Our Community
By the time you leave Lancaster, you will have gained much more than a degree. That’s because we work hard not only to provide an excellent standard of education, but also to make a positive impact on our students’ lives.

We’re one of the few universities that operate a college structure – something that offers support and a ready-made social network from the day you arrive. Our campus provides a stunning, natural setting for our close-knit community, with award-winning accommodation, modern facilities and a buzzing social scene, organised by our active Students’ Union.
Your college

Being part of a college means that although you’re studying at a large university along with thousands of others, you’re also part of a small community where it’s easy to make new friends.

A small membership fee is required which goes towards the running of each college. Find out more about the colleges at www.lancaster.ac.uk/colleges

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Your global experience

At Lancaster, you’ll have the chance to live and learn with people from different cultures, sharing ideas and perspectives with people on your course, in your college and through campus life. You can choose to create new connections by joining a society, throwing yourself into a group project, dancing the night away at a cultural celebration or travelling overseas with us for a few weeks or more.

As well as preparing you for a future global career, learning about other people and countries will help to shape your personality, give you confidence and develop your understanding of the world.

Our international community is made up of students from over 100 countries, world-leading staff (30% are non-British) and an alumni network across 180 countries – all combining to give our community a truly global complexion.

You can develop your global citizenship skills by taking our Intercultural Competencies Certificate, offering insights that will support you in developing skills for your career and life.

At Lancaster you can make global connections, explore the world and discover yourself.
Finding your direction

Studying at Lancaster is about more than just a qualification. Our careers experts will help you to leave university with the skills and confidence you need for whatever future you want.

Sharlene Gandhi
Final year student, BSc Hons
Marketing Management (Study Abroad)

When I was little, I really wanted to be a writer. When I started university, I wanted to work in the marketing or advertising industry on the creative side. I have changed my mind since!

I have discovered that my strengths lie in organisation, project management and business development.

Going to careers events run by the university was useful to understand what the business climate was. They were also incredibly useful in understanding where my passions didn’t lie.

At university I have been introduced to non-profit work and start-ups. If I were to work in marketing in the future, I’d like it to be in one of these two areas.

The most helpful careers advice has been from the Management School careers team, who have taught me the art of selling my experience on paper.

For my placement year I worked as a Sales, Operations and Project Manager at IBM in London. This gave me so much confidence in both my own skills and how I come across to other people.

What have I added to my CV at university?
Two society exec positions, a study abroad year, two volunteering abroad placements, a placement year, two part time jobs, and finally, a degree from a world-class management school.

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“Some people come to university with a plan in mind, but we know that’s not the case for everyone. Lancaster University’s goal is to help students explore their future and grow as people.
Our careers service can help with work experience, building your CV and meeting employers, and placement specialists based in each faculty can help you find the opportunity that suits you.”

Louise Briggs, Director of Employability, Lancaster University

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk
Our alumni network

Where will your degree from Lancaster take you?
From business to media, art to politics, sport to education, more than 130,000 Lancaster graduates play influential roles in more than 180 countries around the world.

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Student support

Whenever you need support, you’ll have someone to turn to.

Between your college, the Students’ Union and the University itself, you’ll have access to specialist guidance covering everything from your academic progress to your personal wellbeing. All you need to do is ask.

Academic guidance
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/academic-support
Throughout your studies, you will receive support and guidance from your Course Tutors, Academic Tutors, college support team and Student Learning Advisors, among others.

The Base
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/thebase
The Base is our one-stop enquiry desk located in the centre of campus on Alexandra Square. If you need advice on any student matter, you know where to go.

Wellbeing, counselling and mental health
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/counselling
A free and confidential service is available to help you address any personal or emotional problems getting in the way of your university experience or your academic performance.

Disability
www.lancaster.ac.uk/disabilities
We provide support for all students with disabilities, on all aspects of learning – including assessment and support for dyslexia, assessments for study aids and help with funding applications.

Funding
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/funding
We can provide information and guidance on your living costs, budgeting and financial aid, including help with government and university funding.

Visa and immigration
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/international
Our Visa and Immigration team can help you with visa applications, the immigration process and registration process. You can also ask them any questions about the terms and conditions of your stay.

Pre-School Centre
www.lancaster.ac.uk/preschool
Our Pre-School Centre provides high-quality child care for students and staff. We charge fees, but we can advise you how you might claim back some of the costs.

Registry
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs
We can assist you with academic record matters, registration, module enrolment, academic review and appeals.

Chaplaincy Centre
www.chaplancs.org.uk
Our Chaplaincy Centre is a place where you can worship, reflect, explore faith issues, find support and encouragement, and meet others.

Healthcare support
www.lancaster.ac.uk/health-services
Lancaster University offers a medical practice, where you can see a GP or nurse (you must register first), as well as a dental clinic and pharmacy.

Natural Healthcare Centre
www.naturalhealthcare.org.uk
Based within our Chaplaincy Centre, the complementary health treatments offered include acupuncture, Alexander Technique, aromatherapy and reflexology.
Lancaster University Students’ Union is committed to one big vision: Inspiring and supporting you to love Lancaster

And we work towards that goal by getting involved in every bit of the life of the university, providing a huge number of services designed to make your time here as fun, fulfilling and fantastic as it can be.

We support our student clubs and societies, provide recreational and competitive sporting opportunities, co-ordinate volunteering projects, run environmental and sustainability projects and so much more.

Above all, our elected student officers and dedicated staff team are here to stand up for you and make sure your academic and extra-curricular experience is everything it should be.

Find out more at [www.lancastersu.co.uk](http://www.lancastersu.co.uk) or find us on [lancastersu](https://twitter.com/lancastersu) and [lususnaps](https://instagram.com/lususnaps)

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Join in

The union supports more than 250 different student groups. From hockey to hiking and lacrosse to Lego, we have it all. And if we don’t have the group you’re looking for, we’ll give you the support you need to set it up. Some groups compete against other universities, some organise regular events on campus and others work in the community. The best way to find out what we do is to get involved.

[www.lancastersu.co.uk/societies](http://www.lancastersu.co.uk/societies)

Get support

The union Advice team provides free, independent and confidential support if you need it during your time at Lancaster – whether you need help with academic issues, accommodation problems, welfare, money, or anything else we’re here for you whatever life throws at you.

[www.lancastersu.co.uk/advice](http://www.lancastersu.co.uk/advice)

Student media

Whether you’re planning a career in the media or just want to immerse yourself in campus life, our student media teams offer loads of amazing opportunities. With a newspaper, radio station, TV channel and cinema, you can get involved right away – whether you’re a budding journalist, editor, producer, presenter or even a projectionist.

[www.lancastersu.co.uk/studentmedia](http://www.lancastersu.co.uk/studentmedia)

Volunteering

Becoming a volunteer offers a great way to build new skills, enhance your CV and discover new experiences. We offer a huge number of volunteering opportunities, from working with children in local schools to supporting local charities and good causes or growing produce and looking after the chickens at our on-campus Ecohub. In short, there’s something for everyone.

[www.lancastersu.co.uk/volunteering](http://www.lancastersu.co.uk/volunteering)

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“The students’ union empowers students to make a change in their community, and in their lives. It allows students to challenge power, campaign for a better future, and shape their campus.”

Alex Brock, third year, International Relations and Religious Diversity

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Student life

[www.lancastersu.co.uk/services](http://www.lancastersu.co.uk/services)

We offer a selection of services designed to help you get the most out of student life. And all the profit they make goes straight back into running the rest of the union’s activities! They are:

- **Lancaster’s essential exclusive student discount card**
- **Our union-run student lettings agency**
- **Our union-run on-campus mini-supermarket**
- **Our union-run student nightclub in Lancaster city centre**

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

The University and Students’ Union are committed to the welfare of our students and promoting responsible alcohol consumption. We offer a wide range of non-alcoholic and inclusive events throughout the year.
Extra information

BTEC and IB equivalents

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Whilst we accept the BTEC qualification for the majority of degree programmes, in some cases we will look for sufficient content in your BTEC. Please check the website www.lancaster.ac.uk/ugcourses to check individual entry criteria.

Where did we get our information?

The league tables and surveys that we have used in this prospectus are:

+ The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018
+ The Complete University Guide 2018
+ The Guardian University Guide 2018
+ QS World Rankings 2017
+ Research Excellence Framework 2014
+ National Student Survey 2017
+ National Student Housing Survey 2017
+ The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018
+ Unistats
+ Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education 2015 - 16

Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/reputation