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Welcome to Lancaster

We are delighted that you are considering studying at Lancaster University. By studying here, you will be part of a university with a global outlook and a community that extends far beyond our campus.

For us, Lancaster University is everything a university should be. It’s a campus that’s both well connected and set apart, a modern structure in a green setting. It’s a centre of knowledge, where students come to learn, researchers come to discover and teachers come to share. Above all, it’s somewhere you can belong - a community to join, with a collection of colleges that offer a close-knit support network and a proud identity.

As a top ten university, we set high standards, but we open our doors to all – it’s your capacity to learn about the world that matters. We challenge, pushing our students to new heights. However, we also support – guiding people throughout their studies, research and careers. By choosing to study at Lancaster, you will be joining a global community that seeks to make a global impact to improve lives and communities.

Our reputation

Among the best
Lancaster has been named International University of the Year for 2020 by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide. We’re also in the top ten universities in the UK, being ranked 6th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019, 7th in The Guardian University Guide 2020 and 7th in The Complete University Guide 2020. There are 165 higher education institutions in the UK.

We’re global
Lancaster has a wide range of teaching and research links around the world which provide exciting opportunities for our students to study or work abroad. We have strong links with universities in the US and China. Lancaster also has partnerships in Germany, Ghana, India and Malaysia.

We’re research driven
Lancaster University is a research-intensive university. The UK government’s latest independent review, the 2014 REF, ranked 83% of our research as either internationally excellent or world leading.

Our outstanding reputation attracts some of the brightest minds from all over the world, and our degree programmes are taught by experts to give you access to a high quality learning experience.

We’re here to support you getting a job
Supporting students into employment or further study is central to our purpose. Throughout your time at Lancaster, we will help you to develop the skills you need to succeed in your future job search through CV writing workshops, mock interviews and the opportunity to work on company projects and undertake work experience. Plus, as a Lancaster graduate, you will benefit from lifetime access to our Careers Service.

We have happy students
The university attracts students from a wide range of backgrounds and from more than 100 countries. Our student accommodation has been awarded the International Quality Mark, which is given to providers that achieve higher than 90% satisfaction from overseas students.
Coming to Lancaster is all about broadening your horizons, finding new perspectives and discovering new experiences. By living and studying with students and staff from over 100 countries, you will be joining a global community and have the opportunity to make some international connections of your own.

With teaching and research links around the world, we offer exciting opportunities to work and study abroad as part of your degree. Working with partner universities and institutions in China, Malaysia, Germany and Ghana allows our students access to Lancaster’s academic excellence in research and training in their own countries.

We are proud to be ranked in the top ten in three major UK league tables, which includes maintaining our 6th place in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019, as well as being ranked in the top three for graduate-level prospects. We have also been ranked 7th for teaching quality in Europe according to the Times Higher Education Europe Teaching Rankings 2019. This is the first international university ranking focused on teaching and learning.

Our academic staff are experts within their respective fields and work on a philosophy of research-led teaching. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework in 2014, 83% of our research was rated as either internationally excellent or world leading. This strong research culture results in pioneering contributions that translate into an active and stimulating environment for you to learn in.

Lancaster is one of a small number of UK universities to have a college structure. All our students and staff are members of one of our nine colleges and as a postgraduate student you will join the Graduate College. Each college has its own personality, history and traditions, and aims to create a supportive environment that offers many opportunities to get involved in a multitude of opportunities.

We are building for the future. We have invested over £270m in our campus buildings and facilities since 2011 with a further £250m planned in the next five years. This investment includes a significant redevelopment of the Management School, the Health Innovation Campus, and additional engineering, sport and library facilities.
Zhenhao Cao took his Bachelor of Arts in English Language Education in his home country of China, before coming to Lancaster University for his Masters programme in Language and Linguistics. During his undergraduate degree, his lecturers had recommended Lancaster because of its global reputation and academic strength in linguistics.

Why did you decide to apply to Lancaster for your postgraduate study?

I did a lot of research online before choosing to apply to Lancaster. I looked at global rankings, students’ experience reviews, the academic staff and their specialties, as well as the location and facilities of the university. Lancaster University had the highest ranking for linguistics among the universities I was considering, and it also covered the widest research areas with second language learning and teaching, corpus linguistics, discourse analysis study, and language testing and evaluation, and more. I was excited about meeting academics and talking to them and other students about research ideas. When I was offered a place at Lancaster University, I accepted it without hesitation.

What is your typical day like?

I live in Graduate College and I usually study in my room or at the library. I sometimes go with friends to the Quiet Study Space in the Graduate College and we use the Social Hub for group discussion.

On weekdays I spend a lot of time reading literature, discussing with peers on Moodle (Lancaster’s online learning environment), reviewing the class materials, and thinking about coursework topics. In my final term I’ve spent most of my time on my dissertation and meeting my supervisor frequently to discuss my progress.

Weekends are quite different. I follow the “weekday-weekend” lifestyle because I like to find a balance between study and play. While academic study is the most important part for me as a student, I don’t think it should occupy all my daily life. I try to eat three healthy meals every day and play sports regularly to keep fit. As a Christian, I go to the Chaplaincy Centre every Sunday and meet lovely friends there. I also go to the city centre or the Grad bar with friends to chill out.

Have you developed as an individual during your time at Lancaster?

The most important development for me has been a change in the way I study. Moving from a prescriptive model, where we had little choice, to a far more flexible, independent way of learning was a real change in culture. I found it hard to adapt to managing my own learning. For example, I wasn’t used to asking questions, but once I started I found that course convenors were supportive and really willing to help. I found that I benefited a lot from asking questions, whether it be to staff or peers.

As well as developing my academic knowledge, I’ve developed my confidence in different situations. I am more willing to approach academic staff, to network at conferences and to make new friends at festivals and events. The supportive environment in the department and the University has helped me to develop as a new member of academia and an independent individual.

Who has inspired you during your time at Lancaster?

My course convenor in Linguistics; she is always replies to emails quickly and her replies help me to think beyond the questions themselves. She is active and enthusiastic in class and she can remember each one of us. The feedback she provides on our coursework is like a one-to-one conversation that happens on the margin of the word document! It is my course convenor who inspired me to do my MA dissertation on second language acquisition.

My MA supervisor has helped me to frame my work and he provides insightful feedback on my research methods. He has also given me some really useful suggestions on how to present my work at a postgraduate conference.

What does the future hold for you?

I think my study here has confirmed my ambition to do a PhD in Linguistics. During class, I’ve learnt a lot about specific research areas and how to do research. After class, I went to several talk held by different research groups in our department and learnt state-of-the-art ideas. I’ve met many PhD students here and they’ve been happy to discuss potential topics for a PhD. I was a member of the committee that organized the Lancaster Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics and Language Teaching, where I had the opportunity to talk to current PhD students from different universities and was inspired by their research topics. The combination of Lancaster’s supportive environment, experienced academics, and my own interest has persuaded me that pursuing a higher degree is the right choice.

Zhenhao Cao
MA Language and Linguistics
A place for the Researcher

Our researchers work to find the answers to questions that affect us all. Renowned experts at the forefront of their fields are helping to shape our understanding of the world around us.

What makes hands unique?

Research led by Lancaster University’s Professor Dame Sue Black, in collaboration with the University of Dundee, will investigate what makes a person’s hands unique through a £2.5m project called H-Unique. The project will call on 5,000 ‘citizen scientists’ to contribute images to the world’s first searchable database of the anatomical variations in the human hand.

The project will build on the ground-breaking research techniques pioneered by Professor Dame Sue Black, which have been used successfully in criminal courts to identify perpetrators from images of their hands. Researchers will analyse all the factors that make a hand truly unique such as genetics, development, environment and even accidents in order to understand them fully and use them reliably as evidence for identification.

Supporting the project will be an interdisciplinary collaboration of anatomists, anthropologists, geneticists, bioinformaticians, image analysts and computer scientists. They will combine hard biometrics, such as fingerprints with soft biometrics, for example superficial vein patterns, skin crease patterns, scars, pigmentation and tattoos to provide a major novel breakthrough in the study of anatomical variation.

The research opens up the opportunity to develop new and exciting biometric capabilities that have a wide range of real-world applications, such as security access, border control and assisting in the investigation of serious and organised crime on a global level.

The benefits of retirement communities

A new study, carried out by Lancaster and Aston Universities, shows older people benefit from improved physical and mental health when living in retirement communities, resulting in cost savings to the NHS.

The study, commissioned by the ExtraCare Charitable Trust and led by Professor Carol Holland of Lancaster University, shows that the charity’s unique well-being and lifestyle model delivers significant health improvements.

Residents were more physically active, less anxious, less likely to fall, were never or hardly ever lonely and became less frail. This led to residents reducing their average hospital stays by three days per year.

Since the study was published, the charity has used the results to assess the efficacy of its award-winning, well-being service, which supports all residents to be proactive in managing their own health and make informed decisions about their health and lifestyle, via regular assessments. This research has helped inform the development of a resilience tool to measure how resilient residents are in terms of physical, psychological and cognitive health.

It will be used to reassess residents, some of whom have already been identified as frail, to determine if personal goals and targets are helping them to become more resilient.

There are plans to roll the tool out to other retirement housing providers later in the year.

Make IT easy on yourself

Research undertaken by Professor Monideepa Tarafdar, from Lancaster’s Department of Management Science, and co-director of the Centre for Technological Futures, has shown that four simple steps can help staff and managers understand the IT they use, and create a digital worklife balance.

The world of work has been dealing with the implications of continually emerging and ever-new IT since the 1990s, most notably with the effects on people and their behaviours, their performance at work, and their cognitive and emotional reactions.

More recently, the addictive nature of smartphones and tablets has become prevalent. While employees have come to gain reassurance, stimulation and sense of purpose from the wealth of possibilities that IT use has opened up to them, ultimately it is difficult to switch off from the digital world. This can lead to technostress, poor performance and poor health. The full implications of living a digitally augmented working life – and what it means for concentration, communication skills and other behaviours – are still being unpacked.

Professor Tarafdar’s research into this ‘dark side’ of IT included an investigation of how people can develop their own coping mechanisms to prevent digital stress. This included speaking to groups of office workers, from senior executives to office administrators, whose routines are typically occupied with the use of everyday office IT packages and email. Based on these conversations, she offers a different perspective to taking on the problems of organisational IT use, one that focuses on what employees themselves can do.

The four steps are:

1. Developing a positive IT outlook
A positive mental orientation about IT helps to reinterpret stressful IT situations in an optimistic and constructive light.

2. Building IT use skills
IT is not going away. So learn and get better at using it.

3. It’s okay to vent your anger
By expressing their frustration, employees can reduce the distress and unpleasantness they feel from using IT.

4. Creating boundaries
This can include, for example, using the different applications to take breaks.

Bringing the fictional world to life

What if fictional places in books, such as Middlemarch, Treasure Island, Barsetshire and Gormenghast could be generated as maps and even 3D visualisations out of the text itself? Now a pioneering three-year project led by Lancaster University sets out to do just that. The innovative project is the brainchild of Professor Sally Bushell and her research team aims to take literary mapping to a completely new level by focusing on a selection of imaginary spaces from a variety of famous literary texts. The researchers create an array of interactive and 3-D outputs in order to find new ways of reading, experiencing and interpreting literary place and space.

The main research project is focused on five different kinds of fictional space-time with different kinds of relationship to real-world place, including the integration of real and fictional places and entirely fictional universes. The core research question is how to map a text that has no correspondence to our world.

A spin-off project for schools (Litcraft) creates 3D worlds in Minecraft with linked educational resources. This is centred upon re-engaging reluctant readers with classic works of literature including: Treasure Island; Kensuke’s Kingdom; and Robinson Crusoe/ Swiss Family Robinson. School and library trials have proved the run-away success of the resource and a commercial build for Guiltier’s Travels is now underway.
Postgraduate research student, Niklas Reich, comes from an area close to Stuttgart in the south of Germany. It’s located less than three hours from the Alps and not far from the French, Swiss and Austrian borders. He took his BSc in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology in Germany before coming to Lancaster to take his MSc in Biomedicine. Now a PhD student, Niklas’ research focuses on the development of a drug to treat Alzheimer’s Disease.

I did a placement during my undergraduate degree and, while I enjoyed the amount of responsibility I had, it was more project management than research. This experience confirmed that I was more drawn to research and that’s when I started looking for postgraduate degrees abroad. I wanted to challenge myself!

The MSc in Biomedicine at Lancaster University introduced me to several fascinating research subjects, including my current field of expertise, diseases of the brain, cancer, microbes and disease. I then gained practical lab experience as a Visiting Researcher, which gave me the experience I needed to be accepted for my PhD.

I have lived in Lancaster for almost three years now. It’s not too big, not too small, but charming and it provides everything you need with regular bus and train connections.

What is a typical day like for a research student?

As PhD student and within the Alzheimer-focused research group, I have an enormous amount of freedom. I meet my supervisor regularly to discuss results and recent developments, but the majority of my time is spent planning experiments, buying the research materials I need, and preparing and performing the experiments.

My supervisor is very open and I’m encouraged to incorporate my own ideas. For example, I typically read up on research papers in my field and, if applicable, I am welcome to test out similar approaches in our laboratories. I recently attended a one-week workshop in Portugal that introduced me to cell-based research methods.

Tell us about the people you work with.

We are a relatively small group, consisting of a post-doctoral graduate and three PhD students. We have formed collaborations with multiple organisations and other groups including, for example, research groups in Milan and other UK universities.

We have founded our own society, known as ‘Defying Dementia’, which has helped fund my PhD and is well known in this area of the country. While our society aids our research, it also aims to inform and help people who suffer from dementia. It is the combination of research and public facing work that I enjoy most about my PhD.

How have you developed your skills and knowledge at Lancaster?

What I have learnt during my time at Lancaster is true academic work - scientific writing, reading and developing practical skills. Since we formed several collaborations during my PhD, I have also been introduced to the idea of entrepreneurship in research, and I have been proactive in making collaborations happen. This combination of skills will be beneficial for whatever career path I choose. I can act completely independently during my PhD, ranging from planning my own work, figuring out how to do something, solving problems, managing my own budget, guiding and instructing other students and finding and working together with other research groups. I even introduce the general public to our work, for example by organising lab tours, which is very rewarding. I like the independence and level of responsibility that I have in my PhD which will prepare me for future roles.

What would you like to accomplish in your career?

I haven’t entirely mapped out my future career yet, but I am strongly drawn towards the pharmaceutical industry. I could see myself as head of research in a neuroscience-focused department or as a senior member of the management team. Alternatively, I may follow an academic route such as leading my own research group in the field of neuroscience.
Your postgraduate experience

When you arrive at Lancaster, you will become part of our vibrant collegiate system. The Graduate College is one of our nine colleges on campus and is focused exclusively on postgraduates.

With more than 2,000 students, you'll find an international and multicultural community waiting for you at the Graduate College. Here you will be able to access a range of services designed to help and support you through your time at Lancaster. These include social and study facilities, such as a study hub and computer lab and even a dedicated, award-winning bar for when you want to take time out of your studies and relax.

The College’s friendly, international community celebrates and encourages diversity and provides members with an ideal opportunity to make lasting friendships. It also provides an environment for members to develop academically, while extra-curricular activities ensure that each postgraduate student’s experience is rewarding.

The interests of our postgraduate students are represented through a Postgraduate Board, which is elected annually from college members.

A small membership fee is required, which goes towards the running of the college.

For more information about the college, please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/colleges

Everything you need on campus

The peace and quiet of our extensive grounds.
The hustle and bustle of the busy Alexander Square.
A library with its own tree and colleges with their own bars and social spaces. Lecture theatres, seminar rooms and laboratories. Pitches, courts, a swimming pool and even a climbing wall. Our campus is more than just a collection of buildings, facilities and features. It’s the complete setting for your studies.

Our campus has transformed over recent years thanks to a number of significant new-build developments and remodelling projects. Our latest projects include:

+ The Management School has embarked on an ambitious development, creating a cutting-edge space for students, staff and partners.

+ The Health Innovation Campus is a pioneering project that brings together innovators, academics, entrepreneurs, businesses, local government, citizens and health care providers and aims to drive advances in technologies, products and ways of working to improve health and healthcare.

+ The Sports Centre has recently opened a Strength and Conditioning Room and Human Performance Lab and is now undergoing a second phase of development to create a second sports hall. The investment for phase two is due to the continued success of the facility and the growing demand from students, staff and the local community.

+ A 400-seat lecture theatre developed in response to feedback from previous staff and student surveys. The lecture theatre will become the largest on campus and will double-up as a space to host large-scale events and conferences.

+ A three-floor extension to the Library, which will create approximately 400 new study spaces, more than 120 silent study spaces and a wealth of dedicated research and collaboration spaces.

Find out more about our investment in our facilities at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/facilities/projects
This is a region that rises from a stunning coastline up to dramatic mountains. It’s criss-crossed by canals and the River Lune, and dotted with towns and villages full of character and heritage. At the heart of it all, you’ll find Lancaster.

It’s a place where history is written into the city streets. Take a walk from Queen’s Priory, around Lancaster Castle, past the fine Georgian architecture and through Williamson Park up to the Ashton Memorial – it’s a journey through time, from the medieval age to today.

The past is fascinating, but there’s an exciting future here too – with innovative industry, dynamic start-ups and free thinkers all producing something new, every day. Here, there’s room for free spirits and creative thinkers. The bookish, the outgoing, the trendsetters. With an eclectic range of busy bars, laid-back coffee houses and independent shops, there’s a place for them all.

And, always in the background, there’s the spectacular coastline of Morecambe Bay, the open countryside of North Yorkshire and the mountains of the Lake District.

Find out more about Lancaster’s story at: www.lancaster.uk.com

Coming to Lancaster is all about broadening your horizons, finding new perspectives and discovering new experiences. With us, you get to be part of a community that starts with the Graduate College, stretches far beyond our campus and reaches right around the world.

You’ll have every opportunity to make some international connections of your own, rubbing shoulders with students from more than 100 countries – whether you’re doing group work, getting involved with one of our student societies or enjoying a night off socialising. You’ll also benefit from the expertise of our world-leading staff from around the globe – as almost half our team come from outside the UK.

What starts in Lancaster can take you much further afield with a range of travel opportunities available. When you graduate, you’ll join an alumni network that touches every corner of the globe – putting a 180-country network at your fingertips.

Whether you’re a Lancaster local or you’re crossing oceans to join our community, you’ll discover an international perspective on life. You’ll learn about other people. Celebrate other cultures. Make friendships and connections that cross borders and continents. In Lancaster, you’ll explore the world and find yourself.

Lancaster University is proud of its reputation for highly qualified, employable postgraduates. Alongside your academic study, Careers will help you develop your employability so that you can identify and secure the right job or research opportunity in an increasingly complex and competitive market.

We work with a wide range of employers, who recognise and value the calibre of our postgraduates. Our events programme includes recruitment fairs, employer presentations and skills workshops, mentoring opportunities, and networking opportunities. As a postgraduate student, you are invited to attend employer events as well as careers workshops to inform and manage your postgraduate career.

Careers offers further services tailored to your needs to help you identify and progress to your chosen career. These include one-to-one information, advice and guidance as well as engaging and interactive workshops on CV building, developing a LinkedIn profile, psychometric tests, and succeeding at interviews and assessment centres.

A part-time job or an internship can enhance your employability and inform your career choices. Lancaster University Careers Service has an on-campus recruitment agency, helping you to find part-time work whilst studying. Our friendly and experienced staff can also help you find internships and longer placements related to your subject or future career plans. You can access all our vacancies online, and you can access careers support online through tailored careers and employability online courses, e-guidance, and workshops and employer presentations via webinars.

Find out more about the services we offer at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/careers
Everyone needs support from time-to-time. Lancaster offers a range of services to help you make the most of your time with us.

Support and wellbeing

www.lancaster.ac.uk

Tailored for our postgraduate student community

Here at Lancaster we recognise that postgraduates have unique study and support needs. That’s why:

- We have created postgraduate specific areas in our Library, the city centre and within the Graduate College.
- We have established our Doctoral Academy, an environment in which PhD students are welcomed into Lancaster’s thriving research community and offers opportunities for PhD students to engage, collaborate and innovate whilst studying for their research degree.

The Graduate College has been designed to meet the needs of postgraduate students. It offers a close-knit community that offers events and opportunities to enhance our postgraduate students’ university experience.

Student services

Our one-stop enquiry desk, right in the heart of the campus, provides friendly and expert advice on a range of academic and non-academic issues.

We offer a range of specialist support services, help with financial matters and careers advice. If you have a disability, our Disability Service will assess your needs and put in place appropriate adjustments for your studies.

Our Counselling and Mental Health Service can provide short-term support to help you to engage in your studies during emotional and mental health issues. If you need a visa, our visa and immigration team will provide you with all the necessary documentation for you to apply for your visa once you have an unconditional offer. We have a medical practice on campus and a pre-school offering a range of services for parents, and our multi-faith centre is open to all students.

We offer access to getting paid work whilst you study, and we work in partnership with your academic department and your college to ensure you receive the right support at the right time.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/abs

Chaplaincy

Our multi-faith Chaplaincy Centre is a welcoming and engaging place for people of all faiths and none. It offers a space for exploring issues of spirituality and building community, or just a quiet place to eat your lunch.

Your Students’ Union

All students at Lancaster can find a sense of belonging and many opportunities to get involved in university life through the Students’ Union. It’s here to represent you and support you.

Everything it does has students at its heart – working to be a force for positive change, supporting wellbeing and helping you to have a great experience while you’re with us.

Societies, sport, volunteering, academic support, welfare advice and much more, the Students’ Union does it all making sure you have all the opportunities you need to enjoy a fulfilling student life.

When you come to study at Lancaster University, you will automatically become a member of Lancaster University Students’ Union. However, if you do not wish to join, you also have the right to opt out of membership.

To find out more, please visit www.lancastersu.co.uk

International societies

The Students’ Union supports a wide range of international student groups, with the largest including the Chinese Students and Scholars Association and the African and Caribbean Society.

For a full list of international societies, please visit www.lancastersu.co.uk/international

Sport Lancaster

Conveniently located on campus, our Sports Centre offers a fantastic range of indoor and outdoor facilities for you to train and play.

Indoor facilities include a 25-metre swimming pool, an 8.5-metre climbing wall and bouldering cave as well as a health and fitness suite and sports hall. In 2019, we opened our new Strength and Conditioning Room, a space designed for high-performance packed with innovative conditioning equipment. Outside, you can find a range of courts and pitches including a 3G pitch, crown bowling green and tennis courts. Plus, if you’re looking for ways to enjoy some fresh air we also have a 2.6 mile woodland walk and a challenging outdoor trim trail.

Whether you enjoy competitive or recreational sport, keeping healthy in body and mind or simply enjoy being active, we have something for you.

“One of the reasons I love the Students’ Union is because of the voice it gives to students. Becoming an Academic Rep helped me understand that students actually have a say in what goes on at the University – I could see the results of my campaigns come to life and affect the daily lives of my course mates.”

Abiola Adelabu (Nigeria)
Why did you want to study in the UK?
I had travelled to a few different countries before, including the UK, and was keen to stay in the UK for longer and to experience the way of life and studying here. I was also curious to understand any differences in how my subject, Management, is applied in the UK across different fields such as technology, health and service industries compared to my own and other countries.

What have you found different about studying and living in the UK?
Settling in to a new country takes time before it feels “normal” as there are new places to visit and new friends to make. Although I’d been here before, I did experience a culture shock! Even small things like how the shops close early feel different, but you soon get used to this. I have enjoyed the diversity at Lancaster and the increase in my cultural awareness is something really valuable that I will take from this experience. Studying and living alongside people from other backgrounds and countries has helped me learn more about different cultures.

The academic resources at Lancaster are vast, particularly those available in the library (both physical and online). My favourite place to study at the moment is the Alastair Pilkington room on the first floor of the Library. I also enjoy using the study areas available in my college, the Graduate College. The student support services are excellent and I’ve visited the Base a few times to get help and advice. I’ve also had specialist support from the Careers Service and technical support from the IT team.

How has your experience at Lancaster prepared you for life after you graduate?
This experience of studying in another country has enabled me to gain confidence in myself and my abilities. My communication, interpersonal, analytical and cultural sensitivity skills have developed, as well as my resilience and time management skills. With help from my lecturers and the Careers Service, I’ve gained new insights and I feel better equipped for the world of work. I feel that the experience of Masters study at Lancaster has made me a more well-rounded person. I have improved my skills in interacting with people from all backgrounds as well as expanding my knowledge about my subject. I’ve learnt that not knowing something beforehand is not a big deal, and it’s valuable to ask questions and try new things.

What does the future hold for you, Catherine?
After learning more about people from different continents while at Lancaster, I could see myself living and working in any country in the world, in Europe or Asia for example. However, the continent of Africa is where my heart and interests lie.

Catherine is from Accra, the capital city of Ghana in West Africa. She took her undergraduate degree at Lancaster University Ghana, which is the first British university branch campus to be established in West Africa, and then came to Lancaster to take a MSc in Management.
Hello Future

After coming to Lancaster University from London to take her undergraduate degree, Rebecca decided to stay at Lancaster to complete her Masters. Her first job in a media agency introduced her to the world of insight, and she went on to work in a variety of agencies before moving on to lead marketing and brand insight at BT. She has recently moved to the role of Head of Brand Insight at the BBC.

How did the course you took at Lancaster prepare you for your career?

By the end of my undergraduate degree in Psychology I knew I was interested in continuing studying and was drawn to the Masters in Psychology of Advertising programme at Lancaster. The course combined my academic interest with a practical application, and was at university I knew offered a high quality of teaching and great lecturers to support me.

The Psychology of Advertising Masters really helped me prepare for my career, as it allowed me to understand how the study of psychology could be practically applied to marketing and brand questions. Throughout my course, we worked with a great network of brands and, as part of the Masters, we were required to undertake a placement. I completed mine at a media agency, which gave me a great understanding of what a day-to-day job in the industry would involve, and how research and insight was used throughout, and influenced decisions across the business.

This experience was invaluable, as it allowed me to see how my skills might be used in the media world, and gave me an opportunity to see if it was somewhere that I’d be interested in working. In fact, as a result of my placement I actually secured my first permanent role for when I’d finished my degree.

What do you enjoy the most about your work?

Working in media research on the agency side gave me the opportunity to work on a variety of different brands, but after five years I decided I wanted to really get under the skin of working on research for one brand.

Now that I work in a client-side role, I get to work much more closely with the teams who are making decisions around the identity and strategy for brands, and how to communicate this to consumers. I enjoy being able to see how my work in insight is influencing decision-making in the business. It’s great to work in a business that puts consumers at the heart of everything they do, and builds a strong brand based from insight led decisions.

Which of your professional achievements are you the most proud of so far?

I’ve loved working for some of the biggest British brands — highlights include working on the relaunch of the BT brand, and securing my newest job to lead marketing effectiveness and brand insight at the BBC.

What do you think is most important for someone who is considering a Masters in Psychology of Advertising?

I think the most important thing is to make sure you’re interested in the subject, as Masters can be a big commitment. It’s also important to take advantage of the opportunities available to you, whether that’s through work experience, mentoring programmes or networking. Make sure you’re prepared to put yourself out there and take opportunities when they come your way.

We asked Rebecca for her top three tips for Masters students:

+ Undertake work experience (where possible) – take advantage of the mentoring programmes and alumni at the University. Take the opportunity to meet with people in the industry you’re interested in working in, or learning more about. Understand what sort of role or degree might be suitable for, what the day-to-day in that job might look like, and what you might need to do to get there.

+ Always put your hand up, or say yes. I spent a long time thinking if I worked hard and kept my head down that opportunities would land in my lap, but the reality is that opportunities will only come about if you put yourself forward for them. Whether that might be putting your hand up to present even if it scares you (and my fourth sneaky tip would be get as much presenting experience as possible!) or saying yes to the opportunity to work on a market research project in your holidays, which could allow you to travel across the UK to ask consumers about their coffee drinking habits!

+ Enjoy it! Lancaster is a great university for your Masters, but it’s also a great university socially, the college system, sports teams and social events mean there’s always something to get involved in. When looking at your CV, your degree is not the only thing recruiters will look at; your experiences tell potential employees a lot about your working style and potential cultural fit within a business, so make sure you make some time for your hobbies and interests.
Graduate College offers mostly single-study room accommodation and is located on Alexandra Park at the south-west of our campus. We also have other self-contained flats for singles, couples and families located around the wider campus. If you prefer to live in Lancaster itself, then we can help you find university-approved accommodation.

As a postgraduate student, you are a member of the Graduate College and have access to all college facilities. Lancaster also offers adapted accommodation for students with disabilities or special needs. Please let us know your requirements when applying for your accommodation.

Accommodation guarantee

If you are a taught postgraduate student joining us in October we guarantee a place in accommodation owned, managed or approved by Lancaster University if you apply for accommodation prior to 31st July. This will normally be a University-managed room in the Graduate College, but when demand is high we will support you to find off-campus private-sector accommodation approved by Lancaster University Homes.

Although we can’t guarantee accommodation for postgraduate research students and students whose course runs for less than nine months or starts later than October, we will support you to find alternative accommodation off campus.

Letting periods and accommodation charges in Graduate College

Rooms are let on a 50-week basis (late September – September) or a 40-week basis (late September – July). Payment is termly, in advance of each term by invoice. 2019-2020 weekly rents include heating, lighting, water, network connection, contents insurance and cleaning of communal areas (townhouses and studios do not have a cleaning service):

Accommodation prices (2019/20)

- **Standard with washbasin**: £107.03
- **Standard townhouse room**: £128.31
- **En suite**: £136.85
- **Superior en suite**: £140.35
- **Single studio**: £166.95
- **Double studio**: £185.64

Applying for campus accommodation

Once you confirm acceptance of our study offer, from February onwards, we will send you details of how to apply online for your accommodation. We will send you our offer of accommodation via email and we will also ask you to pay a refundable accommodation deposit by credit card of either £200.00 for a single room or £275.00 for a self-contained flat.

Families and couples

The campus has a number of self-contained furnished flats ranging from one to three bedrooms. We can only offer a guarantee for single person accommodation; if we cannot offer you family accommodation that suits your needs, we will help you to find suitable alternatives via the accredited Lancaster University Homes scheme.

University accredited private accommodation for postgraduate students

If you prefer to live in the city, then Lancaster University Homes can help you find suitable student housing. With a searchable list of approve city-centre houses, flats and halls you can be sure in the knowledge that we have inspected all the properties included in the scheme to ensure that they meet ours and the UK government’s standards. You can use the website to arrange viewings, find housing advice and access Flatmate Finder to find other postgraduate students to share with.

Choose university-approved housing at www.lancasteruniversityhomes.co.uk

Accommodation at Lancaster

www.lancaster.ac.uk
Fees and funding

We understand that funding your postgraduate studies may be complicated. Our student funding team can provide you with advice and guidance on various aspects of university financial support and budgeting.

Living costs and budgeting

While living expenses vary depending on your lifestyle and needs, rents and some living expenses do tend to be lower at Lancaster than in some urban centres. Staff in the Fees and Funding Service and the Students’ Union can provide practical advice on funding, budgeting and general debt. For guidance on student living costs and an interactive budget planner, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/money

Fees for postgraduate study

Our annual tuition fee is set for a 12-month session, which usually runs from October to September the following year. The University will not increase the tuition fee you are charged during the course of an academic year. For students starting at the University for the 2020 session, subsequent year’s fees may be subject to increases. For taught postgraduate courses, this will be capped at 4% from the previous year for all students. For continuing postgraduate research students from the UK or EU any increases will be tied to the Research UK standard fee stipend, whereas the fees for international postgraduate research students will be capped at 2.5% per annum.

You can find our 2020/21 fees on our website.

You need to ensure that you have access to sufficient funds to cover living expenses and tuition fees across the duration of your studies.

Funding and awards

We recommend that you start planning the financing of your studies 12–18 months in advance of your programme start date, as some external awards will have application deadlines this early in the process.

To help with studying and living costs a range of scholarships are on offer to postgraduate students.

- Alumni Loyalty Scholarship – this scholarship offers a reduction in tuition fees of taught Master’s programmes and is open to all our Alumni, regardless of nationality or year of graduation. You do not need to apply for this scholarship; you will qualify automatically if you meet the eligibility criteria and the course entry requirements.

- University Scholarships – we offer a range of scholarships awarded directly through our faculties and departments. The majority of these scholarships offer support towards fees, although some may also contribute towards living costs. Competition for these scholarships is mainly based around academic performance and the number of scholarships and studentships offered varies from year to year.

Additional sources of funding are available for specific programmes and for students from particular countries/regions. For detailed listings of awards available at Lancaster, and for information about how to apply, please visit our website.

Charities, trusts and other general funders

A wide variety of charitable and other organisations have funds they make available to prospective postgraduate students at both Masters and PhD level. The amounts they make available are variable. The funding awards are made on a competitive basis and have criteria related to either academic excellence or financial need. Many have additional criteria related to the wider charitable aims of the organisation.

Their application deadline dates, and application processes are very varied and some have a number of different deadlines at times throughout the year. Further sources of funding may be found at www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/money/funding/

Postgraduate Loan Scheme

The UK government has introduced a postgraduate loan scheme for students undertaking Masters and Doctoral level courses. Certain eligibility criteria may change for 2020. For more information on the schemes available in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, please visit our website.

Find out more about our fees and funding options at www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgfunding
Applying to Lancaster

We welcome and encourage applications from all over the world and it is our aim to make the process of applying as straightforward as possible. To apply online please visit the My Applications website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/postgraduate-applications.

You can apply for most programmes using My Applications, but a few require you to apply through a different route. For example, an external agency administers applications for the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy). You will find information about any external application processes on our online course pages.

If you are applying for a postgraduate research degree, we would advise you to consult our departmental web pages prior to submitting an application to pinpoint your research area and investigate whether supervision is available at Lancaster University. For the majority of our research programmes, we recommend that you identify a potential supervisor prior to submitting a formal application. Once you have identified a potential supervisor, you should apply by using our online application form. As part of your application, you will probably need to submit a research proposal, which should demonstrate to your potential supervisors that you have identified a piece of research that is well thought-out and achievable.

We do offer some funded PhD studentships, and information about these can be found on our departmental web pages. If you are applying for one of these, please follow the instructions on how to apply as it may vary depending on the funding body and area of research.

For help and advice, please refer to our website or contact pgadmissions@lancaster.ac.uk.

What do I need to include with my application?
The My Applications website will guide you through the details that you need to provide and the supporting documentation screen will provide you with a list of required documents. These will usually include:

- Degree certificates and transcripts of previous higher education (college/university) degrees. For transcripts in languages other than English, a certified English translation will be required
- Personal statement
- References (we can automatically contact your referees once you have submitted your application, if you ask us to
- Research proposal (for research degrees)
- For those where English is not their first language, copies of English language test results

For detailed information on the English language qualifications we accept, please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/pg-english-requirements

Questions
If you have any questions about how to apply, please contact the Postgraduate Admissions team.
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Our campus is three miles south of the city of Lancaster and is set among 560 acres of beautiful parkland. While the natural surroundings give our campus a sense of tranquillity, we’re also really well connected and easy to reach both locally and from further afield.

For directions to the University and to find out more about travel at Lancaster University, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/travel

By bus and coach
With a frequent campus-to-city bus service, most students at Lancaster use the bus for travelling around. Bus services operate throughout the campus, with the main bus stop located in the underpass, directly underneath Alexandra Square. From here, there are at least 14 buses every hour to the city centre during the day in term-time. There are also regular direct bus services to Lancaster Railway Station, Morecambe, Preston and Blackpool. Real-time departure information is available on campus and on our mobile app, iLancaster.

Megabus and National Express provide direct coach links from the University to London and other cities across the UK.

By bicycle
Cycling is a very popular way to travel at Lancaster. A signed cycle route from the campus to the city centre includes an off-road cycle path and it takes around 20 minutes to cycle between the campus and city centre. We have bicycle parking across the campus and in the city. You’ll find cycle paths across the campus parkland, which link together all parts of the University. You can walk to the city centre in less than hour along the University cycle route.

By rail
Lancaster is on the West Coast Main Line, which has fast and frequent rail services to destinations across the UK. By train London is two and half hours away. Manchester is one hour away and the Lake District just 45 minutes away. There is an hourly train service to Manchester Airport and Lancaster Railway Station is situated a five minute walk from the city centre. There is a direct bus service to the station from campus.

By car
The University is conveniently located just two miles from Junction 33 of the M6 motorway. Parking permits are available for students who meet one of the qualifying criteria. Visitor parking is available and electric vehicle charging points are available.

By air
It takes about an hour to drive from Manchester International Airport to the University. An hourly rail link from the airport to Lancaster takes around one hour and 20 minutes. The University provides a coach shuttle service from Manchester Airport to the campus to welcome students at Arrivals Weekend and the start of the academic year. If you arrive at London Heathrow or Gatwick airport, you can catch a connecting flight to Manchester. Alternatively, you can travel from Heathrow or Gatwick to Lancaster by train or coach.

By taxi
Taxi ranks are located on campus, at Lancaster Railway Station and Lancaster Bus Station.

By foot
Walking across campus is safe and easy with a network of paths that are lit at night. You can walk to the city centre in less than hour along the University cycle route.
Accounting and Finance

The Department of Accounting and Finance takes pride in its established reputation for excellence in both research and teaching. The quality of our teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level is an essential element of our success, and our programmes are highly ranked among the best in the world.

The Department is made up of a diverse group of internationally renowned scholars who specialise in key areas including accounting and bank regulation, corporate finance, financial econometrics and many more. We host weekly seminars with leading researchers from around the world and we have an active programme of visiting speakers on campus.

Over the years, our work has been supported by a range of external funding bodies including the European Commission, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Leverhulme Trust, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), INQUIRE, and the Nuffield Foundation.

Our programmes draw upon our excellence in cutting-edge research, and provide able graduates with the theoretical and practical skills needed to succeed in the increasingly complex world of accounting and finance. Our courses also receive accreditation from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) for up to seven exemptions at the Fundamentals stage, and we are part of the CFA Affiliated University Program and offer various ways of supporting students interested in acquiring this prestigious qualification.

Taught programmes
- Accounting and Financial Management MSc
- Advanced Financial Analysis MSc
- Finance MSc
- Quantitative Finance MSc

Research areas
- Accounting
  - Bank accounting and regulation
  - Financial reporting
  - Corporate governance and auditing
  - Sustainability accounting
- Finance
  - Banking
  - Corporate finance
  - Asset pricing
  - Financial econometrics

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Ranked in the top 100 in the world for Accounting and Finance (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019)
56th in the world for Masters in Finance (QS Business School Rankings 2019)
5th in the world for Masters in Finance (Financial Times Global Masters in Finance 2018)

Zihui Huang
MSc Accounting and Financial Management

“I believe my Lancaster experiences helped me when I was interviewed to be an Associate Financial Analyst at the Shanghai Disneyland Resort. The international horizons I have gained and my interdisciplinary academic background, as well as my passion for work and life, will definitely help in my career. I believe that, whatever I do in the future, the soft skills I developed at Lancaster, such as communication, presentation and critical thinking, will all play a role.”

Biomedical and Life Sciences

The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 ranks Lancaster University fifth in the UK for biological sciences. The Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences is at the hub of Lancaster University’s biomedic teaching and world-leading research activities.

Our research focuses on the study of the biological aspects of human health and disease, using state-of-the-art experimental approaches. This includes the use of biochemical and cellular approaches and complementary studies in model organisms. Sources of funding for our research include UK research councils (eg BBSRC, MRC, ESRC), charities (eg Wellcome Trust, North West Cancer Research, Alzheimer’s Society) and industry (eg GSK, Renshaw, Novartis).

You will also benefit from our links with NHS Trusts and our excellent teaching and research facilities including our £4.4m life science laboratories.

Visit our website to read more about our courses, research strengths and to explore potential research project and PhD supervisors:
www.lancaster.ac.uk/bls

Taught programmes
- Biomedical Science MSc by Research
- Biomedicine MSc

Research areas
- Ageing
- Neuroscience
- Cancer and genome stability
- Parasitology, microbiology and vector biology
- Immunity and infection
- Bioinformatics

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“**The learning environment is very friendly, welcoming and supportive. My professors, academic adviser and project supervisor provided invaluable guidance throughout the year. If you are looking for a challenging academic experience with access to world-class facilities, I certainly recommend Lancaster University.**”

Chiedozie Nwafor
MSc Biomedicine

www.lancaster.ac.uk
Chemistry

We are a vibrant community and our research transcends traditional discipline boundaries, for example linking with biology and medicine, engineering, energy, materials, environmental science, and physics.

Our staff have interests spanning many areas of both fundamental and technological interest. Perhaps most importantly, we share common ground in research excellence, an inclusive and collaborative spirit, and a dedication to passing on our knowledge to a new generation of researchers. Research impact of all forms is an integral part of our research activity. We aim to mix the very best in chemical research with industrial partnerships to address real-world problems and generate solutions to grand challenges.

We offer a number of funded PhD opportunities throughout the year, or you may have a particular project in mind that matches the expertise of our staff. Either way, studying for a research degree is a highly rewarding and challenging process.

We provide a research environment that strongly supports the individual needs of each student, promoting a healthy work-life balance. It benefits from a significant investment from the University, and an extensive array of new laboratories, instrumentation and equipment to support our ambitious research activity.

This includes:
- Solution state NMR spectrometers
- Mass spectrometers
- Microscopy and nanofabrication equipment
- Powder and single crystal XRD
- Time-resolved and X-ray fluorimeters
- SEM and TEM
- Computer and software servers
- 10th in the UK for research output quality (Research Excellence Framework 2014)
- 94% of our research is world-leading or internationally excellent (Research Excellence Framework 2014)

Research areas

Research in the Department is broadly structured into a series of sub-disciplines or themes, including:
- Chemical synthesis
- Chemical theory and computation
- Materials chemistry
- Physical and analytical chemistry

Taught programmes

- Chemistry MSc by Research
- Materials Science MSc by Research
- Natural Sciences MSc by Research

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Computing and Communications

The School of Computing and Communications is 7th in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research (REF 2014).

We offer Masters Programmes in Computer Science, Data Science and Cyber Security (NCSC-certified). Our ethos is to combine our research excellence with practical, experimental approaches to equip you with the knowledge and skills to achieve your career aspirations.

You will benefit from high quality teaching delivered by globally recognised academics, state-of-the-art facilities including dedicated 24-hour teaching laboratories, individual supervision, and mentoring by academic staff. Our aim is to help you discover the fascinating and wide-ranging skills and knowledge needed to unlock your potential.

Each Masters course provides you with the opportunity to work with one of the many businesses that we have established partnerships with, to help enhance your career prospects upon graduation.

Our research shares a strong engineering ethos that emphasises an understanding of real-world challenges and focuses on the developments and experimental evaluation of systems. We are actively engaged in interdisciplinary research in areas ranging from signal processing and wireless networking to innovative user interaction, software engineering, cyber security, natural language processing and data science.

In addition, we believe in conducting research in partnership with end users and industry. We have projects in many areas including health transport; energy management; online security, crime fighting, counter terrorism; environmental informatics, emergency response and computing for energy conservation.

Taught programmes

- Communication Systems MSc by Research
- Computer Science MSc
- Computer Science MSc by Research
- Cyber Security MSc
- Data Science PgCert/PgDip/MSc

Research areas

Our research spans nine major sub-fields:
- Communication systems
- Data science
- Distributed system
- Human-computer interaction systems
- Networking
- Pervasive systems
- Security
- Software engineering
- Cloud computing

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Sam Maesschalck
MSc Hons Cyber Security

“I looked at a few courses, but Lancaster was the only one that had a multidisciplinary course, due to the number of modules on offer. There is a sociology module, a politics, philosophy and religion module, so it’s really interesting to see cyber security from the technical perspective, as a computer scientist, but also to see what are the laws about cyber security, what can we do in an investigation and what are the sociological impacts of cyber security. It’s very interesting to see a lot of different views on the same topic.”
The Department of Economics fosters a strong research environment and has an international research reputation in various areas. Over 40 academic members from more than 15 countries have published their research findings in top academic journals and have received substantial research funding from national and international sources. In addition, colleagues have served as advisers and consultants to national and international agencies, including the British Council, the European Parliament, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the House of Commons, the Office for National Statistics, the UN and the World Bank.

Staff members within the Department have undertaken prominent research projects in a number of areas, including education economics, labour economics, industrial organisation, international trade, macroeconomics, financial markets, economic development, political economy, and time-series econometrics. The research activities of our members inform teaching, bringing insights from the research frontier to all levels of education. As a result, the Department has a reputation for high-quality, research-led teaching to students at all stages.

The Department also organises various conferences and workshops as a way to foster collaborations and to dissemination research findings. Building on the research strengths of our members and core research areas, we host regular events in auction and competition, education, game theory, macroeconomics and political economy.

In addition to these, the Department has run the annual Esmée Fairbairn Lecture Series since 1981, which attracts many eminent speakers from business, politics, think tanks, the media and academia.

"My favourite thing was that the course featured specialists for each area of study, from financial economics specialists to political economy researchers. All of the teaching staff were experts in their relevant area."
Jamie Logan
MSc Economics

The Department of Educational Research is a hub for rigorous and socially relevant research into education, across different levels and contexts. With collaborations, partnerships and projects in the UK, Europe, and beyond, the Department has an international outlook. This outlook is reflected in what we offer in our programmes and within our student body.

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework 2014, our department was ranked 6th most research-intensive Education Department in the UK, demonstrating our commitment and success in producing high quality research (Times Higher Education REF 2014: Subject Ranking on Intensity).

While you study with us online, you will be encouraged to contribute to all aspects of departmental life, including reading groups and departmental seminars. With the use of digital technologies we ensure that our online students, who are located in countries across the world, can participate in all departmental activities. As a result of this, we have a particularly strong community of people sharing their experiences and insights with one another. Many of our students continue to be a part of our community beyond the completion of their programmes, contributing and engaging with our research centres as Alumni Members.

Our postgraduate taught programme aims to equip you with the skills required for further advanced study. If you graduate with a Merit or Distinction from our Masters programme you will automatically be eligible to receive an offer of a place on our Education and Social Justice PhD.

"The Times Higher Education Department is ranked joint 36th in the world (The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019)"
Engineering

The Engineering Department is a vibrant, world-leading research institution, where research-led teaching is offered in a great collaborative environment.

We are consistently highly ranked in the UK league tables. In the 2019 QS World University Rankings we are 6th in the UK and joint 92nd in the world for citations per paper in the Engineering and Technology category.

Our flagship building provides a stimulating and exciting environment with newly designed teaching laboratories, advanced research laboratories, and a continuously growing provision of state-of-the-art equipment.

An ambitious multi-million pound expansion plan is in progress including a new building with more than 2,500m2 of new cutting-edge laboratories to offer the most engaging and advanced learning experience to our students in electrical and electronics, mechanical and chemical engineering and to foster new research achievements.

We have recruited more than 20 academics from top, worldwide institutions in the past three years to further raise our international profile and offer a broad range of expertise for new exciting projects to our students.

We have a broad network of industrial collaborations to provide our students with placements and industry focused projects. We offer Masters and research-based courses, doctoral training and short courses for continuing professional development.

Taught programmes

- Electronic Engineering MSc
- Engineering MSc by Research
- Engineering Project Management MSc
- Mechanical Engineering MSc
- Mechanical Engineering with Project Management MSc

Research areas

- Additive manufacturing
- Advanced manufacturing
- Bioengineering
- Composite
- Computational mechanics
- Embedded systems
- Energy storage
- Flexible electronics
- Microwave, millimetre wave and THz technology
- Renewable energy
- Robotics
- Wireless networks and electronics

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English Literature and Creative Writing

We produce world-class research and teaching in all major areas of literary study and creative writing, with particular strengths in: literature and location; Gothic literature and culture; literature and religion; creative writing; and critical creative fusions.

The following Distinguished Visiting Professors underpin our critical creative identity: world-famous literary critic, Terry Eagleton; 2017 winner of the Queen’s Gold Medal for Poetry, Paul Muldoon; and celebrated biographer and graphic novelist, Benoît Peeters.

There is a vibrant postgraduate community in our department. We host numerous reading groups, specialist conferences, research seminars and workshops with distinguished academics and visiting writers. We hold our own literary festival, Lancaster Words, and have close links with Lancaster Litfest and the Dukes Theatre.

Our department is home to six journals, which span the literary field from medieval to contemporary literature. Our journals publish both critical and creative writing and feature work from all over the world by established and emergent scholars and writers. These journals present current students with the opportunity to have their own work published, and to engage with newly emerging work from early career researchers.

Research areas

- The long 19th century
- Postcolonial/world literatures
- Medieval and Early Modern writing and culture
- 20th and 21st century literature

Taught programmes

- Creative Writing Distance Learning MA
- Creative Writing Modular MA
- Creative Writing by Independent Project MA
- Creative Writing with English Literary Studies MA
- English Language and Literary Studies MA
- English Literature and Research MA
- English Literature MA
- English Literature with Creative Writing MA
- Gender and Women’s Studies and English MA

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1st in UK for Creative Writing
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020, and The Complete University Guide 2020)

8th in UK for English
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020, and The Complete University Guide 2020)
Entrepreneurship and Strategy

The Department of Entrepreneurship and Strategy’s exciting postgraduate degree focus on the core challenges facing business leaders, such as the identification and seizing of entrepreneurial opportunities, the development of competitive advantage and the management of disruptive innovations.

Our degrees benefit from internationally renowned research, and in our faculty we have staff who are leaders in their fields and who are engaged with entrepreneurs, small and medium-sized enterprises and multinational companies.

We have over 20 years’ experience of working with SMEs and providing world-leading growth programmes, and the University was one of the first to be awarded the Small Business Charter Award. Our strategists regularly advise major corporations, speak at international events and are the authors of some of the most influential strategy texts in Europe.

Our programmes, based on cutting-edge research and deep engagement with management practice, prepare graduates for careers in start-ups, large multinational companies, management consulting and innovation. We offer a unique, transformative learning experience based on the combination of inspirational management research and practical experience, designed to extend your knowledge, enable your future career and expand your networks. Our Strategy MSc and modules benefit from internships with global organisations.

Our Entrepreneurs-in-Residence regularly support the modules we offer with live cases, and mentor students. Overall, we offer a unique, transformative learning experience.

Taught programmes
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation MSc
- International Business and Strategy MSc
- Strategy MSc
- Strategy MSG
- Innovation Management and policy, innovation in SMEs and family business, social innovation

Research areas
- Entrepreneurship
  - Entrepreneurial learning, family business, enterprise policy and regional development, small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs)
- Strategy
  - Strategy development in practice, strategic change and renewal, organisational capabilities and competitive advantage, business models, digital strategy, corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions, international business strategy
- Innovation
  - Innovation management and policy, innovation in SMEs and family business, social innovation

“The experience I gained from the MSc in International Business and Strategy was priceless. I learned from world-class professors, group projects, and discussions with others, all of which supported the development of my analytical skills.”

Moses Asiimwe
MSc International Business and Strategy

Graduate School for the Environment

Lancaster’s Graduate School for the Environment harnesses the power of three of the world’s foremost research organisations to give students the best possible chance of enjoying productive, impactful and influential careers.

Our students are valued members of a stimulating international community of researchers that have a diverse range of backgrounds, interests and specialisms.

Students at the Graduate School benefit from the expert knowledge and experience of world-leading staff from Lancaster Environment Centre, Rothamsted Research and the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology. Together this amounts to a support framework of unparalleled breadth and depth. That way we can create the next generation of experts, ready to play their part in addressing the many environmental challenges that face the world at the regional, national and international level.

We are home to environmental consultancies and the Environment Agency, and as one of our students, this means that you will enjoy access and exposure to potential employers from day one.

You can enrol on one of our popular Masters degrees, where the breadth of optional modules makes studying with us a tailored experience. Or you can help us design a Masters by Research programme specifically to suit your interests.

Taught programmes
- Conservation and Biodiversity MSc
- Ecology MSc by Research
- Environment and Development MA/MSc
- Environment and Law LLM
- Environmental Management MSc
- Environmental Science MSc by Research
- Flood and Coastal Risk Management MSc/PGDip/PGCert
- Food Security for the 21st Century (Distance Learning)/PGCert
- Human Rights and the Environment LLM
- Plant Sciences MSc by Research
- Sustainable Water Management MSc
- Volcanology and Geological Hazards MSc

Research areas
- Atmosphere, climate and pollution
- Critical geographies
- Earth science
- Ecology and conservation
- Environmental and isotopic chemistry
- Geophysical data science
- Plant and crop science
- Political ecology
- Soil, plant and land systems
- Water science technology
- Renewable energy
- Robotics
- Wireless networks electronics

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Health Research

The Division of Health Research is a centre of international excellence for health-related research and education. We work closely with UK and international charities, research funders and government bodies to improve service provision and care through better-prepared professionals, practitioners, policy-makers and health researchers.

The Division brings together over 100 academic and research staff with strong relationships with NHS and social care partners, and the voluntary sector. We also host the regional and local centres for the NIHR Research Design Service for the North West (of England).

The Division sits within Lancaster University’s Faculty of Health and Medicine. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework Assessment Exercise (2014), 89% of the Faculty’s research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent, with its research environment ranked joint first in the UK.

Lancaster University’s new Health Innovation Campus will be an international centre tackling the biggest challenge in healthcare today – helping people to live as long and as healthily as possible. We aim to create a world-class centre for innovation in health, transforming healthcare and changing practice internationally, nationally, and regionally – a ‘go to’ place for health innovation.

Visit our website to read more about our research strengths and to explore our MSc and PhDs, including options for part-time, blended learning.

Taught programmes
- Ageing MSc
- Health Economics and Policy MSc

Research areas
- Ageing and end of life care
- Dementia
- Health economics
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Organisational health and wellbeing
- Public health and health equity

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“I emerged with a new thirst for excellence, greater humility, clarity of thought and confidence in my thesis. The persistence and hard work paid off; I have achieved, I have grown, I am changed.”

Dr Lynn Bassett
PhD Palliative Care

History

The Department of History is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and graduate career development.

We offer three MA programmes in History, International and Military History, and Digital Humanities, which allow you to gain the knowledge and skills you need to develop professional expertise, pursue a research career, or explore your interest in history and related disciplines.

Through a range of core and optional modules and one-to-one supervision, you will be trained by experts in the field to handle primary sources, engage with key debates and build new arguments. You can also develop your research further through our programme of seminars, conferences and guest lectures. You will have the option to broaden your horizons by studying abroad for a term at one of our European partner universities. You can also complete a work placement in a school, or with one of our national and regional partners at a historical site, archive or museum. This will provide you with valuable hands-on experience in the heritage sector.

Our expertise ranges from Ancient Rome to the present day, across Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe, and the Middle East, as well as the British Isles and the Lancaster region. Throughout the Department, our experts work with archival sources, archaeological remains, artefacts and digital methods to develop new research in fields across history, heritage and the digital humanities.

Taught programmes
- International and Military History MA
- Digital Humanities MA
- History MA

Available pathways
- Medieval and Early Modern
- Modern
- Heritage
- Bespoke

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6th for History
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019)

3rd for graduate prospects
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We are committed to contemporary practice and critical thinking in the arts and have a thriving interdisciplinary research culture that is strengthened by our outstanding creative industry connections.

The most recent Research Excellence Framework assessment (REF 2014) placed Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts joint 7th in the UK for our research environment with 82% of our research classed as world (4*) or internationally (3*) leading.

Our ambition is to support traditional modes of scholarship whilst also fostering informed, creative and intelligent practitioners. Our facilities include performance and acoustic labs, public event and installation spaces, workshops, and fine art and design studios. We also work with the art, craft, and archive collections of The Ruskin Museum of the Near Future and the Peter Scott Gallery, providing additional opportunities for advanced enquiry.

In addition to our flagship taught masters programmes, we provide postgraduate research opportunities in fine art, design and design management, digital and live art, film and media, and theatre, performance and dance. We offer supervision across all of our areas of academic and creative expertise. Our cross-disciplinary partnerships and formal relationships with professional creative organisations provide a platform for projects that actively engage with the questions of today.

Taught programmes
- Arts Management MA
- Design Management MA

Research centres

ImaginationLancaster
- Design-led research lab that conducts applied and theoretical research into people, products, places and their interactions

Insight
- Insight focuses upon making meaning in the arts. It brings together expertise from fine art, film, theatre, dance and sound by engaging with notions of societal value and use, through both practice and theory
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Languages and Cultures

Our department offers a distinctive approach to languages in the context of their related global cultures.

With students and staff from multiple language backgrounds, there are opportunities for you to engage with a truly global community in our department. Through work-in-progress seminars, skills seminars, and a variety of research and social events, we aim to create an enriching and enjoyable study experience.

Our academic staff have a broad range of specialist interests including the languages and cultures of France and the Francophone world, Germany and Austria, Spain and the Hispanic world, as well as their relationship with English-speaking cultures globally. This means that supervision for MA dissertations and for PhD theses can encompass a wide variety of possibilities from A–Z. Taking X as an example, we could list: activism, African studies, agency, albinism, allegory, Alsatian poetry, alterity, Austrian studies, authorship and so on. An exhaustive list is not possible, but broad indications are listed below under ‘Research Areas’.

Research students can study with us for a PhD in European Languages and Cultures or in Translation. Topics vary from literary, filmic and cultural studies, translation, and for PhD theses can encompass a wide variety of possibilities from A–Z.

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Linguistics and English Language

As one of the largest Linguistics and English Language departments in the UK, we offer a wide range of postgraduate programmes. We pride ourselves on high quality teaching and our students have access to our research through our teaching. New ideas and developments in research feed directly into what you will learn on your programme.

Our research covers a range of topics relating to language, including its structure and acquisition, its use in a variety of social settings, and its cognitive and neurological underpinnings. A more comprehensive list of our research is listed below under ‘Research areas’.

To support teaching, learning and research across our range of Masters and PhD programmes, our department is equipped with state-of-the-art laboratory facilities. These include a soundproof audio recording environment, fixed and portable ultrasound machines, fixed and portable eye-trackers, and electroencephalogram (EEG) machines. We also have a number of sophisticated software packages to support both psycholinguistic experimental research and qualitative data analysis.

Opportunities for learning with us extend far beyond the classroom. We have several specialist research groups that postgraduate students regularly participate in. Our students organise an annual postgraduate conference in linguistics and language studies and are supported in attending other national and international conferences. There are also opportunities to get involved in larger research projects led by members of staff in the department.

The Department of Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster University provides an exciting, dynamic and supportive environment for your postgraduate studies.

Taught programmes
+ Applied Linguistics and TESOL MA
+ Discourse Studies MA
+ English Language (Distance) MA
+ English Language and Literary Studies MA
+ Intercultural Communication MA
+ Language and Linguistics MA
+ Language Testing (Distance) MA
+ Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (by Distance) MA

Research Areas
+ Bilingualism
+ Cognitive linguistics
+ Corpus linguistics
+ Critical discourse studies
+ First language acquisition
+ Forensic linguistics
+ Language testing and assessment
+ Linguistic relativity
+ Literary studies
+ Pragmatics and stylistics
+ Second language learning and teaching
+ Sociolinguistics
+ Sociophonetics

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Winner of the Queen’s Anniversary Prize in 2016

Ranked 12th for Linguistics
(QS World University Rankings 2018)

Powerful research, rich learning environments. The facilities on site are great, everything is contained and you have sufficient quiet areas to catch up on work after lectures.

Jasmin Lindo-Clarke
Executive MBA

Managemennt School Executive Programmes

We offer a range of part-time executive programmes, including the Executive MBA and the International Masters Program for Managers (IMPM). Many of our programmes sit within our Centre for Executive Training and Development (CETAD), a centre for excellence in work-based learning. In CETAD we offer a different approach, with our programmes specifically designed to meet the needs of those who are combining work with study.

Our teaching teams include practitioners and academics, ensuring you gain practical outcomes that are relevant to you. We work across all sectors and levels from aspiring leaders to top teams. In addition to full programmes, you can choose to study individual modules as short ten-week courses.

Taught programmes
+ Executive MBA
+ Innovation and Improvement Science MSc
+ PG Dip/PgCert
+ International Masters Program for Managers (IMPM)
+ Leadership and Management PgCert
+ Leadership and Management (Healthcare) PgCert
+ Management MSc
+ MBA (full-time)
+ Medical Leadership MSc/PgDip/PgCert
+ Organisation Development PgCert
+ Professional Development PgCert
+ Professional Practice MSc/PgDip/PgCert
+ Senior Leaders Masters Degree Apprenticeship

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“The cohort contained a wonderful mix of personalities, business backgrounds, age groups and nationalities, all of which contribute to varied views and constructive, healthy classroom debates. Lecturers were organised and created open and engaging learning environments. The facilities on site are great, everything is contained and you have sufficient quiet areas to catch up on work after lectures.”

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Management Science

Management science is the discipline of applying analytical and scientific methods to make better decisions in management. It is based on the latest thinking in analytics, data science, information systems, logistics and project management. It is a real-world discipline that has a focus on improving the complex systems and processes that underpin our daily lives.

Our Department has a worldwide reputation as an international centre of excellence, and is one of the largest management science departments in the UK. We attract students from diverse backgrounds and from many different countries. Our teaching and research have gained high ratings in the most recent independent assessments of British universities. Lecturers work closely with industry on research projects and are at the leading edge of thinking and practice.

Originally founded as the Department of Operational Research in 1964, the first of its type in Europe, the Department has grown and evolved so that it now also covers operations management, project management, information systems and business analytics. The Department takes the lead in the Centre for Marketing Analytics and Forecasting, the Centre for Productivity and Efficiency and the Centre for Transport and Logistics. It is also a key partner in the Data Science Institute and the Statistics and Operational Research with Industry (STOR-i) Centre for Doctoral Training.

Our two flagship programmes are perfectly placed for those wishing to enhance their existing marketing skill sets, and for those eager to kick-start a successful career in this most dynamic of organisational functions.

Underpinning both degrees is our core ethos of teaching and learning, which focuses on the combination of cutting-edge theoretical research and its application to solving the most challenging of current issues across the ever shifting disruptive marketing landscape. It is this commitment to industry orientated thinking, partnered with both national and international business organisations, which allows our students to understand the central role of marketing and the key skills required to succeed. In addition, students are supported throughout their studies by our dedicated Marketing Careers team to enhance their employability skills.

We seek individuals who have a desire to comprehend the core strengths of modern marketing techniques, both offline and digital. Across both the 12-month programmes, we seek to inspire, and to create the confidence in those on our programmes, in order for them to exploit those techniques in driving the strategic imagination of themselves and their future employers.

Our commitment to excellence in research and its influence on the disruptive, digital global marketing landscape marks Lancaster out as a key destination for future marketing leaders. We work with you to drive your passion for marketing and making change happen.

Lisa Baumgartel
MSc Marketing

“...the best thing about my course was the huge amount I learnt. I’ve not only gained a lot of subject-related knowledge, but also many soft skills. For example, how to work with different people from various nationalities, cultures and mentalities. I’m able to use all these skills in my career. Furthermore, lecturers were all very engaging and inspiring, making me want to know more!”

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Mathematics and Statistics

We are one of the UK’s top departments for world-leading research, ranked joint 5th in the Research Excellence Framework 2014.

We offer a variety of opportunities for postgraduate study in pure mathematics and statistics, including taught Masters (MSc), Masters by research (MRes) and PhDs. We have a vibrant community of academics, support staff and students from around the world. Our excellent facilities include dedicated teaching, learning, computing and research spaces. Our established research links with business, industry and government provide expertise across statistics and data science and opportunities for industrially engaged MSc dissertations.

We have a Centre for Doctoral Training (STOR-i) combining statistics, operational research and industrial applications. We are producing a new generation of researcher, capable of creating an impact in these areas.

Taught programmes

+ Data Science MSc/PgDip/PgCert
+ Quantitative Finance MSc
+ Statistics MSc/PgDip

Research areas

+ Pure mathematics
+ Statistics

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Organisation, Work and Technology

The Department of Organisation, Work and Technology has a long established international reputation for its teaching and research.

As one of the first departments of organisation studies to be established in the UK, we are known for the advancement and application of organisational and social theory. A succession of well-known academics have worked in the Department and many of our students, who have subsequently become influential figures in their own right, continue Lancaster traditions.

As a multi-disciplinary department, we draw primarily on the disciplines of social psychology, sociology and philosophy. We research and teach within and across three main themes of organisation, work and technology. Empirical research has always been an important focus, conducted on the basis of strong theoretical foundations. We draw on, and contribute to, a range of relevant disciplines including human geography, human resource management, organisation studies, philosophy, sociology and the sociology of technology.

We are particularly known for our critically informed analysis of management and work practices in a variety of contemporary and historical settings. The Department is home to a thriving community of full- and part-time doctoral students.

Our Masters programmes reflect different aspects of the Department’s interdisciplinary areas of focus. In all cases, the courses draw on the latest research being undertaken by staff and encourage a very reflective and critical approach to contemporary management and organisational practices.

Taught programmes

+ Human Resource Management MSc
+ Human Resources and Consulting MA
+ Information Technology Management and Organisational Change MSc/MRes
+ International Masters Program for Managers (IMPM)
+ Politics, Philosophy and Management MSc

Research areas

+ Critical leadership studies
+ Ethics, sustainability and management
+ Gender and diversity
+ Human resource management and employment relations
+ Information, technology and society
+ Management, organisations and society

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“The Organisation, Work and Technology Department really made my experience at university amazing. I found the academics to be fully knowledgeable in their areas, and further found them to be approachable, friendly, and committed to helping me improve throughout the duration of my programme. I was able to speak with academics in their office hours about topics of particular interest, and debate them. For me, this was one of the best experiences I had during my degree.”

Rachael Barrow
MSc Human Resource Management
Physics

We are one of the top departments for research, ranking 2nd in the UK (REF2014) for the number of research outputs judged as internationally excellent (4 star).

Our research is concentrated into the major research groupings of astrophysics, particle and accelerator physics, condensed matter physics and theoretical physics. Substantial backing from a range of funding bodies supports this research. We have numerous collaborations with overseas laboratories, as well as major European networks. As a postgraduate student in our recently refurbished Physics Department you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities. Also, you will be provided with opportunities for internships, training in transferable and research skills, and the technical training applicable to your research area.

Our facilities include:

- **IsoLab**
  - Ultra-low noise laboratories in one of the most advanced environments in the world for the expanding field of quantum technology.

- **Quantum Technology Centre**
  - Molecular beam epitaxy facilities, laboratories for III-V semiconductor nanostructures and devices, and micro and nanofabrication clean-room equipment with e-beam lithography.

- **Computing facilities**
  - Linux workstations
  - Grid networking
  - Beowulf class computer

**Taught programmes**
- Physics MSc by Research

**Research areas**
- Accelerator physics
- Condensed matter theory
- Experimental particle physics
- Low temperature physics
- Mathematical physics
- Nonlinear and biomedical physics
- Observational astrophysics
- Quantum nanotechnology
- Space and planetary physics
- Theoretical particle cosmology
- Theory of molecular-scale transport

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“Studying in the Physics Department has been such a great experience. There are lots of opportunities to be involved with the Physics Department itself, such as helping with undergraduate teaching or taking part in outreach events. My research is in theoretical cosmology, so I enjoy helping out with experimental demonstrations occasionally to mix things up.”

Charlotte Owen
PhD, Physics

Politics, Philosophy and Religion

The Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) is an interdisciplinary department that combines research and teaching in politics, international relations, philosophy, and religious studies. We attract and welcome students and scholars from around the world.

We offer taught programmes in each of our disciplines, whilst also offering a range of combined programmes that include elements of all our disciplines. Wherever possible, we will work with you to support your developing interests and will provide guidance to identify the most appropriate combination of modules to further your personal development. In addition, we also provide one-to-one supervision for independent study projects and offer special subject courses that draw from our research activities.

We have a strong, distinctive and exciting research culture. Our interdisciplinary research brings together scholars who work within and across the subject areas of religious studies, philosophy, and politics and international relations. Our areas of research are often linked to organisations outside of higher education, with colleagues in all areas conducting research that contributes to the reshaping and enhancement of policy and practice in active and tangible ways.

PPR staff and postgraduate students speak and take part in academic meetings and conferences in the UK, Europe, and around the world.

We pride ourselves on our lively, inclusive, and intellectually active community. PPR staff and students take part in research and reading groups, discussion panels and workshops, and a multidisciplinary departmental seminar series that brings scholars from all over the world to Lancaster.

**Taught programmes**
- Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies MA
- Conflict, Development and Security MA
- Diplomacy and Foreign Policy MA
- Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning) MA/LLM
- Diplomacy and International Relations (by Distance Learning) MA
- Diplomacy and Religion MA
- International Relations MA
- International Relations MMes
- Philosophy and Religion MA
- Philosophy MA
- Philosophy PgCert
- Politics and International Relations PgCert
- Politics and Philosophy MA
- Politics MA
- Politics, Philosophy and Management MSc
- Politics, Philosophy and Religion MA
- Quaker Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert
- Quakerism in the Modern World (Distance Learning) MA
- Religion and Conflict MA
- Religious Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert
- Religious Studies MA
- Religious Studies PgCert

**Research areas**
- We research and teach in most areas of our disciplines, but have particular expertise in:
  - Applied philosophy
  - Area studies of Africa, the Americas, Britain, China, Europe, the Middle East and South Asia
  - Global philosophy and religion
  - History of philosophy in both the Anglophone and continental traditions
  - Immigration and borders
  - New religions and spiritualities
  - Philosophy of medicine, psychology, and psychiatry
  - Religion and society

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**Ranked 2nd in research quality for Theology and Religious Studies**
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019)

**Ranked 5th in research quality for Politics**
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019)

**Ranked 5th in research quality for Philosophy**
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019)
Psychology

A Masters degree in Psychology will be an important step towards a career in vital fields of clinical practice or research.

We are proud to be a welcoming community of teachers that conduct research that is internationally recognised for its excellence. Globally important funders, including international and national agencies such as The Leverhulme Trust, UK research councils, and the National Institutes of Health, support the work of our academic staff. We are home to one of the largest developmental research centres in the world. Our researchers in the fields of language and cognition, perception and action, and social processes work in partnership with charities, governmental institutions and the research councils to address critical questions, and to develop commercial applications or practical solutions for challenges in psychology.

What you learn, as a student in Psychology, will be based on the latest research as our teaching staff include many internationally recognised experts. You will develop research methods skills and have access to an excellent suite of technical facilities and cutting-edge software. Students on the MSc Psychology of Advertising will benefit from partnerships with dynamic companies working in the advertising and marketing sectors. Students focused on developmental psychology and developmental disorders will be taught by an internationally respected group of experts in development. We are proud to offer helpful advice and individual attention throughout your studies.

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Social Work

Social Work is located in the thriving interdisciplinary Department of Sociology. Whether you are looking to qualify as a social worker, or want to be engaged in continuing professional development after working in the field, we support you in developing and using your professional judgment in the complex situations that social workers face.

Our academics continue to engage closely with social work practice, through a variety of therapeutic, expert, innovation and research roles. Working in partnership with regional, national, and international practice partners, our masters and post-qualifying CPD courses allow you to develop and/or enhance your analytic skills, as well as the sensitivity and compassion to deliver the very best service to individuals, families and communities.

We strive to provide students with a collegial and supportive environment for a wide range of research activity. This covers both theoretically innovative work, for example, on the processes of global change, and applied policy orientated work with a focus on informing effective social work practice.

In addition to our taught Masters degree, we also offer several postgraduate certificates for qualified social workers. These programmes are designed to be accessible for people in full-time work, including people who live some distance from Lancaster. To learn more about these programmes and our other continuing professional development opportunities, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/sociology/cpd

Taught programmes

+ Developmental Disorders MSc
+ Developmental Psychology MSc
+ Psychological Research Methods MSc
+ Psychology of Advertising MSc

Research areas

+ Infancy and early development
+ Language and cognition
+ Perception and action
+ Social processes

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Marina Kalashnikova
PhD Psychology

“The Psychology Department is not only outstanding because of its high academic standards, but also because of its friendly and supporting environment.”

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Taught programmes

+ Social Work MA

Research centres

+ Centre for Child and Family Justice Research
+ Centre for Disability Research (CeDR)

For further information, please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/sociology/research/research-centres

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4th in the UK for Social Work (The Guardian University Guide 2020)
Sociology

Lancaster’s Sociology department is a research-intensive department that foregrounds critical and active engagement with contemporary real-world problems.

We seek to develop and sustain research that is original, significant and rigorous, while also fostering interdisciplinary, supportive research communities from which this work can grow. This includes our diverse group of research centres, which bring together staff and students from across the University and the world through their research and events. We also offer a research student training programme at MA and PhD level, which is supported by seminars, workshops, writing retreats, reading groups and social events. Our students are funded from a variety of sources including the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), and government scholarships worldwide.

The Department plays a key role in research collaborations at Lancaster with particular concentrations in science and technology studies, gender and women’s studies, mobilities, media and cultural studies, political sociology, children and young people, and disability. We place a high priority on good relationships between students and their lecturers/supervisors, and we welcome any applications that match our teaching and research portfolio.

Taught programmes
- Environment, Culture and Society MA
- Gender and Women’s Studies MA
- Gender and Women’s Studies and English MA
- Gender and Women’s Studies and Sociology MA
- Media and Cultural Studies MA
- Social Research MA
- Social Work MA
- Sociology MA

Research centres
- Centre for Child and Family Justice Research (CFJ)
- Centre for Disability Research (CeDR)
- Centre for Gender and Women’s Studies (CGWS)
- Centre for Mobilities Research (CeMoRe)
- Centre for Science Studies (CSS)
- Centre for the Study of Environmental Change (CSEC)
- Cultural Political Economy Research Centre (CPERC)

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2nd for Sociology
(The Complete University Guide 2020)
4th for Communication and Media Studies
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019)
4th for Social Work
(The Guardian University Guide 2020)

The modules listed in the course section of this prospectus provide examples of the choice of modules that may available on each degree programme, based on recent academic teaching. The exact modules available to you may vary depending on staff availability and research interests, new topics of study, timetabling and student demand. For the most up-to-date information on the range of modules available on each course please contact the department in question.

Our courses

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Accounting and Financial Management MSc

This programme enables accounting and finance graduates, as well as professionally-qualified accountants, to take stock of what they have learnt and extend their academic training. You will gain the theoretical framework and skills needed for an increasingly complex and global field.

The course is accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), and has a designated pathway to help prepare you for the ACCA's professional-level papers, which are available to those who fill the criteria (see our website for details). You also have the opportunity to sit the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I professional exam. Some modules contribute to Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Study sessions at Levels I and II.

Many graduates have progressed to senior positions in the accounting profession and industry.

Example modules
- Advanced Management Accounting
- Financial Markets
- Financial Reporting for Complex Entities
- Foundations of Finance

Department Accounting and Finance
Duration 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, accounting, economics or other business-related subject.
Assessment Formal exams, individual coursework essays and assignments, group-based reports and case study analysis

Advanced Financial Analysis MSc

This programme helps you acquire the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level II qualification and develop the specialist skills for a career in investment management and financial analysis.

The first part of the programme covers core material on the CFA syllabus. It also provides training in data and programming (Bloomberg, VBA and R), business writing, and the December CFA Level II exam (where required).

The second part covers advanced topics in investments and financial analysis. Training in Python and presentation skills is also included.

The third part is a specialist CFA dissertation including intensive preparation for the CFA Level II (June) exam.

Example modules
- Advanced Financial Markets and Investment Management
- Advanced Financial Reporting and Analysis
- Advanced Investment Research Methods

Department Accounting and Finance
Duration 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, accounting, economics or other business-related subject. Graduates in non-business areas with strong quantitative elements may also be considered.
Assessment A mix of coursework, projects and formal exams. You will receive specialist training from Fitch Learning tutors to prepare you for the CFA Level I and II examinations. CFA exam results do not affect your final grade on the programme.

"What I liked the most was the CFA Level I and II preparation, included in the programme. During the year, I got a Masters Degree and I passed CFA Level I and II. Moreover, we had a career coach that helped us develop our professional profile and organised employer visits. Finally, an experience that I enjoyed was the Bloomberg trainings. All these elements made my experience at Lancaster valuable."

Konstantina Kalantzis
MSc Advanced Financial Analysis

Advanced Marketing Management MSc/MRes

This challenging programme aims to help you to fast track into senior management in marketing.

You will develop the crucial marketing management skills of critical integrative thinking and collaborative working within a curriculum that integrates theory and practice. Throughout the course, you will continually confront ‘real-world’ issues in marketing.

You will produce a dissertation, possibly based on a practical project conducted with an agency. Previously, our students have worked as teams of marketing consultants with companies including Microsoft, BrandCap and The Hut Group.

Example modules
- Advanced Marketing Management
- Brand Management
- Developing a Critical Understanding of Marketing
- Marketing in Practice
- Researching Markets and Marketing

Department Marketing
Duration 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in marketing or in a related business subject with a significant marketing component. A degree in a non-marketing subject with significant practical experience in marketing may also be considered.
Assessment Coursework, essays, formal examinations, group reports, case study analyses and presentations

Ageing MSc

This Masters will advance your knowledge and critical understanding of theory, research, policy and practice in ageing. You will gain an understanding of how ageing and later life are related to demographic, social, economic, political, and environmental factors. You will work with academics on the production of a piece of analysis that makes an original contribution to knowledge development within your field and is designed for publication.

The MSc is a part-time programme with an innovative blend of distance learning and an annual three-day Autumn Academy held at Lancaster University.

Example modules
- Ageing: Theory and Research
- Data Analysis
- Systematic Approaches to Literature Reviews and Evidence Synthesis
- Theory, Methods and Choices

Department Health Research
Duration 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements A 2:1 honours degree, in a relevant subject. Qualifications and/or experience considered by the University to be of an equivalent standard will also be considered.
Assessment Written assignments and independent analysis

Applied Linguistics and TESOL MA

Our Applied Linguistics and TESOL programme prepares current and future language teachers to be innovators in the profession. Core modules cover four areas considered essential to an applied linguistics degree. Optional modules can be chosen from a range of specialised or broader topics. The modules are a rich mix of the latest thinking about the teaching, acquisition, and assessment of language.

Our learning environment is warm and supportive, and our MA graduates have presented and published their research internationally.

Example modules
- Language Test Construction and Evaluation
- Principles of Language Teaching
- Second Language Acquisition
- Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
- Teaching Languages to Students with Specific Learning Differences

Department Linguistics and English Language
Duration 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject area. Consideration will also be given to applicants with over two years of relevant teaching experience and a DELTA certification (or equivalent).
Assessment Coursework and dissertation
Taught programmes

Arts Management MA

This programme enables you to develop the core skills and knowledge required by managers in the arts and cultural sector. It will allow you to enhance your understanding of the environment within which cultural and creative organisations operate and identify the issues that influence them. The programme features a work placement module, where you will work with a cultural/creative organisation. The work placement offers you the opportunity to gain a practical understanding of the ways in which these organisations conduct themselves and how that relates to your theoretical studies.

Example modules
- Arts Management Practice
- Creative Industries Placement
- Personal Development

Department: Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a creative arts, social science, or management discipline
Assessment: Coursework, which includes essays, reports, presentations and a dissertation

Biomedical Science MSc by Research

This MSc will enable you to gain in-depth knowledge of a particular area of biomedical research while becoming familiar with general and specific research methods and laboratory practice. It includes nine months of full-time laboratory work as part of an established research group, directed learning through the graduate training programme, and a three-month writing-up period, in which you will produce a dissertation. Your written dissertation also examined by a viva voce, is the means by which the MSc by Research is assessed. We encourage you to contact one of our academics, whose interests align with your own, to discuss the proposed focus of your research.

Department: Biomedical and Life Sciences
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in biology, biochemistry, molecular biology or a related subject. Undergraduate MBChB students intercalating between 4th and 5th years of study require a top quartile outcome in MBChB finals. We will consider applicants with a 2:2 honours degree on an individual basis
Assessment: Original research thesis and viva voce examination

Biomedicine MSc

This MSc involves both a taught component and an extended research project, with each contributing 50% of the overall MSc credits. Taught modules cover contemporary topics in biomedicine including global health, cancer biology, diseases of the brain, infectious disease, drug discovery and biomedical ethics. You will be taught by leading experts in their field. Your research dissertation project provides the opportunity to undertake research in one of the department’s research areas, which include: ageing; neuroscience; cancer and genome stability; parasitology, microbiology and vector biology; and immunity and infection bioinformatics. The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 ranks Lancaster University fifth in the UK for Biological Sciences. The MSc will provide you with the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills required for progression to PhD study, a career in biomedical research (industry or university-based) or hospital-based employment.

Example modules
- Diseases of the Brain
- Microbes and Disease
- Medical Ethics
- Drug Development (from concept to clinic)
- Immunology
- Cancer Biology
- Key Concepts in Biomedical Research

Department: Biomedical and Life Sciences
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree or degree equivalent, in an appropriate subject. Applicants with a 2:2 honours degree will be considered on an individual basis

Business Analytics MSc

This programme prepares graduates from the field of data-driven, analytical decision-making to use the tools of modern data science, management science and analytics. You will learn how to apply all three areas of analytics – descriptive, predictive and prescriptive – to help make key business decisions. The programme places special emphasis on applying skills to real problems by giving students the opportunity to work on a real business analytics project with our industrial partners as a part of the degree.

With input from experts in areas such as optimisation, forecasting, machine learning and simulation, the programme is designed to train both recent graduates and experienced professionals from any quantitative field. The knowledge and skills that you gain will help to make you sought after for a range of roles like data scientist, business analyst, operational research scientist/analyst, simulation scientist/enginner, pricing scientist, analytics engineer to name a few.

Example modules
- Forecasting and Predictive Analytics
- Operational Research and Prescriptive Analytics

Department: Management Science
Duration: 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a quantitative discipline, such as economics, finance and computer science. Business and management degrees with a strong quantitative component will also be considered
Assessment: Individual essays/reports, group presentations and exam

Chemistry MSc by Research

Our MSc by Research programme provides the opportunity to undertake a short, in-depth independent research project in one of our research groups. It will equip you for more sustained and original work on the doctoral level or for advanced-level applied research positions. This degree will develop relevant analytical and technical skills, together with transferable skills related to research, communication, problem solving, and independent working.

For information on possible projects, and for further details of our specific research interests, please visit our departmental website.

Department: Chemistry
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 undergraduate or Masters degree in chemistry, or an equivalent degree in a related discipline such as physics or chemical engineering, appropriate to the proposed research project
Assessment: Original research thesis and viva-voce examination

Clinical Research MSc/PgDip/PgCert

Lancaster Medical School’s Clinical Research programme is designed for professionals working in healthcare settings who are interested in building a research career. It introduces the key principles, methods and techniques used in clinical research in modern health service settings. You will improve your knowledge of research design and methodology, develop the essential skills required to undertake clinical research, and learn how to integrate research into your clinical context.

The programme offers a flexible pathway for combining study with employment in healthcare. The course is delivered via a blended learning approach, including a mix of online, flexible facilitated learning, interactive workshops, and tutor support. A tiered exit structure allows you to exit with a PG Certificate after one year, a PG Diploma after two years, or an MSc after three years. The full MSc can also be studied full-time over one year, or part-time over two years.

Example modules
- Life Cycle of Clinical Research
- Methodological Foundations
- Practice-based Dissertation

Department: Lancaster Medical School
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 or 36 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree in a relevant subject. Applicants with relevant professional experience but without an undergraduate degree should contact the Director of Studies
Assessment: Coursework, presentation and dissertation
**Communication Systems MSc by Research**

The MSc by Research Masters can be tailored to your individual research needs. You will first take an induction course leading to the production of a learning contract with a research supervisor and subsequently develop a research proposal that forms the basis of the rest of your study. You will then progress to a period of independent research project work and complete a project dissertation.

**Department**  
Computing and Communications

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in communications, engineering or similar discipline

**Assessment**  
Learning contract, literature review and dissertation

**Computer Science MSc**

Computer science is a dynamic discipline which is applicable to a diverse range of industries. Designed to meet the needs of contemporary industrial and research environments, our advanced Masters degree blends teaching with practical and professional experience to provide the skills, knowledge and awareness to pursue a career in computing and computer science.  

There are seven modules, plus a research or industry placement, followed by a substantial independent research project with supervision, which will address a real-world problem that you have identified.

**Example modules**  
+ Advanced Human-Computer Interaction  
+ Applied Data Mining  
+ Building Big Data Systems

**Department**  
Computing and Communications

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computer science or a closely related discipline. Relevant industry experience may be considered.

**Assessment**  
Coursework, dissertation and presentations

**Computer Science MSc by Research**

This MSc by Research programme can be tailored to your individual research needs. You will first take an induction course leading to the production of a learning contract with a research supervisor and subsequently develop a research proposal that forms the basis of the rest of your study. You will then progress to a period of independent research project work and complete a project dissertation.

**Department**  
Computing and Communications

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computer science or similar discipline

**Assessment**  
Learning contract, literature review and dissertation

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**Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies MA**

This MA programme critically examines the theoretical and methodological issues surrounding the dynamics of peace and conflict in the contemporary world. It engages you with the work of leading scholars in peace and conflict studies, drawing on evidence from a range of recent conflicts. The programme also explores techniques in conflict resolution, such as mediation, in order to deepen your understanding, and develop your practical skills in conflict analysis – skills relevant to a wide range of professions.

**Example modules**  
+ Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts  
+ Globalisation and Democratisation  
+ Major approaches to the Study of International Relations

**Department**  
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

**Assessment**  
Coursework and dissertation

**Conflict, Development and Security MA**

This MA addresses the increasing overlap between ‘development’ and ‘security’. It enables you to broaden your understanding of the present crises in global security and development through the study of recent and current humanitarian, developmental and security responses. You will also explore the links between aid and politics. Our programme is particularly relevant if you are considering employment in the field of humanitarian assistance and post-conflict reconstruction, or are a practitioner wishing to study the politics of aid.

**Example modules**  
+ Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts  
+ Globalisation and Democratisation  
+ Major approaches to the Study of International Relations

**Department**  
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

**Assessment**  
Coursework and dissertation

**Conservation and Biodiversity MSc**

On this course, you will have the opportunity to gain a solid foundation in key theoretical issues, such as wildlife population dynamics and conservation biology, and learn how these are applied to real-world problems, such as managing habitats or dealing with wildlife-human conflicts. There is also the opportunity to spend plenty of time out in the field gaining hands-on experience.

You will select six modules from a wide choice of topics to create a programme that is suited to your individual interests. You’ll also complete a substantial project which will enhance your practical and analytical skills.

**Example modules**  
+ Conservation Biology  
+ Data Analysis and Interpretation  
+ Geoinformatics

**Other modules available can be found on our website**

**Department**  
Graduate School for the Environment

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. We can also consider applicants with a 2:2 degree, or equivalent, if they have relevant work experience (including voluntary work)

**Assessment**  
Coursework, presentations, examinations and dissertation
Taught programmes

Creative Writing (Distance Learning) MA

This international programme links students in the UK and overseas through virtual learning in order to exchange and critique writing in a range of literary forms.

As well as being allocated a personal tutor, who is an expert in your chosen genre, you will have access to research training modules via our website, and can informally meet and communicate with other students in our cybercafés.

In your first year, a six-day Summer School is held on campus, consisting of workshops, personal progress reviews, and visits by agents, publishers and other writers.

Example modules
- Approaching the Novel
- Seeing Things: Visualising Poetry
- Flash Fictions
- Approaching the Novel

Your chosen specialism in two of the four optional modules and in your creative project. This MSc programme engages with the ethical issues and policies informing the design of research into crime, deviance, and punishment.

Entry requirements
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English, creative writing, or a related subject; and a portfolio of original writing

Duration
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
- Combination of coursework, portfolio and research methodology portfolio

Department
- English Literature and Creative Writing

Creative Writing (Modular) MA

This flexible programme offers a range of pathway options, allowing you to choose a route that suits your personal interests.

Our generalist pathway offers a free choice of modules in prose fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and dramatic forms. If you want to specialise in poetry, prose fiction, or creative non-fiction you can choose to do so by following a specialist pathway. Specialist pathways enable you to focus on your chosen specialism in two of the four optional modules and in your creative project.

Example modules
- Approaching the Novel
- Seeing Things: Visualising Poetry
- Flash Fictions
- Approaching the Novel

Department
- English Literature and Creative Writing

Entry requirements
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English, creative writing, or a related subject; and a portfolio of original writing

Duration
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
- Combination of coursework, portfolio and research methodology portfolio

Creative Writing by Independent Project MA

This programme provides you with the opportunity to pursue an independent writing project in your chosen literary form. Your development is supported by specialist tutors who facilitate a combination of weekly workshops and personal supervision, with visits from agents and publishers.

The programme is aimed at those who have a strongly developed idea for their writing project. It offers a personalised pathway within a small group of student writers who offer mutual criticism and support.

Our aim is to help you develop into the writer you want to be.

Example modules
- Approaching the Novel
- Seeing Things: Visualising Poetry
- Reading for Writing

Your chosen specialism in two of the four optional modules and in your creative project. This MSc programme engages with the ethical issues and policies informing the design of research into crime, deviance, and punishment.

Entry requirements
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English, creative writing, or a related subject; a creative writing portfolio and a sample of your academic writing

Duration
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
- Combination of coursework, portfolio and research methodology portfolio

Department
- English Literature and Creative Writing

Criminal Justice and Social Research Methods MSc

This MSc programme engages with the ethical issues and policies informing the design of research into crime, deviance, and punishment.

You will be guided through the theory of criminological and criminal justice research. This will enable you to develop your skills in collecting, analysing and reporting on qualitative and quantitative data. The integration of criminal justice and criminological modules gives you a broad overview of current research and allows you to engage in more specialised criminological and socio-legal studies.

Example modules
- Approaching the Novel
- Seeing Things: Visualising Poetry
- Flash Fictions
- Approaching the Novel

Department
- Law

Entry requirements
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline

Duration
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
- Coursework and dissertation

Criminology and Criminal Justice LLM/MA

This programme is distinctive in covering a range of criminal justice and criminological debates. It enables you to engage in specialised criminology and socio-legal studies and offers the opportunity to explore discourse on specific topics in criminology, international human rights, criminal law and transitional justice.

The Law School is home to the Centre for Crime, Law and Justice, which underpins our research-led postgraduate teaching on this programme.

The award of LLM or MA is determined by the number of modules chosen from Criminology or from Law; and the focus of your dissertation.

Example modules
- Approaching the Novel
- Seeing Things: Visualising Poetry
- Flash Fictions
- Approaching the Novel

Department
- Law

Entry requirements
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline

Duration
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
- Coursework and dissertation

Dr Jenn Ashworth
Director of Postgraduate Studies, Creative Writing
## Taught programmes

### Criminology and Social Research Methods MSc

Distinctive in its integration of criminal justice and criminology modules, this programme gives you a broad overview of current research in criminology and criminal justice. You will explore the key ethical considerations in criminological research and of more specialised socio-legal research and debates.

Our research methods modules also provide you with the opportunity to advance your skills in the collection, analysis and reporting of qualitative and quantitative data, skills that are relevant to a wide range of careers.

**Example modules**
- Crime and Criminal Justice in the 21st Century
- Criminological Research in Practice
- Criminological Theory
- Quantitative Research Methods 1
- Quantitative Research Methods 2

**Department** Computing and Communications

**Duration**
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline

**Assessment**
- Coursework and dissertation

### Cyber Security MSc

Develop the skills and knowledge to face one of the world’s greatest challenges with our NCSC certified Masters, which aims to prepare you for a career in cyber security, application and software security and cyber law enforcement amongst others.

Through eight modules and a research project, you will gain an understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of cyber security and technology, and apply it to real-world issues. You will be able to draw upon world-leading research from Security Lancaster, our GCSC and EPSRC recognised Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research.

**Example modules**
- Cybercrime
- Digital Forensics
- Information System Risk Management
- Information System Security Management
- Introduction to Law for Cyber Security Specialists
- Penetration Testing

**Department** Computing and Communications

**Duration**
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computing or a closely related discipline. Relevant industry experience may be considered

**Assessment**
- Coursework and dissertation

### Data Science MSc/PgDip/PgCert

Data science plays a vital role in our modern world. This interdisciplinary Masters provides fundamental data science training through five core modules and allows you to specialise in either computing or statistical inference. The optional modules are varied and can be selected to follow designated computing, business intelligence, societal, population health, bioinformatics and environmental pathways.

The programme is completed by a 12-week placement, allowing you to apply the skills and knowledge that you have learnt to address substantive, real-world, problems.

**Example modules**
- Building Big Data Systems
- Data Mining
- Forecasting
- Generalised Linear Modelling
- Likelihood Inference
- Programming for Data Science

**Department** Computing and Communications

**Duration**
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computer science, mathematics and statistics or a quantitative programme relevant to data science

**Assessment**
- Coursework, examination and a dissertation

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### Design Management MA

This programme enables you to develop an understanding of contemporary design management. It prepares you for a variety of careers such as design consultant, manager, researcher and design-led change-maker in private and public organisations. It also provides you with a solid foundation for progressing to doctoral study.

You will develop and use critical modes of thinking to address the challenges design managers face across a range of real-world situations. The course explores design management from a range of future-oriented perspectives, including service design, design for sustainability, design strategy, and design and branding.

**Example modules**
- Contemporary Issues in Design
- Design Management
- Design and Business
- Design Directions
- ImagingLab
- Mental Health
- Psychology of Advertising
- Developmental Disorders
- Psychological Research

**Department** Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts

**Duration**
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in design or a related discipline

**Assessment**
- Coursework, presentation and major research project

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### Developmental Disorders MSc

Studying with us will enable you to build an advanced understanding of developmental disorders. Lancaster is home to one of the world’s largest centres for developmental psychological research, including well-known specialists researching infancy and childhood development. Completing this Masters programme will be hugely beneficial for those wishing to practice professional psychology, to pursue research, or to advance into a senior role. You will study five modules and complete an independent research project.

**Example modules**
- Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research
- Generalised Linear Modelling
- Likelihood Inference
- Mental Health
- Psychology of Advertising
- Psychological Research

**Department** Psychology

**Duration**
- 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in psychology or a related discipline

**Assessment**
- Coursework and dissertation

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“The lecturers who teach on my course are also researchers in the field; it’s so amazing knowing that their work is woven into our learning, meaning that everything we are taught is at the cutting-edge of research topics, which our lecturers are incredibly passionate about. As a Psychology student, the facilities I have access to are amazing. We have the opportunity to gain valuable statistical analysis skills in the laboratories where we can access equipment such as TMS, eye-tracking and also the baby lab. These facilities are invaluable to have on hand during research projects to equip me with real-world industry experience.”

Frances Jackson

MSc Developmental Disorders
Taught programmes

Developmental Psychology MSc

This programme focuses on the theory and evidence of how humans change over time. Lancaster is home to one of the world’s largest centres for developmental psychological research, with many well-known researchers specialising in infancy and childhood development. Completing our Masters programme will enable you to develop an advanced understanding that will help you to progress in professional practice or in research. You will study five modules and complete an independent research project.

**Example modules**
- Analysing and Interpreting Data (foundation and advanced modules)
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research
- Developmental Disorders

**Department** Psychology

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in psychology or a related discipline

**Assessment** Coursework and dissertation

Digital Humanities MA

Drawing on our internationally leading research in the field, this interdisciplinary MA equips you to undertake humanities research in the digital age (you require only the conventional IT skills that any humanities graduate will have).

You will be taught a wide range of digital theory and methods and will learn how to critically apply them across humanities disciplines. You can choose options from any humanities modules across the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, equipping you with a varied range of humanities training.

**Example modules**
- Beyond the Text: Image, Sound and Object as Historical Evidence
- Corpus Linguistics
- New Media and Experimental Writing
- Outreach, Heritage and Public History Placement
- Spatial Technologies for Historical Analysis
- Digital Texts in the Humanities

**Department** History

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in history or a related discipline

**Assessment** Coursework and dissertation

Diplomacy and Foreign Policy MA

This programme is designed to introduce you to the theories, issues and processes connected with diplomacy and foreign policy. It is especially relevant if you are thinking about, or currently working in, diplomacy, international NGOs, or international policy and politics.

Through participation in debates and mock negotiation exercises, you have opportunities to enhance your practical skills, which will be relevant to a broad range of professions. Practitioners with experience in the field also contribute to elements of the programme.

**Example modules**
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Theorising Security and War

**Department** Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered

**Assessment** Coursework and dissertation

Diplomacy and International Law MA/LLM

Collaboratively delivered by the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) and the Law School, this programme enables you to deepen your understanding of different aspects of diplomacy, foreign policy, and international law. You will be awarded either an LLM or an MA degree dependent on the weighting of law and politics courses you study. A major factor will be the department responsible for the supervision of the final dissertation.

**Example modules**
- International Law
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- The Law of International Organisations and Institutions

**Department** Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered

**Assessment** Coursework and dissertation

Diplomacy and International Relations (by Distance Learning) MA

This online programme introduces you to theories, issues and processes connected with diplomacy, foreign policy and international relations. It is especially relevant if you are thinking about, or currently working in, diplomacy, international NGOs, or international policy and politics. The programme is delivered via a digital learning platform and we use a wide variety of online learning tools to enhance your learning experience.

You will be supported through recorded lectures, online collaboration and group discussions, mock negotiation exercises, web seminars and individual academic supervision designed to create an engaging and enjoyable distance learning experience. You will be awarded either an MA or an MA degree dependent on the weighting of law and politics courses you study.

**Example modules**
- Dissertation (with PPR or Law)
- International Human Rights
- International Law

**Department** Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered

**Assessment** Coursework, participation in weekly learning activities and a dissertation
Taught programmes

Diplomacy and Religion MA

This programme encourages you to consider the practical processes, ideological dynamics and theoretical dimensions involved in the interface of diplomacy and religion. It is especially relevant if you are thinking about, or currently working in, diplomacy, international NGOs, or international policy and politics.

The broad range of modules available provide you with the opportunity to enhance your analytical skills in the field of religious studies and international relations and, through your final dissertation, you will be encouraged to engage in cross-disciplinary research.

Example modules
+ Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
+ Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

Department: Politics, Philosophy and Religion
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Discourse Studies MA

This MA is an innovative programme specifically designed to give you the competence to undertake empirical work in discourse studies.

You will address the social, historical, cognitive and interactional dimensions of meaning-making in text and discourse in a range of contexts, modes and genres of communication, from both theoretical and analytical perspectives. The MA enables you to explore text and discourse in areas such as politics, law, business, media and health, whilst developing skills in a range of analytical methods.

Example modules
+ Cognitive Linguistics
+ Critical Discourse Analysis
+ Introduction to Discourse Studies

Department: Linguistics and English Language
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject area
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

E-Business and Innovation MSc

This programme is about understanding how companies innovate with digital technologies. You will learn how digital business innovation strategies are developed, managed and delivered. The programme also focuses on digital entrepreneurship and digital transformation.

Our special teaching partnership with IBM and Innovation Hackathon means that students benefit from interaction with industry specialists. Our hands-on experience of SAP will familiarise you with the notion of business integration. The knowledge and skills that you will gain will make you attractive to many forward-looking companies who are at the cutting-edge of business and technologies.

Example modules
+ Business Analysis and Enterprise Systems
+ Business Planning and Finance
+ Digital Innovation

Department: Management Science
Duration: 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Some work experience is welcome
Assessment: Individual essays, group reports, group presentations and exams

Assessment: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in economics or in a related subject with at least 50% of modules in economics

Economics MSc

This programme is intellectually demanding and stimulating. It is designed to give those who aspire to a high-flying, analytical career in economics the tools they will need to succeed.

We provide a rigorous training in economic theory and applications, and quantitative methods. You will also develop marketable skills to launch yourself onto the job market.

You will join a department with an outstanding international research reputation in areas including econometrics, applied microeconomics, macroeconomics and financial markets, behavioural and experimental economics.

Example modules
+ Econometrics
+ Financial Economics
+ Health Economics

Department: Economics
Duration: 12 months, full-time (an exchange with University of Naples in Italy for one extra term may be possible)
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in economics or in a related subject with at least 50% of modules in economics
Assessment: Own piece of research, essays, group presentations and exams

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Taught programmes

Education and Social Justice (by Distance Learning) MA

This MA is intended for professionals who have a commitment to social justice and education. The programme has a strong research ethos that allows you to gain research expertise. It provides a thorough introduction to issues in social justice research, a solid grounding in research methods and writing skills, and opportunities to work with an expert academic supervisor on a research topic of your choosing.

Delivered entirely online, you will work collaboratively with students and tutors to explore a range of social justice issues.

Example modules
+ Challenging Educational Inequalities
+ Education, Evaluation and Research
+ Key Issues and Theories in Social Justice and Education
+ Policies, Ideologies and Interventions in Education
+ Research Dissertation (15,000-20,000 words)
+ Tutor-Supported Independent Study

Department: Educational Research
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent
Assessment: Formative and summative assessment

Electronic Engineering MSc

Electronic engineers have a fundamental role in the progression of all major technology areas. This Masters will introduce you to advanced electronics topics led by world-leading academics and industry experts.

You will learn the principles of embedded systems, radiofrequency engineering and wireless communications toward 5G, flexible electronics, and intelligent sensors for the expanding internet of things (IoT) technology area. You will also learn about the application of electronics to smart grid, energy, healthcare, security, transport and aerospace.

Our Masters course includes core and optional modules to provide a tailored experience that’s relevant to your industrial practice.

You will have the opportunity to engage in an exciting individual project in a relevant research area, under the supervision of our experts, in order to gain technical and project management experience.

Example modules
+ Advanced Embedded Systems
+ Broadband Communications
+ Digital Signal Processing
+ High Frequency Electronics
+ Intelligent System Control
+ System-on-Chip Engineering

Department: Engineering
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent
Assessment: Combination of coursework and/or examination and a major project/dissertation

Engineering MSc by Research

This flexible programme is ideal for those with industrial experience who wish to work in a specific area. You are allocated a supervisor, and often an industry contact, to set the direction of your research and identify training needs. Regular supervision and access to seminar groups, together with interim research reports, ensures good progress towards a final dissertation.

A scholarship, supported by the Dr. John Fisher Foundation, is open to those interested in nuclear or maritime engineering research.

Example modules
+ Business Planning and Strategy
+ Industry Linked Group Project
+ Intelligent Systems Control
+ Principles of Project Management
+ Rapid Manufacturing
+ Renewable Energy

Department: Engineering
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent
Assessment: Coursework, examination, projects and major project/dissertation

English Language (Distance) MA

Designed to appeal to a wide audience, this MA focuses on the description and explanation of the English language, including its structure, functions and social contexts of use. English language here refers to the study of English as an academic subject, not the practice of English.

Each of the six modules, spread over two years, begins with a Saturday face-to-face session at Lancaster University and is completed by distance learning. In your third year, you will write a dissertation supported by an individual supervisor.

Example modules
+ Contemporary British Fiction
+ Discourse Analysis
+ English Grammar
+ History of English
+ Stylistics
+ Writing the Nineteenth Century City

Department: Linguistics and English Language
Duration: 36 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject area
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

English Language and Literary Studies MA

This programme is ideal if you would like to combine your studies of English language with the study of literature and literary theory. It is taught jointly by the Departments of Linguistics and English Language, and English Literature and Creative Writing therefore allowing you a great deal of flexibility to follow your own interests.

It consists of six credit-bearing modules, including at least two from each department, one research methods course and a dissertation.

Example modules
+ Contemporary British Fiction
+ English Grammar: A Cognitive Approach
+ Language, Literacies and Digital Communication
+ Romance and Realism
+ Stylistics
+ Writing the Nineteenth Century City

Department: Linguistics and English Language
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject area
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Taught programmes

Engineering Project Management MSc

This programme provides the opportunity to advance your project management and engineering skills and gain experience of working with UK companies on real-world projects. The programme is taught by experts from the Departments of Engineering and Management Science and employs a wide variety of learning methods with an emphasis on project work. It is suitable for engineers of all disciplines and during the programme you select three engineering modules from those offered by the Engineering Department to suit your interests. The course is designed to provide technical and management skills and the experience of applying them together to leave you equipped for more senior engineering roles.

Example modules
+ Business Planning and Strategy
+ Industry Linked Group Project
+ Intelligent Systems Control
+ Principles of Project Management
+ Rapid Manufacturing
+ Renewable Energy

Department: Engineering
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering or technical subject. Further learning and experience will also be taken into account
Assessment: Coursework, examination, projects and major project/dissertation
Taught programmes

English Literary Research MA

Our programme is an independent study programme, relevant for students who already have a well-developed project and a clear sense of research interests.

In addition to working on your extended research project, you will undertake research methodology training. You can pursue study in any area of literary studies providing suitable supervision is available.

Tuition is through one-to-one supervision plus attendance on the Department's Research Methodologies programme.

Department: English Literature and Creative Writing
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English literature or a related subject, a sample of your academic writing, and a viable research proposal
Assessment: Combination of coursework, dissertation, and a research methodology portfolio

English Literary Studies MA

This programme provides you with the opportunity to learn from tutors who are leading experts in their fields. You may choose a generalist MA or one of our pathways in Early Modern Literature, Romantic and Victorian Literature, or Modern and Contemporary Literary Studies, enabling you to tailor the programme to suit your needs. You can also combine English and sociology/gender studies modules for the pathway in Literary and Cultural Studies.

All pathways incorporate an extended research project in the form of a dissertation.

Example modules:
- Contemporary British Fiction
- Pre-modern Bodies
- Contemporary Gothic: Text and Screen
- Romanticism on Location: Writing in the Lake District and the Alps
- Postcolonial Women's Writing
- Postmodern Women's Writing
- Writing the Nineteenth-Century City

Department: English Literature and Creative Writing
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English literature or a related subject, and a sample of your academic writing
Assessment: Combination of coursework, dissertation and research methodology portfolio

English Literary Studies with Creative Writing MA

This programme provides a rare opportunity to combine creative and critical writing at Masters level. It’s your chance to learn from tutors who are leading experts in English Literature, and from the prize-winning and publishing authors, who teach in our long-established Creative Writing Department, allowing you to engage with our vibrant literary culture.

You will be able to select two modules in Creative Writing alongside two modules and research training in English Literature and a literary dissertation.

Example modules:
- See courses for English Literature Studies, listed above, and Creative Writing (Module) on page 66

Department: English Literature and Creative Writing
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English, creative writing or a related subject, a creative writing portfolio and a sample of your academic writing
Assessment: Combination of coursework, dissertation and research methodology portfolio

"English Literary Studies with Creative Writing [feels] like getting the best of both worlds... [help[ing] me to confidently pursue my own creative projects with broadened horizons—all within a supportive and inclusive writers' community."

Matthew Tattersall
MA English with Creative Writing

Entrepreneurship and Innovation MSc

The marketplace is continually changing and every start-up will face numerous challenges as they seek to exploit growth opportunities. At the same time, an increasing number of organisations, and family businesses, are seeking graduates who not only understand the challenges of entrepreneurship, but who are able to demonstrate a practical ability to be entrepreneurial and innovative.

This programme takes students through all aspects of the entrepreneurial process, which includes idea generation, the creation of products/services, and the business planning process. At the same time, the programme looks in-depth at the unique challenges of particular contexts of entrepreneurship.

All modules are grounded in practice and provide students with an opportunity to experience first-hand the entrepreneurial process.

Example modules:
- Business Planning and Finance
- Corporate Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Design Thinking and Innovation
- Entrepreneurial Ideas and Skills
- Entrepreneurial Lab
- Family Business Management

Department: Entrepreneurship and Strategy
Duration: 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Work experience in entrepreneurship innovation or business is welcome, but not essential
Assessment: Essays, essays and presentations

Environment and Development MA/MSc

The need to meet the world’s environmental challenges and to attain sustainable development is a global concern.

You can select from over 30 modules to create a Masters that suits your individual ambitions and will prepare you to address the challenges faced in safeguarding natural resources, livelihoods and the alleviation of development problems. There is the opportunity to spend plenty of time out in the field, in the UK and abroad, gaining hands-on experience.

You’ll also complete a substantial project that will enhance your practical and analytical skills.

Example modules:
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Governance and Management
- Environmental Decision Making
- Corporate Entrepreneurial Mindset
- International Environmental Law
- Family Business Management

Department: Graduate School for the Environment
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any relevant subject. We can also consider applicants with a 2:2, or equivalent, if they have relevant work experience (including voluntary work)
Assessment: Coursework, presentations, examinations and dissertation

Environment and Law LLM

The Law School and the Graduate School for the Environment jointly deliver this programme.

Our combined approach enables you to study legal and scientific subjects together with access to the expertise of academics working at the forefront of research into natural and social sciences, legal, and socio-legal issues.

You will study four modules from the Law School and a further three modules from the Graduate School for the Environment, as well as undertaking a dissertation which combines elements from both disciplines.

Example modules:
- Corporate Entrepreneurial Mindset
- International Environmental Law
- Family Business Management
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Decision Making

Department: Law
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation
Taught programmes

Environment, Culture and Society MA

This programme engages critically and creatively with environmental problems through an interdisciplinary approach. It brings together theories and methods from the social and environmental sciences and applies these to contemporary environmental issues, debates and controversies.

You can choose from a range of modules offered by the Department of Sociology, the Graduate School for the Environment, and the Law School enabling you to acquire the skills to be able to combine different ways of understanding environmental issues to conduct rigorous interdisciplinary research.

Example modules
- Capitalism and Crisis
- Environment and Culture
- Food Security, Agriculture and Climate Change
- Methods in Science and Technology Studies
- The Rights of Peoples
- The Sociology of Science and Technology: Theories and Debates
- Environmental Auditing
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Geoinformatics
- Environmental Governance and Management

Plus a wide choice of modules. Please visit our website for more information.

Environmental Management MSc

The Earth's resources are under strain and require careful, informed governance from a new generation of environmental managers. Whether you choose to specialise in energy, food or pollution or to receive general training in environmental management, this programme aims to produce that next generation.

In addition to the broad range of modules on offer, you'll complete a dissertation project, which will give you the chance to apply your learning to a real-world challenge. This can be a six-month research placement with a private sector company, government body or voluntary sector organisation which we will set up for you.

Example modules
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Low Carbon Energy
- Environmental Auditing
- Geoinformatics
- Environmental Governance and Management

Plus a wide choice of modules. Please visit our website for more information.

Assessment
- Coursework and dissertation

Environmental Science MSc by Research

This programme is suitable for those wishing to carry out a short, in-depth research project and not attend Taught programmes. The MSc by Research programme consists of induction courses, an eight-month research project and a period to write it up. This degree is carefully tailored to your interests, and can be particularly suitable for people undertaking research in a work-based context wishing to gain an academic qualification.

Example modules
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline such as sociology, geography or environmental studies

Assessment
- Coursework, presentations and dissertation/research placement

Finance MSc

This globally-ranked programme (29th in Financial Times Global Masters in Finance 2018) helps graduates in related subjects prepare for a career in the financial sector by offering specialist study in financial markets, investments, financial instruments and risk management.

The course is accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), with a designated pathway to help prepare you for two of the ACCA professional-level papers, which are available to those who fill the criteria (please see our website for details). You also have the opportunity to sit the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I professional exam. Some modules contribute to Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) study sessions at Levels I, II and III.

Example modules
- Advanced Corporate Finance
- Foundations of Finance
- Advanced Investment Management
- Principles of Financial Reporting
- Financial Markets
- Quantitative Methods for Finance

Assessment
- Includes formal exams, essays and assignments, group-based reports and case study analysis

Flood and Coastal Risk Management MSc/PgDip/PgCert

Understanding and managing risks to our environment is increasingly recognised in the face of extreme weather. The course is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) and provides flexible training on the practical application of skills pertinent to the UK water sector.

Technical expertise is provided by professionals in Lancaster Environment Centre and from JBA Consulting.

A PgCert will be awarded on completion of four modules; a PgDip on completion of eight modules; and MSc eight modules plus project.

Example modules
- Catchment Hydrology and Assessment
- Forecasting and Extreme Event Response
- Catchment Protection
- Groundwater Resources and Protection
- Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management
- Integrated Systems for Sustainable Surface Water Management

Assessment
- Original research and dissertation

“...The best part about the course was the help preparing students for CFA exams with Fitch Learning. The extra support gives an excellent boost to anyone who wishes to take their academic qualifications to the next level.”

Sagar Seth
MSc Finance, 2018
Taught programmes

Food Challenges for the 21st Century (Distance Learning) PgCert

Our flexible distance-learning programmes allow you to fit study around work. It equips you with the skills and knowledge to engage with one of the most significant challenges facing a growing population: making and supplying enough food to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

This interesting course explores issues related to food security, focusing on production, distribution, and waste. All materials are supplied - work through them at your own pace. There is also the opportunity to meet tutors and fellow students at workshops during the year.

A PgCert will be awarded on completion of four modules.

Example modules
- Crop Biotechnology
- Environmental Stress and Crop Production
- Plant Defence and Crop Protection
- Crop Production Science

Department: Graduate School for the Environment
Duration: 2-3 years, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent. We also recognise prior learning and experience for practitioners working in the food supply chain, so you don't necessarily need a degree to apply.
Assessment: Essays, online discussions and short answer assignments, and a dissertation project

Food Security (Distance Learning) PgDip/MSc

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A PgDip is awarded on completion of eight modules and MSc eight modules plus project.

Example modules
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- Environmental Stress and Crop Production
- Plant Defence and Crop Protection
- Crop Production Science

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Assessment: Essays, online discussions and short answer assignments, and a dissertation project

Gender and Women's Studies MA

This programme aims to deepen your knowledge of the intellectual traditions, concepts and politics that have shaped the evolution of gender and women's studies. Our teaching is underpinned by the research in the Sociology Department's Centre for Gender and Women's Studies (CGWS), enabling you to engage critically with contemporary scholarship related to gender, sexualities and inequalities.

We provide opportunities for you to build your theoretical and methodological skills, and to construct and execute a research dissertation based on your own specialist interests.

Example modules
- Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Debates in Gender Research
- Feminist Technoscience Studies
- Gender, Sex and Bodies
- Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination

Department: Sociology
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Global Health: translational and quantitative skills MRes

With an emphasis on quantitative research, this MRes aims to train you as a scientist able to work in multidisciplinary teams, translating scientific innovations into practical improvements to people’s health and prosperity in a wider range of countries. The course will introduce you to key considerations in translational research for global health and to the various contributing methodologies.

Example modules
- Biology Foundations
- Computer Programming with R
- Qualitative methods
- Statistics and the Scientific Method
- Translational Research for Global Health

Department: Lancaster Medical School
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree and/or a good pass at Masters level, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline, or relevant work experience in governmental, non-governmental or industry
Assessment: Coursework including essays and scientific reports, research project reports, practical exercises and exams depending on module choices

Gender and Women's Studies and English MA

This programme allows you to enhance your knowledge of both gender and women's studies and literary studies. It will be of particular interest if you have a passion for women's literature or feminist literary theory.

You will take core modules in each of the disciplines and can also choose from a range of optional modules from each department. This allows you to access the expertise of academics working at the forefront of research in both gender studies and women's studies and literary studies.

Example modules
- Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
- Debates in Gender Research
- Feminist Media and Cultural Studies
- Feminist Technoscience Studies
- Feminist Literature and Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Gender, Sex and Bodies
- Mobilities, Society and Change
- The Social Life of Science and Technology: Theories and Debates
- Theories and Debates
- Translational Research for Global Health

Department: Sociology
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Gender and Women's Studies and Sociology MA

This programme is especially relevant if you wish to study gender and women's studies in combination with empirical and theoretical developments in sociology at an advanced level. It is particularly suitable if you are interested in social research and/or feminist sociological theory.

You will take both core and optional modules in each of the disciplines. The degree is administered from one of the largest centres for gender and women's studies in the UK, situated within Lancaster’s world-class Sociology Department.

Example modules
- Debates in Gender Research
- Feminist Media and Cultural Studies
- Feminist Technoscience Studies
- Feminist Literature and Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Gender, Sex and Bodies
- Mobilities, Society and Change
- The Social Life of Science and Technology: Theories and Debates

Department: Sociology
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline, such as anthropology, sociology, film or cultural studies
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Example modules
- Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Debates in Gender Research
- Feminist Technoscience Studies
- Gender, Sex and Bodies
- Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination

Department: Sociology
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Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

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Health Economics and Policy MSc

This programme provides the opportunity to explore and develop your understanding of this important and increasingly influential aspect of health research. It aims to promote advanced knowledge and a critical understanding of theory, research, policy and practice in health economics and policy. It also allows you to enhance your academic knowledge of the discipline and be better qualified to apply successfully for positions in the public sector, pharmaceutical or consultancy companies.

The course is offered part-time via distance learning and an annual Autumn Academy held at Lancaster University.

Example modules
- Applied Health Economics
- Data Analysis
- Health Economics: Principles and Practice
- Systematic Approaches to Literature Reviews and Evidence Synthesis

Department
Health Research

Duration
2 years, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, in a relevant subject. In exceptional cases, relevant work experience will be considered for those without a 2:1 honours degree

Assessment
Written assignments and dissertation

History MA

With four different pathways available, our programme offers you the opportunity to advance your studies in your chosen period, methodology, or research specialisation. To complement the advancement of your academic knowledge, we offer a range of placement modules enabling you to build practical skills useful in heritage studies, public engagement, or within schools.

This enhancement of your professional and academic skills can form the basis for further research or be applied to a wide range of professions.

There are four pathway options each consisting of five taught modules and a dissertation
- Medieval and Early Modern
- Modern
- Heritage

Example modules
- Advanced Study and Professional Skills
- Bespoke – this pathway allows you the freedom to select modules to suit your individual research needs
- International Human Resource Management
- Organisations in the 21st Century
- The Management of Organisational Change

Department
History

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in history or a related discipline

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Human Resource Management MSc

This programme presents an in-depth look at central HR themes such as recruitment, retention and reward, and conflict management, all within the context of contemporary organisations. We look at the importance of employment relations, and the role of change and its management.

This programme provides the opportunity to explore and develop your understanding of this important and increasingly influential aspect of health research. It aims to promote advanced knowledge and a critical understanding of theory, research, policy and practice in health economics and policy. It also allows you to enhance your academic knowledge of the discipline and be better qualified to apply successfully for positions in the public sector, pharmaceutical or consultancy companies.

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Example modules
- Applied Health Economics
- Data Analysis
- Health Economics: Principles and Practice
- Systematic Approaches to Literature Reviews and Evidence Synthesis

Department
Health Research

Duration
2 years, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, in a relevant subject. In exceptional cases, relevant work experience will be considered for those without a 2:1 honours degree

Assessment
Written assignments and dissertation

Information Technology, Management and Organisational Change (ITMOC) MSc/MRes

This interdisciplinary programme provides an unrivalled platform for understanding the strategic impact, organisational changes and business value of technology.

We provide an advanced grounding in areas such as information technology and organisations, technology futures, change management, strategy and digital business, project management, business analysis, and design and innovation.

We work closely with industry to ensure ITMOC stays relevant, and we incorporate workshops and masterclasses from industry practitioners.

The dissertation may give you the opportunity to work with a leading company or global consultancy.

Example modules
- Business Analysis and Enterprise Systems
- IT Project Management
- Management of Organisational Change
- Business Analysis and Enterprise Systems
- IT Project Management
- Management of Organisational Change

Department
Organisation, Work and Technology

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Assessment
One example of the programme’s interactive learning approach is the consulting project, where you put your learning into practice by working with a real client organisation to develop HR recommendations.

Example modules
- Consulting and Organisational Diagnosis
- Dissertation
- Introduction to Human Resources

Department
Organisation, Work and Technology

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject will be considered. Relevant work experience is beneficial, but not essential. Non-standard candidates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Assessment
Essays, group presentations, a consulting project, some exams and a dissertation. Assessments are not necessarily tied to one specific module

Human Rights and the Environment LLM/MA

Jointly delivered by the Law School and the Graduate School for the Environment, this programme allows you to examine the political, legal and human rights issues that shape and inform environmental protection and regulation.

During the programme, you select seven taught modules (three from each department and a research methods module from the Law School) and complete a dissertation combining elements from both disciplines. Throughout your studies, you can access the expertise of academics working at the forefront of research into both natural and social sciences.

Example modules
- Chemical Risk Assessment
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights Law

Department
Law

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Resources and Consulting MA

This programme blends strategic human resource leadership, consulting, learning and development. It will enable you to pursue careers in HR, consulting, leadership, management and organisational development, and prepare you for potential PhD research. On successful completion, you will be eligible for Associate membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

Taking a critical perspective, our focus on theory in practice enriches your knowledge and skills to act as a catalyst – designing and implementing people-centric strategic interventions.

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Example modules
- Consulting and Organisational Diagnosis
- Dissertation
- Introduction to Human Resources

Department
Organisation, Work and Technology

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline

Assessment
Essays, group presentations, a consulting project, some exams and a dissertation. Assessments are not necessarily tied to one specific module

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Department
Organisation, Work and Technology

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
Any 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent subject will be considered. The programme is particularly suited to students from a wide variety of backgrounds such as business and management, social science, arts and humanities, computer science and engineering. Relevant work experience is beneficial but not essential

Assessment
Includes essays, quizzes, simulations, reports, group projects and presentations
Taught programmes

Innovation and Improvement Science MSc/PgDip/PgCert

This course enables you to understand and apply concepts, tools and techniques of innovation and improvement in your workplace. Quality improvement methods, systematically applied, can lead to organisational efficiencies and benefits to clients. This course will deepen your skill set, enabling you to make an impact at work and enhance your career profile. This is a work-integrated course, enabling you to deliver authentic service improvement projects in your own work context.

The course includes

- Developing understanding and application of improvement methods and techniques
- Work-integrated innovation and improvement projects

Example modules

- Personal Learning and Development
- Understanding Improvement Methods and Techniques

Example modules

- Negotiated elective modules
- Choice of elective modules from a range of options

Department

Management School Executive Programmes

Duration

The duration of this part-time course is flexible as it is offered on a modular basis

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline

Assessment

Assessment is though coursework, including learning contracts, projects, reports, reflective commentary, and oral presentations.

Intercultural Communication MA

This programme enables you to explore key intercultural communication concepts, theories and topics, evaluate core approaches to intercultural communication, and develop strategies to operate successfully in intercultural settings. Throughout you will develop skills in a range of linguistics and language-based analytical methods.

With a wide range of optional modules available, you have the opportunity to focus on a particular area of linguistics and language studies (for example, cognitive, linguistics, discourse studies, socio-linguistics, translation), tailoring your degree to suit your academic interests.

Example modules

- Corpus Linguistics
- Critical Discourse Analysis
- Dissertation

Department

School of Linguistics and English Language

Duration

12 months, full-time

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline

Assessment

Coursework and dissertation

International and Military History MA

From the rise and fall of great powers to the treatment of non-combatants, from diplomacy and peace-making to strategy and doctrine, and from wars of propaganda to weaponry and intelligence, this programme provides you with the opportunity to explore the major themes of international and military history across the world from ancient times to today.

Whether you are seeking to develop professional expertise, pursue a research career or explore your interests, you will gain the knowledge and skills needed to engage with key debates and advance new arguments, informed by a global perspective and a broad chronological understanding.

Example modules

- From Peter to Putin: Russia as a Great Power
- The Cold War in the Third World
- Heritage Work Placement
- International Order and Disorder
- Warfare in History
- Warfare in the Medieval World, 1100-1500

Department

History

Duration

12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in history or a related discipline

Assessment

Coursework and dissertation

International Business and Corporate Law LLM

This programme provides you with the globalised economy as the context for an in-depth study of corporate law. It enables you to gain a coherent international and European perspective on corporate and business law, and to examine the strengths and weaknesses of UK corporate law in the global context.

You will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of globally and commercially significant issues while developing specialist expertise.

Example modules

- Corporate Governance
- Corporations in International Business Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International/Commercial Litigation

Department

Law

Duration

12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline

Assessment

Coursework and dissertation

International Business and Strategy MSc

The MSc International Business and Strategy degree is designed to equip graduates with the key capabilities required to operate in multinational firms. On the degree, you will develop vital skills and capabilities necessary to manage international growth. This involves organic growth via the smart positioning of products and services in diverse markets, through to the management of mergers and acquisitions.

Throughout the degree, you will work intensively with fellow students and with our internationally renowned experts who deliver the programme. Alongside the core modules, you will participate in a professional development programme with our dedicated careers partners.

Example modules

- Building Competitive Advantage
- Corporate Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions
- Firms in the Global Economy
- International Strategy Summit
- Managing the Multinational Firm
- Managing the Multinational Firm

Department

Entrepreneurship and Strategy

Duration

12 months, full-time

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. It is expected that applicants will have no more than 2 years work experience at managerial level

Assessment

Includes individual essays and assignments, group-based reports and case study analysis, formal exams, individual dissertation
Taught programmes

International Human Rights and Terrorism Law LLM
This engaging Masters programme combines two highly relevant and challenging areas of legal study and explores the interplay between them. It is your opportunity to engage with teaching staff, who are working at the forefront of international research into fascinating legal and socio-legal issues such as peace-building and decolonisation.

We pride ourselves on the range of elective modules available, offering you access to sought-after expertise in high-demand areas and growing fields.

Example modules
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- International Terrorism and the Law
- The Rights of Peoples
- The Right to Adequate Food as a Human Right

Department: Law
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

International Human Rights Law LLM
This programme is your opportunity to explore the way that international law is used to protect human rights.

The core modules, you will evaluate the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights protected through international law. You will also develop the skills required to evaluate critically research relating to international human rights law - skills which are sought-after by employers, both here in the UK and overseas.

Example modules
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Peacebuilding
- The Right to Adequate Food as a Human Right

Department: Law
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

International Law LLM
This fascinating Masters programme allows you to gain an in-depth understanding of the structure of the international legal system, its relationship with national law, and the sources and subjects of international law.

Through the broad range of elective modules available, you can explore a wide range of globally significant contemporary issues building on analytical and communication skills highly valued by employers.

The course includes
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- The Law of International Organisations and Institutions
- The Rights of Peoples

Department: Law
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Taught programmes

International Law and International Relations LLM/MA
Combining teaching from the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) and the Law School, this popular degree allows you to develop skills, ability and knowledge in the field of International Relations.

You will be awarded either an LLM or an MA degree dependent on the weighting of law and politics modules you have studied. All students will study five taught modules and complete a dissertation.

Example modules
- International Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East
- Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Peacebuilding

Department: Law
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

International Masters Program for Managers (IMPM)
This international leadership programme focuses on an innovative, collaborative learning approach and managerial mindsets. You will gain a true appreciation of different perspectives as each module is delivered in a different country (UK, Canada, Japan, Brazil and India) over ten days. You will also undertake a week-long managerial exchange, observing a co-participant in action.

On completion, you may undertake a further major paper of dissertation length in order to be awarded an MSc International Management.

To apply, please go to impm.org

Example modules
- Managing Self: The Reflective Mindset
- Managing Responsibilities: The Collaborative Mindset
- Managing Change: The Action Mindset
- Managing Context: The Worldly Mindset
- Managing Organisation: The Analytic Mindset

Department: Law
Duration: 18 months, part-time
Entry requirements: Minimum of ten years of work experience including extensive managerial experience
Assessment: Reflective papers after each module, management exchange paper, presentation and major paper
Start Date: September

International Relations MA
This comprehensive programme aims to enhance and develop your understanding of contemporary global politics.

From modules that encompass regional/area based analysis of security, politics and economics, through to modules that explore specific themes and issues in global politics, you have the opportunity to tailor your programme of study to suit your interests.

We strive to enhance your existing skills in critical analysis and research, to prepare you for work in a range of organisations, or to advance to further study as a research student.

Example modules
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Globalisation and Democratization
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- THEORYING SECURITY AND WAR
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies

Department: Politics, Philosophy and Religion
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation
Taught programmes

International Relations MRes

This programme offers you research training in international relations as a social science. We aim to provide you with an understanding of the major theoretical and epistemological debates in the social sciences.

Through training, customised for research in international relations, you will be introduced to quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. Our range of modules provide you with the opportunity to explore key concepts, methodological and epistemological issues, and data collection and analysis in international relations.

Example modules
- Introduction to Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Department: Politics, Philosophy and Religion
Duration: 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a social science discipline, and a viable research proposal
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Language and Linguistics MA

With the freedom to choose your modules from the full range offered by the Department of Linguistics and English Language, this flexible programme allows you to tailor your studies to suit your personal interests. You will have the option to choose to take one of our identified ‘pathways’ through this MA which allows you to focus your studies on a particular area of linguistics. Pathways include Language and Cognition, Language in Use, and Language, Variation and Change. You can also choose to undertake an extended dissertation.

Example modules
- Corpus Linguistics
- Experimental Approaches to Language and Cognition
- Forensic Linguistics
- Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language
- Sociolinguistics
- Sociophonetics

Department: Linguistics and English Language
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject area
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Language Testing (Distance) MA

This programme is designed to meet the needs of professionals who have responsibilities for language testing and assessment at institutional, regional or national level. It provides you with a solid grounding in language test design, construction and evaluation, and in research methods.

With a three-day orientation seminar to launch the course, five online modules, and a dissertation, it is ideal for part-time learning. It offers opportunities to base your coursework and dissertation on issues within your own educational contexts.

Example modules
- Exploring Language Constructs for Language Testing
- Issues in Language Testing
- Language Test Construction and Evaluation
- Research Issues in Applied Linguistics
- Statistical Analysis for Language Testing

Department: Linguistics and English Language
Duration: 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject area. You will also need to have three years of teaching experience and a current post with responsibility for language test design, construction and evaluation
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Languages and Cultures (by research) MA

If you are keen to build on your love of languages and cultures and would enjoy the freedom to explore a research topic of your choosing then this programme is an excellent choice. It facilitates the development of high-level skills in independent thinking, research, and communication, which are crucial in many professions.

These skills are also particularly relevant if you wish to advance to further study as a research student.

Example modules
- 60 credits of taught modules (generally three 20-credit modules selected from the range of modules in our department or related disciplines across the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences)
- Dissertation (120 credits)

Department: Languages and Cultures
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in languages, or a related discipline and a viable research proposal
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Law LLM

This postgraduate law degree is our most flexible programme, providing you with the freedom to choose your modules from the whole range offered in the Law School.

Whether you wish to advance in your existing professional career, or to contribute to the legal and academic community with new, original research, this opportunity to tailor-make your programme enables you to work towards those goals.

Example modules
- Corporations in International Business Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Environmental Law
- International Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Tax Law

Department: Law
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Law PgDip

This diploma programme is an exciting first step for non-law graduates looking to learn about the law, or for those wishing to enhance their existing career by acquiring further legal knowledge and skills. You will study modules from the taught elements of our full LLM programmes, but will not submit a dissertation. This means you have the opportunity to study the core and optional modules from any of our LLM specialisms to suit your own development needs.

Department: Law
Duration: 9 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
Assessment: Coursework

“I believe my relationship with the Law School has been very positive. I work closely with my Academic advisor (Professor Skogly) and she is phenomenal!”

Faith Mbakhwa
LLM Law
Taught programmes

Law by Research LLM

The LLM by Research is ideal if you wish to complete a research degree in one year (full-time) and may be particularly suited to your needs if you already have some practical expertise.

Whilst the work is primarily individual, we will advise you to take some research training in the form of appropriate LLM modules or modules from the Faculty Research Training Programme.

Successful applications will focus on our areas of research expertise, for further details visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/phd-supervision-areas-of-interest

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Leadership and Management PgCert

Aimed at applicants in managerial roles in any sector and industry, this course will develop your understanding of concepts related to leadership and management, and increase your ability to apply your knowledge in your own work context.

This course is endorsed by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM). Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Masters Degree are available.

This course is delivered fully online, supplemented by non-compulsory enrichment workshops at the Lancaster Campus.

Example modules

+ Analysing Drivers for Change
+ Collaborative and Team Working
+ Leading Others Through Change

Assessment

+ Learning contracts, projects, reports, reflective commentary, and oral presentations

Leadership and Management (Health Care) PgCert

This course is for those who wish to develop their leadership and management skills in a healthcare context and is endorsed by the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM).

It will enhance your understanding of concepts related to leadership and management and increase your ability to apply this knowledge to real work issues.

Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Masters Degree are available via the Professional Practice route.

This course is delivered fully online, supplemented by non-compulsory enrichment workshops at the Lancaster Campus.

Example modules

+ Analysing Drivers for Change
+ Collaborative and Team Working
+ Leading Others Through Change

Assessment

+ Learning contracts, projects, reports, reflective commentary, and oral presentations

Logistics and Supply Chain Management MSc

This programme aspires to shape the logistics and supply chain managers of the future. It equips students with state-of-the-art knowledge and the skills required to make decisions with an awareness of the strategic context, the role of technology, and contemporary demands related to sustainability, innovation, and risk management.

Student employability is at the programme’s core. Our collaborative links with industry provide opportunities to experience real-life logistics/supply chain operations, and to engage in client-based, practical assignments and dissertation projects.

The programme’s professional relevance is demonstrated by its accreditation by the UK Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT).

Example modules

+ Global Sourcing
+ Logistics Management
+ Operations and Supply Chain Excellence

Assessment

+ Essays/reports, group presentations, written exams and dissertation

Management MSc

Our MSc in Management will equip you with key skills and a range of management techniques to help prepare you for a successful career.

The programme is continuously updated by students, alumni and business representatives to ensure continuous improvement and absolute relevance.

A key part of the MSc Management is nurturing your professional and career development, and you will also benefit from close contact with our faculty, which comprises practitioners, academics and consultants. Our students graduate with a comprehensive understanding of management complemented by excellent emotional intelligence and leadership ability.

The programme offers a variety of global opportunities providing you with invaluable experience of international commerce through company visits, seminars and workshops.

Example modules

+ Accounting for Managers
+ Entrepreneurship Principles and Practices
+ Marketing Management

Assessment

+ Exam, group assignments, essays, business reports and presentations

Start date

October
Taught programmes

Management (2 Year) MSc

Our two-year, triple degree aims to provide you with a truly European cultural, economic and academic perspective and the tools to launch a successful management career. It is co-designed, taught and assessed by LUMS, emlyon business school and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat in Munich.

You will spend your first year in Lyon. Here you will study topics similar to those found on our MSc Management. Your final year is then spent at the partner university offering the specialism that you wish to study.

At Lancaster, we offer the Corporate Development pathway, which includes exposure to corporate strategy and innovation management. Alternatively, you can choose our marketing pathway, which aims to develop advanced professional thinking, analysis and marketing management skills.

On graduation, you will receive a degree from each of the three partners. You will be able to adapt to the challenges of global management and excel in your chosen career.

Specialisms (Year Two)

+ Corporate Development (LUMS)
+ Corporate Finance (emlyon business school)
+ Strategy and Change (LMU Munich)

Duration
24 months, full-time

Entry requirements
2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject other than Marketing. Applicants should have no more than two years' work experience in related areas such as Marketing, Sales or Business Development

Assessment
Includes coursework, essays, formal examinations, group reports, case study analyses and presentations

Marketing MSc

This programme, accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing, focuses on the global issues facing firms, markets and consumers, and provides the ideal springboard to a range of marketing-related careers.

You will gain an understanding of markets and how they work, and be introduced to many theories, tools and techniques that firms can use to connect with and shape those markets. You will also learn how firms uncover new and emerging consumer practices that may create new markets.

For your dissertation, you will work with real external clients.

Example modules

+ Branding Strategy
+ Consumers
+ Deep Dive Dissertation
+ Digital Marketing
+ Marketing
+ Marketing Communications

Department
Marketing

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject other than Marketing. Applicants should have no more than two years' work experience in related areas such as Marketing, Sales or Business Development

Assessment
Includes coursework, essays, formal examinations, group reports, case study analyses and presentations

Materials Science MSc by Research

This Masters by Research offers you an exciting opportunity to undertake and manage your own research project, gain valuable laboratory experience and forge important relationships in the professional sphere.

Areas of research fall within the diverse portfolio of our academic staff – chemistry, engineering, physics, health and medicine.

Our 12-month programme provides you with the knowledge and technical skills to produce sustained and original work – work that will underpin progression in your chosen career.

Example modules

+ Chemistry
+ Engineering
+ Mathematics

Department
Chemistry

Duration
12 months, full-time: 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree in science or engineering

Assessment
Original research thesis and viva voce examination

MBA (Executive)

This is a part-time programme designed for senior managers. It aims to develop your knowledge, skills and capability, while allowing you to improve your organisation.

Each module includes online activity and a three-day workshop approximately every eight weeks. Our tutors support you in applying your new learning directly into your organisation, producing work-based assignments that improve your understanding and make a real difference.

You can tailor your study through specialist pathways in Leadership, Strategy, Healthcare (endorsed by the NHS Leadership Academy) or Management.

Example modules

+ Accounting and Finance for Managers
+ Business Ethics and Sustainability
+ Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Specialisations available in

+ Healthcare
+ Leadership
+ Management

Location
UK, Malaysia or Ghana

Duration
24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject, or an equivalent professional qualification, and at least five years' full-time professional/managerial work experience. Applicants without a degree but with substantial work experience may be considered

Assessment
Typically, online activity is assessed against the quality of your contribution and using tests. Modules are assessed with work-based assignments, presentations, company reports, and some exams

MBA (Full-time)

Offering a truly transformational experience, the Lancaster MBA allows you to explore what it means to be a strategic leader by acquiring practical wisdom and capacity for judgment. The values of responsibility, sustainability, and mindfulness run through every module, helping you to develop the skills to be an effective senior manager in increasingly challenging contexts and environments. Our modules are practice based, which means students learn by doing and working with live case studies and clients, members of our Leaders Network and Entrepreneurs in Residence, and completing our action challenges.

Example modules

+ Digital Innovation in Business
+ International Business in Context
+ Mindful Manager

Department
Management School Executive Programmes

Duration
12 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or relevant professional qualification and a minimum of three years' professional work experience at managerial level since graduation. Stringent preference will be given to those who can demonstrate clearly that they have held significant managerial responsibilities

Assessment
Includes responses to case studies, report writing, presentations, examinations, reflective experiential learning journals, academic essays and an inspirational speech

Start date
September

Guilherme Lanna
MBA, 2018

“The Lancaster MBA made me realise that a great MBA is much more than a course, it is fulfillment of the mind; a personal and professional transformation journey that, through theory and practice, helped me better understand the business world.”
Taught programmes

**Mechanical Engineering MSc**

Accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for CEng, this MSc prepares Bachelors qualified engineers for the new paradigms of ‘Industry 4.0’ through topics in advanced materials, manufacturing and 3D printing, renewable energy, FEA and CAD/CAM, and advanced engineering systems design and analysis.

You will study core and optional lecture-based modules and undertake a major individual project chosen to align with our collaborative research and our industry partners. You will learn new concepts, building on your existing engineering knowledge, and by combining theoretical study with applied real-world problem-solving you will develop your engineering confidence, experience and expertise. With this MSc you will be well prepared to thrive in the fast-changing engineering world.

**Example modules**
- Advanced CAD/CAM
- Advanced Materials
- Design and Modelling of Systems
- Intelligent System Control
- Rapid Manufacturing
- Renewable Energy
- Mechanics and Actuators
- Principles of Project Management
- Sustainable Manufacturing

**Department** Engineering
**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering or technical subject. Relevant further learning and experience is preferable, but not essential
**Assessment** Coursework, examination, projects and major project/dissertation

**Mechanical Engineering with Project Management MSc**

Combining advanced mechanical engineering modules with project management skills, this programme is for engineers wishing to progress into technical-managerial roles.

Taught by leading experts in their field, you will cover a broad range of engineering topics and how they can be applied to mechanical products and systems. You will also have the opportunity to develop your abilities in areas including project planning, project control, risk and resource management. The programme includes industry-led group and individual projects, giving you the opportunity to apply your skills.

**Example modules**
- Advanced CAD/CAM
- Applied Project Management
- Intelligent System Control
- Mechanics and Actuators
- Principles of Project Management
- Sustainable Manufacturing
- Renewable Energy

**Department** Engineering
**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering or technical subject. Relevant further learning and experience is preferable, but not essential
**Assessment** Coursework, examination, projects and dissertation

**Media and Cultural Studies MA**

This degree places you at the centre of digital innovation, from theory to practice, in areas of media and cultural studies. You will interact with key texts, debates and thinkers, ranging from classical cultural theory through to scholarship in new media, digital technology, globalised culture, media power, identity, and performance. In addition, you have the opportunity to gain practical skills in digital journalism, visual storytelling, and audio-visual culture.

Our focus is to advance your skills in the kinds of critical thinking, independent research, and creative production that are relevant to the development and innovation in the cultural and media sectors and in furthering critical scholarship.

**Example modules**
- Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
- Digital/Audio Culture
- Digital Journalism and Visual Storytelling
- Digital/television: History and Practice of Broadcasting
- Digital/television: History and Practice of Broadcasting

**Department** Sociology
**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline, such as media, film, cultural studies or sociology
**Assessment** Coursework and dissertation

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**Medical Leadership MSc/PgDip/PgCert**

This programme is for doctors, at any stage of their careers, who are interested in demonstrating caring, compassionate and authentic leadership to improve patient experience and service delivery. During this programme, you will work on core and elective modules that develop your leadership capability and capacity to achieve medical and organisational impact. The programme develops knowledge, understanding and skills aligned to the Medical Leadership Competency Framework.

This course is delivered fully online, supplemented by non-compulsory enrichment workshops at the Lancaster Campus.

Progression from PgCert to PgDip and Masters (MSc) enables further development of your knowledge and skills through sustained work-integrated medical leadership projects.

**Example modules**
- Analysing Drivers for Change
- Leading and Managing People
- Models for Planning Change
- Personal Learning and Development
- The Role of Clinicians in Health Service Improvement
- Understanding Leadership and Management

**Department** Management School/Executive Programmes
**Duration** The duration of this part-time programme is flexible as it is offered on a modular basis
**Entry requirements** Qualified doctors holding an MBCHB or equivalent. For the PgDip/MSc, a PgCert in Medical Leadership, or equivalent, is required. All applications require employer/stakeholder agreement. Suitable candidates may apply for credits through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APfL), for exemption from some modules
**Assessment** Application of your learning to work-integrated activities means that it is highly relevant. Assessment is though coursework, including learning contracts, projects, reports, reflective commentary, and oral presentations.

**Medical Sciences MSc by Research**

This MSc by Research involves a nine month research project, with a three month write up of your dissertation. We will train you in how to design, conduct, analyse and write up a medical sciences-related research project. Your supervisor will be drawn from our academic staff and depending on the project, may also involve partners from a local NHS trust.

You will learn to design, conduct and report independent and original research, to critically evaluate relevant literature, to develop problem-solving skills, to analyse research data, to communicate the results of research, to understand scholarly conventions in the discipline area, and to have respect for intellectual integrity and the ethics of research.

**Past projects include:**
- The role of osteoarthritic cytokines in osteoarthritic arthropathy
- Localisation of the stem cell population in the cornea
- The Role of Clinicians in Health Service Improvement
- Ethical decision making in organ donation
- How do students’ social networks evolve during their time at medical school?
- Personal Learning and Development
- Models for Planning Change
- Analysing Drivers for Change
- Leading and Managing People
- Understanding Leadership and Management

**Previous graduates have presented their work at international academic conferences and had their work published in leading academic journals.**

**Department** Lancaster Medical School
**Duration** 12 months full-time, 24 months part-time
**Entry requirements** Undergraduate medical students intercalating between 4th and 5th years of study require a top quartile outcome in MBCHB finals. Other applicants must hold a 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant subject area. Candidates with a lower second class degree may be invited to interview to assess suitability
**Assessment** Original research and thesis
Taught programmes

Money, Banking and Finance MSc

This course aims to equip you with the skills, knowledge and technical capabilities to enter careers in the banking and financial sectors – on the corporate or the regulatory side – as well as consultancy and higher education. The rigorous training in theory and empirical techniques that you will receive, and the marketable skills you will develop, will help you get a head start in the job market.

You will gain an understanding of key issues in monetary economics, the banking industry and financial markets, as well as the associated theoretical concepts, quantitative skills, and regulatory frameworks.

**Example modules**
- Applied Economics
- Foundations of Financial Markets
- Market Risk Forecasting and Control
- Modules in Macroeconomics for Money, Banking and Finance
- Principles of Financial Intermediation
- Topics in Banking Regulation and Financial Stability

**Department** Economics

**Duration** 12 months, full-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in economics, finance or a related subject, which has included a significant component of economics and quantitative techniques

**Assessment** Includes formal exams, individual coursework essays and assignments, group-based reports and case study analysis and a dissertation

Natural Sciences MSc by Research

We offer you an exciting opportunity to undertake and manage your own 12-month research project, gain valuable laboratory experience and forge important relationships in the professional sphere.

Areas of research fall within the diverse portfolio of our academic staff – chemistry, engineering, physics, health and medicine.

We provide you with the knowledge and technical skills to produce sustained and original work – work that will underpin progression in your chosen career.

**Department** Chemistry

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree in science or engineering

**Assessment** Original research thesis and viva voce examination

Organisation Development PgCert

This course explores the role of organisation development in enhancing the effectiveness of organisational performance. It allows those involved in organisation development to gain professional recognition for their contribution.

We draw knowledge from
- Disciplines of organisation cultures, values and behaviours
- Organisation change and improvement approaches

We focus on providing opportunities to apply knowledge and skills into your workplace. Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Masters Degree are available via the Professional Practice route.

This course is delivered fully online, supplemented by non-compulsory enrichment workshops at the Lancaster Campus.

**Example modules**
- Personal Learning and Development
- Understanding Organisation Development
- Choice of elective modules

**Department** Management School Executive Programmes

**Duration** The duration of this part-time course is flexible as it is offered on a modular basis

**Entry requirements** Applicants should be in roles involved with the practice of organisation development with usually at least three years’ work experience. Suitable candidates may apply for credits through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APeL) for exemption from some modules

**Assessment** Application of your learning to work-integrated activities means that it is highly relevant. Assessment is through coursework, including learning contracts, projects, reports, reflective commentary, and oral presentations

Philosophy and Religion MA

This programme allows you to pursue and develop your interests across the discipline of philosophy. Built on a core module, which introduces you to central disciplinary skills and knowledge, you then have the freedom to choose from a wide range of optional modules.

The flexibility of the programme means that it would suit your needs whether you intend to go on to a PhD, are stepping into philosophy from another discipline, or simply want to deepen your existing knowledge.

**Example modules**
- Future Generations
- Philosophy of Mental Disorder
- Sources of Indian Religion and Philosophy
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies
- What is Philosophy? Methods, Aims, Debates

**Department** Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines

**Assessment** Coursework and dissertation

Philosophy PgCert

This programme allows you to study philosophy at postgraduate level without committing to an entire MA programme, but with the option to progress to the full MA after completion of the PgCert.

Built on a core module, which introduces you to central disciplinary skills and knowledge, you then have the choice of a wide range of optional modules from various sub-disciplines.

**Example modules**
- Philosophy of Mental Disorder
- Sources of Indian Religion and Philosophy
- What is Philosophy? Methods, Aims, Debates

**Department** Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Relevant professional experience may be considered in lieu of standard qualifications. Students not meeting the standard entry qualifications may be asked to write a 3,000-word essay to demonstrate their academic abilities

**Assessment** Coursework

Philosophy and Religion MA

This cross-disciplinary programme allows you to pursue and develop your interests in philosophy and religious studies, focusing on the interface between the two. It builds on core modules, which introduce you to central disciplinary skills and knowledge, whilst also allowing you the freedom to choose from a wide range of optional modules across both disciplines.

The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation, on a topic that brings the two disciplines together.

**Example modules**
- Media, Religion and Politics
- Religion and Psychoanalytic Thought
- Studying Religion
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies
- What is Philosophy? Methods, Aims, Debates

**Department** Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration** 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements** A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines

**Assessment** Coursework and dissertation

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### Taught programmes

#### Physics MSc by Research

Define and manage an independent research project that will equip you for a more sustained and original work at doctoral level, or for advanced level applied research positions in a range of organisations.

The programme is flexible to support learning in a variety of educational and practical research contexts: either on campus or in industry.

There is a period of induction with a supervisor, where you will complete a learning plan and assess your research training development needs.

You will complete a dissertation based on your research.

**Department**  
Physics

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject

**Assessment**  
Original research and dissertation

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#### Plant Sciences MSc by Research

This programme is suitable for those wishing to carry out a short, in-depth research project, and not attend taught programmes. The MSc by Research programmes consist of induction courses, an eight-month research project and a period to write it up.

These degrees are carefully tailored to your interests, and can be particularly suitable for people undertaking research in a work-based context wishing to gain an academic qualification.

**Department**  
Graduate School for the Environment

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. Industry-based experience will be considered, with demonstration of appropriate skills

**Assessment**  
Original research and dissertation

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#### Politics MA

This flexible programme allows you to choose a combination of modules from the domestic to the global that best suits your background and interests in the broad arena of politics.

We offer a variety of methods through which to study political life. This enables you to enhance your skills in researching, sourcing, and examining evidence. In addition to providing a strong foundation for progressing to postgraduate research programmes, these skills are relevant to a wide range of careers.

**Example modules**  
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Globalisation and Democratisation
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East
- Theory and Concepts in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies

**Department**  
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

**Assessment**  
Coursework and dissertation

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#### Politics and International Relations PgCert

This programme aims to provide you with a secure knowledge of the major theories, concepts and issues relating to politics and international relations.

You will have the opportunity to gain a systematic understanding of a range of debates and discussions raised by past and present approaches to the subject. You have the opportunity to tailor your programme of study to suit your needs, with a choice of three modules.

**Example modules**  
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

**Department**  
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered. Students not meeting the standard entry qualifications may be asked to write a 3,000-word essay to demonstrate their academic abilities.

**Assessment**  
Coursework

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#### Politics and Philosophy MA

This interdisciplinary programme is designed to allow you to undertake sustained and focused study in the disciplines of politics and philosophy.

Our broad range of modules allow you to experience a variety of different approaches to the study of both philosophy and politics. Through seminars, assessments and your final dissertation, you have the opportunity to develop your ability to critically analyse evidence and construct coherent arguments; skills relevant to a range of careers, including research.

**Example modules**  
- Foreign Policy
- International Relations
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- The Imagination
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies
- What is Philosophy? Methods, Aims, Debates

**Department**  
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

**Assessment**  
Coursework and dissertation

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#### Politics, Philosophy and Management MSc

This unique interdisciplinary programme is aimed at graduates with a background in business and management as well as the humanities and/or social sciences, who wish to explore the important theoretical and practical links between contemporary politics, critical thinking and the management of organisations. It is designed for passionate and talented individuals aspiring to pursue a career in industry-leading organisations, the Civil Service, or in political bodies involved in transnational governance – such as NGOs, the United Nations or the European Union.

**Example modules**  
- Globalisation: Its Meanings, Causes and Consequences
- Human Resource Management
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Organisations in the 21st Century
- Public Policy
- Seminar on Moral, Political, and Social Philosophy

**Department**  
Organisation, Work and Technology

**Duration**  
12 months, full-time

**Entry requirements**  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in management, business studies, social sciences, history, philosophy, English language, arts or other humanities. Relevant work experience is beneficial but not essential.

**Assessment**  
Essays, exams, reports and presentations.
Taught programmes

Politics, Philosophy and Religion MA

This multidisciplinary programme is designed to allow you to undertake sustained and focused study across the disciplines of politics, philosophy and religion. You will explore the interface between these related areas, and have the opportunity to select optional modules across the whole range available in the department.

By engaging with a range of disciplinary areas, exploring different texts and theories, you can develop critical analysis skills. These skills are sought after and required in a wide range of professions, including research.

Example modules
- Faith Debates: Religion, Society and Politics
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Studying Religion
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies
- What is Philosophy? Methods, Aims, Debates

Department: Politics, Philosophy and Religion
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Professional Development PgCert

On this programme, you can start with one module and gradually add others to build towards your qualification. The ‘step-on, step-off’ course design means you can pace your study to suit your needs.

You will choose modules in line with your professional development needs such as:
- Change management
- Leadership and management
- Personal effectiveness

Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Masters Degree are available.

This course is delivered fully online, supplemented by non-compulsory enrichment workshops at the Lancaster Campus. Your learning will be supported by your personal mentor, and through contact with your online learning group.

Example modules
- Personal Learning and Development
- Choice of elective modules

Department: Management School Executive Programmes
Duration: The duration of this part-time course is flexible as it is offered on a modular basis
Entry requirements: Suitable candidates may apply for credits through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APeL) for exemption from some modules
Assessment: Application of your learning to work-integrated activities means that it is highly relevant. Assessment is through coursework, including learning contracts, projects, reports, reflective commentary, and oral presentations

Project Management MSc

On this career-enhancing course, you will have access to a range of models and the theoretical background necessary to develop the practical skills required to attain a professional role in a project-based organisation.

We will equip you with key tools and techniques used by project managers, delivered by experts from the National Centre for Project Management. In addition, we will build your familiarity with management theory, and with the language and practice of management.

The practical projects undertaken throughout the programme, including one that could be for a real client, provide opportunities for you to apply the theory you have learnt and to develop the key competences needed to manage projects successfully.

Example modules
- Advances in Project Management
- Business, Benefits and Strategy
- Intercultural Consultancy Project
- Project Management Tools, Techniques and Theories

Department: Management Science
Duration: 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. The programme is particularly attractive to those who have studied subjects such as engineering, IT, business or management, although students can also come from a variety of arts and social science backgrounds. Relevant work experience is welcome but not required
Assessment: Critically reflective essays, group reports, plans and presentations

“...we had the chance to apply what we learnt almost straight away and this was a great way of getting to know ourselves as project managers and perfect our practice as we went along. I really enjoyed getting feedback and being able to improve on things from project to project. The teaching staff were all incredibly experienced and had a plethora of project experience to draw upon, which really brought the academic theories and models to life. Hearing the real life experiences and situations related to the core principles of the programme made it even clearer to me how incredibly useful and effective project management really is.”
Roxana Ghiasi, MSc Project Management
Psychological Research Methods MSc

This programme will help you to build the research skills you need to advance into research careers. The programme is recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as it provides you with advanced skills and understanding in critical research methods. Our graduates are equipped to go on to doctoral research and training programmes, for example in clinical, forensic, educational, or occupational psychology.

You will study five modules and complete an independent research project.

Example modules
- Analyzing and Interpreting Data
- Developing Psychological Research
- Analyzing Talk and Text
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research

Department: Psychology
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree in psychology, or its equivalent, including research design and statistical methods
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Psychology of Advertising MSc

This programme provides an interface between theory and practice, understanding and skills, by giving you a thorough grounding in the psychology underpinning persuasion in the context of how it is applied – and how it might be applied more radically – in the communications industry. The programme combines small-group ‘knowledge-exchange’ with student-led teaching, built around outstanding expertise in cognitive, developmental, social and neuropsychological aspects of advertising, perspectives and contributions from academic researchers and advertising practitioners, and hands-on experience within an optional commercial/third sector work placement.

Example modules
- Advanced Advertising Theory
- Psychological Aspects of Advertising
- Practical Advertising Research and Planning
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research

Department: Psychology
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in psychology or a related discipline including marketing, media or business studies; a wide range of undergraduate subjects and/or relevant experience will be considered
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Quaker Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert

Our PgCert is an excellent way for you to gain a foundation in the academic study of Quakerism. The programme is the result of an innovative, interdisciplinary collaboration between our department and the Postgraduate Quaker Study Centre at Woodbrooke, Birmingham.

You will be introduced to the history, theology and sociology of Quakerism in a global context. On successful completion, you will have the option to progress on to the MA in Quakerism in the Modern World.

Example modules
- Quaker Theology in Context
- Quakerism, Peace and Justice

Department: Politics, Philosophy and Religion
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered
Assessment: A combination of participation in weekly learning activities and coursework

Quakerism in the Modern World (Distance Learning) MA

This programme is the result of an innovative, interdisciplinary collaboration between our department and the Postgraduate Quaker Study Centre at Woodbrooke, Birmingham.

You will be introduced to the theories, issues and processes connected with the history, theology and sociology of Quakerism in a global context.

The programme is especially relevant for those who are interested in Quaker theology and history, the adaptation of religious groups to new social and geographical settings, globalisation and religion, and secularisation and Quakerism in a changing political environment.

Example modules
- Faith, Beliefs and Religion
- Society and Politics
- Quaker Theology in Context

Department: Politics, Philosophy and Religion
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered
Assessment: A combination of participation in weekly learning activities, coursework and a dissertation

Quantitative Finance MSc

This interdisciplinary programme gives you in-depth knowledge of the problems and issues in the financial sector, and is perfect for those who want to develop advanced analytical, problem-solving and technical skills.

The course gives you access to knowledge and facilities in different but related areas, and offers a wide range of potential topics for your dissertation.

You will acquire skills in data and financial analysis, forecasting, optimisation and computer programming and will become proficient in various statistical and econometrics packages.

Example modules
- Financial Econometrics
- Financial Stochastic Processes
- Foundations of Financial Markets

Department: Accounting and Finance
Duration: 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a quantitative subject such as physics, mathematics, statistics, management science or engineering. Familiarity at undergraduate level with topics such as probability and statistics, calculus and linear algebra is essential
Assessment: Formal exams, individual coursework essays and assignments, group-based coursework and projects
Taught programmes

Religion and Conflict MA

This interdisciplinary programme allows you to undertake study across the disciplines of politics and religion, with particular attention to concepts and issues relating to religion and conflict.

Through our dynamic range of modules in politics, international relations and religious studies, you have the opportunity to explore the interactions between religion and conflict. We also offer options that encourage you to analyse peace processes and practical problems of conflict prevention, conflict management and peace-building in a range of contemporary international, internal, ethnic, religious and environmental conflicts.

Example modules
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Religion and Conflict
- Religion and Violence
- Studying Religion
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies

Department
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Religious Studies MA

This broad programme aims to introduce you to key theoretical and methodological issues in the study of religion from a range of disciplinary perspectives.

You can explore key topics such as the social and cultural transformations of contemporary religion and spirituality; religion and society; religion and conflict; religion and popular culture; modern religious thought and history; new religious movements; and religion and gender.

In addition, the programme provides you with an opportunity to explore the history, texts and contemporary contexts of specific religious traditions.

Example modules
- Studying Buddhism
- Religion and Violence
- Sources of Indian Religion and Philosophy

Department
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Religious Studies PgCert

This programme aims to provide you with a secure knowledge of the major theories, concepts and issues relating to religion in a variety of intellectual traditions and historical and contemporary contexts. You will gain a systematic understanding of a range of debates and discussions raised by past and present religious beliefs and practices.

In addition, the PgCert will equip you with the necessary skills appropriate for evaluating, analysing and interpreting both academic and practitioner approaches to religion.

Example modules
- Religion and Conflict
- Religion and Psychoanalytic Thought
- Studying Religion

Department
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered. Students not meeting the standard entry qualifications may be asked to write a 3,000-word essay to demonstrate their academic abilities.

Assessment
Coursework

Religious Studies (Distance Learning) PgCert

The programme, delivered entirely online, aims to enhance your knowledge of the major theories, concepts, issues and practices relating to religion in a variety of intellectual traditions and historical and contemporary contexts.

This PgCert allows you to gain a firm grasp of the necessary skills appropriate for evaluating, analysing and interpreting the concrete contexts of contemporary religious beliefs and practices.

Example modules
- Faith Debates: Religion, Society and Politics
- Quaker Theology in Context
- Quakerism, Peace and Justice
- Religion and Conflict
- The Sociology of Contemporary Quakerism

Department
Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences; humanities; or related management disciplines. Relevant professional qualifications and experience will also be considered.

Assessment
Coursework, coursework preparatory tasks and online activities

Social Research MA

This programme allows you to develop the essential understanding and research skills needed to carry out excellent social science research. We offer five pathways: Environment, Culture and Society; Gender and Women’s Studies; Media and Cultural Studies; Science, Technology, Innovation and Social Practice; and Sociology. Our distinctive, flexible structure offers a solid grounding in research theory and method within your area of interest.

The degree is recognised by the ESRC Doctoral Training Centre and provides the appropriate foundation for funded PhD level studies, or for employment in the public, private or third sector.

Example modules (Your modules will vary depending upon your chosen pathway)
- Contemporary Debates in Social Theory
- Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
- Environment and Culture
- Gender and Sex Bodies
- Methods in Science and Technology Studies
- Social and Cultural Theory

Department
Social Work

Duration
12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a social science or humanities discipline, or geography

Assessment
Coursework and dissertation

Social Work MA

This programme offers both an academic award and a professional qualification in social work, preparing you for a career in social work agencies and settings. Upon successful completion, you can apply to register as a social worker with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Our teaching emphasises issues relevant to social work in contemporary Britain, and explores the ways in which sociology, law, social policy and psychology inform and enhance our profession.

We work in partnership with local stakeholders to offer 170 days of placement practice learning and 30 skills days.

For bursaries information, please visit: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

Example modules
- Independent Social Work Research Study
- Mental Distress and Health
- Policy and Legal Contexts of Social Work
- Preparations for Practice 1 and 2
- Social Divisions and Social Diversity
- Social Work and Young People
- Social Work in Adult Social Care
- Social Work with Children and Families
- The Research Minded Practitioner
- Transitions in Social Work

Department
Social Work

Duration
24 months, full-time

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. GCSE in English and Maths grade C or above, or equivalent, and relevant experience

Assessment
Fieldwork placements, coursework, presentations, examinations and dissertation
Taught programmes

Sociology MA

This degree encourages critical and engaged thinking about the contemporary world. It addresses issues such as inequalities, racism, violence, capitalism, and social change, and examines the way in which these issues shape societies today.

Through our comprehensive range of modules, you have the opportunity to enhance and develop the analytical and methodological skills that enable you to design and complete an independent research project from initial conception to finished dissertation.

Example modules
- Capitalism and Crisis
- Contemporary Debates in Social Theory
- Methods in Science and Technology Studies
- Mobilities, Society and Change
- The Social Life of Science and Technology: Theories and Debates

Department: Sociology
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a social science or humanities discipline, or geography
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Statistics MSc/PgDip

Our Royal Statistical Society (RSS) accredited Masters provides a programme with a distinctive blend of leading-edge statistical methods and practical techniques. We offer three pathways with their own optional modules and building on a common statistical core: Environmental; Medical; and Pharmaceutical. The optional modules that cover a range of specialist/advanced statistical methods relevant to the design, analysis and interpretation of observational and experimental data. The 12-week summer dissertation provides students with the valuable opportunity to put the advanced statistical skills and knowledge developed over the year into practice.

Example modules
- Regression
- Likelihood Inference
- Generalised Linear Models
- Statistics in Practice
- Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination
- The Social Life of Science and Technology: Theories and Debates

Department: Mathematics and Statistics
Duration: MSc: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
PgDip: 9 months, full-time; 18 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree or its equivalent, in a subject with a strong mathematics or statistics component. Students with a 2:2 honours degree will be considered on a case-by-case basis
Assessment: Coursework, examination and a dissertation

Strategy MSc

Endorsed by Ernst & Young (EY) and Gränges, our MSc in Strategy builds on our global reputation in Corporate Strategy and will enable you to experience and engage in all key aspects of the subject, including strategic analysis, strategic decision-making and strategy implementation.

You will be challenged to advance your skills in seeing the big picture by working on real strategy projects with companies in the UK and elsewhere, which will shape what we expect to be an internalised strategy experience.

In addition to a range of opportunities with EY, you will work with experienced practitioners, senior consultants and world-leading researchers to understand and engage in the everyday complexities faced by strategists as they develop and implement important decisions that affect the future direction of their organisation.

Example modules
- Building Competitive Advantage
- Business Model Innovation
- Digital Strategy
- Strategic Purpose and Leadership
- Strategy Consultancy Challenge

Department: Entrepreneurship and Strategy
Duration: 12 months, full-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree or equivalent, in any subject. Managerial experience is desirable but not essential.
Assessment: Individual essays and assignments, group-based reports and case study analysis, formal exams, individual dissertation and reflective essay

Sustainable Water Management MSc

Sustaining water supplies, mitigating flooding and improving aquatic ecosystem services are fundamental to human wellbeing, economic growth and environmental sustainability, so those with hydrological skills are in demand globally.

Our Masters is unique in that it is taught jointly with professionals from leading environmental consultancy JBA Consulting, the Environment Agency and the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology. We support you to undertake your dissertation research project with an external partner in the water sector or as an integral part of our ongoing research activities in water sciences. You will gain skills that are professionally accredited by the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) and pertinent to a career with an environmental consultancy, water regulator, water company or research organisation.

Example modules
- Catchment Hydrology and Assessment
- Catchment Protection (field course)
- Groundwater Resources and Protection
- Integrated Systems for Sustainable Surface Water Management
- Lake Ecology
- Sustainable Flooding Management and Restoration

Department: Graduate School for the Environment
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. We can also consider applicants with a 2:2 degree, or equivalent, if they have relevant work experience (including voluntary work)
Assessment: Coursework, presentations, examinations and dissertation

“... My postgraduate degree course has allowed me to advance my skills by learning how medical statistics can be applied in the real world. For example, during clinical trials, we are able to look at how scientists test the effectiveness of a new cancer drug against chemotherapy. The opportunity to undertake work which happens on a daily basis in clinical trial units across the UK is a great way of enhancing our learning in a growing field, allowing students to be at the forefront of innovative research at Lancaster University and beyond in their future careers.”

Alex Walsh
MSc Statistics
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (by Distance) MA

This innovative web-based programme is designed for English language teachers with at least two years' experience in the field. Modules will cover second language acquisition, innovations in teaching methodology, language assessment and curriculum design. During the course, you work together with fellow students from different parts of the world in a supportive online learning environment. The programme allows you to develop your understanding of classroom practice and to focus both your coursework and dissertation on issues in your own educational context.

Example modules
- Classroom Language Assessment
- Curriculum Design and Teacher Development
- Second Language Acquisition
- Second Language Classroom Research
- Trends and Issues in Language Teaching Methodology
- Second Language Classroom Research

Department: Linguistics and English Language
Duration: 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, with substantial language/linguistics related content. Plus two years full-time language teaching experience
Assessment: Coursework and dissertation

Translation MA

Our programme facilitates your entry into the translating profession. It is also suitable for practising translators who do not have, but wish to gain, formal qualifications.

German, French, Spanish, or Chinese language specialisms are available. We combine language-specific practice in either one or two languages, in addition to English. Our MA enables you to build effective translation strategies, understand theories and methodologies of translation, and develop advanced research skills specific to modern languages.

Our placements, visiting translators and translation seminar series offer you an invaluable experience of the translation profession.

Example modules
- Academic and Practical Methods in Translation
- Independent Study Unit
- Introduction to Liaison Interpreting
- Academic and Practical Methods in Translation
- Research Skills for Modern Linguists
- Introduction to Liaison Interpreting

Department: Languages and Cultures
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 degree, or equivalent, in languages, or a related discipline. Native speakers of the languages taught are also welcome to apply
Assessment: Translation project, coursework and examination

Volcanology and Geological Hazards MSc

Volcanoes threaten millions of people, and improved hazard mitigation is a high priority. Study alongside leading volcanologists; gain a strong theoretical grounding; and spend time in the laboratory and in the field, including the study of volcanic rocks in the Lake District and Mount Etna.

You will study six modules, including core modules on volcanic and other geological hazards, and optional modules, which provide broader learning about the natural environment and key skills for further research or employment.

You will complete a dissertation project under supervision of an internationally recognised researcher.

Example modules
- Environmental Governance and Management
- Geoinformatics
- Geological Hazards
- Modelling Environmental Processes
- Physical Volcanology
- Volcanic Process Field Course

Department: Graduate School for the Environment
Duration: 12 months, full-time; 24 months, part-time
Entry requirements: A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. We can also consider applicants with a 2:2 degree, or equivalent, if they have relevant work experience (including voluntary work)
Assessment: Coursework, presentations, examinations and dissertation
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