Study Start

Study Start is a 2-week intensive study skills course designed to help international students get the best possible start for their degree at Lancaster University.

Starting a university degree, especially if you are moving far from home, can seem a frightening prospect. Often students come with many questions, for example:

- How will I get used to my new university?
- Where is the library and how does it work?
- What kinds of classes will I have, and will they be similar to those in my previous studies?
- What conventions do I need to follow when writing essays, reports or dissertations?
- How can I avoid plagiarism?
- What is the best way to organise my time so I can get everything done?
- How can I get good marks on my assignments and exams?

Study Start will not only help you find the answers to these questions: it aims to help you become an independent and confident student. You will learn how to get the most out of being at a world-renowned university.

The main course aims are:

- To assist international students in settling in to the academic culture of the UK
- To raise awareness of writing conventions in different academic discourse communities
- To develop and practise effective study and time management skills
- To develop referencing skills
- To raise awareness of the expectations and standards at the appropriate level of study
- To maximize students’ chances of succeeding in their degree programmes in the UK

While other new students are still finding their way round campus and struggling to figure out where things are, you will have had a chance to discover everything Lancaster has to offer you as an international student.
Accommodation and facilities:
On-campus, single, self-catering study bedrooms in Lancaster’s award-winning student accommodation are available for all Study Start students. You can make use of all the resources of the University, including the Library, the extensive Sports Centre, the public computer laboratories and the University Health Centre.

Assessment:
The main assessment method is a written assignment (1000 words) to be submitted in several stages before final submission at the end of the course. The feedback you get on this assignment will help you decide which aspects of your work to prioritise when your degree coursework starts.

Social events:
There will be a reception at the beginning of the course, a weekend trip to another UK city (e.g. York, Chester or Manchester), and an end-of-course party. In addition, you will have some free time to socialise with Study Start students and students on other summer programmes in a number of venues on campus and in Lancaster town centre.

Cost:
This includes: orientation, teaching, assessment and social events. Accommodation will be invoiced separately.

Academic and language requirements:
To ensure students are able to cope with the intellectually engaging content of the course, we would normally expect that students have met the minimum language proficiency requirement of their main degree programme.

Further information:
For further information or an application form, please see the Study Start website http://ling.lancs.ac.uk/study/studystart, or contact:

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