Key Information
How to apply

We welcome and encourage applications from all over the world and it’s our aim to make the process of applying as smooth as possible.

All full time applications should be made via UCAS using UCAS Apply. Schools, colleges, international agencies and British Council offices overseas can help you with your application, or you can find out more at www.ucas.com

If you’re applying for Medicine, your application needs to be in by the 15th October the year before you start. For all other courses, applications should be submitted by the UCAS deadline on 15th January.

You can apply for some courses past that date (check for vacancies on the UCAS website, or contact our admissions office to find out more), but the final deadline is the 30th June.

Part-time study

Some of our degree programmes are available on a part-time basis. To find out more, please contact the Admissions Office.

Entry qualifications

Our course directory offers indicative requirements for each programme, but these can change. It’s worth double-checking the details at www.lancaster.ac.uk/ugcourses.

When we offer a place, we express the required qualifications in terms of three A level grades (or equivalent), rather than UCAS tariff points. We may also ask for particular grades in specific subjects, either at A level (or equivalent) or GCSE.

We understand that some students may be applying with a range of qualifications. We keep our entry requirements flexible to ensure that every applicant is treated fairly. An example of the BTEC and IB Diploma equivalences can be found on page 54.

Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate-qualifications-uk.

For students outside the UK

For more information about the range and level of qualifications accepted, please visit our website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/internationalqualifications.

If English isn’t your first language, you will need to prove that your English language skills are good enough to handle the demands of your course.

For a full list of acceptable English language qualifications please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/international-students/englishrequirements.

After you’ve applied

We consider applications from the beginning of the admissions cycle, usually on a rolling basis. You should hear from us within three to four weeks with a decision or an invitation to an interview.

If we offer you a place – whether conditional or unconditional – you will receive an invitation to a Departmental Applicant Visit Day, where you can find out more about the course, meet tutors and current students, and tour the campus.

We’ll also send details of our scholarships and bursaries, further information is available at www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries.

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For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk

International students

We welcome nearly 3,000 international students every year. If you’d like to be one of them, we’re ready to help.

Entry requirements

Like any applicant, you must meet the entry requirements before you can start a degree programme. In the course directory, these are put in terms of UK qualifications. To find out how your qualifications compare, visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/internationalqualifications.

It’s also vital that you have the language skills to study for your degree in English. You will need to show evidence that you meet our minimum English Language requirements:

+ IELTS 6.5 with a minimum 5.5 in each component or
+ GCSE/GCSE Grade C

However, some courses may require higher than the minimum outlined here, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/ugcourses for more detailed information.

If your skills could be improved, we offer a four-week English for Academic Purposes programme (EAP). Find out more at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/international-students/englishrequirements.

Arriving in Lancaster

We offer comprehensive support from the very start, until you graduate. Before you leave, we provide information on visas and immigration, and as long as you firmly accept our offer as your first choice by the UCAS deadline, and have submitted your accommodation application by the specified date, we can guarantee a place in our campus accommodation for your first year (see more on page 23). We can even pick you up from Manchester airport. Once you’ve arrived, you’ll find a series of events to get you settled, with plenty of ongoing support.

Foundation programmes

For students who have finished school, but don’t yet meet our undergraduate entry requirements, we offer the International Foundation Year – a chance to study at Lancaster to prepare for a degree programme, with both language skills and academic subjects.

We also offer transfer programmes, which pave the way to studying at Lancaster. Run with partner institutions in China, India, Malaysia and Dubai, our 1+3 and 2+2 programmes offer a specially-designed curriculum that you start in your home country before joining our campus for three or two years respectively to complete your degree.

Find out more at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/international-students.

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Support from the government
Your two main expenses will be tuition fees and living costs. For UK students, Student Finance England offer loans, which have to be paid back. Most English students won’t have to pay upfront to study, but can instead apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the full cost of tuition, plus a Maintenance Loan to help with living costs.

There is also extra support available for students with a disability and for those with dependants.

If you’re from outside England, there are different arrangements and options to help you cover the costs of coming to Lancaster University. You can find out more at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

Support from the University
We aim to help every student make the most of their life and education. For many of our UK students, that includes offering bursaries and scholarships. These depend on where you’re from, your financial circumstances and how well you do in your A levels (or equivalent) before starting your studies with us. In 2017, we provided nearly £4.3 million in bursaries and scholarships, helping 3,950 new and continuing students with the cost of fees and living expenses.

For students facing an unexpected shortfall or an emergency, we have discretionary hardship funds, which can provide short-term loans or emergency funding. If you’re running into difficulties, don’t wait until the last minute – get in touch with our Fees and Funding Service right away.

Budgeting your living costs
A simple way to plan for your annual costs is to start with your weekly costs, then multiply this by 40 weeks – the number of weeks in the university year (it’s less if you can go home during the April and December breaks).

As a rough guide, for most students rent and basic property bills are around £115 for a single student and up to £180 for a student with dependants (not including childcare costs, which are around £18 per half day at our own Pre-School Centre). You should then add costs for food, travel, books and stationery, insurance, TV and internet, phone, laundry, social and personal expenses.

You can find a range of budgeting tools and information on our website and Student Funding Advisers from the Fees and Funding Service will be happy to offer practical advice.

Typical costs...
- Loaf of bread – 75p
- 6 eggs – £1.00
- Bag of rice (1 kg) – £1.10
- Litre of milk – £1.00
- Washing up liquid – 92p
- Toilet rolls x4 – £1.75
- Toothpaste – £1.20
- Pint of beer – £3.10
- Load of washing – £2.40
- Tumble drying – £1.20
- Return bus fares for the campus to the city centre – £2.70
- Return train ticket from Lancaster to Manchester (off-peak) – £22.30
- Taxi fare to Lancaster city centre – £10.00

(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

In some subjects – Medicine, Law, Physics, Engineering and some combined degrees – there is so much material that needs to be learnt (in some cases to satisfy regulatory bodies) that there is no room for options in the first year. However, in most of our degrees you will take options right from the start.

These options may be within your major degree programme or in another subject, usually one closely related to your major.

The Lancaster approach enables you either to continue with a subject that you have found interesting in school or college or to try out something new. While some first-year options have specific entry requirements, others do not and you will have a wide choice.

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/ugfunding

The chance to take options will enrich your studies by helping you to appreciate your degree in a wider context. This breadth is also appealing to many future employers of our students. You may even decide that you like your minor subject so much that you want to change your degree (for example from a single major to a combined major) and this will normally be possible with the right optional choices, subject to good grades during your first year.

While you will be encouraged to consider your choices before you arrive, and will be given plenty of information to help you do so, you will not be asked to commit yourself to any choice until just before the courses start.

Funding and finances
The cost of university can seem a daunting prospect. Tuition fees are only one part of your expenses, so it’s vital that you plan and prepare as thoroughly as possible. Our Student Funding Advisers can offer information on financial support and advice on budgeting.

Your first year
The Lancaster approach to first year studies is unique among top-quality universities in a way that our students find appealing and valuable.

The annual tuition fee you need to pay for studying at Lancaster University is based on your residential status, which is decided on the information given in your UCAS application.

2019/20 fee levels will be announced in 2018. For guidance these are the fees for 2018/19. Please note that fees are likely to increase annually. Further details on current and future fees can be found on our website.

Home/EU (2018/19)
The fee for UK and EU students is £9,250.

Home and EU students are considered together for fee purposes.

Islands (2018/19)
For Island students (Channel Islands and Isle of Man), fees will normally range from £9,250 – £10,750 depending on your area of study.

Overseas (2018/19)
For overseas students, fees vary depending on the degree programme you study:
- Arts and Social Sciences: £15,680
- Management School: £17,500
- Health and Medicine/Science and Technology: £18,890
- Medicine: £30,330

Please note: We may revise our tuition fee policy. If you disagree with your category, please contact The Base, A-Floor, University House, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YW.

For the most up to date information, please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/ugfunding
Come and meet us

Visiting campus is an important part of your university search to help you identify the right choice for you.

There’s no substitution for exploring the campus, seeing first-hand the facilities we offer and meeting staff and current students to help you understand what it’s like to be a student here at Lancaster. Whether you spend a few hours on campus, or a whole day, we’re looking forward to your visit, so, call in for a brew and we will be happy to show you around.

Our Welcome Centre plays an important role in welcoming prospective students and their families. We offer a range of student-led tours allowing you to take in the campus buildings and facilities including, the Library, social hotspots and – on some tours – the accommodation. We also offer extended tours, which include a chance to meet staff and students in your chosen area of study.

The campus and Welcome Centre is open to the public, so you can come and see our shops, cafes, sports facilities and outdoor areas whenever you please. You can also pop in for a brew with our student ambassadors. We’ll also be at more than 30 UCAS higher education conventions around the country throughout the spring and summer – so feel free to stop and ask us about studying and living in Lancaster.

Open Days

We hold four Open Days during the summer, giving you the chance to visit the campus to see the facilities, the accommodation and all the amenities. Staff across every department are on hand to answer questions and offer advice about our courses, the Students’ Union will offer their insights into the social side of life, and you can meet plenty of our current students to get their perspective on the Lancaster University experience.

Dates:
Saturday 30th June 2018
Saturday 14th July 2018
Saturday 1st September 2018
Saturday 15th September 2018

For more information and tour booking details visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/visitus
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Virtual tour

Find out more about our beautiful 560-acre campus through our virtual tour. Watch videos showcasing our range of subjects, 360 degree panoramas to help you navigate the accommodation and hear what it is like studying here from real students.
Lancaster University is set among 560 acres of parkland, around three miles south of Lancaster city centre. While the natural surroundings give our campus a sense of tranquillity, we’re also well connected and easy to reach. Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/travel

By car
Leave the M6 motorway at Junction 33 and take the A6 north towards Lancaster. For Lancaster University main campus – turn right at the third set of traffic lights on the A6 into the University main drive.

Car parking
Visitors should use the Pay and Display parking zones during weekdays between 08:00 and 18:00. You can also use visitor scratch cards in Pay and Display areas – these available from the Cashiers’ desk in University House during office hours.

By rail
There are direct rail links between Lancaster and many of the UK’s major cities and city airports. There is a frequent direct bus service between Lancaster Railway Station and the University. Taxis are available at the station, which is a five-minute walk from the city centre.

By taxi
Local taxi services can be contacted on the following:
- 01524 32090
- 01524 848848
Taxi Ranks are located on campus, at Lancaster Bus Station, Lancaster Railway Station and other locations in the city centre.

By bicycle
It takes around 25 minutes to cycle from the city centre to the campus on the two University signed routes. An off-road cycle route runs from Whinfell Drive in Hala and enters the campus near Bailrigg House. A further off-road signed cycle route runs along the Lancaster Canal to the city centre.

By bus
For bus information, please see www.lancaster.ac.uk/bus-travel

In the city
The bus station is situated on Damside Street in the City Centre. Buses (services 2, 2A, 2X, 3, 3A, 4, 41, 42) leave for the University every five minutes on weekdays and most services also stop at Common Garden Street in the city centre. There is also a direct bus service between Lancaster Railway Station and the University (Services 3A and X3).

On campus
All buses drop off and collect passengers in the Underpass situated underneath Alexandra Square. Services 3, 3A, 4, 41 and 42 also serve south campus and south-west campus. There are also bus stops directly outside the Sports Centre on the main drive.

Terms and conditions
For our terms and conditions, please see www.lancaster.ac.uk/terms

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