Postgraduate Prospectus 2021
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Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering Lancaster University as the next step for your future. In exploring your postgraduate options, it is important that you choose wisely in both your programme, but also the environment in which you decide to study.

Lancaster is a global university with an international reputation for combining world-leading research with a personal educational experience. Our reputation is reflected in a top 10 position in three UK league tables. Lancaster’s academics are experts in their disciplines and their research has impact well beyond academia – improving lives and communities, whilst impacting business and global challenges. By studying with us, we invite you to be part of this global academic community.

Our green and spacious campus is on the doorstep of some of the most beautiful landscapes in England, yet also well connected to the rest of the UK. We continually invest in our facilities, which combined with academic researchers and teachers, create a centre of knowledge where our students thrive. Our collection of colleges offer a close-knit support network and the chance to make friendships and networks for life. As a Lancaster University alumnus, you would be joining a global family of more than 150,000.

Whatever your interests and ambitions, I am confident that Lancaster is the place for you and I look forward to welcoming you to our campus.

Professor Andy Schofield
Vice-Chancellor
With teaching and research links around the world, we can offer exciting opportunities to work and study aboard as part of your degree. We also work with partner universities and institutions in China, Germany, Ghana and Malaysia, to allow students access to Lancaster’s academic excellence in research and training in their own countries.

We are proud to be placed among the top ten universities in three major UK league tables. We are ranked 10th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021, 10th in The Guardian University Guide 2021 and 8th in the Complete University Guide 2021. We are also ranked 7th for teaching excellence in Europe according to the Times Higher Education Europe Teaching Rankings 2019.

Lancaster is a research-intensive university and our outstanding reputation attracts some of the brightest minds from around the world. Our academic staff are experts within their respective fields and work on a philosophy of research-led teaching giving you access to a high quality learning experience. Also, our strong research culture results in pioneering contributions that translate into an active and stimulating environment for you to learn in.

Supporting students into employment or further study is central to our purpose. Throughout your time at Lancaster, we’re here to help you discover the path to the future you want. Our careers team will help you to develop the skills you will need to succeed in your future job search. And, with our connections to some of the top global graduate recruiters, high growth businesses and employers across every sector, we can help you find your place in the world of work.

With our excellent reputation, supportive community and beautiful campus we hope that you feel that Lancaster is the place for you.

Coming to Lancaster is all about broadening your horizons, finding new perspectives and discovering new experiences. You will get to be a part of a community that stretches beyond our campus and right around the world. By living and studying with students and staff from over 130 countries, you will be joining a global community and have the opportunity to make some international connections of your own.

A place for you
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 specialities, 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 usually study in my room or at the library. I sometimes go with friends to the Quiet Study Space in 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 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 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 talks 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 organised the Lancaster Postgraduate Conference in Linguistics and Language Teaching, where I had the opportunity to talk to current PhD students from different universities and I 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.

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MA Language and Linguistics

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We have nine colleges and as a postgraduate student, you will join Graduate College, which is focused exclusively on postgraduates.

Our colleges are more than just places to live as each has a unique community, where it’s easy to make friends with students from many different nationalities and walks of life. The College has students from all over the world so you’ll find an international and multicultural community waiting for you.

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

During your time at Lancaster, your college offers the first port of call for any support that you may need. We also have a Postgraduate Board, which is the elected representative body of the College’s student members and who aims to look after the needs of all our postgraduate students. There is a small membership fee that is required, which goes towards the running of the College.

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At Lancaster, our on-campus, postgraduate accommodation is located in Graduate College and offers you a variety of living options to suit different tastes and budgets. Our accommodation was rated the UK’s Best University Halls in the 2019 National Student Housing Awards, an accolade we have won eight times since 2010.

Most postgraduates will live in single-study accommodation within Graduate College, but other single/shared flats, as well as our couple and family accommodation, is available around the wider campus. Two thirds of our accommodation is en suite, but we also offer standard accommodation where students share WC/shower facilities as well as campus townhouses and even self-contained studios. As a postgraduate though, wherever you live, you are a member of Graduate College and have access to all its postgraduate facilities.

The cost of your accommodation will depend on the type of room you chose. In the 20/21 academic year, prices ranged from £190.40 per week for a twin studio to £109.76 per week for a standard room, with a washbasin – based on a 50-week contract.

To find out more about the accommodation that we offer, please visit [www.lancaster.ac.uk](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/accommodation).
Everyone needs support from time-to-time. At Lancaster, you’ll find a range of services to help you make the most of your time with us.

Tailored for our postgraduate community
We recognise that postgraduates have unique study and support needs, which is why:

+ We have created postgraduate specific areas in our library, the city centre and within Graduate College.
+ We have established a Doctoral Academy, which is an environment that welcomes PhD students into our thriving research community and offers them opportunities to engage, collaborate and innovate whilst studying for their research degree.

Student services
We offer a range of specialist support services, help with financial matters and careers advice. 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. 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 continue to engage in your studies if experiencing emotional and mental health challenges. 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.

Support and wellbeing

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Your postgraduate study options
Lancaster University is home to a dynamic postgraduate community. We offer a wide range of both taught and research degrees designed to broaden your experiences and improve your career prospects.

Taught degrees
Our taught postgraduate degrees normally involve a combination of taught modules, coursework and a research dissertation. Some programmes may enable you to carry out a real-life research project for a company or organisation instead of a dissertation. While most taught programmes enable you to build upon your undergraduate studies, some academic programmes are open to students with little or no prior academic experience in the subject.

Research degrees
Our postgraduate research students are an important part of our research culture and make up a substantial part of our student population. We have a range of research options at Lancaster including:

- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
  Taking between three to four years to complete, most doctoral students at Lancaster work on a traditional PhD by Research. This includes research training and an emphasis on conducting original research leading to a written thesis.

- **Integrated degrees (1+3)**
  Several of our courses offer students the option to take a bridging approach to postgraduate study. Known as Integrated Degrees, the 1+3, they can be followed at Masters level before progressing directly to PhD level.

- **Professional Doctorates**
  We offer two types of professional doctorates: Doctor of Medicine (MD), taking two years to complete and the Doctor of Clinical Psychology, which takes three years to complete.

- **MSc by Research**
  A Masters by Research differs from a traditional taught degree as it offers the opportunity to carry out an in depth research project. It is designed to prepare students for doctoral or PhD research and allows students to develop a programme that is based on their own personal interests.

- **Specialist Masters by Research**
  This new course will allow you to take a broad range of modules in any subject area; taking between one and three years to complete.

- **MSc by coursework**
  The MSc by coursework is ideal for anyone who already has a clear idea of the field they would like to research and they are assessed primarily by dissertation.

Learn online
Lancaster’s online and distance learning postgraduate courses are ideal if you want to enhance your career through flexible learning.

You can work from home, your workplace, or wherever and whenever is convenient. There’s no need to relocate to Lancaster or take a career break – you can gain relevant knowledge and skills by studying alongside your ongoing professional and personal commitments.

Please note that some online courses include some on-campus elements – please see course information for details.

You are advised to contact the relevant department if you wish to discuss alternatives to campus attendance.

For more information about our online courses, please visit [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/online-courses](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/online-courses).

Our research environment
The quality, reach and significance of research produced in Lancaster University’s vibrant research environment is world leading.

Home to 1,500+ academics and research staff, and close to 1,800 postgraduate research students, Lancaster University aims to develop a culture and environment that enables world-class research. Our community of researchers transform lives and communities, changing practice and thinking across the globe. Our researchers connect globally, push disciplinary boundaries, take risks, ask the big questions and improve the world around them.

Innovation and entrepreneurial learning
The University’s Work in Progress team provides students with a wealth of practical opportunities to equip them with the creative and collaborative problem-solving capabilities, commercial awareness and personal resilience that employers value so highly in our graduates.

The team is here to ensure that students’ ideas for sustainable innovation projects, start-up businesses and social enterprises are listened to and supported through access to funding, co-working space, specialist advice and a vibrant peer community. The team also oversees the Start-up Visa scheme, opening up new opportunities for employment in the UK after graduation.

For more information, please visit [www.lancaster.ac.uk/work-in-progress](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/work-in-progress).
Are human hands unique?

Researchers led by Lancaster University’s Professor Dame Sue Black and Dr Bryan Williams, in collaboration with the University of Dundee, are investigating what makes a person’s hands unique through a €2.5m project called H-Unique. The project is calling on over 5,000 ‘citizen scientists’ to contribute images of their hands to the world’s first searchable database aiming to understand anatomical variation in the human hand.

The project builds on the groundbreaking research techniques pioneered by Sue and her team, which have been used successfully in criminal courts to identify perpetrators from images of their hands. Researchers are analysing 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 is an interdisciplinary collaboration of anatomists, anthropologists, geneticists, bioinformaticians, image analysts and computer scientists. They are combining hard biometrics, such as fingerprints, with soft biometrics, for example superficial vein patterns, skin crease patterns, scars, pigmentation and tattoos and developing automated feature extraction methods 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. Those who wish to help with the research are invited to submit images of their hands by typing this into their browser: h-unique@lancaster.ac.uk.

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 work/life balance:

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.

Make IT easy on yourself

The four steps are:

1. Developing a positive IT outlook
2. Building IT use skills
3. It’s okay to vent your anger
4. Creating boundaries

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 they are helping to shape our understanding of the world around us.
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.

We asked Niklas what brought him to Lancaster.

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.

A place for the Researcher

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Doctoral Academy

Lancaster University’s Doctoral Academy places research students at the heart of its research priorities and its dynamic, interdisciplinary research environment attracts outstanding researchers from all over the globe.

To ensure you thrive during your time at Lancaster and in your chosen career, the Doctoral Academy works with your department and college to offer you high-quality training opportunities and personal support.

We spoke with the Director of the Doctoral Academy, Professor Chris Edwards, who talks about his role, and what’s in store for postgraduates at Lancaster.

On first meeting Chris, he has a noticeable air of calm and approachability about him, two qualities which no-doubt make him popular amongst the postgraduate community. Couple this with his extensive experience and it’s not hard to see why in September 2019 he was appointed Director of the Doctoral Academy. This role is in addition to his work as a Professor in the Faculty of Science and Technology.

Reporting directly to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education, this role sees Chris take the reins of the Doctoral Academy which aims to work with postgraduate research students and their departments and colleges, to offer both training opportunities and personal support.

However, in conversation with Chris, you’ll discover that he plans for it to be so much more than that.

“There was a review of postgraduate research provision which showed that we don’t have anything in the university structure that has oversight of the entire postgraduate research experience,” he explains.

“Areas of improvement were flagged around the student community and their support, as well as the processes around ensuring progress towards completion. The review also identified issues to do with policy, structure, and the student experience.”

When taking up his position, Chris wanted to find out more.

“One of the first things I did in the role was go to Graduate College. The staff there said that the majority of postgrads on campus are postgraduate taught students. Postgraduate research students are mostly living somewhere else. Many live in the local community and study at the Lancaster campus. However, we have hundreds of PhD students who are distance or blended students.

They’ll visit maybe once a year, and some never even come to Lancaster. However, they are all still members of the same college. "Part of the role of the Doctoral Academy should be to create a sense of belonging with those who aren’t on campus. We want to create consistency for both on-site and off-site learners, creating a parity of experience so nobody feels forgotten.”

To create this parity, Chris talks about four key areas of focus for the Doctoral Academy:
- Student community
- Researcher development
- Academic regulations and policy
- Doctoral training programmes

As his role progresses, it will be Chris’s mission to discover and refine these themes, bringing in feedback from students and staff to make sure that any changes will meet the overall goals of the Doctoral Academy, and ultimately serve our postgraduate research community in a consistent way.

Sharing a final thought, Chris says, “People talk about the unique balance of strong teaching and strong research at Lancaster. Our PhD students are integral to the strength of the University. The main drive of the Doctoral Academy is to celebrate that strength.”

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Focused
For moments of total concentration, we have all sorts of spaces for silent study. At the heart of our campus, you’ll find our Library. Open 24/7 in term-time, it offers a wide choice of space for individual study with several areas set aside as quiet zones. It’s built around a central atrium filled with natural light. If you prefer to stay in your college then you’ll find a 24-hour study hub for quiet study in Graduate College.

Together
Some of the best work you’ll do will be in groups, so we offer a variety of spaces designed for teamwork. As well as our Library, we have our Learning Zone – a dedicated social learning space that’s also open 24/7. Between the two, there are 37 rooms and workspaces you can book for your group work. There is also a social hub in Graduate College, which can be used for group study. And that’s not to mention all the comfortable spots dotted around campus you can grab for a meeting or a chat – from the Engineering building and Physics atrium to various cafés and (when the sun is shining) all the open spaces. We even have a seminar room at Lancaster Castle for academic events and training.

Equipped
Specialist study demands specialist spaces and tools. Our campus is packed full of them. If you’re a scientist, you could work with NMR and x-ray machines in the Chemistry Department, or ultra-low temperature labs and ultra-low noise labs in the Physics Department. For engineers, our new building is a giant box of tricks, designed to bring disciplines together and to bring the best ideas into reality.

If you’re into the arts, you’ll find art and dance studios made for creativity and the perfect stages for exhibiting the results – from the Great Hall to the Peter Scott Gallery.

Connected
A lot of university life revolves around technology. We have you covered.
You’ll find learning labs you can access any time – there’s even one in Graduate College. This means you’re never far from a computer or a printer on campus – where you can access work saved securely, or look at materials for the module you’re working on. If you don’t feel like carrying your laptop across campus, you can borrow one of ours for a few hours.
You can access e-journals and e-books online, so with high speed, wired connection and Wi-Fi in campus accommodation you might not even need to step out of your room to find what you need. When you do, you’ll still have access to our Wi-Fi network – whether you’re in the Library, in a class or having a coffee in one of our cafés.
Wherever you are, you’ll have our iLancaster app to keep you connected to what’s going on. Your timetable, your course resources, your latest news, even your bus times. It’s all on the app, in your pocket.
Everything on campus

Our campus offers everything we think you’ll need during your time with us.

- Sports centre
- Theatre
- Art gallery
- Student-run cinema
- Hairdresser and beauty salon
- Chaplaincy
- Dentist
- Post office
- Bookshop
- Supermarket
- Bank
- Restaurants
- Cafés
- Pharmacy
- Bakery
- Doctor
- Bars
- Petrol station
- Prayer room
- Launderettes
- Pre-school centre
- Natural healthcare centre
The peace and quiet of our extensive grounds. The hustle and bustle of Alexandra Square. A library, open 24 hours a day and colleges, bars and social spaces. Lecture theatres, seminar rooms and laboratories. Pitches, courts, a swimming pool and even a climbing wall. Lancaster is a campus university, but it’s 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 recently completed 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 undergone a second phase of development to create a second sports hall as well as opening a Strength and Conditioning Room and Human Performance Lab. The investment for phase two was due to the continued success of the facility and the growing demand from students, staff and the local community.
+ A three-floor extension to the Library, which has created approximately 400 new study spaces, more than 120 silent study spaces and a wealth of dedicated research and collaboration spaces.
+ A £4.7m 400-seat, purpose-built lecture theatre that can also double-up as a space to host large-scale conferences.

Find out more about our investment in our facilities at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/facilities/estates.
This is a region where you’ll find stunning coastlines and dramatic mountain views. It’s crossed by canals and the River Lune, dotted with towns and villages full of character and heritage. Look further and you’ll find the spectacular coastline of Morecambe Bay, the open countryside of North Yorkshire and the mountains of the Lake District.

At the heart of it all, you’ll find Lancaster. It’s a place where you’ll find history in the city streets. Experience this with a walk through the Queen’s Priory, around Lancaster Castle, past the fine Georgian architecture and through Williamson Park up to the Ashton Memorial.

The past is fascinating, but there’s an exciting future here too – with innovative industry, dynamic start-ups and free thinkers all creating 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, you’ll find your place here.

Find out more about Lancaster’s story at www.lancaster.uk.com.
Lancaster has so much to offer. Here, you’ll discover new experiences and make new memories. You’ll meet new people, from all walks of life. On our campus, in our city and in our community, you’ll find your place – whoever you are.

A weekend-launching fry-up. A cup of late-night coffee. A traditional Sunday roast. Vegan treats. Lancaster has a plateful of options if you have the appetite. The high street plays host to an ever-changing selection of food trucks and stalls every Wednesday and Saturday. Our local wholefood cooperative, Single Step, offers a variety of deli ingredients and local produce, and we even have an oriental food shop on campus. And the crowd in Filbert’s Bakery are always happy to share their non-traditional bakes and talk seasonal creations.

When it comes to coffee, Lancaster goes well beyond the usual chains. In the coffee quarter – established by Atkinson’s Coffee Roasters – they’ve been roasting beans for more than 180 years. Today, it’s home to cafés old and new, together with a vast variety of eateries to suit any palate or wallet. Experience fine dining at Quite Simply French, or check out some more casual spots like Nami Sushi, Koko Poké and GoBurrito.

Where to eat
www.lancaster.ac.uk/where-to-eat.
For the socialite

So much of the university experience is about spending time with friends. On campus, our college bars sit right at the heart of campus life. Head into the city centre and you’ll find even more spaces to hang out, meet friends and enjoy yourself, with a mixture of clubs, bars, breweries, pubs and late-night cafés.

It’s easy to head to bigger cities too. Lancaster connects to Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and even London. You can explore different weekend destinations, with trains and coaches taking you to the heart of all the action, all just a few hours away. The colleges often organise big nights out and day trips to big cities, so you can share the experience with friends.

For the explorer

You don’t need to go far to get lost in the wilderness – Lancaster is surrounded by beautiful countryside. We even have a UNESCO World Heritage site on our doorstep, with the Lake District less than an hour away. If you’re not sure where to start with all the walks and rambles on offer, there are lots of clubs and societies that can help get you out into the hills you can see from your window.

The immediate surroundings also offer plenty of great places to experience the outdoors. The Forest of Bowland is an official Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Crock O’Lune is a beauty spot on the River Lune, just a couple of miles up the Millennium cycle path from Lancaster. And, across the bay, the rugged coastline of Warton, Grange Over Sands and Silverdale offer beauty and adventure in equal measure.

If you’re venturing further afield, the train station is the perfect place to start. Travel up to the Cumbrian countryside, east over the Pennines to the Yorkshire Dales, or even north to Scotland and the Highlands. It’s all within a few hours’ travel.

For the energetic

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

On our campus, you’ll find extensive sports facilities allowing you to take part in a multitude of sporting activities, both indoor and outdoor. In our sports centre you’ll find all the usual facilities, from a 25-metre swimming pool to a fully equipped fitness suite.

And, if you have a head for heights you could try out our 8.5-metre climbing wall and bouldering cave, which was specially designed with input from the renowned mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington.

If you prefer to take your exercise outdoors then you’ll find that our 560-acre campus has plenty of space for sport and recreation. We have all the usual facilities, such as tennis courts, an artificial cricket wicket and multiple sports pitches, some of which are floodlit so you don’t have stop when the sun goes down. However, if you want something less strenuous and are looking for some ‘time-out’ then try our Trim Trail and Woodland Walk, which covers 2.6 miles around the campus and has 11 exercise stations along the route.

For the indie

In the city centre, you’ll find everything you’d expect on a high street. Look a little deeper and you’ll discover a left-field scene thriving among the city’s winding streets.

Find fresh, local produce at our street market. Spend the afternoon rifling through a box of records. Choose some plants to brighten your bedroom. Step into a new vintage outfit at the Assembly Rooms Emporium. Or get your cultural fix of theatre, film, literature or art – the Storey, the Dukes and Lancaster Arts offer the city’s biggest venues, but you can also find smaller showcases, performances and exhibitions at pubs, cafés and pop-up spaces.

You’ll also find a variety of festivals here every year. It might be a small city, but the Music Festival, Jazz Festival and Highest Point Festival give it some big festival energy. Lancaster’s DIY approach to culture has creative innovation sparking right under your nose.

For the home bird

There’s a world of options right on our doorstep. But you don’t even need to go that far to have a good time. With everything we have on campus, not every weekend needs to be an adventure. You could hit the gym, go for a dip in the pool or stroll around our woodland trail. The library is well stocked with new and classic literature. We have cozy cafés, quiet study spaces and – when the sun shines – lots of garden and outdoor spaces to enjoy. It all adds up to offer a community feel, with everything you need for your home from home.
Coming to Lancaster is all about broadening your horizons – not just learning new subjects, but finding new perspectives and discovering new experiences too. Because with us, you get to be part of a community that lets you live and learn from people from different cultures to share ideas and perspectives.

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 at a big celebration. You’ll also learn from world-leading staff from around the globe – as almost half our team come from outside the UK. You can even make global citizenship a part of your studies, with an Intercultural Competencies Certificate that can equip you for a global future.

When you graduate, you’ll join an alumni network that touches every corner of the globe – putting a 170-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.

As well as creating global citizens, we have a community of researchers who help to transform lives and communities across the globe with their world-class research. A good example is the GCRF-funded project, RECIRCULATE, which sees Lancaster’s researchers working with African researchers to address the urgent need for safe and effective water use in Africa.

Recent reports show that 50% of Africans live in areas without adequate water, which equates to 800 million people by 2025. Alongside this, urban water pollution is on the rise and 96% of African agriculture is dependent on rainfall. Solving such problems demands new approaches to research. The £7m RECIRCULATE project aims to do this by focusing on ‘joining up’ the different ways in which water supports communities, from sewage disposal to energy generation and water used in food production. It brings together leading researchers in the UK, Ghana and Nigeria with African entrepreneurs, policy makers and community leaders, with the aim of delivering innovative approaches to water use, which also support sustainable and equitable development. Drawing on expertise from Lancaster University’s award-winning Centre for Global Eco-Innovation, RECIRCULATE will pilot intelligent solutions to these water-based challenges, informed by the needs and practices of local communities.
Why did you want to study in the UK?
I had travelled to a few different countries before, including the UK, and I 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, 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 to 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.
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, a mentoring scheme, and professional 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. We recognise that you will need to access our services at your convenience so we offer you careers support online which includes all our vacancies, tailored and interactive 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.

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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 a 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.

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, to understand what sort of roles your 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 collegiate system, sports teams and social events means 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.
After completing her undergraduate studies in Environmental Science at Lancaster, Rachael Cooper decided to stay to further her studies with a MSc in Sustainable Water Management.

**Why did you choose Lancaster University for your postgraduate degree?**

I primarily chose Lancaster because it was one of a very small number of UK universities that offered a specialist Masters degree in water management. I liked the fact the course is part taught by JBA consultancy so the module material is fresh from the water industry. I also studied here for my undergraduate degree and felt comfortable with the campus and city, so it was an easy option for me.

**Why would you recommend Lancaster to prospective postgraduate students?**

Lancaster is a great university for prospective postgraduates because of the quality of the teaching and also the support and guidance they give you when you are applying for jobs after university. The university is excellent at offering student support whether related to mental health or careers guidance, and the campus is friendly and welcoming with a lot of opportunities and societies available to postgraduate students.

**Did you have a career in mind when you started university?**

I wanted to work in the water sector, in a role such as a water quality consultant, or in the public sector. The internship that I did in the summer of my first year of university gave me an idea of where I wanted to start my career after university.

**How did your plans change and develop during your studies?**

Being taught by JBA during my studies changed my opinion about working within a private environmental consultancy, as I found the workshop content really inspiring and motivating. I also learnt a lot more material about flood risk management, and started including job roles associated with flooding in my career search.

**What are your career plans now?**

I am currently applying for roles within the water sector, in both the public and private sectors, and I’m now also including flood risk consultancy roles in my search.

**What does the careers team support mean to you?**

By using the services offered by the Careers team, I could tailor my CV to the job description and provide a much more competitive application when applying for jobs after university. Having such a good careers service gives me confidence when it comes to looking for jobs, which can be a daunting prospect without any support and advice. I feel confident I can get a job after university because of the support of the careers service.

**What would you say to anyone unsure about their career path?**

I would say that you should follow a career in a sector that you are passionate about, and have a genuine interest in. Work out what you enjoy and use websites such as Prospects to research into a wide range of different job roles within an area you enjoy. Work experience is also invaluable when deciding on a future career, as you might not enjoy a placement in a sector that you may have had your heart set on. It is normal to change careers frequently after university, and so being flexible in your career path is key to success.

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**Hello future**

Rachael Cooper

**MSc Sustainable Water Management**

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Fees and funding

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, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/see/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 2021 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, 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.

To find out how much your tuition fees will be, please find the programme you are interested in studying in our online course search www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate.

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 Scholarship – this scholarship offers a reduction in tuition fees of taught Masters 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 and 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 offered varies from year to year. Lancaster also offers a range of scholarships for PhD students. These awards will ensure that outstanding candidates have access to Lancaster’s high-quality research training and facilities. For more information about the postgraduate research funding that is available across our four faculties, please visit our website, www.lancaster.ac.uk/pg-scholarships.

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 www.lancaster.ac.uk/pg-scholarships.

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/see/money/funding.

Postgraduate Loans
Loans to help with course fees and living costs are available from the UK Government for students undertaking Masters and Doctoral level courses. Certain eligibility criteria may change for 2021.

For more information, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/pg-scholarships.

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 our aim is to make the process of applying as straightforward as possible. For information on how to apply, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/how-to-apply.

You can apply for most courses online, 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 how to apply for postgraduate study webpage.

If you want to apply for a postgraduate research degree, we would advise you to consult our departmental webpages prior to submitting an application to select 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 webpages. If you are applying for one of these, please follow the instructions on how to apply as it can 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?

Our online applications portal, MyApplications, will guide you through the details that you need to provide and the supporting documentation. 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 result

For 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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pgadmissions@lancaster.ac.uk

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Accounting and Finance

PhD
4 years F/T

Your programme
This programme will provide you with the skills to become outstanding researchers who can thrive in the world’s leading business schools. Our department includes editors of leading journals and our academics operate an open-door policy. You will also have access to cutting-edge databases, scientific computing facilities, IT support, dedicated office space, workshops, conferences and a vibrant seminar series. Our accountancy research strengths lie in financial reporting, bank accounting and regulation, corporate governance and auditing, and sustainable accounting. In finance, our research specialisms are banking and corporate finance, asset pricing, and financial econometrics. You can also gain international experience by visiting a leading US school. During your PhD, you will complete a portfolio of courses and seminars covering accounting and finance theory, econometric and statistical methodologies and research methodology. You will then research and write a thesis on a topic that you are passionate about. Two subject experts will offer detailed supervision to ensure it will contribute new knowledge to the academic community.

Example modules include
+ Advanced Accounting
+ Corporate Finance
+ Econometric Topics in Accounting and Finance

Entry requirements
A relevant Masters degree with Distinction level performance, both overall and in the dissertation. In exceptional circumstances, applicants with a 2:1 honours degree and relevant research experience may be considered.

Potential careers
+ Data scientist
+ Researcher in a private organisation
+ Researcher/lecturer at a university

Accounting and Finance

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
This programme provides academic training at the frontier of accounting and financial management knowledge. During this course, you may have the opportunity to sit the CFA Level 1 professional exam. On completion of your degree, you can also secure ACCA exemptions from most of the fundamental level papers depending on your module choices during the second term. You could then progress on the ACCA pathway, which provides a recognised level of tuition for some of the ACCA’s Professional-level papers.

The programme balances theory with applied learning, using practical working examples to enhance skills and understanding. You will learn about the principles of financial reporting and the foundations of finance. Some modules also provide training in SAS and Matlab programming to help address the industry’s skills gap and give you a competitive edge in the jobs market. You are encouraged to select your dissertation according to your future career path and you will choose from either empirical asset pricing, accounting, CFA level 1, or corporate finance.

Example modules include
+ Advanced Topics in Fund Management and Investment Analysis
+ Financial Markets and Investment Management
+ Financial and Reporting Analysis

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, accounting, economics or other business-related subject. Applicants from other subjects (e.g., economics, business studies, mathematics or another quantitative subject) with CFA Level I are also encouraged to apply.

Potential careers
+ Asset management
+ Equity analyst
+ Financial services

Advanced Financial Analysis

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
The investment management and financial analysis sectors require industry professionals with specialist knowledge of financial markets and expertise in investments, financial instruments and risk management. This MSc gives you the crucial skills you will need to launch a successful career in finance. You may have the chance to sit the CFA Level 1 professional exam. On successful completion of your course, you will also secure ACCA exemptions from most of the fundamental level papers depending on your module choices during the second term. You could then progress on the ACCA pathway, which provides a recognised level of tuition for two of the ACCA’s Professional-level papers.

We teach you the principles of financial markets and foundations finance, using real-world data and examples. You will have the chance to explore fascinating areas of corporate finance, advanced investment management, risk management in commercial banking and financial econometrics. Some modules also provide training in SAS and Matlab programming. Your dissertation is chosen from either empirical asset pricing, accounting, CFA level 1, or corporate finance.

Example modules include
+ Financial Markets
+ Principles of Financial Reporting
+ Quantitative Methods for Finance

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, accounting, economics or other business-related subject. Applicants from other subjects (e.g., economics, business studies, mathematics or another quantitative subject) with CFA Level I are also encouraged to apply.

Potential careers
+ Asset management
+ Equity analyst
+ Financial services

Finance

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
The financial management sector requires professionals with specialist knowledge of financial markets and expertise in investments, financial instruments and risk management. This MSc gives you the crucial skills you will need to launch a successful career in finance. You may have the chance to sit the CFA Level 1 professional exam. On successful completion of your course, you will also secure ACCA exemptions from most of the fundamental level papers depending on your module choices during the second term. You could then progress on the ACCA pathway, which provides a recognised level of tuition for two of the ACCA’s Professional-level papers.

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Example modules include
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+ Principles of Financial Reporting
+ Quantitative Methods for Finance

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, accounting, economics or other business-related subject. Applicants from other subjects (e.g., economics, business studies, mathematics or another quantitative subject) with CFA Level I are also encouraged to apply.

Potential careers
+ Asset management
+ Equity analyst
+ Financial services

Quantitative Finance

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
Large investment banks such as HSBC and Barclays hire people who can work on investment strategies and who can mathematically deduce how risky they are. This course is designed to give quantitative students a foothold in this financial career. In addition to the advanced, specialist skills that employers are seeking. If you have a high level of mathematical ability, a background in a subject such as maths, engineering, physics or another highly quantitative subject and wish to move into finance, this could be the course for you.

Unlike other universities, we teach quantitative finance across the four departments of Economics, Mathematics, Management Science, and Accounting and Finance. This means you are taught by specialists in each field, and by the faculty member with the most quantitative interests in each department.

Graduates of this course leave with a complete toolkit of skills, from big data mining techniques to Python programming. We also offer modules in Stochastic Calculus, Financial Econometrics and Market Risk Forecasting and Control.

Example modules include
+ Financial Stochastic Processes
+ Foundations of Financial Markets
+ Spreadsheet Modelling for Quantitative Finance

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.

Potential careers
+ Risk manager
+ Financial engineer
+ Derivatives trader
Architecture

Lancaster’s School of Architecture explores urgent issues of the climate emergency, automation and digital fabrication in the context of future methods of architectural practise. Our aim is to produce a generation of architects who are equipped to change fundamentally the profession.

The School’s interests are inspired by our unique geographic position: we’re close to the Lake District World Heritage Site and England’s industrial north. Surrounded by woodland and ponds, our design studios provide space to reflect, debate and create. A perfect location for developing alternate means of working and living using sustainable and lean construction methods and materials.

Our research areas
- Climate emergency
- Work force automation
- Digital futures
- Generative design
- Ageing populations

You may also be interested in...
- Design
- Engineering

Architecture (Master of)

MArch
24 months F/T
36 months P/T

Your programme
The Master of Architecture addresses key global problems that deeply affect society. Our future-facing programme engages directly with clients, key stakeholders and policy-makers. We’ve structured the programme to provide students with the ability and agility to adapt to our constantly changing workplaces.

You will develop advanced digital skills to enable the production and fabrication of ideas including advanced Parametric, GIS and BIM techniques, alongside relevant presentation skills supported through dedicated IT facilities.

Professionalism in practise is developed through casework, contextual studies and work placements, providing a deep market understanding on the future direction of the profession. Design studio is the core activity: a collaborative community of academics, practitioners and students all engaged collectively in the pursuit of architectural design and research excellence.

Example modules include
- Analytic investigation
- Research Methods
- Architectural Design Studio

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in architecture or in a related discipline. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us for information.

Potential careers
- Architect
- Interior architect / spatial designer
- Urban designer

Art

We are committed to contemporary practise and critical thinking in the arts and have a thriving interdisciplinary research culture that is strengthened by our creative industry connections. Fine art is taught by academic staff who are practising artists, historians and theorists and we offer a wide range of expertise across fine art disciplines.

We have experience supervising PhD projects on a variety of topics within fine art, including painting, drawing, sculpture, new media, art/science, and socially engaged practise. These are often linked with special interest and research groups focused around our recognised areas of research excellence, including transnationalisms, mobilities and borders, writing and time, and health and wellbeing. In some cases, your second supervisor will be based in a different creative discipline, a different department or one of our world-leading interdisciplinary research centres.

Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts (LICA) is committed to leading interdisciplinary and international learning and research in contemporary arts and rigorous enquiry into the relationship between creative practise, theory and criticism. Our purpose-built studios include AV seminar facilities, digital art lab, installation space, and fully-equipped wood/metal workshop.

Our research areas
- Contemporary and historical drawing practises
- Drawing as a tool for research
- Art writing and experimental publishing
- Critical new media and digital art practise
- Art, health and wellbeing
- Art and mobilities research
- Socially engaged and site specific practises
- Teaching painting
- Garments and clothing in fine art

Art

PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme
This programme seeks to support you to create, interpret and communicate knowledge that extends the forefront of the fine art discipline, through original research and critical thinking.

You will propose your own research topic and, where supervision is available, you will be assigned two supervisors to provide focused critical feedback and encouragement.

We have experience supervising PhD projects on a variety of topics within fine art, including painting, drawing, sculpture, new media, art/science, and socially engaged practise. These are often linked with special interest and research groups focused around our recognised areas of research excellence, including transnationalisms, mobilities and borders, writing and time, and health and wellbeing. In some cases, your second supervisor will be based in a different creative discipline, a different department or one of our world-leading interdisciplinary research centres.

Your programme offers you the flexibility to submit your final thesis either as a written thesis, or as a project that combines the written thesis with creative practical work.

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a creative arts, social science or management background. We may also consider non-standard qualifications, please contact us for information.

Potential careers
- Arts Management Practise
- Arts Administration
- Creative production

Arts Management

MA
12 months F/T

Your programme
This degree is designed to develop the core skills and knowledge often required by managers in the arts and cultural sector. We aim to support you in developing an understanding of the environment within which cultural and creative organisations operate, and to be able to identify the issues that influence them.

In your second year, you will have the opportunity to undertake a project with a cultural/creative organisation where you will work in a team with fellow students to complete a research project. The departments coordinate these projects and they will provide you with the chance to gain a practical understanding of the ways in which these organisations conduct themselves.

Example modules include
- Arts Management Practise
- Design Research Methods
- Strategic Thinking in the Arts

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a creative arts, social science or management background. We may also consider non-standard qualifications, please contact us for information.

Potential careers
- Arts marketing
- Arts administration
- Creative production
**Contemporary Arts**

**PhD**
- 36 months F/T

**Your programme**
The Contemporary Arts PhD at Lancaster offers you an opportunity to undertake interdisciplinary research across a wide variety of contemporary arts topics and disciplines.

As a PhD researcher, you will normally be supervised by a team of two supervisors who provide focused critical feedback and encouragement throughout the programme. Many of our academic staff are engaged with practice-based research in the fields of art, film, theatre, design and architecture. In some cases, your second supervisor will be based in a different creative discipline or a different department within the university in order to ensure that you have the most appropriate supervisory team for your chosen project.

We have a dedicated team of technicians to support you, as well as workshops, editing suites and technical resources. There is also flexibility in the format for your final thesis, offering you the opportunity to submit as either a written thesis, or a project that combines the written thesis with creative practical work.

**Entry requirements**
A Masters degree, or equivalent, is normally required to enrol on the Contemporary Arts PhD. You may also be considered if you have considerable relevant work experience for practitioners working in the arts.

**Potential careers**
- Arts research
- Arts education
- Professional contemporary artist

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**Fine Art**

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
The MA in Fine Art provides you with the opportunity to study contemporary art practice at postgraduate level while benefitting from the visibility that comes from working within cultural networks.

The course is built around three core elements: studio practice, a research residency, and contemporary theory in the arts.

Based on your area of interest you will spend time undertaking a period of residency with a festival, gallery, archive, or site, in the North of England. Your work will be supervised by practicing artists from the fine art team, providing you with guidance in specialisms such as drawing, painting, new media, installation, site-specific, socially-engaged, performance, and art writing.

You will be supported to re-evaluate and develop your existing practice through individual tutorials and 24/7 access to dedicated studio facilities, alongside tutorials, technical support, visiting artist talks, and weekly seminar and reading group sessions. You will also have the opportunity to take optional modules from other areas such as media and communications, sociology, mobilities research, creative writing, biomedicine etc.

**Example modules include**
- Fine Art Research Residency
- Contemporary Issues in the Arts
- Fine Art Major Project

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, or a portfolio of work and an interview.

**Potential careers**
- Professional artist
- Art curator
- Arts education

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**Biological Sciences**

**Biological Science**

**MPhil /PhD**
- 36 months F/T

**Your programme**
This programme is suitable for you if you wish to carry out an in-depth research project. The MPhil/PhD programmes consist of induction courses, a three-year research project and a period to write up your research. The degree is carefully tailored to your interests. A great strength of the department is our ability to share expertise and ideas from many disciplines in order to provide a flexible approach, which is so important in the dynamic, rapidly developing discipline of biological science.

Although the work is often organised within themes and research groups, there is much collaborative activity transcending these boundaries.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree in a relevant subject, appropriate to the proposed research project.

**Potential careers**
Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Food Challenges for the 21st Century**

**PgCert**
- 6 months F/T

**Your programme**
Our PG Certificate is a distance-learning programme designed for people with an interest in the global food system, including professionals in the food supply industry. All essential learning materials are supplied online for you to work through at your own pace. There is also the opportunity to meet tutors and fellow students at workshops during the year, but you can complete the course without attending these workshops.

The programme starts with an introductory module, which covers a broad range of issues related to global food security. After that, you take three more specialised modules. These modules will allow you to develop specialist knowledge of factors affecting crop production (soils, environment and plant genetics), broader issues of food distribution and waste (postharvest physiology) and ethics. You will need to complete four modules to finish the course.

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

**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.

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**Example modules include**
- Ecology and conservation
- Environmental and biogeochemistry
- Geospatial data science
- Plant and crop science
- Soil, plant and land systems

You may also be interested in...
- Natural Sciences
- Environmental and Earth Sciences
**Biological Sciences**

**Plant Sciences**

**MSc by Research**

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme is suitable if you wish 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. The 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.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. Industry-based experience will be considered, with demonstration of appropriate skill

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Biomedical Science/Biomedicine**

Research in the Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences 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.

The Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences is the hub of Lancaster University’s biomedical teaching and world-leading research activities. It brings together researchers from across the biosciences spectrum, with research specialities in global health, cancer biology, diseases of the brain, infectious disease, drug discovery, and biomedical ethics.

Our research areas

- global health
- cancer biology
- diseases of the brain
- infectious disease
- drug discovery
- biomedical ethics

You may also be interested in...

- Natural Sciences
- Environmental and Earth Sciences

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**Biomedical Science**

**MSc by Research**

12 months F/T

Your programme

Working under the supervision of world-leading, research-active supervisors, you will contribute substantially to the development of new techniques, ideas and approaches as you pursue research in your chosen field. Our programmes benefit from a dual focus: on your research, and on you and your development as an effective researcher. Whilst you hone in on your technical abilities, we will strive to instil a respect for intellectual integrity, a robust ethical approach and an appreciation of scholarship in you.

Our PhD graduates develop the confidence and competence that opens doors to careers in academia, the NHS, industry, government and science communication. Your skills in advanced research, project planning and management, critical analysis and evaluation, and your ability to communicate with specialist and non-specialist audiences will help you to gain a competitive edge in the employment marketplace.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. Industry-based experience will be considered, with demonstration of appropriate skill

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Biomedical Science/Biomedicine**

**MPhil/PhD**

36 months F/T

Your programme

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Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject.Industry-based experience will be considered, with demonstration of appropriate skill

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Food Security (Distance Learning)**

**PgDip**

12 months F/T

**MSc**

12 months F/T

**Your programme**

Our flexible distance-learning programme aims to equip 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 and you work through them at your own pace. There is also the opportunity to meet tutors and fellow students at workshops during the year.

There is an introductory module covering a broad range of issues related to food security. After that, you can then select from a range of more specialist modules.

To gain a PgDip you need to complete eight modules and for an MSc, you will need to complete eight modules plus a research project.

**Example modules include**

- Crop Biotechnology
- Environmental Stress and Crop Production
- Plant Defence and Crop Protection

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, for the MSc. 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.

**Potential careers**

- Food production
- Food supply

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**Biomedical Science/Biomedicine**

**Biomedical and Life Sciences**

**MSc**

12 months F/T

Your programme

Develop your intellectual, practical and transferrable skills in a world-class environment with teaching and supervision led by research-active staff. The credits for this degree are split 50/50 between taught modules, covering contemporary areas of biomedicine, and an extended dissertation research project. This allows you to both gain a current understanding of key areas in biomedicine as well as giving a genuine experience of biomedical research.

**Example modules include**

- Bioinformatics
- Emerging Therapeutics in Immunology
- Microbes and Disease

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant biosciences or related subject, such as biology, biomedical sciences or biochemistry. Qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard will also be considered.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Biomedical Science/Biomedicine**

**Biomedical Science**

**MSc by Research**

24 months P/T

**Biomedicine**

**MSc**

24 months P/T

**Your programme**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

**Example modules include**

- Bioinformatics
- Emerging Therapeutics in Immunology
- Microbes and Disease

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant biosciences or related subject, such as biology, biomedical sciences or biochemistry. Qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard will also be considered.

**Potential careers**

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Chemistry

Chemistry provides us with a unique perspective on our world; how it emerges from the fundamental properties and interactions of atoms and molecules, and how we control chemical processes to help shape it. At Lancaster, we carry out research that advances knowledge and improves lives.

Our staff have a wide range of research interests that transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries, for example linking with biology, medicine, engineering, energy, materials, environmental science, and physics.

We aim to mix the best in chemical processes and molecules, and physical and analytical chemistry. Your project will equip you for more sustained and original work at 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.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or a Masters degree in chemistry, or an equivalent degree in a related discipline such as physics or chemical engineering, appropriate to the proposed research project.

Potential careers

- Academic research and teaching
- Industrial chemistry including pharma, materials science and food manufacture
- Legal profession including patents and regulatory affairs

You may also be interested in...

- Natural Sciences
- Materials Science
- Engineering
- Physics

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Chemistry

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme provides the opportunity to undertake a short, in-depth independent research project in one of our research groups. Currently we have research groups in chemical synthesis, chemical theory and computation, materials chemistry, and physical and analytical chemistry. Your project will equip you for more sustained and original work at 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.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or a Masters degree in chemistry, or an equivalent degree in a related discipline such as physics or chemical engineering, appropriate to the proposed research project.

Potential careers

- Academic research and teaching
- Industrial chemistry including pharma, materials science and food manufacture
- Legal profession including patents and regulatory affairs

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Chemistry

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

Your programme

We welcome applications from those seeking to perform leading fundamental and technologically relevant research across the areas of analytical chemistry and spectroscopy, chemical biology, materials, chemical theory and chemical computation, and a broad range of synthetic chemistry.

Our research-based PhDs are supported by taught courses, providing skills in modern research techniques, including analytical chemistry, experimental design, advanced laboratory techniques, spectroscopy, computational and materials chemistry, together with courses to develop transferable skills. This ensures that our postgraduate students extend their knowledge of all areas of chemistry, and possess a wide range of skills to aid employability.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or a Masters degree in chemistry, or an equivalent degree in a related discipline such as physics or chemical engineering, appropriate to the proposed research project.

Potential careers

- Academic research and teaching
- Industrial chemistry including pharma, materials science and food manufacture
- Legal profession including patents and regulatory affairs

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Materials Science

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

This Masters by Research offers you an exciting opportunity to undertake advanced-level, applied research projects, gain valuable laboratory experience and forge important relationships in the professional sphere.

Areas of research fall within, but are not limited to, the diverse portfolio of our academic staff that includes biomedical and life sciences, chemistry, engineering, physics, health and medicine.

We provide you with the knowledge and technical skills to produce sustained and original work. Your independent research project will produce new and original data to make a solid contribution to the scientific community.

The MSc format includes 33-45 months of full-time laboratory work, followed by a three-month writing up period. You will be mentored by academics from one or more departments and offered further opportunities for learning via our graduate training programme.

The dissertation, and a viva voce assessment, will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature.

The PhD format includes 33-45 months of full-time laboratory work, followed by a three-month writing up period. You will be mentored by academics from one or more departments and offered further opportunities for learning via our graduate training programme.

The dissertation, and a viva voce assessment, will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in science or engineering.

Potential careers

- Undertake further research degrees in universities in the UK and abroad
- Research and development in industrial or government settings
- Teaching

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Materials Science

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

Your programme

We offer 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, but are not limited to, the diverse portfolio of our academic staff that includes biomedical and life sciences, chemistry, engineering, physics, health and medicine.

We provide you with the knowledge and technical skills to produce sustained and original work. Your independent research project will produce new and original data to make a solid contribution to the scientific community.

The PhD format includes 33-45 months of full-time laboratory work, followed by a three-month writing up period. You will be mentored by academics from one or more departments and offered further opportunities for learning via our graduate training programme.

The dissertation, and a viva voce assessment, will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in science (biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics or a related subject) or engineering.

Potential careers

- Research
- Public sector
- Manufacturing
Our programmes combine the historical, empirical and theoretical debates surrounding crime causation, policing and social control with criminology practice, policy and social justice.

Criminology at Lancaster is researched and taught within Lancaster University Law School. The School provides a vibrant and supportive environment for staff and students, and has strong links to local criminal justice institutions. With colleagues engaged in numerous aspects of criminological research, our ambition is to set the intellectual agenda through collaborative research activity and engagement.

Our research areas
- Cybercrime
- Gender-based violence
- Hate crime
- Drugs, crime and society
- State crime
- Organised crime
- Prisons and mass incarceration
- White collar and corporate crime
- Environmental crime

You may also be interested in...
- Psychology

Criminology and Criminal Justice

MSc
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

On this programme, you will engage with the ethical issues concerning criminology and criminal justice research and with the policies informing the design of research into crime, deviance and punishment. Our programme guides you through the theory of criminological and criminal justice research and helps you to enhance your skills in the collection, analysis and reporting of qualitative and quantitative data. The integration of criminal justice and criminological modules gives you a broader overview of current research and allows you to engage in more specialised criminological and socio-legal studies.

You will have the opportunity to develop the skills to undertake and critically evaluate criminological research, relevant to a wide range of careers. Whilst on the degree you will also have the chance to develop your analytical and communication skills, which are also relevant to enhancing your employability.

If you are considering progression to PhD study, this programme is eligible for applications to ESRC 1+3 funding.

Example modules include
- Crime and Criminal Justice in the 21st Century
- Criminological Research in Practice
- Criminological Theory

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

Potential careers
- Policing (support and intelligence)
- Government institutions
- Voluntary sector and non-governmental institutions

Potential careers in practise, policy and social control

Qualitative Research Methods
PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme

This programme provides you with the opportunity to complete a substantial piece of research in an area of your choosing, under the supervision of one or two of our research-active academics. We welcome applications for PhD research degrees in a wide range of criminological topics.

As a PhD researcher, your academic supervisor will meet with you to discuss your research either in person or, if you are not based in Lancaster or indeed the UK, it is sometimes possible for supervisions to take place over video-conferencing. Throughout the programme, your supervisors are also able to give you guidance on preparing for conferences and writing for publication, as well as offering advice on academic and other careers.

There are research-training modules available at both school and faculty level, offering you the opportunity to develop your analytical and communication skills, which are also relevant to enhancing your employability.

If you are considering progression to PhD study, this programme is eligible for applications to ESRC 1+3 funding.

Example modules include
- Crime and Criminal Justice in the 21st Century
- Feminist Criminology
- Criminologies of Violence

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

Potential careers
- Probation Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Social services

Potential careers in practise, policy and social control
Data, Computing and Communications

The world is now data centric. Data drives every aspect of modern life and is central to everything from healthcare to water treatment. The postgraduate programmes from Lancaster University place you at the centre of this digital revolution.

The School of Computing and Communications is a multidisciplinary research and teaching community with recognised specialisms in cyber security, data science, networking and human computer interaction. Our practically applied research ethos instils in our postgraduate programmes the advanced skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a competitive employment market place.

Our research areas
+ Cyber security
+ Data science
+ Communication and network systems
+ Distributed systems
+ Interactive systems
+ Pervasive systems
+ Software engineering

You may also be interested in...
+ Engineering

Data, Computing and Communications

Communication Systems

Computer Science

MSc by Research
12 months F/T

Your programme
If you are interested in tackling a bigger challenge with more depth, the School of Computing and Communications offers both a Computer Science MSc by Research and a Communication Systems MSc by Research. These programmes can be tailored to your individual interests and you will work in collaboration with our world-class, multidisciplinary research community.

The focus is on research skills and deepening your technical understanding. Taught modules, to help develop your research skills, complement the research problem focus.

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computer science, engineering or associate discipline. We also consider applicants with non-standard backgrounds. You will be required to provide a research proposal.

Potential careers
+ Research team leader
+ Research and development manager
+ Research engineer

Cyber Security

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
Develop the skills, knowledge, and experience to face one of the world’s greatest challenges, the protection of our digital lives. Our National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) certified programme provides you with the required depth of knowledge, and associated skills, in a truly multi-disciplinary educational environment.

The programme draws on academic expertise from our NCSC/Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council recognised Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research and the University’s research institutes, Security Lancaster. You will develop a broad range of skills and experience, from offensive security techniques and cyber risk management to cybercrime and cyber politics. Graduates are well-rounded cyber security specialists, able to work in roles across organisations to help protect the world from digital threats.

There is also the opportunity to undertake a 12-week placement within industry or as part of an academic research project where you can apply your skills and knowledge to real-world situations and challenges. The placement project represents a substantial, independent research project.

Example modules include
+ Cybercrime
+ Digital Forensics
+ Offensive Security

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computer science, computer security or similar degrees. We also consider relevant professional experience within cyber security industry or related fields.

Potential careers
+ Chief information security officer
+ Cyber security threat manager
+ Cyber intelligence analyst

Data Science

MSc
24 months P/T

Your programme
From business and finance or health and medicine, to infrastructure or education, data science plays a vital role in all aspects of the world. We provide the perfect environment to develop your expertise, where your study will build upon the fundamentals, and our specialist pathways will allow you to practise and enhance technical skills.

The programme contains a core set of modules on computer programming, data mining, statistical modelling and core data science research skills.

Building on this core, you will then take a selection of modules from one of our specially designed pathways in computing, business intelligence, health, the environment, or the study of society.

There is also the opportunity for a 12-week placement within industry or as part of an academic research project where you can apply your skills and knowledge to real-world situations and challenges. The placement project represents a substantial, independent research project.

Example modules include
+ Data Mining
+ Data Science Fundamentals
+ Programming for Data Scientists

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent in statistics, computer science or similar. We may also consider non-standard applicants with a strong mathematics background.

Potential careers
+ Data scientist
+ Data engineer
+ Data miner
We conduct applied and theoretical research into people, products, places and their interactions. We work with a variety of organisations to provide fresh perspectives on real-world issues and seek to facilitate innovation. All our staff are active researchers with extensive expertise in teaching.

Design

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme
Your Design PhD at Lancaster can focus on one of a wide range of topics within design or on a research topic that crosses different disciplines. As a PhD researcher, you will normally be supervised by a team of two supervisors in order to provide focused critical feedback and encouragement throughout the programme. We have experience of supervising research projects across a wide variety of topics with many of our past and present Design PhD students having conducted field research in other parts of the UK and abroad, including the US, Turkey, India, Malaysia, Thailand, China and Ghana.

Many of our academic staff are engaged with practice-based design research and during your programme you will be encouraged to develop your work into papers for presentation at international design conferences and for publication in academic journals.

Our programme offers you the flexibility to submit your final thesis either as a written thesis, or as a project that combines the written thesis with creative practical work.

Entry requirements
A Masters degree or equivalent in an appropriate discipline; a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers
+ Design academic
+ Design researcher
+ Professional practitioner

Design Management

MA

12 months F/T

Your programme
This programme aims to support you in developing your understanding of contemporary design management. Our goal is to equip you with the skills to explore design management from a range of future-oriented perspectives, including service design, design for sustainability, design strategy, and design policy. You will have the opportunity to develop modes of thinking critical to address the challenges design managers encounter across a range of real-world situations.

We support you in navigating the emergent roles of design in an increasingly complex world through a variety of different methods such as, managing design projects, conducting design research, and developing design policies in a wide range of public and private organisations. To explore more complex design challenges, there are also opportunities to work in our intensive project-based design studio, Imagination Lab.

We aim to prepare you for a range of design related careers including, design consultancy, management, and research, as well as for doctoral study.

Example modules include
+ Contemporary Issues in Design
+ Design and Business
+ Design Research Methods

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

Potential careers
+ Professional practitioner
+ Design teacher
+ Entrepreneur

Theatre Studies

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme
Your PhD at Lancaster could focus on one of a wide range of topics within dance, drama, theatre, and environmental performance. PhD projects can be practice-based with a written component or purely theoretical.

We provide a vibrant environment for the development of specialist research. Facilities include the Nuffield Theatre, which presents cutting-edge theatre, dance and live art from some of the country’s best-known companies. Our staff include internationally renowned academics and practitioners with extensive experience of supervising PhDs.

Our research areas
+ Applied theatre and political theatre
+ Contemporary dance and physical theatre
+ Environmental performance
+ Intermedial theatre
+ Postdramatic theatre and performance
+ Post-war British drama

Entry requirements
A Master’s degree or equivalent in an appropriate discipline; a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline, a viable research proposal, and, for practise research applicants, online evidence of past practise.

Potential careers
+ Academic career in dance, drama, theatre and performance
+ Professional practitioner (choreographer, director, performer, producer, writer)
+ Applied theatre facilitator (education, health, community development)
Ecology and Conservation

We offer a wide choice of topics relevant to ecology and conservation of biodiversity, enabling you to construct a programme that suits your individual interests and career ambitions.

Our research areas
- Atmosphere, climate and pollution
- Critical geographies
- Earth science
- Ecology and conservation
- Environmental and biogeochemistry
- Geospatial data science
- Plant and crop science
- Political ecology
- Soil, plant and land systems
- Water science technology

You may also be interested in...
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental and Earth Sciences
- Law

Conservation and Biodiversity

MSc
12 months P/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
We will provide you with a solid foundation in the key theories of ecology and conservation biology as well as how these are applied to real-world problems, such as managing habitats or dealing with wildlife-human conflicts. You will develop field skills that are valued by employers in the ecology/conservation sector, such as species identification, sampling and monitoring, as well as the more generic skills in problem solving, report writing, data analysis and presentation.

Example modules include
- Habitat Management
- Wildlife Monitoring Techniques
- Conservation Biology

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in ecology, conservation, biodiversity, biology, environmental science, geography, biological sciences, earth sciences, water management. We also consider non-standard applicants, with relevant professional experience in the conservation/ecology sector.

Potential careers
- Consultancy
- Wildlife conservation
- Further research/PhD

Ecology

MSc by Research
12 months P/T

Your programme
If you are interested in carrying out a short, in-depth research project, without attending taught modules then this course is suitable for you. The MSc by Research programme consists of induction courses, an eight-month research project and a period to write it up. The 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.

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. We also consider non-standard applicants, with relevant professional experience, please contact us for information.

Potential careers
Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

Economics

We bring research expertise into the classroom, offering full-time Masters courses with a strong economics focus. Graduates of our courses go on to a range of careers, including finance and banking, international business, government agencies and academia.

Economics

MSc
12 months P/T

Your programme
The Department of Economics has a strong research base that spans a wide range of theoretical and applied issues. Our research activities inform teaching, bringing the latest insights from the research frontier to all levels of education to update continually the content of our courses.

Our research areas
- Behavioural and experimental economics
- Industrial organisation and economic theory
- Labour, education and health economics
- Macroeconomics and financial markets
- Political economy, development and international trade

You may also be interested in...
- Quantitative Finance

Economics

PhD
36 months F/T
48 months P/T

Your programme
You can benefit from excellent academic supervision, interact with respected economists and be part of a thriving research community of staff and students. Our goal is to prepare you for a successful research-driven career in academia, government, research organisations, or business.

Our main specialisms are behavioural and experimental economics; labour, education and health economics; macroeconomics and financial markets; political economy and international trade and industrial organisation and economic theory. We also host LSE-L (a modern experimental lab) and the UK Housing Market Observatory. As well as a traditional three-year PhD programme, we also offer an integrated PhD of a one-year Masters followed by three years of doctoral study. Management School and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) scholarships are available.

As a student in our department, you will have access to advanced research training courses delivered by us and the ESRC-funded North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP). These courses are continually updated to remain at the forefront of research.

Entry requirements
For the Integrated PhD a 2:1 honours degree in a relevant subject otherwise a relevant Masters degree with the minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers
- Senior research fellow
- Economics lecturer
- Research centre director

Potential careers
- Economics consultant/researcher
- Macroeconomic analyst
- Senior analyst
Money, Banking and Finance

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme
Do you want to pursue a career in banking and the financial services? If so, our course aims to equip you with tools vital for corporate banking or a role with a regulator.

This course is at the cutting-edge of financial disciplines. It continually changes to keep pace with the corporate finance landscape. You will be taught by both prominent academics and highly experienced professionals in economic theory and advanced quantitative methods. You will analyse financial markets and the institutional framework of the money and banking sectors.

In your final term, you have the chance to take part in an innovative practical research project. Supervised by a dedicated expert in your chosen topic, you will develop valuable skills and underg0 professional training to enhance your future career prospects.

Our graduates go on to work as economists in central banks and government organisations, as bankers, financial analysts, and risk managers in financial institutions. This course is also excellent preparation for pursuing doctoral research.

Example modules include
- International Money and Banking
- Macroeconomics and Microeconomics for Money, Banking and Finance
- Market Risk Forecasting and Control

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.

Potential careers
- Finance trainer
- Financial analyst
- Finance consultant

Education and Social Justice (by Distance Learning)

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme
This programme is a part-time structured PhD programme designed for professionals who are engaged in the promotion of social justice in or through education. The programme is undertaken entirely online, over a minimum of four years, and is structured in such a way that you can study entirely from home whilst in full or part-time employment.

The programme focuses on the issues and concerns at the heart of your professional practice and aims to train you as an autonomous researcher. Through regular engagement with programme tutors and departmental staff, you have the opportunity to benefit from an extensive and diverse range of research experiences across a broad spectrum of interests.

In addition, you will have the opportunity to progress your knowledge and skills as part of a cohort of fellow PhD researchers, who act as critical friends and an informal support network during the programme, and a continued network throughout your careers.

Example modules include
- Understanding Social Justice Internationally: Issues, Theories and Approaches
- Promoting Social Justice through Education
- Education, Activism and Global Social Movements

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

Designed for
The programme is suitable for teachers, educators, policy makers, and experienced professionals in all areas of education in either public or private organisations.

Economic and Social Justice (thesis and coursework)

PhD

48 months P/T

Your programme
This programme is a part-time doctoral programme designed for professionals who are engaged in the promotion of social justice in or through 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 include
- Challenging Educational Inequalities
- Educational Evaluation and Research
- Policies, Ideologies and Interventions in Education

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

Designed for
The programme is suitable for teachers, educators, policy makers, and experienced professionals in all areas of education in either public or private organisations.
**Higher Education: Research, Evaluation and Enhancement**

**PhD**
48 months F/T

**Your programme**
This distinctive PhD is a part-time structured PhD programme that is undertaken entirely online, over four years. Videos of lectures, resource-based activities as well as video conferencing, with recordings if you are unable to attend at the time, and individual support are offered throughout.

The philosophy that underpins this programme is collaborative learning and our modules are designed with that in mind. You will be invited to work with small groups of your peers from time to time, providing you with the opportunity to work with others on areas of common interest, for those who prefer to work individually, this is also possible.

During the programme, we will encourage you to publish your work. Our "publish-as-you-go" model is one of the great strengths of this programme for professionals who are working in higher education as it can raise their profile throughout the programme.

**Example modules include**
- Enhancing Higher Education: Policy and Change Processes
- Evaluative Practice in Social Policy Domains: Higher Education
- Enhancing Learning Teaching and Assessment at University

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent; a taught Master’s degree, or equivalent; and a viable research proposal.

**Designed for**
The programme is suitable for teachers, educators, consultants, policy makers, and experienced professionals in all areas of education in either public or private organisations, as well as those trying to develop their understanding of the theory, practise, and research of educational research.

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**Education Studies**

**MPhil/PhD**
36 months F/T

**Your programme**
This programme is our only Educational Research PhD that we offer by the more traditional independent study mode. This means that you will undertake your study with a single academic supervisor who will be advising and overseeing your work.

With a long history of research and research supervision, we offer supervision across all of the areas of expertise offered by staff in the department:
+ Social justice and wellbeing in education
+ E-Research and technology enhanced learning
+ Higher education research and evaluation

There are no taught modules on this programme however, there are a range of research training modules available that enable you to enhance your research ability and skills.

As a department, we encourage all of our PhD researchers to become fully involved with departmental activities. As a traditional route PhD researcher, you will also have the opportunity to join our research students’ group, convened by the Director of the Doctoral Programme, where we hope you will experience the benefits of our thriving and friendly research community.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent; a taught Master’s degree, or equivalent; and a viable research proposal.

**Designed for**
The programme is suitable for teachers, educators, consultants, policy makers, and experienced professionals in all areas of education in either public or private organisations, as well as those trying to develop their understanding of the theory, practise, and research of educational research.

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**Engineering**

**Advanced Mechanical Engineering**

**MSc**
12 months F/T
24 months F/T

**Your programme**
Mechanical engineering is a diverse discipline relating to the development and application of scientific principles to mechanical systems. It frequently overlaps and combines with other engineering technologies and is central to the innovation carried out in many industries.

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 learn new concepts building on your existing knowledge and by combining theoretical study with applied, real-world problem-solving you will develop a wide range of modern engineering skills, improving your engineering confidence, experience and expertise.

You will study core and optional modules, and undertake a substantial individual project, where you may develop your own research idea, chosen to align with the interests of the Department and our industry partners.

**Example modules include**
- Advanced CAD/CAM
- Advanced Materials
- Design and Modelling of Systems

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in mechanical engineering or related disciplines, or in physics, HND or equivalent. Together with appropriate industrial experience may be considered.

**Potential careers**
- Mechanical engineer
- Production engineer
- Aerospace, automotive, manufacturing engineer

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**Electronic Engineering**

**MSc**
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

**Your programme**
There are endless possibilities for electronic engineers to play a fundamental role in the progress of next-generation communication technologies (5G and 6G), e-Health and Industry 4.0 concepts. Our world-leading programme teaches you how electronic engineering fully integrates electronics into these new processes and technologies, developing your specialist knowledge and skills beyond current industrial practise.

We offer a wide range of core and optional modules, which allow you to follow pathways in control, high-frequency and robotics, or you may choose your own options to tailor your learning experience towards specific industrial sectors such as energy, environment, automotive, wireless technologies or health.

Within our learning environment, you will encounter cutting-edge technologies such as flexible and printable electronics, smart systems, solar cells, RF engineering for particle accelerators and mobile communications, millimetre waves and terahertz technology. You will also complete a project from either an industry partner or our own research portfolio.

You will be allocated one or more academic supervisors and be supported by them and by the state-of-the-art facilities that are continuously developing and evolving in parallel with the Department’s research portfolio.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering-related subject, with strong evidence of excellence in research and writing.

**Potential careers**
- Research engineer
- Development engineer
- Further postgraduate study

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**Engineering**

**MSc**
12 months F/T

**Your programme**
The MSc by Research programme enables you to pursue a one-year, full-time programme of research in order to develop knowledge, understanding and expertise in your chosen topic that is well beyond the level of a taught Masters degree. It is a good way to develop specialist research skills without the requirement for the same volume of work as a PhD, and ideal for researchers from industry who wish to research a topic of industrial or potential commercial interest.

As a student, you will be assigned at least one supervisor and, if the research is industry-linked, an industry contact to agree the direction of your research and any training needs. Most of your time will be spent doing independent research, but meetings with and feedback from your supervisor, and maybe others in the discipline, will ensure you receive the best advice and guidance as you develop and work towards a final dissertation.

You will be allocated one or more academic supervisors and be supported by them and by the state-of-the-art facilities that are continuously developing and evolving in parallel with the Department’s research portfolio.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering-related subject, with strong evidence of excellence in research and writing.

**Potential careers**
- Research engineer
- Development engineer
- Further postgraduate study

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**You may also be interested in...**
- Natural Sciences
**Engineering**

**Engineering Project Management**

*MPhl/PhD*

36 months F/T

**Your programme**

We welcome applications for postgraduate study by research (full-time, part-time and industry-based), leading to a PhD. As a general engineering department, our research emphasises interdisciplinary collaboration, but can be divided into five main areas:

- Chemical engineering (electrochemical energy storage and conversion, functional porous materials, the chemical kinetics of renewable and alternative fuels)
- Energy (bioenergy utilisation, hydropower and fluid machinery, wave and tidal energy, wind energy, energy generation and utilisation)
- Engineering of microwaves, terahertz and light (EMIT: resistive electronics, MEMS, biophotonics, terahertz radiation and applications, metamaterials)
- Nuclear science and engineering (decommissioning and clean up, waste management, geological disposal, nuclear safety and regulation)
- Structures, materials and manufacturing (smart sensors, composite materials and structures, additive manufacturing, laser processing, and multiscale modelling)

You will be allocated one or more academic supervisors and be supported by them and by state-of-the-art facilities that are continuously developing and evolving in parallel with the Department’s research portfolio.

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering or associated subject, ideally supplemented by a masters-level qualification.

**Potential careers**

- Research engineer
- Technical specialist
- University lecturer

**Mechanical Engineering with Project Management**

*MSC*

12 months F/T

**Your programme**

If you have a technical engineering background and would like to progress into management, we offer a Masters degree that will equip you with complementary project management techniques, communication and commercial awareness, and strategic thinking skills. You will be taught by experts from the Departments of Engineering and Management Science.

You will learn about techniques for planning and controlling a project, examine the financial and commercial aspects of projects, and study the different approaches to management and organisation. There is a strong practical focus with significant industry input. Our students have gone on to work in project management in leading companies like BP, Rolls-Royce, and Siemens.

**Example modules include**

- Business Planning and Strategy
- Projects and Organisations in Practice
- Industry-linked Group Project

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering or technical subject.

**Potential careers**

- Project engineer or manager
- Technical team leader, manager or director
- Development manager

**English Language, Linguistics and TESOL**

**Applied Linguistics**

(by thesis and coursework)

*PhD*

36 months F/T

60 months P/T

**Your programme**

This PhD programme understands Applied Linguistics as research into language with a relevance to real-world issues and we accept proposals in a wide range of topics. By combining several PhD studies with a set of taught modules, this programme aims to broaden your knowledge of relevant research and research methodologies.

The programme is designed for you to simultaneously complete your coursework and develop your thesis. In your first year of study, you will complete compulsory modules in research methodology and in applied linguistics, which are taught by distance. Additional modules from the Department’s MA programmes and the Faculty’s Research Training Programme with a choice of modules either on-campus or by distance.

You will have the opportunity to work on projects in conjunction with industry. Lancaster University during which time you will have the opportunity to complete a portion of the coursework, participate in a graduate student conference, and engage in a range of professional and academic development activities.

**Example modules include**

- Principles of Language Teaching
- Second Language Acquisition
- Language Test Construction and Evaluation

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language-related degree or one with a number of language/linguistics-related subjects, ideally with related professional experience in teaching or tutoring. Applicants with unrelated degrees but more than two years of relevant teaching experience will also be considered.

**Potential careers**

- Language education
- Curriculum development
- Language education and/or acquisition research
English Language, Linguistics and TESOL

Corpus Linguistics (Distance)
PgCert MA
12 months P/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
The main aim of this programme is to equip you with the skills that will allow you to analyse large amounts of linguistic data (corpus) using cutting-edge computational technology. During the programme, you will have the opportunity to learn about the structure of the English language and a wide variety of applications of corpus linguistic methods for the analysis of English and other languages. We will support you to develop your transferable skills, such as writing research reports, data presentation and successful completion of research findings. You will also be encouraged to collect, analyse and discuss your own data on a topic of your choice, throughout.

This programme is available via two pathways, allowing you to choose a model that best suits your development needs:
- Masters (MA): A two-year (six-term) part-time programme
- Postgraduate Qualification (PgCert): A one-year (three-term) part-time programme

Students who start on, and successfully complete the PgCert programme, will have the opportunity to progress on to the MA programme.

Example modules include:
- Fundamentals of Corpus Linguistics
- Corpus Design and Data Collection
- Statistics and Data Visualisation

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent in any subject. Qualifications and/or experience recognised to be of an equivalent standard will also be considered.

Potential careers
- Data analyst
- Educator
- Journalist

Discourse Studies

English Language (Distance)
MA
36 months P/T

Your programme
This MA gives you the opportunity to engage with up-to-date developments in discourse studies. You will be required to take three compulsory modules designed to give you a solid grounding in the core theories, methods and applications of discourse studies; and the compulsory module Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language, which provides the essential background in research skills you will need to complete the programme.

You will develop knowledge and skills sourced from various areas of discourse analysis, including pragmatics, conversation analysis and critical discourse analysis. You will have the opportunity to apply these skills in analysing a range of spoken and written data from different social and interactional contexts including politics, media, health, literature and education as part of your coursework.

With a research group in discourse studies (and research groups in many more subjects such as corpus linguistics and literary studies), the opportunities for learning extend far beyond the classroom.

Example modules include:
- Introduction to Discourse Studies
- Critical Discourse Analysis
- Pragmatics

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an English language/linguistics-related degree or one with a number of language/linguistics-related subjects.

Potential careers
- Communications officer
- Professional/speech/technical writer
- Market researcher

English Language and Literary Studies

Intercultural Communication
MA
12 months P/T

Your programme
This MA is a flexible programme that allows you to deepen your understanding of communication across cultures, while also offering you the opportunity to put together any programme of study from the modules you will be able tailored to your own interests.

You will be required to take two compulsory modules on intercultural communication, which will introduce you to the key concepts, theories and approaches in the field and enable you to explore communication in salient domains of intercultural interaction such as business, education and health. You will also have to complete one compulsory module on Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language, which provides an essential grounding in the research skills you will be using in the programme.

Using optional modules, you could focus your programme on a relevant area of language and linguistics that is of particular interest to you including cognitive linguistics, discourse studies, sociolinguistics, and translation.

Example modules include:
- Multilingualism
- Intercultural Communication
- Intercultural Encounters: Applying Theories of Intercultural Communication
- Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language/linguistics-related degree, some background in literature is also needed, and a personal statement outlining a clear understanding of the nature of the programme.

Potential careers
- Writing Consultant
- Editor (editing, proofreading, indexing/Copy Editor
- Proof reader

Language and Linguistics

MA
12 months P/T

Your programme
This MA is our most flexible programme. It allows you to develop your specialist interests in a particular area or to combine different areas of study in language and linguistics. You will be required to take a compulsory module on Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language, which provides an essential grounding in the various research skills and methods involved in studying language.

Selecting from a range of optional modules, you may choose to specialise in specific areas including:
- Theoretical and descriptive linguistics
- Language and cognition
- Language in use/language in society
- Forensic speech science and speech technology
- Language, variation and change
- Language learning and teaching

Alternatively, you could put together any programme of study from the modules available tailored to your various interests.

With research groups in corpus studies, discourse studies, writing poetry and fiction, writing for the stage and screen and many more, the opportunities for learning extend far beyond the classroom.

Example modules include:
- Cognitive Linguistics
- Experimental Phonetics
- Forensic Linguistics

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, UK or equivalent, in a language/linguistics-related degree or one with a number of language/linguistics-related subjects, and a personal statement clearly indicating understanding of the nature of the programme.

Potential careers
- Forensic linguist
- Technical writer
- Civil servant

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**English Language, Linguistics and TESOL**

**Language Testing (Distance)**

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**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) by Distance**

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**Your programme**

We welcome research proposals in a wide range of areas including language and (social) media; linguistic descriptions and theory; sociolinguistics; corpus linguistics; cognitive linguistics; critical discourse studies; language learning, teaching and assessment; first and second language acquisition; bilingualism; language, gender and sexuality; literacy; stylistics; and pragmatics. Our aim is to assign you a PhD supervisor whose current active research interests and expertise is relevant to your chosen topic.

This research programme can be undertaken full-time or part-time, and you can also register as studying away from Lancaster for part of your studies.

To support research development our department is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including a phonetics laboratory, a perception and learning laboratory, and an eye-tracking laboratory. We also have our own specialist computer laboratories for teaching and research and are home to the British National Corpus (BNC 2014), a multi-million-word corpus of modern British English.

There are opportunities to engage with the wider community of researchers in the department through one of our many active research groups.

**Entry requirements**

A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a subject relevant to the proposed research, with an average of at least 60% for UK MAs, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, for example linguistics, foreign languages, media studies, and a viable research proposal.

**Potential careers**

- Higher education
- Research
- Consultancy and communications

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**English Literature and Creative Writing**

**Creative Writing**

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**Your programme**

We host a thriving international and transcultural community of PhD students working across a range of literary genres and research projects. We have particular supervisory strengths in contemporary poetry, long fiction, short fiction, creative-critical writing and creative non-fiction. Many of our PhD students work on projects that explore a sense of place, conflict, cultural tensions and synergies.

Our programme offers the flexibility to study either on the Lancaster campus, or by distance learning from anywhere in the world, via our virtual learning and research facilities. Distance and campus-based students have the opportunity to meet in term-time and online sessions that are conducted virtually, enabling you to engage with and be a part of our research community.

All of our PhD researchers who have not studied at Masters level at Lancaster are required to take a module in Research Methods and Professional Practice in their first year of PhD study. Again, this module can be taken in person or by distance learning.

**Example modules include**

- Research Methods and Reflective Practice (English Literature)
- Research Methods and Professional Practice (Creative Writing)

**Entry requirements**

A 2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English literature or literature in other languages, with an average of at least 65% for UK MAs, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in the same subjects noted above, a viable research proposal, and a portfolio of original writing.

**Potential careers**

- Academic
- Creative Writer
- Research, writing, and teaching for business
Creative Writing (Modular)  

| MA | 12 months F/T | 24 months P/T |

Your programme  
This flexible programme offers a range of pathway options, allowing you to choose a route that suits your personal interests. You will be part of a vibrant literary community, honing your critical and creative skills whilst engaging with visiting writers and publishing professionals.

You will study our core module, Research Methods and Professional Practise, which examines the professional and ethical issues around creative writing and provides the opportunity to develop your reflective practice skills. You can then choose from available modules in prose fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and dramatic forms. All students have the opportunity to perform a creative work at our annual MA Showcase, which is a lively and well-attended celebration: previous events have been held in partnership with Lancaster LitFest and the Dukes theatre, Lancaster.

You can find further information about our teaching staff on our web pages. Please note that the staff available to teach in any given year is subject to change.

Example modules include  
- Approaching the Novel  
- The Personal Essay  
- Seeing Things: Visualising Poetry

Entry requirements  
A 2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a humanities subject is normally required and a portfolio of original writing. We may also consider non-standard applications where applicants either have a degree in other subjects, or relevant professional experience and/or publications.

Potential careers  
- Writer  
- Publishing  
- Journalism

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Creative Writing with English Literary Studies  

| MA | 12 months F/T | 24 months P/T |

Your programme  
This programme provides a rare opportunity to combine creative and critical writing at Masters level. It’s your chance to learn from practising authors, who lead our long-established creative writing programme, and our tutors, who have expertise in English literary studies, allowing you to engage with our vibrant literary culture.

During your studies, you will have the opportunity to develop strategies for initiating new work, explore verbal textures and narrative structures, and enhance your knowledge of literary forms and conventions. You will be encouraged to hone your critical and creative skills, employ reflective practice, and learn the art of redrafting, revision and close editing. The nature of research within creative writing practice will also be considered as you evolve your own creative and critical portfolio.

You will complete a creative writing portfolio, which is a 12,000 word creative project (or the equivalent for poetry or script writing) and a 3000 word reflective essay.

Example modules include  
- Creative Writing Portfolio  
- Research Training and Professional Practise in Creative Writing  
- Research Methodology and Reflective Practise in English Literature

Entry requirements  
A 2.1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English, creative writing or a related subject, a sample of your academic writing and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers  
- Librarian  
- Teaching  
- Research, writing, and teaching for business  
- Publishing  
- Heritage industries

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English Literary Research  

| MA | 12 months F/T | 24 months P/T |

Your programme  
Our English Masters by Research is a one-year independent study programme, which is especially attractive to students who already know they want to study for a PhD and have a clear sense of their research interests.

The MA is an opportunity to pilot this research and undertake essential preparatory research methodology training, as required by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. You can pursue study in any area of literary studies providing a suitable supervisor is available.

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

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.

Potential careers  
- Academic  
- Teaching  
- Publishing  
- Research for business, government, NGOs

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English Literary Studies  

| MA | 12 months F/T | 24 months P/T |

Your programme  
This programme provides you with the opportunity to learn from tutors who are leading experts in their fields. We offer several different pathways of study, each specialising in a period or area of study:

- English literary studies, which allows study across a range of periods and subjects  
- Early modern and medieval  
- Romantic and Victorian literature  
- Modern and contemporary literary studies including film and media

Critical creative writing, which combines critical approaches to writing with the practice of writing itself, including fiction and poetry  
Literary and cultural studies, which is taught with the Department of Sociology and explores contemporary debates in literary cultural theory

All pathways incorporate an extended research project in the form of a dissertation, creating the opportunity for you to conduct research specific to your own interests, as agreed together with your supervisor.

Example modules include  
- Research Methodology and Reflective Practise in English Literature  
- Pre-Modern Bodies  
- Writing in the 19th Century

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 about literature.

Potential careers  
- Publishing  
- Teaching  
- Heritage industries

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English Literary Studies with Creative Writing  

| MA | 12 months F/T | 24 months P/T |

Your programme  
This programme provides a rare opportunity to combine creative and critical writing at Masters level. It’s your chance to learn from practising authors, who lead our long-established creative writing programme, and our tutors, who have expertise in English literary studies, allowing you to engage with our vibrant literary culture.

During your studies, you will critically engage with complex written materials and with the ideas of others. You will learn to place your own creative and critical work in a literary and professional context, and to express your powers of analysis across a variety of literary forms. The elements of self-directed study and independent thinking will help you to develop your skills in project management, working to deadline, working to a brief, creative collaboration, and problem solving.

You will be able to select two modules in creative writing alongside two modules and research training in English literary studies. You will also complete an English literary studies dissertation.

Example modules include  
- Neo-Liberal Novel  
- Dissertation  
- Research Methodology and Reflective Practise in English Literature

Entry requirements  
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English literature or literature in other languages, usually with an average of at least 65% for UK MA’s, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in the same subjects noted above, a viable research proposal, and a sample of written work.

Potential careers  
- Academia  
- Teaching  
- Publishing  
- Research for business, government, NGOs
Entrepreneurship and Strategy

Our strengths are drawn from close alignment of research, education and business support in key academic fields and from feedback received through interaction with the business community. This ensures that our activities are up to date, focused and precisely matched to the needs of students, businesses and the wider community.

Our research areas
- Entrepreneurial learning
- Family business
- Regional development
- SMEs and entrepreneurship
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Networks
- Strategy practise and process
- Open strategy/Digital strategy
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Strategic change
- Growth strategies
- Business model innovation
- Emerging markets

You may also be interested in...
- Management and Business
- MBA and Executive MBA

Potential careers
- Academia
- Teaching
- Writing for media

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Your programme
An entrepreneurial mindset and the ability to think out-of-the-box are highly prized by employers and investors alike. Whether you want to develop a new business or re-energise an existing business through innovation and entrepreneurship, this course will equip you with the knowledge and skills to shape a successful and rewarding future career. You will learn how to identify and assess opportunities, acquire key resources, and simultaneously manage organisational operations, transition and growth.

We offer the ideal environment for aspiring entrepreneurs, emphasising theoretical rigour and practical experience. You will benefit from academic excellence, broad business networks and cutting-edge models delivered by leading professors. Our innovative modules include design thinking and innovation, family business management, and entrepreneurial ideas and skills, some of which are often presented as live workshops.

Throughout the programme, you will have a real opportunity to develop a new business idea with support from our academics, LU enterprise centre and 50+ Entrepreneurs in Residence.

Example modules include
- Design Thinking and Innovation
- Business Start-up

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Work experience in entrepreneurship innovation or business is welcome, but not essential.

Potential careers
- Start-ups founder/owner
- Business consultant
- Business developer

International Business and Strategy

Your programme
Managing international growth is a key challenge for firms, no matter what size they are. Managers in these firms need to deal with complex issues related to foreign direct investment and diverse regulatory environments, strategic positioning in different markets, the creation and management of organisational structures that support international business, and taking leadership for activities across national boundaries.

Endorsed by Ernst & Young (EY), this programme is designed to equip graduates with the key capabilities required to operate in multi-national firms. 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 programme, 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 include
- International Strategy Summit
- Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions
- Managing the Multinational Firm

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Managerial experience is desirable but not essential.

Potential careers
- Strategy consultant
- Business developer
- Strategic planner

Strategy

Your programme
Today’s businesses and organisations operate in a global context of disruption and uncertainty. Hence, organisations must be quick to change strategically. Managing organisations strategically is a key capability making the organisation more responsive and dynamic in pursuit of developing, occupying and defending market positions.

This programme aspires to develop thoughtful leaders and benefits from depth of expertise, knowledge and cutting-edge research. We will teach you the art of strategising and the practise of strategy. Based on real-life interactions, you will learn how to develop strategies, implement strategic changes, and work strategically. You will acquire a deep knowledge of how to build competitive advantage, leading firms strategically, and managing mergers and acquisitions to address challenges and opportunities.

Working with real examples from industry, you will test your theoretical knowledge in context. In the company project module, we tackle a question, task or challenge sourced from companies and supported by faculty and representatives from leading companies such as EY, Gränges and Siemens.

Example modules include
- Digital Strategy
- Business Model Innovation
- Building Competitive Advantage
Environmental and Earth Sciences

Our Graduate School for the Environment combines the world-class expertise, resources and connections of Lancaster Environment Centre, Rothamsted Research and the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology to train the next generation of environmental researchers, scientists, consultants, innovators, project managers, business leaders and decision makers.

Our research areas

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

You may also be interested in...

- Biological Sciences
- Ecology and Conservation
- Law
- Natural Sciences
- Sociology

Environmental and Development

MSc

12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

We offer great flexibility with optional modules spanning the social and natural sciences, and with the opportunity to gain practical skills that are valued by employers, such as environmental analysis of development projects, data analysis and programming, geo-informatics and auditing. This enables you to construct a degree that fits your interests and career ambitions and to put your learning in a wider cultural context.

There is the opportunity to spend plenty of time out in the field, in the UK and abroad, gaining hands-on experience.

You will complete six taught modules. This comprises one core module and five optional modules. You will also complete a substantial project that will enhance your practical and analytical skills.

Example modules include

- Perspectives on Environment and Development
- Environmental Governance and Management
- Food Security, Agriculture and Climate Change

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Consultancy
- Overseas development projects
- Further research/PhD

Environmental Management

MSc

12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

The Earth’s resources are under strain and require careful, informed governance from a new generation of environmental managers, which this programme aims to produce.

This vocationally relevant Masters provides you with an in depth critical understanding of today’s major environmental challenges.

You can keep your learning broad or you can specialise in one of four areas:

- Food security
- Energy
- Pollution
- Ecology

There are specific modules for each specialist area and several modules include field trips to the beautiful and topographically varied countryside around Lancaster, and beyond. In addition to the broad range of modules on offer, you will 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.

Example modules include

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Low Carbon Energy
- Environmental Governance and Management

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in geography, biology, chemistry, biological sciences, ecology, social sciences, human geography (urban and regional planning), business, or energy.

Potential careers

- Consultancy
- Pollution management
- Environmental management

Environmental Science

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme is desirable 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. The degree is carefully tailored to your interests, and can be particularly suitable for people undertaking research in a work-based context wishing to gain academic qualification.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

Environmental Science

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

This programme is suitable for those wishing to carry out an in depth research project. The MPhil/PhD programme consists of induction courses, a three-year research project and a period to write it up. The degree is carefully tailored to your interests. A great strength of our department is its ability to share expertise and ideas from many disciplines in order to provide a flexible approach, which is so important in the dynamic, rapidly developing discipline of environmental science. Although the work is often organised within themes and research groups, there is much collaborative activity transcending these boundaries.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, appropriate to the proposed research project.

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.
Environmental and Earth Sciences

**Flood and Coastal Risk Management**

**PgCert**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**PgDip**
- 24 months P/T

**MSc**
- 36 months F/T

**Your programme**
Understanding and managing risks to our environment is increasingly recognised in the face of extreme weather. Taught in partnership with JBA Consulting, a specialist water environment and flood risk management consultancy, our programme for water and environmental practitioners is focused on the application of technical skills and best practise techniques. It is accredited by the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM).

This programme is tailored for those already working in the water sector and is taught in continuous blocks of three and two days. The modules deliver a range of technical skills and knowledge that can be directly applied to a wide range of roles and disciplines in the water, environment and flood risk management sectors.

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

**Example modules include**
- Forecasting and Extreme Event Response
- Integrated Systems for Sustainable Surface Water Management
- Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management

**Entry requirements**
A CV with detailed evidence of in-work training in topics applicable to flood and/or coastal risk management or related science/engineering, or 2:1 honours degree in a relevant science or engineering subject.

**Potential careers**
- Environmental consultancy
- National and local public bodies
- Practitioners in water companies and environmental NGOs

**Political Ecology**

**MA**
- 12 months F/T

**Your programme**
The programme is suitable for those wishing to carry out an in-depth research project. The MA/MPhil/PhD programmes consist of induction courses, a three-year research project and a period to write it up. The degree is carefully tailored to your interests. A great strength of our department is its ability to share expertise and ideas from many disciplines in order to provide a flexible approach, which is so important in geography. Although the work is often organised within themes and research groups, there is much collaborative activity transcending these boundaries.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, or a masters in a relevant research project.

**Potential careers**
Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

**Environmental and Earth Sciences**

**Sustainable Water Management**

**MSc**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
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 environmental consultancy JBA Consulting, the Environment Agency and the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.

Your core modules have been professionally accredited by the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management. They provide you with the key skills of a water professional by addressing the principles of catchment hydrology, sustainable surface water management, groundwater assessment, methods of catchment protection, principles of lake ecology, managing coastal flooding, flood forecasting, the design of river structures and the restoration of river channels.

You will undertake your dissertation research project with an external partner in the water sector or as part of our research activities in water sciences.

**Example modules include**
- Approaches to Political Ecology
- Perspectives on Environment and Development
- Climate Change and Society

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social-science subject, or a CV with detailed evidence of work experience in topics pertaining to the social or interdisciplinary approaches to the environment.

**Potential careers**
- Non-governmental organisations and think tanks
- Environmental consultancies, advocacy and activist groups
- Government and development agencies

**Volcanology and the Environment**

**MSc**
- 12 months F/T

**Your programme**
Volcanoes threaten many millions of people worldwide, with hazardous eruptions causing severe socio-economic impacts. Improved hazard mitigation in the future relies upon innovations from the next generation of volcanologists. Our MSc is taught at one of the world’s leading centres for environmental research, and provides a stepping-stone to both research in volcanology and careers in the geo-environmental sector.

Our degree gives you the opportunity to carry out a research project alongside leading volcanologists. You will gain a strong grounding in theory, experience in the laboratory, and study volcanic rocks in Italy and the nearby Lake District.

You can tailor your choice of six taught modules to reflect your future aspirations. Modules can provide you with specialist training in volcanology, together with knowledge of geological hazards, environmental systems and governance, and useful skills such as geoinformatics, risk assessment, and environmental data analysis.

**Example modules include**
- Physical Volcanology
- Volcanic Processes Field Course
- Geoinformatics

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 or equivalent in a relevant first degree, including geography, geology, and environmental science. Students from other academic backgrounds are also welcome to apply, especially with some experience in environmental science/geology.

**Potential careers**
- Volcanology research
- Geoscientific environmental consultancy
- Geo-hazard modelling
Film Studies

Film studies at Lancaster offers the opportunity to study cinema and its history from a variety of angles including creative practise. It will allow you to cultivate a critical understanding of cinema’s development from Victorian novelty to global media business.

As a dynamic community of film scholars, staff and students we are engaged with advancing our understanding of cinema’s past, present, and possible futures through research into film theory and the history of the medium, as well as through critically informed practise.

Our research areas
+ Transnational cinema
+ Film theory and film philosophy
+ Asian cinemas
+ American cinema
+ Cinema history
+ Film and politics
+ Film practise
+ Middle Eastern cinema

Film PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme
Your PhD at Lancaster could focus on one of a wide range of topics within film studies or on a topic that crosses different disciplines. As a PhD researcher, you will normally be supervised by a team of two supervisors who provide focused critical feedback and encouragement throughout the programme. Several members of academic staff are engaged with practice-based film research and have supervised PhD projects on an exciting variety of topics that extend from global cinema history and cultural politics and through to contemporary philosophy and film and media theory. In some cases, your second supervisor will be based in a different creative discipline or a different department within the university in order to ensure that you have the most appropriate supervisory team for your chosen project.

You can take your Film Studies PhD at Lancaster either in the standard format of a written thesis, or as a project that combines the written thesis with creative practical work.

Entry requirements
A Masters degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline, and a viable research proposal, or portfolio.

Potential careers
+ Academic career in film studies – lecturer/researcher/teacher
+ Film and media production
+ Arts administration

Health Studies

Our cutting-edge health research makes an impact at local, national and international levels. Our work informs government policy and influences practise in the health and social sectors. We aim to influence policy that has a direct impact on people’s lives.

The Division of Health Research is a multi-disciplinary department that brings together researchers from across the social sciences, with a focus on health. In addition to our traditional teaching for PhDs and Clinical Psychology, our innovative blended learning courses give the potential to study online via our e-learning system. This gives you the option to undertake the majority of your research from your own location, whilst benefiting from being part of a UK and internationally based peer group.

Our research areas
+ Aging and end of life care
+ Mental health and well-being
+ Public health and health equity

Health MA
12 months F/T

Your programme
This programme aims to enable you to develop greater capacity for independent, critical and interpretive analysis of global cinema through our diverse selection of research-led modules. We offer a critical study of contemporary film theory and the history of cinema with an emphasis on transnational cinemas and cultures.

Our academics have research expertise across a variety of areas including, British cinema, Hong Kong cinema and Asian filmmaking in general, African-American popular culture, Middle Eastern cinemas, European arthouse cinemas and Hollywood cinema. There are also academic staff with expertise in approaches to film aesthetics, and the intersection between theory, culture and the image.

For those passionate about putting theory into practice we offer project-led modules, in which you have the opportunity to develop your skills in short narrative, documentary or experimental cinema. For your final major research project, we offer you the flexibility either to submit a traditional independent research dissertation or to undertake a practice-based project accompanied by a critical written piece.

Example modules include
+ Research Methods: Contemporary Film Theory
+ Transnational Cinemas
+ Cinema and History

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in film or in a relevant discipline.

Potential careers
+ Film and media production
+ Marketing and journalism
+ Arts administration

Potential careers
Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.
## Health Studies

### Clinical Psychology

**DClinPsy**
- 36 months F/T

**PhD**
- 48 months P/T

### Dementia Studies

**PhD**
- 48 months P/T

### Health Economics and Policy

**MSc**
- 24 months P/T

**PhD**
- 48 months P/T

### Mental Health

**PhD**
- 48 months P/T

### Health Research

**PhD**
- 36 months F/T

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**Your programme**

As a fully funded programme developing trainee clinical psychologists for the National Health Service (NHS), this Doctorate enables you to develop your academic, practical and professional skills. Leading to registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), throughout the duration of this programme you will be able to gain in depth training in a wide range of therapies and gain the skills necessary to become an outstanding clinical psychologist.

You will learn a wide range of therapies and gain in depth training through a range of placements, academic assignments and research projects. Areas of study may include cognitive behavioural therapy, cognitive analytical therapy, neuropsychology and systemic practice.

The course is delivered through innovative placements, academic assignments and supervised research projects. You will receive extensive support throughout the programme and have the opportunity to be involved in the programme’s future development.

**Entry requirements**

At the time of application, all applicants must be eligible for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (BPS). While there are no specific requirements for degree classification or clinical experience, if you have studied outside of the UK, please check your eligibility with the BPS prior to application. Please note that applicants do not need to be members of the BPS or current NHS employees.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Your programme**

Research into dementia is increasingly being given funding priority, reflecting both national and worldwide emphasis on the importance of improving care. Our Division of Health Research is home to the Centre for Ageing Research and to a number of staff who are internationally recognised experts in dementia. The PhD in Dementia Studies is your chance to work with these world-leading academics on the production of a thesis that makes an original contribution to knowledge development within your area of professional practise.

On completion of this PhD, you will have a deep, topical and incisive understanding of dementia theory, research and practise. You will be able to apply the skills learnt during the PhD to careers within healthcare settings, industry, international organisations, local government, education, research or management.

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, such as nursing or psychology. We will also consider qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Your programme**

Develop your research skills while gaining an in-depth understanding of health economics and policy. Working alongside research-active staff within the Health Economics department at Lancaster University Management School (LUMS), you will gain deeper and critical insights into critical issues in the health care sector.

On completion of the MSc in Health Economics and Policy you will have advanced knowledge and a critical understanding of health economics theory, research and practice. You will have the opportunity to apply the skills learnt during the MSc to careers within healthcare settings, industry, international organisations, local government, education, research or management.

**Example modules include**

- Data Analysis
- Health Economics
- Systematic Approaches to Literature Reviews and Evidence Synthesis

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree or equivalent in economics or a relevant subject with a significant quantitative content, such as statistics, pharmacy, medicine and management. We will also consider qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Your programme**

The PhD in Health Economics and Policy provides opportunities to gain a deeper and more critical insight into health economics theory, research and practise, whether they are based within healthcare settings, industry, international organisations, local government, education, research, or management. Working alongside research-active staff within the Health Economics department at Lancaster University Management School (LUMS), you will gain deeper and critical insights into critical issues in the health care sector.

This programme meets the needs of those wishing to enhance their research skills, develop their understanding of theory, policy and practise, and make an original contribution to knowledge development within their field while at the same time fulfilling their existing responsibilities.

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree or equivalent, in a relevant subject. We will also consider qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard. As part of your application, you will also need to provide a 500-word research proposal.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Your programme**

This PhD in Health Research provides opportunities to be directly involved in the research of Lancaster University’s Division of Health Research. Led by world-leading, research-active supervisors, you will enjoy the autonomy to pursue an independent research project whilst acquiring a substantial body of knowledge, placing yourself at the forefront of an academic discipline.

Throughout the duration of this PhD, you will receive specialised research training on your research topic and methodology.

You will have the opportunity to take part in a range of courses to introduce you to research methods as well as teaching skills, statistical methods and computing. You will also be encouraged to attend and present at conferences both within the UK and overseas; recent students have attended conferences in the USA and Australia as well as mainland Europe.

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. We will also consider qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard. As part of your application, you will also need to provide a 500-word research proposal.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.


**Health Studies**

**Organisational Health and Well-Being**

**PhD**
- 48 months P/T

**Your programme**
Increasingly health and wellbeing in the workplace are being globally recognised as key drivers of socio-economic development. Employee health and wellbeing is important to organisations in terms of increased commitment and job satisfaction, staff retention, reduced absenteeism, and improved productivity and performance. This PhD provides the opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the psychological, social and organisational aspects of the dynamic relationship between work and health.

This part-time and blended learning programme has been designed to allow you to enhance your research skills and develop your understanding within the palliative care field while fulfilling your existing work and personal responsibilities in your home location.

**Entry requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or a Masters degree in a relevant subject, and relevant work experience. We may also consider non-standard applicants. As part of your application, you will need to provide a 500-word research proposal.

**Potential careers**
- Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Palliative Care**

**PhD**
- 48 months P/T

**Your programme**
Education in palliative care is valued across Europe and internationally, particularly in resource poor countries. This PhD is the first doctoral programme to be offered globally and the first to support the education of palliative care professionals. Throughout your studies, we will support you as you enhance your leadership skills and develop advanced skills in research design, practise and dissemination.

This part-time, blended learning programme has been designed to allow you to pursue advanced study while fulfilling your existing work and personal responsibilities in your home location.

**Entry requirements**
- A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or a Masters degree in a relevant subject, and relevant work experience. We may also consider non-standard applicants.

**Potential careers**
- Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Public Health**

**PhD**
- 48 months P/T

**Your programme**
This PhD provides opportunities to gain core research skills and develop a critical insight into public health policy and practise. Working with world-leading academics from the Division of Health Research, this programme aims to help create and support tomorrow’s leaders in public health across a range of roles and organisational settings.

This part-time, blended learning programme has been designed to allow you to pursue advanced study while fulfilling your existing work and personal responsibilities in your home location.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or a Masters degree in a relevant subject, and relevant work experience. We may also consider non-standard applicants. As part of your application, you will need to provide a 500-word research proposal.

**Potential careers**
Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Digital Humanities**

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Developments in the use of digital technologies are transforming the way we live and work, through digital texts, images and maps. This programme offers you the opportunity to use these important sources in academic research and in the wider world of employment.

Whether you want to continue in academia with the skills to drive pioneering work in your subject, or develop a career that combines cutting-edge digital skills with the traditional strengths of humanities graduate, our programme aims to transform your understanding of how digital technologies can be used, while assuming no particular expertise in computing.

You will have the opportunity to learn a range of digital theory and methods, whilst also exploring how to apply them critically across humanities disciplines. Through our optional heritage placements programme, you can work with partners in the cultural heritage or business sectors as part of your degree and put your digital skills into practice.

**Example modules include**
- Digital Texts in the Humanities
- Exploring the World of Digital Humanities
- Spatial Technologies for Humanities Research

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

**Potential careers**
- Doctoral research
- Cultural heritage
- Creative industries

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**History**

**History at Lancaster**
offers you the opportunity to explore pivotal events, transformative processes and historical debates from ancient times to the present day, developing your historical knowledge and honing your critical abilities within a vibrant department of students and scholars.

The Department of History brings together staff research expertise in the fields of history, heritage and the digital humanities, ranging from the Roman to the contemporary world – across Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe, and the Middle East, as well as the British Isles and the Lancaster region.

**Our research areas**
- Roman and medieval history
- Early modern British and Atlantic history
- Modern and contemporary history
- Particularly cultural history
- International and military history
- Regional history, with particular reference to the North West of England
- Heritage
- Digital humanities

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**History**

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Our MA programme is designed to fulfil your quest for knowledge, by taking your study of history to a deeper level. Whether you have your sights set on progression in a career where the skills of a serious historian are valuable, or you are considering continuing on to a doctoral degree, you should find this programme stimulating and enjoyable.

With four different pathways available, our programme offers you the opportunity to advance your studies in your chosen period, methodology, or research specialism. In addition to taught modules, you will be expected to complete a substantial piece of original research in the form of a dissertation.

During the programme, you will have the opportunity to expand your knowledge of potential sources, gain fundamental skills, and discover your own innovative approaches to primary material. To complement the advancement of your academic knowledge, we also offer a range of placement modules enabling you to build practical skills useful in heritage studies, public engagement, or within schools.

**Pathways available**
- Medieval and Early Modern
- Modern
- Heritage
- Bespoke – allowing you the freedom to select modules to suit your individual research needs

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

**Potential careers**
- Doctoral research
- Journalism
- Heritage
History

**International and Military History**

**MPhil/PhD**

24-36 months P/T

**Your programme**

On this programme, you have the opportunity to join our lively and cosmopolitan postgraduate research community. Our aim is to help you to become a first-class researcher and scholar in your chosen specialism.

We accept applications across a wide range of research proposals linked to our research areas. Supervision is offered by staff within the Department and, where necessary, through close relationships with other departments or colleagues in north-western institutions as part of the ESRC and AHRC doctoral training partnerships.

We invite you to browse our departmental web pages to find out about our research specialisms and the wide range of exciting research in which our academic staff are currently engaged. Where there is a good match with your proposed area of research, feel free to contact the potential supervisor informally in the first instance.

**Entry requirements**

A good Masters degree in history or a related discipline, and the wide range of fascinating research in which our academic staff are currently engaged. Where there is a good match with your proposed area of research, feel free to contact the potential supervisor informally in the first instance.

**Potential careers**

- Academic research
- Publishing
- Heritage

**Human Resources**

**Our courses reflect different aspects of interdisciplinary focus. They draw on the latest research being undertaken by staff and encourage a very reflective, and critical, approach to contemporary management and organisational practises.**

**Human Resource Management**

**MSc**

12 months P/T

**Your programme**

Successful organisations have successful employee relations. However, it takes sophisticated conceptual and analytical skills to deliver this. It needs a deep understanding of people in an organisational context. This MSc provides the tools to allow you to thrive in the world of human resource management.

This programme is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). You receive student CIPD membership immediately and become an associate member when you are awarded your degree (subject to successful completion of all modules and necessary fees).

Every organisational decision has an impact on its workforce. Our aim is to foster critical and reflective thinking and pragmatism. We will equip you with the knowledge to challenge existing workplace thinking using good theoretical understanding. You will engage with real-life business reports and learn how to assess the impact on HR.

**Example modules include**

- Human Resource Management
- Employment relations
- Ethics, sustainability and management
- Information, technology and society
- Management, organisation and society
- Leadership, organisations and societies

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in management, business studies, social sciences, history, philosophy, English, languages, arts or other humanities. Relevant work experience is beneficial but not essential. Non-standard candidates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Potential careers**

- Human resource manager
- General management

**Human Resources and Consulting**

**MA**

12 months P/T

**Your programme**

The ability to empower organisations and their people is a highly sought-after skill, and the focus on developing, valuing, and managing human resources has never been greater. This unique course blends strategic HR, development and consulting to develop your expertise in working with and through people.

Whether you are a recent graduate, or already work in HR, management education or consultancy, your mind will be challenged as we train you to think and act critically and effectively. This is not a programme focused on simplistic ‘models’ or techniques. Instead, we will teach you to hone the capabilities and skills necessary to develop people and knowledge effectively.

You will put your newly developed conceptual abilities into practice with real-life organisations, including how to intervene constructively in strategic issues and stimulate change through consulting.

We will encourage you to work collaboratively, sharing ideas and experiences with your international classmates and tutors.

**Example modules include**

- Organisational Learning and Knowledge Management
- Consulting and Organisational Diagnosis
- HR and Professional Skills

**Entry requirements**

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

**Potential careers**

- Management/human resource consultant
- Organisational development manager/consultant

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We are excited about cultural and societal phenomena in their individual language contexts and in their global connections. Our research seeks to understand twentieth- and twenty-first-century cultural artefacts, movements, authors and influences in Europe, China, Africa, and North and South America.
The Lancaster University Law School offers students the opportunity to explore globally significant contemporary issues. Having completed your postgraduate programme, you will join our diverse community of graduates. This community includes Law School alumni working in the legal profession, politics, charities and NGOs.

Our research areas
- International law
- Human rights law
- Company law
- Corporate governance
- Insolvency law
- International economic law
- Intellectual property law
- Criminal justice
- Terrorism and counterterrorism
- Environmental law

You may also be interested in...
- Politics and International Relations

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### Law

**Environment and Law**

**LLM**

- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**

The Law School and the Graduate School for the Environment jointly deliver this programme, which allows you to examine some of the most current and urgent issues facing the planet.

Our combined approach enables you to study legal and scientific subjects together with access to the expertise of academics working at the forefront of environmental 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 include**

- Environmental Law
- Climate Change and Society
- International Environmental Law

**Entry requirements**

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

**Potential careers**

- Civil Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Legal profession

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**Human Rights and the Environment**

**LLM**

- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**

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 sciences, social sciences and the law.

**Example modules include**

- International Environmental Law
- Perspectives on Environment and Development

**Entry requirements**

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

**Potential careers**

- Legal profession
- Civil Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Business

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### International Business and Corporate Law

**LLM**

- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**

This programme uses 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 in topics such as corporate governance, international trade, financial regulation, international commercial arbitration and litigation, and international law.

**Example modules include**

- Corporate Governance
- Corporations in International Business Law
- Intellectual Property Law

**Entry requirements**

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

**Potential careers**

- Legal profession
- Civil Service
- Business

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### International Human Rights and Terrorism Law

**LLM**

- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**

This engaging Masters programme combines two highly relevant, topical and challenging areas of legal study and explores the interplay between them.

You will have the 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, terrorism and counter-terrorism, and setting these in the context of human rights.

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 include**

- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Business and Human Rights

**Entry requirements**

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

**Potential careers**

- Civil Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Public and charity sectors
Potential careers

- Law academic
- Legal researcher
- Non-governmental organisations

Entry requirements

- 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline
- Experience of research
- Evidence of analytical and communication skills
- Strong academic record

Your programme

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 that are highly valued by employers.

Example modules include

- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- The Law of the United Nations

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Academia
- Public and charity sector
MBA and Executive MBA

The Lancaster MBA transforms ambitious managers into responsible leaders who have strategic thinking capability. As self-aware leaders, they are able to draw upon their experience and the theoretical knowledge from the programme to achieve their goals and become truly outstanding.

The Lancaster MBA has a rich heritage of transforming managers into globally fluent leaders. Our alumni community consists of a multitude of creative individuals, who have significant impact on organisations, industries and societies. At Lancaster, you join a well-connected, globally leading management school that attracts expertise from across the business world.

Our research areas
- Strategy
- Responsibility
- Sustainability
- Leadership

Example modules include
- Global Business Economics
- Leading Responsibly
- Strategic Management

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. Strong preference will be given to those who can demonstrate clearly that they have held significant managerial responsibilities.

Potential careers
- Special projects manager
- Chief financial officer
- Chief executive officer

Business Administration

MBA
12 months F/T

Your programme
The Lancaster MBA transforms high calibre managers into responsible leaders in their chosen sectors. We draw on thirty years of experience to deliver a highly-ranked, innovative, and inspiring MBA programme that will challenge you to make your MBA experience the first step in a lifetime of learning.

The learning experience is an ongoing process of discovery as you journey into the global world of business. From its inception, the Lancaster MBA has provided a relevant and cutting-edge curriculum that excites, inspires, and transforms students from across the world.

We believe that students learn best when they are able to put ideas into practise. You will have the opportunity to engage with our company partners including start-up companies, SMEs, and large corporations, and learn from our innovative teachers who conduct research in a wide variety of business-related disciplines. You will also have the chance to meet business change-makers, including our Leaders in Residence and our Entrepreneurs in Residence networks who provide guest lectures, site visits, masterclasses, and mentoring and coaching.

Example modules include
- Business Ethics and Sustainability
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Global Strategic Management

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or relevant professional qualification and a minimum of three years’ full-time professional/managerial work experience at least five years’ full-time professional qualification, and a minimum of three years’ professional/managerial work experience.

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or relevant professional qualification, and a minimum of three years’ professional/managerial work experience.

You may also be interested in...
- Management and Business
- Entrepreneurship

Business Administration (Executive)

MBA
24 months P/T

Your programme
When the world of business is defined by uncertainty, what are the best strategic moves and where are the opportunities? How can we position ourselves to maximise these changes and challenges? An Executive MBA gives you the tools to respond to these key questions.

Our two-year programme is tailored to the demands of working professionals, focusing on capability, capacity and knowledge for career progression. Online learning using your workplace as the context is blended with face-to-face workshops, which take place in convenient three-day blocks.

You will be taught by specialists from our world-class faculty and you’ll benefit from Lancaster University Management School’s recognised strengths in strategy, corporate social responsibility and international business. We use theories as frameworks for discussion and collaborative learning is crucial to our approach.

Students from diverse backgrounds, roles and sectors share their unique experiences and perspectives as we work in partnership to explore and resolve complex management and organisational issues.

Example modules include
- Business Ethics and Sustainability
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Global Strategic Management

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or relevant professional qualification and a minimum of three years’ full-time professional/managerial work experience.

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You may also be interested in...
- MBA
- Politics and International Relations
- Entrepreneurship and Strategy

Management and Business

By led by the academic expertise of our specialist departments, our postgraduate programmes provide the next step in your studies. Gain a powerful mix of contemporary theory and insightful lessons from the real world to help you deepen your knowledge and develop your understanding.

Our management and business degrees are designed to give you sound professional and technical knowledge of management disciplines, practical managerial skills and experience. Our diverse range of programmes help recent graduates launch their careers and current practitioners to further develop in their professions.

Example modules include
- Data Sourcing, Handling and Programming
- Forecasting and Predictive Analytics
- Operational Research and Prescriptive Analytics

Entry requirements
At least a 2:1 honours degree or equivalent, which includes some mathematics or statistics.

Potential careers
- Data analytics consultant
- Data scientist
- Junior business intelligence analyst

Business Analytics

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
We live in a world where analytical decision-making happens every second. Data is collected about everything in order to construct, operate and maintain systems. If you want a career in decision support, operational research, industrial engineering or management science, this is the ideal programme for you.

This course will train you in analytical decision-making. Not only do you learn the theory of business analytics, but also how to apply it in practise. This involves generating relevant business insights using data-driven methodologies and tools. Our programme is one of the few to teach the entire business analytics life cycle, covering descriptive, predictive and prescriptive analytics.

We have excellent partnerships with industry, business, and analytics practitioners. We constantly update this programme to reflect the dynamically changing landscape of business analytics. We place a very high emphasis on creating graduates with skills that are valuable in the job market. For example, you will experience a real-life analytics project as part of your course.

Example modules include
- Technology Futures, Analysis and Design
- Management and Organisations in a Digital World
- Information Systems, Strategy and Innovation

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline. Work experience in a related field would be welcome, but is not essential.

Potential careers
- Business IT and management consulting
- Technology change-management and project management
- Digital business and marketing

Digital Business, Innovation and Management

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
This programme offers a range of opportunities to help you understand how to harness technology, manage its effects to gain competitive advantage, open up new business markets, and streamline core organisational processes.

You will be introduced to the ever-changing digital landscape, and learn how different technologies contribute to the new ways of thinking for digital businesses. You will develop the knowledge of core technologies that underlie modern digital businesses, and the role and impact of information and technology in contemporary organisations. You will also gain an understanding of the distinctive challenges associated with management in a digital world.

The knowledge you will gain will provide you with the skills to succeed in energy ecosystems, analyse organisational cultures and behaviour, and understand their impact on the implementation of digital innovation within real-world business challenges.

Example modules include
- Technology Futures, Analysis and Design
- Management and Organisations in a Digital World
- Information Systems, Strategy and Innovation

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline. Work experience in a related field would be welcome, but is not essential.

Potential careers
- Business IT and management consulting
- Technology change-management and project management
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### Your programme

Explore how to make better use of research and innovation to improve care in which healthcare is organised and delivered for patient benefit. It is a work-based course, requiring you to identify and implement service improvement projects in your own work context. The course is designed to focus on key concepts:

- Improvement science concepts
- Evidence-based approaches
- Quality improvement and measurement

You can choose optional modules, project focus and course length, within permitted limits, to customise the course.

The PgCert focuses on the development of skills in innovation science. Progression routes lead to PgDip and MSc, where work-based emphasis on bespoke learning related to the delivery of innovation and improvement projects.

#### Example modules include

- Personal Learning and Development
- Understanding Improvement Methods and Techniques
- Work-based Innovation and Improvement Project

#### Entry requirements

You will be working in a healthcare context (clinical or non-clinical), and have scope to conduct small-scale work-based projects. All applications require employer/stakeholder support. A first degree is not essential.

#### Potential careers

- Research and innovation developer
- Healthcare quality manager

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#### Your programme

Today's senior managers must be negotiators, problem solvers, entrepreneurs, and more. Iconic management thinker Henry Mintzberg co-founded this course 20 years ago to teach these qualities. His ethos is shared by the 75 international faculty members who bring their research and academic concepts to this programme.

You will study organisations, self, relationships, change and context at McGill University (Canada), Lancaster University (UK), Yokohama National University (Japan), FGV/ESBAPE (Brazil), and the Institute of Management Bangalore (India).

Traditional learning approaches are complemented by cultural experiences such as a yoga class in India or visiting a Zen monastery in Japan, which are designed to help you unlearn behaviours, break down silo mentality and develop new mindsets.

You will focus on how to combine your significant functional experience with the ability to pause and reflect, turning that experience into new knowledge. You will also become comfortable with the uncertainty and complexity that accompanies senior positions.

#### Example modules include

- Managing Self
- Managing Organisations
- Managing Change

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of ten years’ work experience including extensive managerial experience.

#### Potential careers

- Executive director
- Chief strategy officer
- Head of organisational change

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#### Your programme

This course is endorsed by the Institute of Leadership and Management and is designed for healthcare professionals wishing to develop their leadership and management skills. The work-based focus of your learning will enhance your understanding of concepts related to leadership and management and provide opportunities for you to apply your knowledge to real work issues.

#### Example modules include

- Understanding Leadership and Management
- Leading and Managing People
- Leading Others through Change

#### Entry requirements

Applicants should be in roles with leadership and management responsibilities with usually at least three years’ work experience. All applications require employer/ stakeholder support. A first degree is not essential.

#### Potential careers

A wide range of leadership and management related roles in a variety of public, private, SME and third sector settings.

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#### Your programme

Our Leadership Practice courses provide a flexible, bespoke work-based route to a postgraduate qualification.

#### Example modules include

- Negotiating your Professional Development
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Models for Planning Change

#### Entry requirements

Applicants will be employed in a role that allows the scope to undertake work-based projects, and have employer/ stakeholder support. Entry to apprenticeship courses is subject to eligibility criteria. A first degree is not always necessary.

#### Potential careers

A wide range of leadership and management related roles in a variety of public, private, SME and third sector settings.

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#### Your programme

Many western companies manufacture overseas. Massive logistics hubs now exist in countries such as China. Demand has therefore never been higher for people who can apply quality management science to supply chain and logistics management. This course aims to give you the skills to achieve this.

This programme is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and was developed in consultation with the industry. It focuses on the practical aspects of logistics and supply chain management rather than academic theory. You will learn about all of the major elements of logistics and supply chain management, and will have the opportunity to explore the most recent developments in the field. As well as subject-specific knowledge, we also teach problem-solving, critical thinking and professional skills.

You might have the opportunity to take part in a three to four-month long supervised project based in a client company that helps build your professional skills.

#### Example modules include

- Global Sourcing
- Operations and Supply Chain Excellence
- Project Management Tools, Techniques and Theories

#### Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, including degrees in business and management studies, economics and other social sciences, and engineering. Work experience in a related field would be welcome, but is not essential.

#### Potential careers

- Materials manager
- Applications consultant
- Head of analytics

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Management and Business

Management

MRes
12 months F/T

Your programme
We are dedicated to developing your knowledge and professional skills through a combination of taught and research components, and will work closely with you to enhance your employability. We offer a wide variety of modules and opportunities to gain valuable work experience in real-world settings. Our research-led approach ensures that you are at the forefront of industry innovation.

Entry requirements
A relevant degree at upper second class honours standard, with a minimum of 65% overall in the dissertation.

Potential careers

Potential careers

Product manager
+ Business development manager
+ Business adviser
+ Project manager

Management Science

PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme
Managing risks in business involves understanding how technology and society; ethics, sustainability and management; information, technology and society; management, organisations and society; and leadership organisations and society. Staff in the department are drawn from a variety of backgrounds and interdisciplinary community and research expertise. We offer a wide range of modules and opportunities to gain valuable work experience in real-world settings. Our research-led approach ensures that you are at the forefront of industry innovation.

Entry requirements
A relevant degree at upper second class honours standard, with a minimum of 65% overall in the dissertation.

Potential careers

Potential careers

Assistant
+ Consultant
+ Policy adviser
+ Research associate

Medical Leadership

PgCert
12 months P/T

Your programme
This course is facilitated mainly online, and is designed to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills in line with the NHS Clinical Leadership Competency Framework. This course is for doctors at any stage of their careers who are interested in developing and proving their commitment to:

Example modules include

Example modules include

+ Understanding Leadership and Management
+ The Role of Clinical Leaders in Health Service Improvement
+ Leading Others through Change

Entry requirements
Qualified doctors holding an MBChB or equivalent. For the PgDip/MSc, a PgCert in Medical Leadership is required. All applications require an employer/stakeholder agreement. Entry to Apprenticeship courses is subject to eligibility criteria.

Potential careers

A wide range of leadership roles in a variety of healthcare sector settings.

Management (Entrepreneurship and Strategy)

PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme
Do you want to focus your research on entrepreneurship, strategy, leadership, family business or innovation, and benefit from cutting-edge insights from research-active staff? We are a research-intensive business school that provides a welcoming environment where ideas can flourish and connections can be made.

Entry requirements
A relevant Masters degree with a minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

Potential careers

Senior policy adviser
+ Senior lecturer
+ Senior research associate

Management (Organisation, Work and Technology)

PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme
A PhD in business or management is highly valued in many professions. It is also a key qualification for those wishing to pursue an academic career in management studies. It can provide a springboard into the next stage of your career opportunities.

Entry requirements
A relevant degree at upper second class honours standard, with a minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

Potential careers

+ Consultant
+ Policy adviser
+ Research associate

Management Science

PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme
Our PhD programme is highly interactive with a large number of students in operational research, operations management, and information systems and e-business. There are many opportunities to interact with faculty, industry, and co-students, both formal and informal. This offers a supportive environment in which to study.

Entry requirements
A relevant degree at upper second class honours standard, with a minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

Potential careers

Senior policy adviser
+ Senior lecturer
+ Senior research associate

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## Organisation, Work and Technology

### MRes

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### Your programme

The programme is designed to cater for those wishing to study subjects related to organisation, work and technology, but with more focus on theory and/or research rather than practice. It allows greater flexibility in terms of module selection. Two thirds of the programme consist of research training, including a dissertation, and for the remaining third, you can choose subject-specific modules from those offered by the Department of Organisation, work and Technology and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This will allow you to tailor the course to your own aims and interests in order to gain a more in-depth knowledge and understanding of the key theories, concepts, and debates in the area.

This programme would be ideal if you are planning to progress into a PhD in a related area and a career in academia, or seeking employment in social research and policymaking, such as governments, think tanks and other non-profit organisations engaged in research-oriented business functions.

### Example modules include

* + Do Organisational Research
* + Understanding Your Discipline

### 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.

### Potential careers

* + Acacdia
* + Further PhD study
* + Social research and policy-making in non-governmental organisations

## Management and Business

### Professional Development

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### Professional Practice

#### Example modules include

* + Personal Learning and Development
* + Developing Resilience
* + Introduction to Coaching and Mentoring

#### Entry requirements

Demonstration that the modules chosen meet your individual needs and the needs of your organisation. Suitable candidates may apply for credits through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) for exemption from some modules.

### Potential careers

A wide range of professional roles in a variety of public, private, SME, self-employed and third sector settings.

## Project Management

### MSc

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### Your programme

Projects play a key role in many organisations, either because they are organised around projects or because they introduce change through projects. This programme will enable you to use project management tools and techniques, engage stakeholders, obtain systemic insights into projects and provides the opportunity to gain practical experience of managing projects in any industry.

We will teach you how to investigate the new and how to navigate it. We will look at managing people from a psychological and sociological perspective, alternative management approaches like agile and provide you with systemic insights into the management of projects. We carefully balance academic perspective, experiential learning and practical application to advance your knowledge in the most effective way.

Throughout the course, you will work in a dynamic and international environment that will enable you to develop workplace-ready and reflective graduate. Our careers advisers will support you in creating a career plan and give you access to various career events during the year.

#### Example modules include

* + Business, Benefits and Strategy
* + Project Management Tools and Techniques and Theories
* + Systems and Change

### 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 Business focus courses can also come from a variety of arts and social science backgrounds. Relevant work experience is welcome but not required.

### Potential careers

* + Project and events manager
* + Senior consultant
* + Project manager

## Marketing

### Advanced Marketing Management

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### Your programme

Marketing is the dynamic core of business and can be a force for strategic change. However, what does it take to create a marketing visionary? How do you ensure communications flow across global business landscapes?

This programme develops advanced professional thinking, analysis and marketing management skills. It is the ideal next step for marketing or business management graduates, and offers aspiring marketing managers the chance to develop their skills.

You will develop an understanding of marketing management nuances and gain high-level professional insight. You will approach strategically from a marketing/ marketing management lens and manage multiple stakeholders. Our graduates have the skills to tackle evolving marketing problems and to solve social challenges. The underlying approach of this programme is based on a problem-solving perspective.

The MRes option follows the programme to the dissertation. It then focuses on a research-led proposal to lead into PhD level study.

### Example modules include

* + Brand Management
* + Developing a Critical Understanding of Marketing
* + Researching Markets and Marketing

### 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 another subject with significant practical experience in marketing may also be considered.

### Potential careers

* + Marketing and business development manager
* + Media executive
* + Business development deputy director
**Marketing**

**MSc**
12 months F/T

**PhD**
36 months F/T

**Your programme**
Marketing impacts upon every aspect of our lives - the products we buy, the retail stores we visit and the websites we browse. Marketers can have a profound impact on society, the economy, the environment and culture. It is an exciting, challenging and nuanced discipline set against a changing and dynamic backdrop.

This programme aims to develop knowledgeable, professional marketing postgraduates. It is approved and accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM). This allows you to gain a professional qualification or award alongside your degree through the prestigious CIM Graduate Gateway programme. We have a dedicated careers team and have a large and very active alumni network. You will be able to take advantage of this professional and social network during your time as a student and beyond.

Almost every company has a marketing department and marketing skills are highly valued in contemporary businesses. The programme provides an ideal springboard to marketing-related careers both client-side and agency-side.

**Example modules include**
- Consumer
- Marketing Communications
- Strategic Marketing

**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.

**Potential careers**
- Marketing and Business Development Manager
- Digital Marketing Graduate
- Marketing Executive

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**Mathematics and Statistics**

**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 links with industry and government provide expertise across statistics and data science and opportunities for industry-led dissertations.

Our Centre for Doctoral Training (STOR-i) combines statistics, operational research and industrial applications to produce a new generation of researcher.

**Our research areas**
- Pure mathematics
- Statistics

**You may also be interested in...**
- Data, Computing and Communications
- Medicine

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**Mathematics**

**PhD**
36 months F/T
72 months P/T

**Your programme**
The pure mathematics section has strong international research groups in:
- Analysis and probability
- Algebra and geometry
- Discrete mathematics and geometric rigidity

We have a vibrant research environment in pure mathematics with weekly research seminars, regular postgraduate forums and numerous research visitors. You will have regular meetings, typically weekly, with your supervisor and will be fully embedded within the research community. You are encouraged to participate in seminars, which provide an ideal opportunity to gain valuable experience of communicating ideas to an audience while also receiving feedback.

The Department is a member of the MAGIC scheme offering a wide range of postgraduate level lecture courses in mathematics and provides courses in commutative algebra and functional analysis. You will be given your own laptop, and are generously supported to attend and present work at conferences. You will have the opportunity to work as a teaching assistant on our taught programmes, a valuable source of experience and income.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in mathematics or a relevant related discipline with a strong mathematics component.

**Potential careers**
Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**Social Statistics**

**PhD**
36 months F/T
72 months P/T

**Your programme**
Research in applied social statistics, draws upon the acknowledged strengths of social science and social statistics at Lancaster; with the balance between the statistics and substantive components of the research tailored to your interests and background.

Depending upon prior statistical learning, there is the option for either direct entry to PhD study or to undertake an integrated programme with a Masters degree followed by PhD study. There are funding opportunities through the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded, North West Social Sciences Doctoral Training Programme (NWSSDTP) for both of these training routes.

We encourage joint supervision by the Department and a social science or related department across four North West universities (Lancaster, Liverpool, Manchester and Keele), thus increasing the scope and potential focus of your research.

The programme is suitable for a range of purposes, notably: social science graduates wishing to develop applicable expertise in quantitative empirical work and statistics graduates wishing to develop applicable expertise in social statistics.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in statistics, social science or a relevant related discipline, or relevant professional qualification or experience.

**Potential careers**
Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.
Your programme

Our Royal Statistical Society (RSS) accredited Masters provides a distinctive blend of leading-edge statistical methods and practical techniques.

The programme combines a taught component with a 12-week dissertation. This dissertation offers the opportunity to strengthen and develop knowledge and skills gained on the taught modules, and provide experience in independent working on an in-depth project.

Term 1 consists of a set of core modules, statistical modelling and inference. Alongside these, you will also undertake a project skills module, which teaches transferable skills in statistical software and communication. In Term 2 you will choose from a selection of elective modules on more advanced and specialist topics in applied statistics and statistical modelling.

Upon successful completion of the taught programme, you will be awarded an MSc in Mathematics and Statistics. Alternatively, you may choose to continue your studies to complete a PhD in Mathematics and Statistics (integrated).

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Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in mathematics, statistics or in a related subject where there is substantial mathematical and statistical content.

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

Statistics and Operational Research (STOR-i)

Your programme

This programme offers a ground-breaking approach to statistics and operational research, developed in conjunction with leading industrial partners. There are typically over ten fully funded places annually.

Collaboration with our industrial partners, such as BT, IBM and AstraZeneca, ensures that we produce a generation of highly skilled researchers prepared for careers in academia or industry.

Commercing with an MRes, which provides a robust grounding and the development of research skills, you will identify a topic and plan your PhD research. You will also develop a versatile skill set including advanced problem solving, programming, and a broad range of presentation and dissemination skills.

The remaining three years will be spent working on the PhD project guided by appropriate supervisory teams, whilst taking a range of training programmes and experiencing visits to world-leading universities.

Entry requirements

A 1st class honours degree, or equivalent, in mathematics, or a related subject with a substantial mathematical and statistical content.

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

Mathematics and Statistics

Statistics

 PgDip MSc
 9 months F/T 12 months F/T
 24 months P/T 24 months P/T

PhD PhD (integrated)

36 months F/T 48 months F/T
72 months P/T

Statistics and Operational Research (STOR-i)

MRes PhD

12 months F/T 36 months F/T

Media and Cultural Studies

From radio broadcasters to social media managers and newspaper clippings to viral videos, our media environment is constantly changing and so are the cultures that surround it. Our approach balances theory and practise as we critique and contribute to media.

Media and Cultural Studies MA

Your programme

Media technologies, platforms and organisations, as well as their multiple cultural roles and implications, are changing. Some emerge whilst others seem threatened with extinction. How can we understand these changes? How can we acquire skills to work within changing media organisations? Our Media and Cultural Studies MA gives you the opportunity to be at the centre of digital innovation – from theory to practise – in areas of media and cultural studies.

You will have the chance to 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 aim is to advance your skills in the kinds of critical thinking, independent research, and creative production relevant for development and involvement in the cultural and media sectors and in furthering critical scholarship.

Example modules include

- Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
- Digital Audio Culture

Entry requirements

A good Masters degree in a relevant subject or undergraduate degree with a strong component of critical scholarship. You may also be considered.

Potential careers

- Academic and research careers
- Researchers in private companies
- Digital journalism and social media

Media and Cultural Studies PhD

Your programme

Our Media and Cultural Studies PhD offers a chance to develop your own knowledge and research in the ever-changing world of media. Our staff have studied how things such as television, YouTube, gaming, journalism and fan communities intersect with key themes of power, class, skill, inequality, and visions of the future.

You will join an international and interdisciplinary community with students working on PhDs in sociology, gender and women’s studies, science studies, media and cultural studies, and applied social science. You will be assigned PhD supervisors – usually two – and consideration will be taken to match you with supervisor(s) whose current active research interests and expertise are relevant to your chosen topic.

A programme of skills and dissertation workshops designed specifically for postgraduate students within the Sociology Department runs throughout the year. In addition, you are encouraged to attend relevant taught modules, but are not required to take any for credit as part of your degree.

Entry requirements

A good Masters degree in a relevant subject or sociology, media studies, cultural studies, geography, philosophy, politics, linguistics and anthropology, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in one of the disciplines noted above, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Academic and research careers
- Researchers in private companies
- Digital journalism and social media
### Medicine

At the Lancaster Medical School, we see medicine and healthcare through the lens of community. We not only strive for excellence in our teaching and research, but also focus firmly on the positive societal impact we must make.

Lancaster Medical School was founded on the principles of being exacting, nurturing, and socially just. The rigour that we put into everything we do underpins our learning environment, which in turn has community health – be that local, national or global – at its core.

#### Our research areas
- Cancer biology and DNA damage
- Statistical and epidemiological methods
- Societal and ethical aspects of health and medicine
- Musculoskeletal diseases
- Medical education

#### You may also be interested in...
- Health Studies

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#### Your programme

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 PgCert after one year, a PgDip after two years, or an MSc over three years. The full MSc can also be studied full-time over one year, or part-time over two years.

#### Example modules include
- Life Cycle of Clinical Research
- Methodological Foundations
- Translating Research into Healthcare Policy and Practise

#### Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject including medicine, nursing, psychology, biological sciences or related subjects. Applicants with relevant professional experience, but without a first degree should contact the Course Director.

#### Potential careers

+ Clinical trials assistant

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#### Your programme

Lancaster University is committed to attracting and nurturing talented researchers in the early stages of their academic career.

Lancaster Medical School postgraduate researchers are a vital part of our vibrant research culture and are actively encouraged to take part in seminars and postgraduate symposia. We strive to provide a caring framework for postgraduate research training and supervision that is aimed towards achieving a high on-time completion rate for studies.

A wide variety of medical and clinically applied research projects can be undertaken with the Lancaster Medical School. We offer a range of opportunities for advanced postgraduate study with experienced supervisors in areas including social studies of science and technology in clinical practice, qualitative methods in health research, cellular responses to DNA damage, musculoskeletal medicine, medical ethics, and medical education.

#### Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree in an appropriate subject and an interest in pursuing medical research at advanced level.

#### Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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#### Your programme

This masters in research is designed to develop your skills in quantitative and translations research, preparing you to meet international demand for cutting-edge science informing beneficial health programmes in vulnerable communities worldwide.

The programme has an emphasis on quantitative research with the aim of training you as a bridge scientist able to work in multidisciplinary teams. You will be able to translate scientific innovations into practical improvements to people’s health and prosperity in a range of countries.

This course is ideal for bioscientists who want to improve their quantitative and statistical skills, or for mid-career professionals who want to improve their core skills in computer programming.

#### Example modules include
- Geostatistical Models
- Introduction to Translational Research in Global Health
- Modelling of Infectious Diseases

#### Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. This course is also open to intercalating clinical students from veterinary, medical or dentistry disciplines. The University will also consider qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard.

#### Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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#### Your programme

The PhD in Statistics and Epidemiology is delivered by The Centre for Health Informatics, Computing, and Statistics (CHICAS). You will work on a statistical and computational project, developing methodology and/or an application in spatial statistics, longitudinal data, or genetics.

CHICAS conducts research on the development of novel statistical and epidemiological methods and their applications. The methodological strengths of staff are in spatial statistics and longitudinal data analysis. The applied research spans a wide range of clinical settings both in the UK and internationally with collaborations in Europe, Africa, North America and South America.

Research topics can focus on either methodological development, substantive application, or a blend of the two. You will be allocated a space in a shared office and will be encouraged to attend and make presentations at scientific meetings both within the UK and overseas.

#### Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, with a substantial statistical and/or epidemiological component.

#### Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.
Natural Sciences

Natural Sciences is an interdisciplinary field (involving biology, chemistry, engineering and physics) that enables us to understand natural phenomena, which is useful for fundamental and applied science and engineering.

Our staff have a wide range of research interests that transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries, connecting researchers (with expertise in biology, chemistry, engineering, medicine, and physics) to engage with various partners to address real-world problems and generate solutions to grand challenges.

Our research areas
• Biology
• Chemistry
• Engineering
• Medicine
• Physics

You may also be interested in...
• Biological Sciences
• Chemistry
• Engineering
• Physics

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

This Masters by research offers you an exciting opportunity to undertake and manage your own research project, where you will produce new and original data to make a solid contribution to the scientific community. You will gain valuable laboratory experience throughout the nine months of your full-time laboratory work as part of a research team, and will forge important relationships in the professional sphere.

Areas of research fall within, but are not limited to, the diverse portfolio of our academic staff – biomedical and life sciences, chemistry, engineering, physics, health and medicine.

The dissertation, and a viva voce assessment, will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature.

You will be supported by your supervisor(s) at every stage, identifying gaps in your knowledge base and working together to fill them, helping you to develop practical skills, increasing your data analysis skills, and guiding the writing up of your dissertation.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent in science or engineering. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us for information.

Potential careers
• Doctoral study
• Research and development in industrial or government settings
• Teaching

PhD

36 – 48 months F/T

Your programme

We offer 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, but are not limited to, the diverse portfolio of our academic staff – biomedical and life sciences, chemistry, engineering, physics, health and medicine.

The programme provides you with the knowledge and technical skills to produce sustained and original work. You will complete an independent research project, which will produce new and original data to make a solid contribution to the scientific community.

The PhD format includes 33-45 months of full-time laboratory work as part of a research team, followed by a three-month writing up period. You will be mentored by academics from one or more departments and offered further opportunities for learning via our graduate training programme.

The dissertation and viva voce assessment will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent in science or engineering. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us for information.

Potential careers
• Doctoral study
• Research and development in industrial or government settings
• Teaching

Philosophy

Philosophy at Lancaster uses reason, argument, and close reading to engage with the deep problems of human life: What is there? How do we know? How should one live? How should we live together? How can we answer such questions?

Philosophy at Lancaster is based in our Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR). Our interdisciplinary research is often linked to organisations outside of higher education, contributing to the reshaping and enhancement of policy and practise in active and tangible ways.

Our research areas
• Applied philosophy
• History of philosophy in both the Anglophone and continental traditions
• Philosophy of medicine, psychology, and psychiatry
• Non-western philosophy

You may also be interested in...
• Politics and International Relations
• Religious Studies

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject.

Potential careers
• Teaching
• Public service in government and NGOs
• Creative industries
### Philosophy

#### Philosophy and Religion

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**Your programme**

This cross-disciplinary programme provides you with the opportunity to pursue and develop your interests in philosophy and religious studies, and to focus on the interface between the two. It builds on core modules, which aim to introduce you to central disciplinary skills and knowledge, with choice from a range of optional modules across both disciplines.

Typically, you will take five taught modules, each assessed by a 5,000-word essay. The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation, on a topic that brings the two disciplines together.

The advanced research skills, developed through the programme, can be relevant to a range of professions. Equally, if you intend to go on to a PhD, this programme provides an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the two disciplines.

**Example modules include**

- Sources of Indian Religion and Philosophy
- Religion and Psychoanalytic Thought
- Studying Religion

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in philosophy or a relevant subject.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in academia.

### Physics

#### Nanoscience

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**Your programme**

This PhD offers research in nanoscience and nanotechnologies under the supervision of world-renowned experimentalists and theorists in the Quantum Technology Centre at Lancaster.

We collaborate with world-leading companies including IBM, Quantum Base, and Oxford Instruments. The programme is supported by a range of training courses covering modern research techniques and transferable skills.

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in physics or a relevant subject.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in academia.

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**You may also be interested in...**

- Chemistry
- Natural Sciences

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### Physics

#### Physics

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**Your programme**

Define and manage an independent research project that will equip you for more sustained and original work at doctoral level, or for advanced level applied research positions with 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 an induction period 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.

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in physics, or a relevant subject.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.

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**You may also be interested in...**

- Mathematics
- Computing

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**Potential careers**

We welcome applications from those seeking to undertake research for a PhD in physics. The Physics Department consists of four broad research divisions in astrophysics, particle and accelerator physics, experimental condensed matter, and theory, each consisting of a range of sub-disciplines.

Opportunities are available within each of our research divisions, which cover both theoretical and experimental physics.

There is vigorous cross-divisional activity, which includes studies of new materials such as graphene and molecular nanowires, cosmological experiments in liquid helium, nonlinear dynamics of biological rhythm and IR spectroscopy, and nanoscale probe microscopy of biological objects.

Our degree schemes emphasise the development of transferable skills, such as critical thinking, communication skills, numeracy, literacy, team working, data analysis, and computing and computational skills, which are in much demand amongst employers.

Students will have the opportunity to attend specialist training courses as well as the Faculty of Science and Technology Research Training Programme.

**Entry requirements**

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in physics, ideally supplemented by a relevant Masters-level qualification.

**Potential careers**

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in industry and academia.
Politics and International Relations at Lancaster investigates the central questions that shape the modern world, enabling students to analyse, discuss and develop their ideas about war and peace, poverty and inequality, order and justice, and governance and power.

Our research areas
- Area studies of Africa, the Americas, Britain, China, Europe, the Middle East and South Asia
- Immigration and borders
- Security

You may also be interested in...
- Law
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Our programme is designed to examine critically the theoretical and methodological issues surrounding the dynamics of peace and conflict in the contemporary world. You will have the opportunity to engage with the work of peace and conflict studies scholars, at both conceptual and empirical levels, and to draw on evidence from a range of recent armed conflicts.

Through the programme, we also aim to address techniques in conflict resolution, such as mediation, in order to help you deepen your understanding and enable you to develop skills in conflict analysis. We encourage you to use optional modules from politics to support the core programme.

The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation in a subject area of your own choice that has been agreed together with your academic supervisor.

**Example modules include**
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- European Politics
- Major approaches to the Study of International Relations

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

**Potential careers**
- National and international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- Academic and higher education roles

Conflict, Development and Security

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
This MA programme could be particularly relevant if you are considering employment in the field of humanitarian assistance and post-conflict reconstruction. It may also be of interest if you are a practitioner wishing to study the politics of aid.

Our programme seeks to build on the critical policy research and consultancy that has been completed for a wide range of international organisations. We aim to analyse the increasing overlap between ‘development’ and ‘security’ and to explore the significance of globalisation for the emergence of internal, regionalised and networked forms of conflict and instability.

We hope that through this analysis you will broaden your understanding of the present crises in global security and development through the study of recent and current humanitarian, developmental and security responses. There will also be opportunities to explore the links between aid and politics.

**Example modules include**
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- European Politics
- Issues and Practise in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

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

**Potential careers**
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- Business management and consultancy
- Academic and higher education roles

Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Diplomatic relations, international negotiations, foreign-policy decision-making processes, and the conduct of foreign policy constitute important features of international politics.

The programme is designed to introduce you to theories, issues and processes connected with diplomacy and foreign policy. It could be especially relevant if you are thinking about, or currently working in, diplomacy, international NGOs, and global policy and politics. We aim to provide you with opportunities to participate in debates and mock negotiation exercises to enhance your practical skills. Previously, we have also invited practitioners with experience in the field to contribute elements of the programme.

The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation in a subject area of your own choice that has been agreed together with your academic supervisor.

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

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

**Potential careers**
- Legal roles in a range of organisations
- Roles in the finance and banking sector
- Roles in national or international government agencies

Diplomacy and International Law

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Jointly delivered by the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) and Lancaster University Law School, this programme offers the opportunity to access the expertise of academics working in the field of research in politics, international relations, legal and socio-legal issues.

Our aim is to deepen your understanding of the social, legal, economic and political issues playing out on the world’s stage. By taking core and elective modules from the Law School and PPR, in addition to the completion of your 20,000-word dissertation, you are encouraged to pursue your own interests while practised at looking at issues from different elements of the programme.

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 your final dissertation.

**Example modules include**
- International Law
- Issues and Practise in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Theory and Concepts in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

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

**Potential careers**
- Legal roles in a range of organisations
- Roles in the finance and banking sector
- Roles in national or international government agencies

Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning)

**LLM**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
This programme is the distance learning variant of our campus-based Diplomacy and International Law programme and aims to provide you with the same opportunity to deepen your understanding of the social, legal, economic and political issues playing out on the world’s stage.

Our distance learning approach typically combines recorded material with live and interactive lectures. There are also elements to be worked through independently and via online collaboration and discussion, and group work. We actively encourage you to build a virtual network amongst our academics and your peers as you study.

Distance learning usually begins in September, with an online orientation session conducted through a virtual learning environment (VLE) and web conferencing system.

You will be awarded either an LLM or an MA degree dependent on the weighting of law and politics courses you study.

**Example modules include**
- International Human Rights
- International Law
- Issues and Practise in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in law, social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

**Potential careers**
- Legal roles in a range of organisations
- Roles in the finance and banking sector
- Roles in national or international government agencies
Politics and International Relations

Diplomacy and International Relations (by Distance Learning)

International Relations

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Diplomatic relations, international negotiations, foreign-policy decision-making processes, and the conduct of foreign policy constitute important features of international politics. This online MA programme is designed to introduce you to theories, issues and processes connected with diplomacy, foreign policy and international relations. It employs a wide variety of online learning experiences that support and enhance your learning experience, and we aim to offer you the same quality of experience students experience when studying with us on campus.

A two-week online induction programme is available before the course starts in October. The purpose of this induction is to introduce you to the online learning environment, available digital services and software, e-library and e-resources. It also provides an opportunity for you to meet your tutors online and start communicating with your peers.

**Example modules include**
- Religion and Conflict
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

**Potential careers**
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

International Relations

**PhD**
- 36 months F/T

**Your programme**
We welcome disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and post-disciplinary research proposals from those seeking to undertake a PhD or PNO research programme in International Relations.

Our MPhil variant culminates in the writing of a 40,000-word thesis, whereas our PhD programme culminates in an 80,000-word thesis. During the initial or probationary period, we encourage you to dedicate your time to research training and general preparation for the thesis. We offer you the opportunity to take research training modules covering research skills and key concepts, theories and approaches in the sub-field in which you intend to write your thesis.

During this period, you would also be expected to write a literature review and begin the process of writing your thesis. During the final phase, which is subject to confirmation by an Upgrade Panel, you will complete your research, write the remainder of your thesis, and prepare for submission and examination.

The department has a lively research culture, including stimulating weekly research seminars. In addition, you are encouraged to participate in faculty-wide workshops and research programmes.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

**Potential careers**
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

Politics and International Relations

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
We welcome disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and post-disciplinary research proposals from those seeking to undertake a PhD research programme in Politics. We would encourage you to explore the research interests of our academic colleagues to ensure that your proposal relates to our areas of research.

As a researcher within the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, you will be supervised by leading scholars in their area. Further support is also offered by the library and seminar programmes. You will be stimulated by an enthusiastic, research-intensive environment allowing you to develop skills that will be useful to you, both in your academic work and in your future career. You will also have the opportunity to attend research seminars led by key thinkers from around the UK and beyond and you will belong to a lively and cosmopolitan graduate school.

We enjoy good working relationships with related departments and research centres, and joint supervision arrangements, across different disciplines, are sometimes possible.

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, and a viable research proposal.

**Potential careers**
- Roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

**Politics**

**PhD**
- 36 months F/T

**Your programme**
This programme provides you with the opportunity to choose a combination of modules from the domestic to the global. We aim to provide a range of modules to suit your background and interests.

We usually offer a variety of methods through which to study political life. You will take five taught modules each assessed by a 6,000-word essay. The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation in a subject area of your own choosing, agreed by an academic supervisor.

We hope you will develop a broad range of research and analytical skills that could be used in a range of careers. The programme can also provide a foundation for those looking to pursue academic careers.

**Example modules include**
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- European Politics
- Theorising Security and War

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

**Potential careers**
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

Politics and International Relations

**PgCert**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
This programme aims to provide you with a secure knowledge of the major theories, concepts and issues relating to politics and international relations.

We will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of a range of debates and discussions raised by past and present approaches to the subject. In addition, our aim is to equip you with the necessary skills appropriate to evaluating, analysing and interpreting both academic and practitioner approaches to politics and international relations.

In addition to the core module of Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations, you will choose two optional modules from the range available in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion.

**Example modules include**
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

**Potential careers**
- Roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

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Politics and Philosophy

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
This interdisciplinary programme offers you the opportunity to undertake sustained and focused study in the disciplines of politics and philosophy. With a number of staff working across philosophy and politics, our programme typically covers a variety of approaches to the study of both philosophy and politics.

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers
+ Roles in government and politics
+ National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
+ Academic and higher education roles

Politics, Philosophy and Management

MSc
12 months F/T

Your programme
Organisations are increasingly seeking graduates with a deeper understanding of the social, political and moral dimensions of management, so that they can protect the wider interests of society. This programme answers the demand for a new kind of management graduate that uses philosophy as a tool to take on key political and social questions.

We create competent managers who can see the underlying connections between complex problems. They are able to respond to the demands of reconciling economic growth, sustainability and equitable social outcomes. Our graduates are in tune with contemporary political developments and international relations. You will learn how to deal with complex issues, such as the management of people and organisational change and will develop in depth knowledge of the major historical and intellectual theories, concepts and issues relating to politics, philosophy and the management of institutions.

Alongside this fresh way of thinking, you will acquire and build skills such as research design, report writing, and how to present professionally.

Example modules include
+ Future Generations
+ Seminar in Moral, Political, and Social Philosophy
+ Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

Psychology

A Masters degree in psychology will be an important step towards a career in vital areas of practise or research. What you learn will be based on the latest research as our teaching staff are internationally recognised in their fields.

Our researchers welcome ambitious graduates. Key funders, including The Leverhulme Trust, UK research councils, and the National Institutes of Health, support the work of our academic staff across nine laboratories and four university-wide research centres.

We are one of the UK’s largest developmental psychology research centres, and are a recognised leader in open research practices.

Our research areas
+ Infancy and early development
+ Language and cognition
+ Perception and action
+ Social processes

Example modules include
+ Analysing and Interpreting Data
+ Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research
+ Developmental Disorders

Developmental Disorders

MSc
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
This programme will provide you with advanced insight into psychology and offers you the opportunity to gain hands-on experience that will be hugely beneficial in any career. You will benefit from the world-leading research being conducted by our staff, and our Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) recognised PhD-level research training.

Studying with us will enable you to build an advanced understanding of developmental disorders and this will be hugely beneficial for those wishing to practise professional psychology, to pursue research, or to advance into a senior role in professional practise.

Throughout the course, you will study five taught modules and one substantial research project. This will ensure you receive the breadth of skills and depth of knowledge to engage with a wide range of careers, or to progress into further research and study.

Example modules include
+ Analysing and Interpreting Data
+ Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research
+ Developmental Disorders

Entry requirements
A good first degree in psychology or a related discipline in which the nature of human development forms a core component.

Potential careers
+ PhD training
+ Clinical or educational psychology
+ Teaching and teaching-related professions
Psychological Research Methods

**MSc**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

Your programme
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 complete both compulsory and optional modules to develop your skills and expertise. You will extend and enhance your ability to analyse and interpret psychology data, and you will gain a high-level of advanced psychological research skills. A solid foundation in these skills will be invaluable as you progress into research or into specialist psychology roles, such as clinical or forensic psychology.

Altogether, you will study five modules and complete an independent research project.

**Example modules include**
- Analysing and Interpreting Data (foundational and advanced modules)
- Analysing Talk and Text
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research

**Entry requirements**
A good degree in psychology, or a related discipline, which contains a substantial training in psychological research methods.

**Potential careers**
- PhD study
- A career in clinical or educational psychology
- Research in business, industry, applied psychology, education or health

Psychology

**PhD**
- 36 months F/T

**MSc**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

Your programme
A PhD consists of an extensive and coherent research programme typically involving three to four years of full-time study. We welcome proposals for PhD research that offer programmatic ideas connected with staff research projects and interests. We think of PhDs as student-led yet collaborative research projects.

We provide extensive support and training to ensure that you are well equipped to make your work productive, effective and influential, ultimately leading to a successful and timely submission of a PhD thesis.

**Entry requirements**
A good undergraduate degree in psychology or a related subject is essential, while a Masters with a Merit or Distinction is desirable.

**Potential careers**
- University lecturing
- Postdoctoral research
- Research and consultancy in applied settings

Psychology of Advertising

**MSc**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Advertising is everywhere. Always transient, sometimes trivial, yet it can be incredibly powerful in changing our perceptions, our beliefs and our behaviour. Through this programme, you will develop an advanced understanding of how advertising affects the human mind.

This programme provides an interface between theory and practise, understanding and skills, by giving you a thorough grounding in the psychology underpinning persuasion in the context of how it is applied in the communications industry. It combines small-group knowledge-exchange with student-led teaching, built around outstanding expertise in cognitive, developmental, social and neuropsychological aspects of advertising.

Your dissertation can be completed in parallel or sequentially with an industry placement. This would give you the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, while applying your skills and knowledge to address a real world, industry-focused challenge. This practical and relevant experience of working for an external organisation, and the networking opportunities this brings, is hugely beneficial when applying for jobs at the end of the course.

**Example modules include**
- Advanced Advertising Theory
- Analysing and Interpreting Data
- Practical Aspects of Advertising

**Entry requirements**
A good degree in psychology, or a related discipline; other backgrounds not excluded. Relevant professional experience (e.g. consumer research, marketing, communications) may also be considered in addition to academic qualifications.

**Potential careers**
- Advertising, digital communications
- Marketing, consumer research
- PhD study

Religion and Violence

A PhD in Religion and Violence is a discipline separate from theology. Religious studies at Lancaster gives you the opportunity to study the world’s major religious traditions and to debate about the role of religion in the modern world.

Religious studies at Lancaster is based in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion. Our interdisciplinary research is often linked to organisations outside of higher education, contributing to the reshaping and enhancement of policy and practise in active and tangible ways.

**Our research areas**
- Global philosophy and religion
- New religions and spiritualities
- Religion and society

**You may also be interested in...**
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations

Diplomacy and Religion

**MA**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
Through this programme, we encourage you to consider the practical processes, ideological dynamics and historical dimensions involved in the interface of diplomacy/foreign policy and religion. It is especially relevant if you are thinking about, or currently working in, diplomacy, international NGOs, or international policy and politics.

You have the opportunity to develop analytical skills in the fields of religious studies and international relations and, through your final dissertation, you will be encouraged to engage in cross-disciplinary research. Previously, to enhance the programme, we have also invited practitioners with experience in the field to contribute. Where possible we also aim to include trips that are relevant to the topics being covered that year. For example, in the past, students have visited the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. Where trips are offered, students are normally expected to cover their own travel expenses.

**Example modules include**
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East
- Religion and Violence

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Relevant professional qualifications and experience may also be considered.

**Potential careers**
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles
- Teaching in schools and colleges

Quaker Studies (Distance Learning)

**PgCert**
- 12 months F/T
- 24 months P/T

**Your programme**
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.

This course is designed to introduce you to theories, issues and processes connected with the history, theology and sociology of Quakerism in a global context. The programme is especially relevant to those interested in Quaker theology and history, the adaptation of religious groups to new social and geographical settings, globalisation and religion, and secularisation.

**Example modules include**
- Quaker Theology in Context
- Quakerism, Peace and Justice
- The Sociology of Contemporary Quakerism

**Entry requirements**
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Relevant professional qualifications and experience may also be considered.

**Potential careers**
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles
- Teaching in schools and colleges

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Quakerism in the Modern World (Distance Learning)

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
This programme is offered in collaboration between the Postgraduate Quaker Study Centre at Woodbrooke, Birmingham and the Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Religion.

The programme aims to introduce you to the theories, issues and processes connected with the history, theology and sociology of Quakerism in a global context. It is especially relevant if you are interested in Quaker theology and history, the adaptation of religious groups to new social and geographical settings, globalisation and religion, secularisation, and Quakerism in a changing political environment.

The programme includes training in research methods and is excellent preparation for further research or leadership within the denomination.

Example modules include
• Faith Debates: Religion, Society and Politics
• Quaker Theology in Context
• Quakerism, Peace and Justice

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Relevant professional qualifications and experience may also be considered.

Potential careers
• National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
• Academic and higher education roles
• Teaching in schools and colleges

Religious Studies

Religious Studies

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
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.

In addition to core and optional modules in politics and religion, a 20,000-word dissertation provides you with the opportunity to undertake an extended project that focuses upon one of a number of dimensions relating to the interface of politics and religion, as it pertains to conflict.

Example modules include
• Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
• Religion and Conflict
• Religion and Violence

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

Potential careers
• National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
• Academic and higher education roles
• Research and advisory roles in government and politics

Religious Studies

Religious Studies

PgCert/MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
This broad academic programme aims to explore the academic discipline of religious studies. We seek to introduce you to key theoretical and methodological issues in the study of religion from a range of disciplinary perspectives.

Our programme typically explores key topics in religion such as the social and cultural transformations of contemporary religion and spirituality; religion and conflict; religion and popular culture; modern religious thought and history; religion and politics; and the relationship between religion, gender and gender.

Our programme provides you with an opportunity to explore the history, texts and contemporary contexts of specific religious traditions.

Example modules include
• Constructing Ethics in Islam
• Modern Religious and Atheistic Thought
• Sources of Indian Religion and Philosophy

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

Potential careers
• Teaching in schools and colleges
• Academic and higher education roles
• Research and advisory roles in government and politics

Religious Studies

Religious Studies

MPhil/PhD
24 – 36 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
Based on our current staff research, we welcome proposals from those with an interest in the following broad areas of Buddhism; Christianity; Islam; Hinduism; the social and cultural transformations of contemporary religion and spirituality; sociology of religion; religion and popular culture; modern religious thought and history; religion and politics; and the relationship between religion, gender and gender.

Our MPhil variant culminates in the writing of a 40,000-word thesis, whereas our PhD programme culminates in an 80,000-word thesis. The PhD programme is formed of two parts:

The initial probationary period, where you will be encouraged to dedicate your time to research training and general preparation for the thesis. During this period, you would also be expected to write a literature review and begin the process of writing your thesis.

During the final phase, which is subject to confirmation by an Upgrade Panel, you will complete your research, write the remainder of your thesis, and prepare for submission and examination.

Entry requirements
A good Master’s degree in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science subject, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers
• Teaching in schools and colleges
• Academic and higher education roles
• National or international non-governmental organisations and charities

Sociology

At Lancaster, you can explore how theory and practise meet and what happens when you creatively re-work their links. We value a diversity of voices, cultivate links to local, national and global groups, and build opportunities for dialogue, change, and social impact.

Lancaster’s Sociology Department is a research-intensive department that foregrounds critical and active engagement with contemporary problems such as inequality and climate change. 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.

Our research centres
• Centre for Child and Family Justice Research (CFJ)
• Centre for Disability Research (CeDiR)
• 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)
• Centre for Alternatives to Social and Economic Inequalities (CASEI)

Entry requirements
A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science background, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers
• Academic and higher education roles
• Local, regional or national government positions
• National or international non-governmental organisations
Your programme

This programme is for those who want to engage critically, practically and creatively with global and local environmental problems by developing their own research expertise related to the intersection of the environment and society. We currently have staff who research a range of issues including the implications of the declaration of a new geological epoch of the Anthropocene, sustainable innovations in farming practices, the challenge of decarbonising transport mobilities to reduce carbon emissions, and how social dynamics can become more central in discussions of energy demand.

You will be assigned PhD supervisors, usually two, and consideration will be taken to match you with supervisor(s) whose current research interests and expertise are relevant to your chosen topic. Where possible, we also support cross-departmental supervision.

There is also the opportunity for researchers on this PhD programme to enjoy close links with the Centre for the Study of Environmental Change, Practise Theory Group and the Centre for Science Studies.

Entry requirements

A Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science background, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

+ Local, regional or national government positions
+ Non-governmental organisations and charities
+ Academic and higher education roles
Social Research

MA

12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
This MA programme combines methodological training with flexible sets of modules in different areas of social inquiry, and is therefore suitable for those from a range of disciplinary backgrounds. It is ideal for those wishing to train or re-train in social research skills.

Five different pathways are available:

+ Sociology
+ Gender and women’s studies
+ Media and cultural studies
+ Environment, culture and society
+ Science, technology, innovation and social practises

The programme normally consists of four core modules, two optional modules and a dissertation. During the programme, you have the opportunity to learn how to design, analyse and defend research through hands-on activities. Our aim is for you to become skilled in transforming theoretically informed research questions into research projects.

The Northwest Doctoral Training Partnership (Economic and Social Research Council) currently recognises this programme meaning that you may be eligible to apply for 1+3 studentships.

Example modules include

+ Methods in Science and Technology Studies
+ Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination
+ Making Research Count: Engaging with Quantitative Data

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline.

Potential careers

+ Local, regional or national government positions
+ Researchers in private companies
+ Academic research careers

Sociology

MA

12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme
Our Sociology programme encourages critical and engaged thinking about the contemporary world. It addresses issues such as inequalities, 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 should enable you to design and complete an independent research project from initial conception to finished dissertation.

The core modules aim to ground you in theory, methods and analytical tools, and optional modules, normally three, give you the opportunity to apply them to particular issues. For the dissertation, you will conduct independent study with a supervisor, choosing from a range of topics similar in scope to the options offered.

Example modules include

+ Capitalism and Crisis
+ Cybercrime
+ Consumer Society

Entry requirements
A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline.

Potential careers

+ Local, regional or national government positions
+ Researchers in private companies
+ Academic research careers

Sociology

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme
On this programme, you have the opportunity to develop your own research expertise in an interdisciplinary department. Our staff are involved with research centres and groups looking at everything from social futures and inequalities to disability, mobilities and migration, and the political economy. Our staff also have particular expertise in actor network theory, practise theories, cultural studies and diverse methodologies, for example.

You will undertake your research alongside some exciting sociological thinkers in a dynamic and supportive research environment, becoming a member of our international and interdisciplinary community of researchers who are working on PhDs in sociology, gender and women’s studies, science studies, media and cultural studies, and applied social science.

You will be assigned PhD supervisors, usually two, and consideration will be taken to match you with supervisor(s) whose current active research interests and expertise are relevant to your chosen topic. A programme of skills workshops, designed specifically for postgraduate students within the Sociology Department, runs throughout the year.

Entry requirements
A Masters degree or equivalent in sociology or a related discipline, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

+ Academic research careers
+ Local, regional or national government positions
+ National or international non-governmental organisations

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Getting to campus

Our campus is around three miles south of the City of Lancaster.

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 currently at least 14 buses every hour to the city centre during the day in term-time. Megabus and National Express also serve the campus.

Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/bus-travel.

By bicycle
Cycling is very popular at Lancaster. There is a signed cycle route to the city centre from the campus, which takes around 20 minutes to cycle. Bicycle parking is provided across campus and in the city.

Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/cycling.

By rail
Lancaster is on the West Coast Main Line with fast and frequent rail services to destinations across the UK. Lancaster Railway Station is situated a 5 minute walk from the city centre. There is a direct bus service to the station from campus.

By car
The University is located 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 in the pay and display visitor car parks. Charges apply Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00. Electric vehicle charging points are available.

By air
Lancaster University is about an hour’s drive from Manchester International Airport. An hourly rail link from the airport to Lancaster takes around one hour 20 minutes. The University provides a coach shuttle service from Manchester Airport to the campus at the start of the academic year.

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

Where we are

- Edinburgh
- The Lake District
- Lancaster
- Manchester
- Liverpool
- London

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From Edinburgh
30 mins
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1 hour
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