

Lancaster
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Liberal Arts
Undergraduate Degrees 2027



Welcome

Studying Liberal Arts at Lancaster offers you the opportunity to expand your mind and become a creative and critical thinker, able to take a holistic view of global issues. Engage with local communities, tackle societal challenges, and explore influential ideas.

By exploring ideas from a range of arts, humanities and social science subjects, you will develop a sophisticated understanding of the key issues facing humanity and hone your problem-solving skills and innovative thinking. Prepare to become a versatile, global citizen ready to make a meaningful impact in an ever-changing world.

Topics could include:

- the environment and climate change
- objectivity and subjectivity in information
- relationships between human and non-human
- the digital world of today and the future

Your studies will draw on principles from diverse disciplines which may include history, politics, philosophy, language and cultural studies, English literature and arts.





Degree title		Degree (Hons)	UCAS code	Course duration (years)	Typical A level offer
Liberal Arts		BA	Y001	3	AAB
Liberal Arts (Placement Year)		BA	Y002	4	AAB
Liberal Arts (Study Abroad)		BA	Y002	4	AAB

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Think big and think differently

Develop your creative and critical thinking through dynamic, interdisciplinary approaches in humanities, arts, and social sciences.

Unleash your creativity

Choose innovative assessments that develop your interests and skills, from producing a podcast to crafting a case study or creating a performance piece.

Make a real-world impact

Collaborate with local communities to design and deliver meaningful, hands-on projects that make a difference.

Build a future-ready skillset

Apply your learning in practical, professional settings to master problem-solving, negotiation, communication, and empathy.

Turn learning into action

Graduate with experiences and skills that demonstrate your ability to innovate, connect, and lead in a rapidly changing world.

Embark on an adventure

Expand your horizons by studying, working, or teaching abroad and gaining a truly international perspective.



Made for *learning*

The degree adopts an interdisciplinary approach, combining a range of disciplinary perspectives to address complex real-world issues. There is a strong emphasis on connecting studies to current social issues and developing a sensitivity to cultural contexts, preparing you to become a global citizen. You will be encouraged to apply your learning to professional settings, such as working on collaborative projects and live briefs. This could for example lead you to work on delivering a podcast, presenting a performance, creating a case study or making a piece of art.

You will learn through a combination of lectures, workshops, seminars and independent work. The programme will encourage you to analyse, critique and question different perspectives, fostering flexible and creative thinking. Some of your modules may also include interaction with local partners and community settings (such as charities, arts and heritage groups, councils or community centres).

As you progress, you can tailor your degree by choosing from a range of carefully-selected modules, allowing you to craft your own expertise.



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experience.*

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Makafui, *third year*

School of Global Affairs

Studying at Lancaster has been a rewarding and lovely experience. I fell in love with the campus and its landscape throughout the seasons. With Lancaster being a campus university, having everything on my doorstep allowed for a tighter community that really made my transition into studying a degree a lot smoother.

The most valuable aspect of my Lancaster experience would be the people I have met along the way. My lecturers and staff at in the School of Global Affairs have been some of the nicest and understanding individuals. They helped me to gain confidence in myself and my abilities and always were a friendly face. As well as my personal community, I have found friends for life within this university and have created so many good memories.



Your global *experience*

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your college or your students' union.

Study abroad

You can choose to study your degree with a study abroad year. On these four-year degrees, you spend your third year studying at one of our partner universities abroad. We have partners spanning the globe, although availability of destinations varies each year.

Vacation travel

You can also discover the world during your vacations. Our Global Experiences team run vacation travel trips to Malaysia which include a mix of academic study and cultural discovery. These trips range from cultural exchanges to studying sustainable practices with world leading experts.

Overseas summer schools

During summer vacation, you can apply to attend a summer school at one of our international partner universities all around the world. Destinations are varied – from Singapore to Italy, Hong Kong to Canada. Explore where you could go: [Lancaster.ac.uk/overseas-summer-schools](https://lancaster.ac.uk/overseas-summer-schools).

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Find out more at lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience



Liberal Arts

BA (Hons)

Embrace and expand your creative and critical thinking on this Liberal Arts degree. You'll engage with the community, address societal challenges and draw on influential ideas to take a holistic view of global issues.

In your first year you will explore the foundations of Liberal Arts as a discipline. You will work with both traditional concepts and decentred and decolonising approaches. These perspectives will help you to reflect on how diverse communities face contemporary issues.

In your second year you will further examine global and local realities through transcultural lenses. Embedding your studies in the north-west region, you will engage with connected communities tackling social challenges.

Your final year will empower you as a critical thinker for the future. You will bring your varied skills together in an innovative and creative project. Projects begin with a real-life brief and include working with external stakeholders to prepare you for the world of work.

Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future. Information within this publication with respect to courses and modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer courses and modules as advertised. In some cases, changes may be necessary and may result in new modules or some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research.

Year 1

Core Modules

Perspectives on Liberal Arts

This module introduces the stories that have made Liberal Arts what it is today. We will look at a series of cultural artefacts to think about a range of social issues in the real world. These cultural artefacts may include literature, paintings, buildings and iconic figures.

Optional Modules

You will be able to select from a wide range of optional modules across the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Examples include topics such as understanding culture, global religions and society or a language (Chinese, French, German, Italian or Spanish).





Year 2

Core Modules

Transcultural Approaches to Social Challenges

This module focuses on culturally, socially and politically relevant themes and develops your critical and analytical skills. It will train your critical thinking skills and help you make informed choices on which materials to draw on, for what purpose, and in what way. Topics may include power structures, paradigm shifts, ideology and politics, cyberpunk, Big Tech.

Connecting Communities

This module will focus on how we can apply a global liberal arts perspective to working with communities. You will study spatial humanities theories and draw on them to engage with local stakeholders.

Optional Modules

You will be able to select from a wide range of optional modules across the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Examples include topics such as global challenges, language and identity, or society on screen.

Study abroad degree

You will study abroad at a partner university in your third year. The grades you achieve at your host university will be translated back and be credited to your Lancaster degree.

Placement year degree

Your third year is spent in a graduate-level work placement and assessed via assignments reflecting on your experiences.

Final Year

Core Modules

Liberal Arts Independent Project

In this group project you will draw on the knowledge and skills you have gained in your course and gain employability skills by working with external stakeholders. Your project can take different forms, from creative performances to multimedia projects or policy work. You will also be invited to reflect individually on your experience, helping you find your voice as a liberal arts graduate.

You will select one of the following two modules:

Research and Engagement in the Humanities

You will explore how humanities research gets out into the world, and what happens when it meets other kinds of knowledge. You will look at the relationship between academic research, professional practice and expertise through experience. Through examples, discussion and practical work, you will develop your own sense of how humanities research can work with people, places, organisations and publics.

Shaping your Future

You will explore imagined futures through creative and critical approaches. You will consider how you can contribute to future challenges, from community and the environment to technology, utopia, dystopia and alternative timelines. Starting with a series of workshops on set readings, you'll progress on to envisaging your future career through a series of interventions and collaborative work.

Optional Modules

You will be able to select from a wide range of optional modules across the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Examples include topics such as the climate crisis, queer futures, or people power.

Careers and *employability*



We know you want to graduate confident and ready to progress towards your career. That's why we make it easy to incorporate work experience into your time at Lancaster.

Your ambitions are important to us, and we will help you build the skills you need to succeed by offering a range of placement and internship opportunities.

Placement year

You can opt to study your degree with a placement year (also known as a year in industry). On this degree you spend your third year working in a graduate-level, professional job in a sector of your choice before returning to complete your final year at Lancaster University. Securing a placement is a competitive process and we support you with personalised coaching and professional guidance provided via a series of preparatory workshops and 1:1 appointments with our Placements Team.

Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Internship Scheme

You'll gain sector-relevant work experience with these internships. Apply in all years of study for opportunities in areas such as public affairs, marketing, business development and events. The scheme offers you an opportunity to gain access to direct work experience while you study.

The Lancaster Award

The Lancaster Award is a non-academic certificate developed in partnership with employers to help you make the most of your time at Lancaster and to demonstrate the skills you have developed along the way. It is designed to reward the wide range of volunteering activities and placements undertaken by many of our undergraduates. Potential employers increasingly value a profile that includes more than just strong academic results, and the Lancaster Award recognises and validates this.

Careers service

Our careers service has connections with top graduate recruiters, high growth businesses and employers across diverse sectors. There are regular careers fairs, workshops and networking opportunities. You can be matched with an employer or a graduate for one-to-one advice and take part in workshops such as writing a CV, developing a LinkedIn profile or succeeding at psychometric testing. We have a vast range of online resources as well as an exclusive job search portal. Our team of friendly, experienced careers professionals are always on hand to help and advise.





Future careers could include:

- Broadcasting: radio or TV work
- Public relations
- Teacher
- Social or community worker
- Manager or team leader in charitable sector
- Museum or gallery curator
- Archivist
- Politics researcher
- Documentary maker
- Journalist
- Marketing or social media specialist
- Manager or team leader in an arts organisation or the heritage industry
- Social responsibility manager

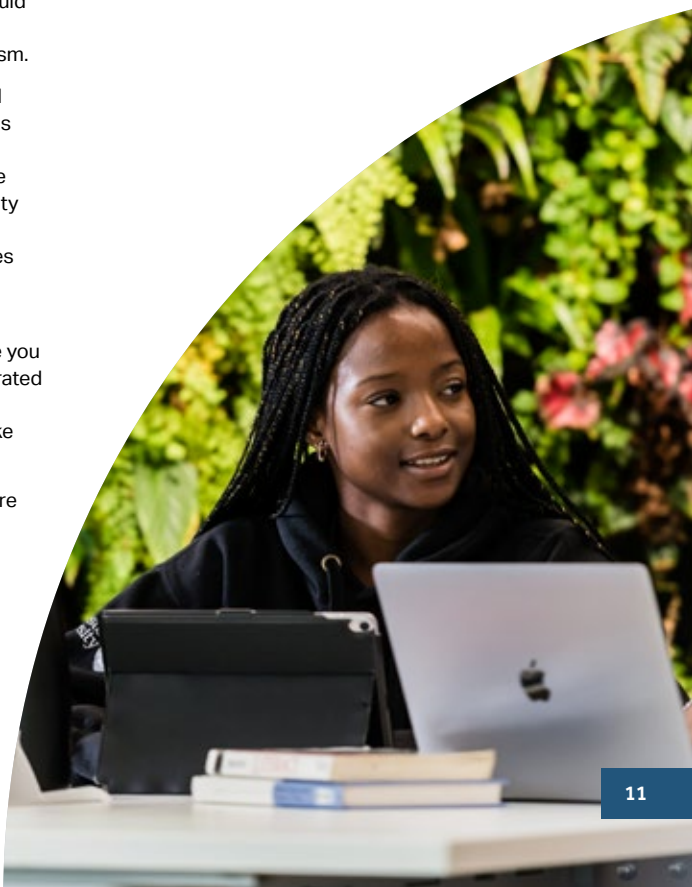
Graduate destinations

Graduates from a Liberal Arts degree acquire transferable skills that are a real asset to a wide range of professions that require effective communication, problem-solving and leadership skills as well as an ability to work in multicultural environments. Graduate destinations could for example include government and policy-making, education, charity and arts sectors as well as journalism.

Creative and critical thinking skills are in high demand in the workplace as is the ability to communicate ideas at every level. A skilled analyst able to see all sides of an argument, you will be a persuasive negotiator while remaining open to the ideas of others. Your adaptability and flexibility, evidenced throughout your degree, will be an asset in today's rapidly changing and sometimes challenging work environment.

The practical elements of this course will give you demonstrable experience of real-life situations where you have organised and managed workloads and collaborated as part of a team. You will have developed sensitivity to and tolerance of others along with an ability to make ethical and informed decisions.

With the knowledge, skills and experiences you acquire at Lancaster, you can graduate with ambition and confidence that you will bring real value to whatever you choose to do.





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