Destination Lancaster
Your experience at Lancaster University owes as much to our place in the world as it does to our place in the league tables. As well as enjoying a self-contained and well-equipped campus, we’re lucky to be just minutes from the city centre, with easy access to some of England’s most beautiful countryside and coast.

With the Lake District to the north and Blackpool to the south, two of the country’s most popular visitor attractions are yours to enjoy. And, with the beautiful Lune Estuary, the stunning Morecambe Bay and the dramatic moorland of the Forest of Bowland all within reach, we also have an abundance of natural beauty on our doorstep.

We’re well connected too, just minutes from the M6, 15 minutes from a railway station and just over an hour away from Manchester International Airport by direct train.

Whether you’re coming from halfway across the world or just a few miles away, you’ll find Lancaster is a great destination for your studies.
We are proud of our student accommodation which has been named Best University Halls in the 2017 National Student Housing Survey, an award we have won for seven out of the last eight years.

We have the approach to match too, collecting awards for our customer service, booking and arrivals experiences over the years in the National Student Housing Survey. This year, we’re one of just four institutional landlords to score higher than 90% in satisfaction among international students. You can see the full results of the survey at www.nshs.co.uk

We have more than 6,000 individual rooms on campus. And we guarantee that one of them will be yours for your first year – just as long as you accept our offer as your first choice and submit your accommodation application by the deadline.

Split between the eight colleges, our rooms come in different types and grades – from standard rooms with shared facilities, to rooms in townhouses, en suite rooms and even self-contained studios that come complete with their own kitchens.

No matter which college you choose, and whatever type or grade of accommodation is right for you, you’ll find an excellent standard wherever you go. Most rooms on campus have a wash basin (around two-thirds are also en suite), as well as high-speed internet access, 24-hour security, while shared areas in the halls are cleaned regularly.

If you live off-campus in your first year, you’ll still be part of a college and you’ll still have the same access to all the facilities, activities and support networks as our on-campus students.


(2019 - 2020 accommodation rates are still to be confirmed)

- Room with private shower and toilet: £122.92 - £144.97
- Room with shared shower and toilet: £88.83 - £124.32

For more details, take a look at www.lancaster.ac.uk/accommodation

Living off-campus

After the first year, many students opt to live in the city centre. While we have our own city-centre halls at Chancellor’s Wharf, offering many of the same facilities you’ll find at halls on campus, we also have an approval scheme for private landlords called Lancaster University Homes. Covering our own residences as well as flats and houses across the city, every property is inspected to ensure it meets our high standards before it gets our recommendation.
Accommodation types

Standard
There are a variety of standard accommodation rooms in Bowland, County, Furness, Grizedale and Pendle Colleges, all with washbasins. Kitchens are usually shared between four to six students, as are toilets and shower rooms. County and Bowland Colleges also offer Superior Standard accommodation, which includes a lounge area in each flat.

£88.83 - £117.25 per week / most Standard rooms cost £103.74

En suite
En suite rooms are available in every college, and make up around two thirds of our accommodation. Kitchens are usually shared between four to eight students.

£122.92 - £144.97 per week

Townhouse
Our award-winning campus townhouses are available in County and Grizedale Colleges. The upper three floors contain 12 bedrooms and six shower rooms, while the ground floor accommodates a large kitchen, dining area and lounge, as well as a small garden terrace.

£124.32 per week / based on a 43-week contract

Studio
We have 144 studios located in Grizedale and Pendle Colleges, offering a self-contained option for those looking for more independence. These are larger versions of the Superior En suite, with a kitchenette, dining table and a 3/4-size bed, though they do not offer the communal areas you’ll find in other types of accommodation. A handful of studios are larger and suitable for two occupants.

£161.77 per week / twin studios cost £179.90 (or £89.95 per person)

Catered
Most of our accommodation is self-catered, but you can get a catered package in some areas, which provides flexible breakfasts and dinners every day during term time. You can find out more about this on our website.

Key
- Kitchen
- Shower
- Bedroom
- Dining area
- Toilets
- Sink
- Lounge
- Garden

Weekly rates shown are for 2018 - 2019 (2019 - 2020 rates are still to be confirmed). All costs based on a 40-week contract unless otherwise stated. For more details visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/accommodation
Everything on campus

Set in 560 acres of parkland, three miles south of Lancaster city centre, our campus offers the best of both worlds: the vibrant feel of a busy community and the natural tranquillity of the Lancashire countryside.

Having invested £500 million in recent years, we’ve created the complete campus – a self-contained community with modern facilities. The city centre is just a five-minute bus ride (or a 25-minute cycle), so you’ll find everything that you could need throughout your student life right here.
Our learning spaces

Academic resources

We’ve refurbished our Library building in recent years, creating a modern study space with more than 1,300 technology-enabled workspaces, training rooms and group study rooms. You’ll have access to more than 30,000 e-journals, 300,000 e-books and 800,000 print books.

We also offer a range of free workshops, drop-in sessions and online courses to help develop your skills.

As well as the high-bandwidth wired connection and Wi-Fi in all campus accommodation, Wi-Fi is available in public, social and learning spaces. You’ll find lots of PCs in the Library, learning labs and departments, while a laptop loan service means you don’t need to carry your own - and there’s a huge network of printers that you can access from a range of devices.

You will also have access to
+ Online learning spaces for modules on your course
+ A wide range of software, including specialist applications for your course
+ Information and personalised resources in the iLancaster mobile app
+ Secure network and cloud storage for your work

www.lancaster.ac.uk/library
www.lancaster.ac.uk/iss

Sports: part of a team

The University and the Students’ Union work together to support students competing against other universities in more than 36 different sports – providing coaching, help with equipment and transport.

Among these are five ‘Focus Clubs’ – high-performing teams who qualify for additional support in coaching, physiotherapy and strength and conditioning. Our teams are chosen for focus on a range of factors, including their results, training plan and overall dedication to improve.

For many of our teams, the highlight of the sporting year is the Roses, an annual weekend-long tournament against the University of York and one of the biggest inter-varsity events across Europe. We also run different recreational and inter-college leagues and competitions within the University, including the hotly contested inter-college Carter Shield.

All of these facilities and societies aren’t just for the competitive. You can also get involved in the Student Union’s recreational leagues and events, or join one of the numerous clubs and societies. If you can’t find the society you want when you get to Lancaster, support is available from the Students’ Union to help you set it up.

For more details, take a look at www.lancaster.ac.uk/sportscentre
Arts and culture

The Lancaster Arts programme is at the heart of the cultural quarter on campus, featuring some of the finest international and contemporary artists in music, dance, theatre and visual art.

The University is home to the Nuffield Theatre, one of Europe’s largest professional university studio theatres, while our Great Hall has a reputation for the excellence of its international classical music series.

The Peter Scott Gallery and the Ruskin Library house a diverse collection of art, ceramics, books, archives and drawings, while offering a unique setting for exhibitions, artists’ talks and student exhibitions with a new display open to the public every term.

You’ll have plenty of opportunities to get involved, getting the support of professional artists who visit campus regularly, adding to the Lancaster experience.

Free theatre and music tickets at Lancaster Arts

Sign up as a Lancaster Arts Under 26 Supporter and be eligible for free theatre and concert tickets throughout the academic year.

Everything you need on your doorstep

Charity shop  Hairdresser  Chaplaincy  Dentist
Post office  Bookshop  Supermarket  Bank
Sports centre  Restaurants  Cafés  Pharmacy
Bakery  Doctors  Bars  Petrol station
Prayer room  Ice cream parlour  Laundrette  Gallery

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk
Getting around campus

For a detailed campus map, please see www.lancaster.ac.uk/campusmap
Explore our international network

With a global network of partner institutions and organisations, we can offer a range of opportunities to broaden your cultural understanding, develop new skills and enhance your employability by studying or working overseas.

Study or work abroad for a semester or a year

We are partners with universities in Europe, the USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and counties across Asia which offer study placements. We also have a worldwide network of approved employers where you can work on placement.

You can study or work abroad for a semester or a full academic year – either in the second year of a three-year degree, or the third year of a four-year degree.

Most of our modern language degrees require a year abroad, where you work as a teaching assistant in a school, in a business or organisation, or study at one of our partner universities.

If you study with our Management School, you can also do a ‘double degree’, such as International Business Management, where you spend two years of your four-year degree abroad. We then award your degree jointly with the partner university.

While some degree programmes have study abroad built in (those with (Study Abroad) in their title), you can apply to study most programmes abroad after you have started at Lancaster – although there may be less choice and availability. Most placements last for a year, but there are also some single-semester opportunities available in some subject areas, such as Economics and Linguistics.

Funding your overseas placement

While you won’t need to pay fees to your host university while you’re abroad, you still pay fees to Lancaster University. How much depends on how long you’re away: if it’s a single-semester placement, you pay the full amount, but if it’s a whole year, then you pay less – for 2017/18, UK students studying abroad paid 15% of the normal fee. For up-to-date information about fees, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/ugfunding

Living expenses for a year overseas are usually higher than a year in Lancaster. The cost of a placement varies depending on where you study and can range from £5,000 to £15,000, not including flights, local travel or the cost of visas. There’s a range of possibilities for getting financial support to travel abroad, which we can help you explore. For example, you can apply for an enhanced student loan for your placement, as your student loan can be used for your overseas placement.

Vacation travel

We also offer the chance to go on one-to-eight-week placements with our partners in India, China, Malaysia, the US and Ghana (among others) during your holidays. These exchanges offer the opportunity to explore the industry, culture and communities of these countries, giving you the kind of experience that isn’t just personally rewarding but is also attractive to employers.

To find out more about all these opportunities visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/globalexperience
A short bus ride or cycle will take you from our campus into the heart of Lancaster – a city full of character and culture.

It’s a city without the sprawl, compact enough to explore on foot and small enough to hold onto a friendly personality. But there’s also everything you’d expect from a modern city, with plenty to see and do, from busy shops and a vibrant nightlife to cultural attractions and beautiful parks.

History
Lancaster’s story features Romans, a medieval stronghold and a major port, and the medieval Wars of the Roses – which we still contest today with the University of York (in much friendlier terms on the sports field). The cityscape is dominated by the 12th century Lancaster Castle and the Ashton Memorial building, while cobbled streets criss-cross a centre boasting museums, quirky outdoor spaces and well-preserved Georgian architecture.

Shopping
Lancaster is a great place to shop, with all the major chains you’d expect to find on any high street, together with an eclectic mix of independent shops, boutiques and bustling markets. The Charter Market, running since the 12th century, offers a selection of 40 stalls every Wednesday and Saturday, while the Assembly Rooms vintage market sells everything from chic retro clothes to handmade crafts.
Arts and culture
The city is a recognised centre for culture in the region, with a great collection of theatres, galleries, cinemas and music venues. It also hosts a range of festivals throughout the year, from music festivals and a literary festival to a maritime festival and ‘Light up Lancaster’ – an annual two-day festival mixing art, lights and fireworks.

Cafes, bars and clubs
Lancaster is buzzing with life day and night, with a great mix of popular cafes and bars throughout the city centre. You’ll find a good selection of traditional pubs, modern wine bars and everything in between, along the banks of the canal, tucked away in side streets and even underneath the city in the castle’s former wine cellars. The Students’ Union-owned ‘Sugarhouse’, the largest nightclub in the city, is open exclusively to students and offers free return buses to campus.