Welcome

In the Department of Economics, internationally-leading researchers and practitioners deliver a world-class educational experience. Our mission is to give you the skills to tackle the big questions of our times and shape the future.

Students from around the world come to Lancaster to join a vibrant and inclusive community – and forever remain a part of it. Our graduates have gone on to work in large international professional services firms, national and commercial banks, governmental organisations, and they always take their time at Lancaster with them.

You will learn from internationally-renowned scholars, experts in key areas such as Behavioural and Experimental Economics; Education, Labour and Health Economics; Industrial Organisation and Economic Theory; and Macroeconomics and Financial Markets.

Our experts influence policy and practice around the world. Your education is underpinned by this practical and impactful research excellence – Lancaster University Management School is rated the number one business school in the UK for both our research power and research environment.*

The flexibility of our courses allows you to choose the pathways that best reflect your interests and motivation. Whether your career goals are to be an economist or a data scientist, a risk analyst or a chartered accountant, a Civil Servant or a consultant, we can help you acquire the knowledge and develop the tools you need for a bright future.

There are opportunities to enhance your employability by studying abroad, or adding a placement to gain valuable work experience, and our excellent careers teams can prepare you for interviews and assessment centres, build your CV and make you attractive to potential employers.

Whichever degree you are interested in, you will be rewarded with a challenging and beneficial time at Lancaster. You will gain not only a highly-reputable degree, but will graduate with relevant life and work-based skills, and with memories to last a lifetime.

Thank you for considering Lancaster as you make this important decision for your future.

*REF 2021, Business and Management Studies, first for Research Power, equal-first for research environment.

Tackle the big questions of our times

Economic and political decisions shape all of our lives and few people lack opinions about them. This degree provides you with the intellectual toolbox to understand the forces shaping the modern world, both within nations and internationally.

This is an incredibly flexible degree programme so you can weight your studies towards any or all three of the main subject areas.

You will be exploring questions like: what makes some countries richer than others? How can we measure inequality or the impact of climate change, and what should we do about it? What impact does war have on the global economy?

It’s our mission to equip you with analytical skills to answer these key global economic questions. In the course of your studies you will learn how to interpret data and evaluate public policy. You’ll also develop a deep understanding of the decisions made by individuals, organisations and governments.

Professor Themis Pavlid
Head of the Department of Economics

Charlotte Burt

Many aspects of the Lancaster experience prepared me for my job. In terms of the degree itself, some of the modules I completed such as macro and microeconomics gave me a great understanding of business.
How your degree is structured

Your degree is made up of two main parts: the first year, which is referred to as Part I and the second and third year, which are called Part II. If you are taking a four-year degree the fourth year is still within Part II.

You will study a range of modules in each Part. Some are taken by all students on your degree programme, some are optional modules focused on your major subject area, and some could be options from outside of your major subject area.

This structure offers you the chance to devise a more flexible degree programme that reflects your interests.

What you’ll study

BA Economics, Politics and International Relations introduces you to the foundational principles of Economic Theory, International Relations and Politics. It’s a flexible programme where the only compulsory modules are Careers and Employability so you can personalise your degree.

Year 1 Core Modules

Career and Employability I

Meet employers and understand your future job market through dedicated seminars and surgeries.

Economic Principles and Applications B

Learn the theory of micro and macroeconomics, including monetary theories, business cycles and inflation.

International Relations: Theory and Practice

Understand the major concepts and debates in the world of international politics.

Politics in the Modern World

Look at the behaviour of individuals and groups in political contexts and the interaction of global events.

Year 2 Core Modules

Career and Employability II

Set goals and develop your own personalised career plan.

Year 2 Optional Modules

Applied Economics

China’s International Relations

Christianity in the Modern World: Traditions and Transformations

Games and Strategic Behaviour

Hinduism in the Modern World

Idealism, Empiricism & Criticism in 18th Century Philosophy

Indian Philosophical and Religious Thought

Intermediate Microeconomics

Intermediate Macroeconomics

International Relations and Politics of the Asia Pacific

International Relations, Security and Sustainability

Islam: Tradition, Community and Contemporary Challenges

Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy

Macroeconomic Analysis

Metaphysics

Microeconomic Analysis

Mind-Body Problem

Moral Philosophy

Nineteenth-Century Philosophy

Peace Studies in Action

Peace Studies in the Middle East

Philosophical Questions in the Study of Politics and Economics

Philosophy of Science

Politics and History of the Middle East

Politics and Religion of the Middle East

The Government of the United States

The Politics of Race

The Politics of Religion and Gender

Values and Objectivity

Year 3 Core Modules

Career and Employability III

Benefit from 1-1 sessions with our School career team and coaching on how to prepare yourself to perform in the job market.

Year 3 Optional Modules

Africa and Global Politics

Behavioural and Experimental Economics

Britain in the World

Constructing Ethics in Islam: Sharia, Society and Contemporary Challenges

Contemporary Challenges (Special Subject)

Contemporary Issues in the Middle East

Darwinism and Philosophy

Development Economics

Elections, Voters and Political Parties in Europe

Environmental Philosophy (Special Subject)

Feminist Philosophy

Future Generations

Health Economics

Indian Politics, Society and Religion

Industrial Organisation

International Trade

Labour Economics

Logic and Language

Modern Religious and Atheistic Thought

Monetary Macroeconomics

New Religions and Alternative Spiritualities

Philosophy of Art

Philosophy of Medicine

Political Ideas

Politics and Ethics in Indian Philosophy

Politics of Global Danger

Optional module example:

International Relations, Security and Sustainability

Explore some of the main theoretical foundations of International Relations, including realism and neo-realism, liberalism, social constructivism and critical IR.

Focus on some of the major international events of the 20th and early 21st centuries. How do these relate to and interact with the development of international relations theories?

Delve into issues such as international political economy and debates relating to human/environmental sustainability. Consider the impact of climate change and tackle key questions on the practicality of an ethical foreign policy.

Optional module example:

Public Policy Analysis

Religion and Violence

Society & Politics in Latin America

Transformations and Revolutions in Twentieth Century Philosophy

Understanding External Intervention in Violent Conflicts

Optional module example:

Elections, Voters and Political Parties in Europe

Focus on the most fundamental component of democratic political systems: elections. Analyse key political behaviour issues relating to models of voting, electoral system design and party organisation. You’ll adopt a comparative approach, looking at advanced industrial democracies in the west, especially the UK, other parts of the EU and the US.

Examine the merits of different voting behaviour models; the politics of electoral system design and choice; the rise of anti-party / anti-politics sentiment; as well as the modern methods parties use as they attempt to market themselves to voters.

There will also be classes on developments in party organisation; contemporary party ideologies; the nature of party system change and continuity; and the relevance of public opinion to modern government and public policy.
Entry requirements

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We welcome applications from students with a range of alternative UK or international qualifications. Find out more here: lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/how-to-apply

Typical contact hours
12-15 hours per week depending on year of study and module choices

Typical assessment
A mixture of exams, presentations, essays and group reports.

Life at Lancaster

Where future leaders are made
LUMS is a place of collaboration and creativity. It’s a place where ideas are exchanged, talent is nurtured and bright futures begin. You will be part of a diverse student community that benefits from world-class facilities and a supportive learning environment.

Our brand new five-storey Management School building is a space to think and collaborate with three new lecture theatres, two executive teaching suites and a large atrium. This cutting edge facility provides an inspiring setting for the whole community, with large open spaces designed to enhance collaboration.

We are also home to a diverse, thriving and international community with a network of over 40,000 alumni.

Nine colleges, one home
Colleges are central to your University experience. They are where your social journey will start and one of them is very likely to be your home in Year 1. They’re where you can study and socialise and it’s almost like stepping into a ready-made set of friends. For ‘collegiate’ read ‘supportive’, ‘friendly’, ‘fun’ and ‘open’.

Future career options
- Civil Service
- Diplomatic Service
- Intelligence Analyst
- International Aid/Development Worker
- Political Risk Analyst

Our Economics, Politics and International Relations graduates have gone on to work for a wide variety of international NGOs, think tanks, consultancies and multinational corporations.

LUMS has an award-winning careers team who provide you with a dedicated careers and placement service. We also attract a wide range of leading global employers to campus offering you the opportunity to interact with graduate recruiters from day one of your degree.

You’ll not only gain a highly reputable degree, you’ll also graduate with life- and work-based skills. Every student is eligible to participate in The Lancaster Award, which offers you the opportunity to complete key activities such as work experience, employability awareness, career and social development.

Laura Conchie
My Lancaster experience has given me lots of professional connections that I wouldn’t have had otherwise. The team within the LUMS career service were a huge help when I was searching for my placement.

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/study
How to apply

All the up-to-date information you need before you submit your application is online:

lancaster.ac.uk/study

Get in touch

E: lums@lancaster.ac.uk
lancaster.ac.uk/asklums

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