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Film Studies at Lancaster University: Facilities, Resources and other useful information



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Introduction



Film Studies at Lancaster University is based primarily in the LICA Building, on the north side of the campus.

Designed specifically for Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts students, the £10 million pound building opened in 2011 and became the first higher education building to receive an Outstanding BREEAM Award for sustainability, one of only two in the UK.

Facilities within the building include bright, open teaching spaces, flexible performance and workshop spaces, well-equipped seminar rooms, purpose-built editing suites and computer suites.

Teaching spaces



Film Studies at Lancaster has two aspects to the degree - a theoretical aspect and a practical aspect. In the first year, all Film Studies students study the same core modules, but from the second year onwards, you can choose from modules that are either more theoretical in nature, or more practical, depending on your interests.

Theoretical study takes place in lecture theatres and seminar rooms across campus, whilst practical workshops take place in studios, exhibition spaces and computer labs, and in lecture theatres for lectures and group idea exchanges.



Edit suites



If you are interested in post-production, editing and sound design we have three specialist, sound-proofed edit suites, equipped with all the software needed to complete the practical elements of your degree. Currently our computer labs and specialist editing suites are equipped with a host of industry standard software including the Adobe Creative Cloud (i.e. Premiere, Animate, Audition, After Effect, Photoshop, etc.) and other specialist software.

These edit suites are used for formal teaching but, as with many LICA spaces, they can be booked by groups and individual students for their own use.

For simpler editing and other tasks, students may use the computer labs across campus, including the one in the LICA building.



- **Black Box Installation and Exhibition space**

For purposes such as controlled filming conditions and installations we have a large Black Box studio space within the LICA Building. This is a purpose-built facility enabling, for example, live performances to be filmed, large construction to be lit and photographed, or film and video to be projected, or screened on a large scale and 'in the round'.



Film and Video equipment

For students interested in making digital content and films, alongside the well-equipped editing suites, LICA has a host of digital film making equipment you can access. A wide array of cameras including a range of DSLR cameras, simple point and shoot cameras, are available to all LICA students to use. The more high-end and specialist cameras (i.e. 4k cameras: Blackmagic URSA mini, Canon CX10, etc.) and lightweight lighting equipment are available to students who have received training through some of our practical modules in Film.

A good range of Tascam and Zoom digital audio recorders plus high-end microphones are available to LICA students for recording and producing sound.

The full list of equipment is extensive, as it supports students' creative work across Fine Art, Drama and Design, as well as Film.

There is an online catalogue and booking system for the equipment and LICA technicians are available to support you in the best use of the equipment.



Societies

Many of our students choose to join societies alongside their studies. These societies not only allow you to increase your social circle, but they can also help you to develop skills and experience in things that interest you. Run entirely by students, there are societies for almost anything you can think of. Three of the most popular film and media-related societies at Lancaster University are LA1TV, LU Film Production society and Take 2 Cinema.

- **LA1TV**

If you want to develop your skills and experience in TV, then this is the society for you. From Management, to Software Development, to Production, LA1TV offers you the chance to get involved.

With access to professional equipment and software, you can be involved in high quality productions or, if you have your own ideas, show them off to the world.



Opportunities

Whether you want to be in front or behind the camera, there are many ways to get involved with LA1TV: Directing, Presenting, Producing, Camera Operating, Graphic Design, Video Editing, Publicity, Acting, Script Writing and so much more.

Throughout the academic year, LA1TV provides members with many opportunities, ranging from livestreaming events for societies, to live coverage of the traditional Lancaster University sporting tournament, [Roses](#), to the production of recap videos for the end of year college extravas.

Due to LA1's prestige they are often able to get a hold of press passes for many on-campus events and even some off-campus events too, such as [Highest Point](#), Lancaster's music festival. Not only will you be involved in local student events, but potentially large-scale external ones too.

- LU Film Production Society



LUFP is one of the few university societies in the country that works on films from conception to completion, providing the opportunity for Lancaster University members to get involved in the production of short films in a variety of roles - including Directing, Writing, Acting, Composing and many more.

You don't need experience to join – you will have the chance to gain and improve your skills through training sessions, and on-the-job experience. Even for those not interested in pursuing a career in Film or Television, LUFP is a great opportunity to gain practical and universal skills whilst making friends in a fun environment.

Find out more by checking them out on [Facebook](#)
You can view their work on their [YouTube channel](#).

- Take 2 Cinema



If you are interested in watching films, as well producing them, Take 2 Cinema is Lancaster University's on-campus cinema. Fully equipped with a digital cinema projector and 7.1 surround sound, this is the best way to see a movie without leaving campus.

If you want to get involved, they are always looking for projectionists and potential exec members. Check out their Facebook page for more information:

https://www.facebook.com/take2lancaster/?ref=br_rs

Events spaces and Lancaster Arts

LICA Building event spaces

The LICA Building houses one of the largest event spaces in the university. With the ability to divide it into three separate spaces, this event space is also used for teaching, film screenings and student performances. It is used for events such as Job Fairs, exams, the Freshers fair, Open Days and both internal and external conferences.



- **Lancaster Arts**

[Lancaster Arts](#), is our on-campus independent Arts Organisation. As a multidisciplinary arts centre, they commission, produce and present work through three main arenas:

- The Peter Scott Gallery
- The Nuffield Theatre
- The Great Hall

Lancaster Arts venues



The Peter Scott Gallery

The Peter Scott Gallery produces an annual series of exhibitions and events. As Lancaster University's on-campus Museum, the Peter Scott Gallery is also the custodian of the University's art collection, which includes works by Picasso, Dürer and Miró. The Gallery also supports student and young artist's exhibitions, including the annual third year Degree Show.



The Nuffield Theatre

The Nuffield Theatre, the biggest black box theatre outside of London, brings professional and world-renowned contemporary Performance and Theatre onto campus and offers students the chance to partake in professional workshops as well as perform themselves.



The Great Hall

The Great Hall is the venue for the International Concert Series, bringing world class contemporary classical music and musicians from all over the world onto campus, including the BBC Philharmonic.

Lancaster Arts Volunteer Programme

The Lancaster Arts Volunteer Programme allows Lancaster University students to gain a variety of experience in a professional arts organisation.

Volunteers play a key role in the running of Lancaster Arts' programmes, and in supporting projects. Each position offers a unique insight into the workings of an established arts venue, and provides a hands-on introduction to the range of roles within the organisation. It is an opportunity to develop a range of transferable skills, receive specialised training, and access valuable developmental opportunities.

Opportunities include:



- **Concerts and Theatre Volunteers**, working as part of the Front of House Team, providing support and assistance for our performances.
- **Gallery Volunteers**, supporting exhibitions and events, and the care of our Collections.

VIP ACCESS

As a volunteer you get to experience Lancaster Art's internationally renowned shows, concerts and other events for free. You will have the opportunity to assist behind the scenes and work with visiting artists.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The Lancaster Arts Volunteer Programme boasts an annual calendar of Professional Development events. Past events have included Marketing and Branding workshops, conservation workshops and festival set-up and management.

University resources

You will also benefit from additional resources across campus, including:

- PC clusters, one of which is situated in the LICA Building.
- Free Wi-Fi across campus.
- [Lancaster University Library](#), which houses an extensive collection of printed and electronic resources. It also provides a high quality academic study environment, with spaces for both individual and collaborative study. All workspaces are equipped with power for personal devices and larger rooms have interactive technology for practising presentations.
- Moodle, the University's Virtual Learning Environment, where you can access course materials, enter into discussion with staff and students and submit assignments.
- The Employment and Recruitment Service - offering the opportunity to find part-time work within the university.
- The Base, which acts as a first point of contact for students. As well as offering advice, staff can refer students to specialist services such as Counselling, Disability, Funding and the Visa and Immigration team.



The information contained in this document was correct in 2020. Details will vary from time to time, but it is the University's intention to maintain a similar level of provision in future.