social welfare policy.

Research degrees
- Environment and Society PhD
- Gender and Women’s Studies PhD
- Media and Cultural Studies PhD
- Science Studies PhD
- Sociology PhD

Taught programmes
- Environment, Culture and Society MA
- Gender and Women’s Studies MA
- Gender and Women’s Studies and English MA
- Gender and Women’s Studies and Sociology MA
- Media and Cultural Studies MA
- Social Research MA
- Social Work MA
- Sociology MA

We have over 80 research students, making this one of the largest and most successful centres for sociological PhDs in Europe. All our postgraduate students are a crucial part of our friendly, cosmopolitan department and are valued as vital contributors to our lively research culture. We offer an exceptionally wide-ranging research student training programme together with supporting seminars, workshops, writing retreats, reading groups as well as social events. Our students are funded from a variety of sources including the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), the European Commission, and scholarships from government funding world-wide.

We pay careful attention to the relationship between students and their supervisors and we welcome applications that match any of our staff or research centre interests. We will normally assign two supervisors whose current research interests and expertise match your chosen topic of research.

Our Research Culture
The Department was ranked 1st in the UK for Research Intensity in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. It is home to a number of leading international research centres:

- Centre for Disability Research (CeDR)
- Centre for Gender and Women’s Studies (CGWS)
- Centre for Mobilities Research (CeMoRe)
- Centre for the Study of Environmental Change (CSEC)
- Centre for Science Studies (CSS)
- Cultural Political Economy Research Centre (CPERC)
- Dynamics of Energy, Mobility and Demand (DEMAND)
- Centre for Child and Family Justice
- Social Work at Lancaster (Please see separate entry on page 63)
- The Violence and Society UNESCO Centre

For more information about the research centres please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/sociology/research/research-centres/

All of our research centres contribute to teaching at MA and PhD level and several of which offer subject specific MA and PhD programmes.
**Sociology**

**Research degrees**

### Environment and Society PhD

**Overview**
You may study for a PhD in Environment and Society within the Department of Sociology. You will be assigned PhD supervisors whose research interests match your chosen research topic. You will enjoy close links with the Centre for the Study of Environmental Change, Lancaster Environment Centre and the Centre for Science Studies.

**Entry requirements**
A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal

**Assessment**
Original research and thesis

### Gender and Women’s Studies PhD

**Overview**
The PhD in Gender and Women’s Studies offers you an opportunity to be co-supervised across a wide range of departments and thus to work in a highly interdisciplinary way. You will be part of our energetic cross-faculty feminist community, which hosts a diverse range of events at the University, and in the city.

**Entry requirements**
A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal

**Assessment**
Original research and thesis

### Media and Cultural Studies PhD

**Overview**
Communication and Media Studies at Lancaster is ranked 4th in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide Subject Rankings 2017. Media and Cultural Studies make up a strong component of research and teaching in the Sociology Department at Lancaster. You will be supervised by academics specialising in the analysis of power, value, identity and difference in contemporary media and cultural life. We offer supervision in areas as diverse as globalised culture, brands and commodities, queer theory, big data and platform culture.

**Entry requirements**
A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal

**Assessment**
Original research and thesis

### Science Studies PhD

**Overview**
By undertaking a PhD in Science Studies you will be joining a department that is known globally for its research in the study of science, technology and society. We offer supervision for PhDs in all of our areas of expertise including cultural imaginaries and material practices of science and technology, policy analyses, new technologies, environment, pollution and waste, health and medicine, information and communications technologies, and cross-departmental supervision.

**Entry requirements**
A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal

**Assessment**
Original research and thesis

### Sociology PhD

**Overview**
Lancaster’s Sociology Department is known for nurturing successive generations of outstanding sociologists. You will study with some of the most exciting sociological thinkers in the UK in a dynamic and supportive research environment. You will join an international and interdisciplinary community of over 80 research students working on PhDs in Sociology, Gender and Women’s Studies, Science Studies, Media and Cultural Studies, and Applied Social Science. You will be assigned PhD supervisors (normally two) whose current research interests match your chosen topic.

As a PhD student you will also be encouraged to take part in a range of subject specific and skills-based workshops to support your research.

**Entry requirements**
A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal

**Assessment**
Original research and thesis
Sociology

Taught programmes

Environment, Culture and Society MA

Overview
This is a highly relevant degree if you want to engage critically and creatively with environmental problems through different disciplinary lenses.
The course brings together theories and methods from the social and environmental sciences and applies these to contemporary environmental issues, debates and controversies. You will take a range of social and natural science modules offered by the Department of Sociology, the Law School and Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC) and will acquire the skills to combine these different ways of understanding environmental issues.

Modules
Core
- Independent Research Dissertation
- Methods in Science and Technology Studies
- Theories and Debates in Environment and Culture

Optional
Choose up to four modules (up to 60 credits); options may vary from year to year
- Capitalism and Crisis
- Climate Change and Society
- Ecology, Conservation and Culture
- Food Security, Agriculture and Climate Change
- Geological hazards
- International Environmental Law
- Mobilities, Society and Change
- Perspectives on Environment and Development
- The Rights of Peoples, Minorities and Indigenous Peoples
- The Social Life of Science and Technology: Theories and Debates

Gender and Women's Studies MA

Overview
The MA in Gender and Women's Studies is a taught postgraduate degree which will deepen your perspectives on gender studies and feminism.
Your programme will be delivered by leading scholars in the Centre for Gender and Women's Studies (CGWS). You will gain a thorough knowledge of the intellectual traditions, concepts and politics which have shaped the evolution of Gender and Women's Studies inside and outside the academy, and the methodological confidence to do your own research, identifying your own specialist interests and developing research skills.

Modules
Core
- Debates in Gender Research
- Gender, Sex and Bodies
- Independent Research Dissertation

Optional
- Plus two further Sociology modules from those detailed on page 73

Module combination
Gender and Women's Studies and English MA

Overview
This is a unique MA combining teaching and scholarship in Gender and Women’s Studies and English Literature.
You will take both core and optional courses in each of the disciplines. This combination is administered from the Centre for Gender and Women's Studies - one of the largest centres in the UK for feminist research, gender and women's studies.

Modules
Compulsory
- Debates in Gender Research
- Gender, Sex and Bodies
- Independent Research Dissertation

Optional
- Two from Gender and Women's Studies, and English modules from those detailed on pages 16 and 73

Gender and Women’s Studies and Sociology MA

Overview
This MA scheme is especially relevant if you wish to study Gender and Women’s Studies in combination with empirical and theoretical developments in Sociology at an advanced level. It is particularly suitable if you are interested in social research and/or feminist sociological theory.
You will take both core and optional modules in each of the disciplines.
The degree is administered from one of the largest Centres for Gender and Women's Studies in the UK, situated within Lancaster’s world-class Sociology Department.

Modules
Compulsory
- Debates in Gender Research
- Gender, Sex and Bodies
- Independent Research Dissertation

Optional
- Plus two further Sociology modules from those detailed on page 73

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Media and Cultural Studies MA

Overview
This degree provides you with a strong theoretical and methodological grounding in media and cultural studies. It introduces you to key texts, debates and thinkers, ranging from the work of classical cultural theorists through to contemporary writing on new media, globalised culture, science and technology studies, and queer theory.

This is not a vocational or practice-based degree. However, it is a degree that will teach you skills in critical thinking, independent research and analysis which are highly relevant for development and innovation in the cultural and media sectors.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Modules
Compulsory
+ Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
+ Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
+ Independent Research Dissertation

Optional
+ Plus two further Sociology modules from those detailed on page 73

Social Research MA

Overview
This MA in Social Research provides you with a rigorous introduction to key issues in social science methodology, expanding your proficiency in a range of research skills, and preparing you for further advanced research in the social sciences.

Five different pathways are available: Sociology; Gender and Women’s Studies; Media and Cultural Studies; Environment, Culture and Society; Science, Technology, Innovation and Social Practices.

The MA and its tailored pathways represent an ideal stepping stone to a PhD and open access to ESRC and AHRC funding programmes. You will carry out hands-on training in selected research methods and skills, and will become skilled in the translation of theoretically informed research questions into research projects.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Modules
The programme consists of four core modules, two optional modules, and an independent research dissertation.

The modules undertaken will depend on the choice of pathway, please see our website for more information.

“\textit{I have found that the MA Social Research programme offers enough flexibility to shape your degree to suit your own academic interests. The nature of the programme, with a wide range of optional modules to choose from, also caters to those yet to have established research interests, or those who have interests spanning across a range of different topics.}”

Kelly Tucker
Social Research MA

Sociology MA

Overview
The MA in Sociology addresses recent key concerns and enduring intellectual traditions within sociology and related social sciences. The degree addresses issues such as inequality, racism, violence, capitalism and social change among many important themes with contemporary relevance. Critical debate and modes of embedding critical thought in reflective practice mark the core skills you will develop in this course.

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Modules
Compulsory
+ Contemporary Debates in Sociology
+ Independent Research Dissertation
+ Research Projects in Practice

Optional
+ Plus two further Sociology modules from those detailed below

Optional modules available in the Department of Sociology
(options may vary from year to year)

+ Capitalism and Crisis
+ Consumer Society
+ Contemporary Debates in Sociology
+ Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
+ Critical Discourse Analysis
+ Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
+ Debates in Feminist Research
+ Feminist Media and Cultural Studies
+ Feminist Technoscience Studies
+ Gender and Violence
+ Gender, Sex and Bodies
+ Methods in Science and Technology Studies
+ Mobilities, Society and Change
+ Philosophies of Social Science
+ Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences
+ Quantitative Research Methods
+ Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination
+ Social and Cultural Theory
+ The Social Life of Science and Technology: Theories and Debates
+ Theories and Debates in Environment and Culture

“I have to admit to being a little star-stuck every time I walked into my lecture and one of my all-time favourite sociology writers was sat at the front waiting to teach us. This is the reality of research-led teaching; not only are the lecturers at the cutting-edge of the research field, they’re passionate and inspiring, producing an incomparable learning experience.”

Jess Ordonez
Sociology MA
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