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Welcome

**I am delighted that you are considering Lancaster University
as the next step for your future.**

Lancaster is a global university with an international reputation for combining world-leading research with a personal educational experience. Our reputation for academic excellence is reflected in prominent positions in both UK and global university league tables.

We attract the brightest minds from around the world to work and study at Lancaster. You will learn in a stimulating, research-led environment, from academics who are at the forefront of their field of research. 91% of Lancaster's research was independently rated as 'internationally excellent' or 'world leading' in the 2021 Research Excellence Framework.

The research of Lancaster's academics has impact well beyond academia – improving lives and communities, whilst influencing business and addressing the greatest global challenges of our time. In 2020, the University declared a climate emergency and has ambitious plans to be carbon net zero by 2035.

By studying with us, we invite you to become part of our global academic community and continue your journey towards a rewarding future.



Professor Andy Schofield
Vice-Chancellor

Research excellence

Environment

99%

of Lancaster's overall research environment was rated as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

Impact

95%

of Lancaster's research was rated as having 'outstanding' impact or 'very considerable' research significance.

Climate emergency

Lancaster declared a climate emergency in 2020 aiming to be carbon net zero for electricity and heating by 2030 and net zero from all other emissions by 2035.

Gold standard



Teaching
Excellence
Framework



Top 150 in the world

The QS World University Rankings
2025 place Lancaster joint 141st out
of 1,500 universities in the world.

For more information please visit lancaster.ac.uk

Nine colleges, one home

Your college is for everything,
from support to making friends.



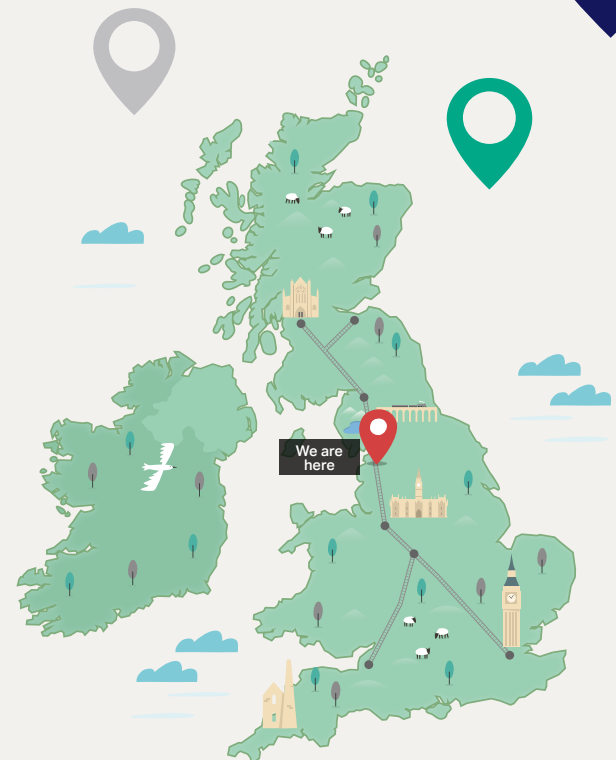
In demand graduates

We're one of the top 30 most targeted universities
by the UK's leading graduate employers.*



*The Graduate Market in 2024 report by High
Fliers Research, in association with The Times.

Where is Lancaster?



Global recognition

QS Stars is a university rating system used
by hundreds of institutions around the world.



Global Engagement



Teaching



Employability



Facilities



Research



Environmental Impact

Brightest minds

Our international reputation for research and academic excellence means that we attract the brightest minds from around the world to work and study at Lancaster.

A new dictionary sheds light on frequency of words in British English

'Yeah', 'so', 'oh' and 'like' take pride of place in the top 100 most used British English words, according to a new dictionary collated and presented by Lancaster University researchers, Professor of Corpus Linguistics Vaclav Brezina and Senior Lecturer Dr Dana Gablasova. *A Frequency Dictionary of British English* (recently published by Routledge), includes the 5,000 most frequent words in current British English, including emerging variations.

Not surprisingly, words such as 'the', 'be', 'and', 'a' and 'of' make the top five most used words and coming in towards the end of the 5000-strong list of words are 'Victorian', 'Sydney', and 'Belgium'; the lower-frequency items still appear 13 times per million words.

And, for example, did you know that the adjective 'hot' occurs with an average frequency of 115 times per million words and is used most frequently in speech and least frequently in official documents? We often talk about 'hot water', 'hot chocolate' and 'hot tub'.

The dictionary therefore helps distinguish different uses of words, which, say the authors, is essential for both language learners and researchers interested in words occurring in real contexts. The dictionary provides detailed insights into the use of English words across a number of contexts and therefore tells us fascinating stories about how we live and what we think about the world.

The frequency dictionary is based on extensive research on current British English by using the British National Corpus 2014 (BNC2014), a 100-million-word representative corpus or dataset of contemporary British English developed at Lancaster University and uses 'per one million words' as a measure of word frequencies.

The BNC2014 was constructed as a comparable counterpart to the original British National Corpus completed in the early 1990s. Researchers on the project, which included Professor Brezina, used innovative computational methods to examine huge amounts of words to compile and analyse the new balanced dataset (corpus) which covers the period from 2007 to 2020 with 2014 providing the mid-point.

To create the dictionary, Professor Brezina and Dr Gablasova used a new tool called #LancsBox X, that was developed and custom-made by a team at Lancaster University, which enabled them to produce the analysis. Available as a free download, this tool will help researchers produce dictionaries and grammar books much more speedily in the future.

— Professor Vaclav Brezina and Dr Dana Gablasova



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Restored coral reefs can grow as fast as healthy reefs

Reefs worldwide are severely threatened by local and global pressures. In Indonesia, destructive blast fishing destroyed large reef areas 30-40 years ago – with no signs of recovery until now.

The Mars Coral Reef Restoration Programme attempts to restore degraded reefs by transplanting coral fragments onto a network of interconnected 'Reef Stars' (sand-coated steel frames).

An international collaboration of researchers, initiated by Lancaster University's Tim Lamont, has then studied these restored reefs to assess whether coral restoration can bring back the important ecosystem functions of a healthy reef. The study involved researchers from Lancaster University, the Research Center for Oceanography, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) in Indonesia, Mars Sustainable Solutions and the University of Exeter.

The team used a specialised surveying method to monitor 'reef carbonate budgets' – the net production or erosion of reef framework over time. These carbonate budgets are a key predictor of the reef's ability to grow, keep up with sea-level rise, protect coastlines from storms, and provide habitat for reef animals.

To evaluate if and how fast these reef functions return after coral restoration, carbonate budgets were measured at the Mars reef restoration sites

that were restored a few months, one year, two years and four years ago, as well as on degraded and healthy control sites.

In the years following coral transplantation, coral cover, coral colony sizes and carbonate production rates tripled, and after four years, restoration sites were indistinguishable from nearby healthy reefs in all investigated parameters.

This means that after only four years, restored reefs are growing at the same speed as healthy reefs, provide similar habitat for marine life, and efficiently protect the adjacent island from wave energy and erosion.

However, as transplanted coral fragments are a mix of different branching coral types, the community composition on restoration sites differs from healthy reefs, which also harbour many boulder-like and encrusting corals. This may affect habitat provision for larger marine species and resilience to future heatwaves, as branching corals are more sensitive to bleaching.

This encouraging discovery means that if we can maintain the climate conditions that allow for coral survival it may be possible to restore even very damaged reefs in relatively short periods of time and bring back important functions that are critical for marine life and local communities.

— Above: Dr Tim Lamont, 1851 Royal Commission Research Fellow.
Photo credit: Cheltenham Science Festival

— Left: A clownfish in an anemone in central Indonesia. Photo credit: Tim Lamont



Sophie James came to Lancaster to undertake a PhD in Marketing. She is investigating the WitchTok phenomenon and has discovered how the marketplace has managed to commercialise such practices outside of the norm for hundreds of years.

What brought you to Lancaster?

I pursued a full-time PhD in Marketing at Lancaster due to the University's impressive and consistent ranking across several university league tables, the PhD programme itself, which aligns with my academic background and career goals, and the Marketing Department's reputation for producing world-leading and internationally excellent research. I was excited at the prospect of joining the Centre for Consumption Insights (CCI), directed by Professor James Cronin.

What is your research about?

My research is informed by cultural theory and adopts a critical perspective on the socio-historical and political-ideological structures involved in shaping present-day modes of magical thinking, consumer spirituality, and reflexive doubt. Drawing upon consumer interest in witches and witchcraft, my doctoral thesis explores how premodern and pre-capitalist fantasies and imagined ways of living find themselves recycled, reproduced, and commodified in the contemporary marketplace. My research is informed by qualitative, interpretivist methods and connects closely with 'de-romanticist' and 'terminal' writing in critical marketing and consumer research.

What is life like for a research student?

My life as a research student revolves around the completion of my PhD, attending workshops, training seminars, teaching, and collaborating with my supervisors and peers, all of which have provided me with unparalleled opportunities for personal and professional growth, particularly in helping me to develop my critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Life as a research student can be so rewarding, especially where I have made interesting contributions to marketing and consumer research. Then, there also is the importance of cultivating positive habits such as self-discipline, being self-sufficient, independent, managing your own research projects, and handling any setbacks as well as constructive criticism with a positive outlook!

What is your typical day like as a research student?

Each day is filled with a varied range of stimulating research-related activities (depending on the stage of my PhD, for example the second year is more field-work intensive), and other projects I am working on. I also teach on several marketing modules for first year and final year students, so this further diversifies my routine. Whilst I have a 'general' daily routine, I have learned that being adaptable and resilient are essential when navigating daily life as a research student as you never know what hurdles or opportunities will arise!



Sophie James

How have your skills and knowledge developed during your time at Lancaster?

My academic skills and knowledge have significantly improved, in part due to the practical experience I have gained throughout my doctoral studies, such as presenting at workshops and talks, being interviewed on BBC radio, presenting my research at international conferences, and carrying out the skills required to write academic papers including draft writing, reviewing, editing, visualisation, project management, investigation, data curation, conceptualisation, and more. Completing a PhD by publication has deepened my understanding of my field of expertise and provided me with vital transferable skills such as communication skills, critical thinking, teamwork, problem-solving, adaptability, and leadership – all of which are important for those wishing to pursue a career in academia.

Do you have any advice for people considering doing a research degree at Lancaster University?

For anyone considering a research degree at Lancaster University, I would recommend choosing a study area that speaks to your strengths and passions. When undertaking a research degree, ensure you take advantage of the numerous opportunities for professional and personal development, whether attending specialist training workshops, responding to conference calls, engaging with interdisciplinary teaching and research opportunities, writing retreats, joining and participating in relevant research centre activities, and seeking out networking opportunities.

What does the future hold for you on completion of your PhD?

On completion of my degree I have secured a full-time lectureship at Lancaster University in the Marketing Department, commencing this summer. I am looking forward to continuing with my research projects and working in partnership with academics from other research centres within the University such as the Cyber Security Research Centre. I'll endeavour to continue striving toward producing thought-provoking research contributions in the intersections between digital marketing, consumer behaviour, and increasingly, the significance of fostering a security-conscious consumer culture.

Your college



– Printroom cafe at The Storey Institute in the city centre

When you join Lancaster University, you will become part of our vibrant collegiate system.

We have nine colleges and, as a postgraduate student, you will join Graduate College, which operates exclusively for the benefit of our postgraduate community.

Our colleges offer a safe, welcoming space, where it's easy to make friends with students from many different nationalities and walks of life. They are home to students from all over the world, so you'll find an international and multicultural community waiting for you.

Graduate College is located to the southwest of campus, which is quieter than the centre of campus and only a short walk away. It boasts a friendly, international community that 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 extracurricular activities help to ensure that your postgraduate experience is rewarding.

The College is more than a place to live, you'll also have the chance to study and socialise there as well. Through the College, you'll be able to access a range of services designed to help and support you during your time at Lancaster. These include study facilities, such as a quiet study room and a family study room - specifically for students with children. There are spaces for relaxation, group work, and individual study too. All of our study spaces are well connected, with IT equipment and Wi-Fi throughout.

It's not all about studying. Getting to know other students and making connections is easy. The College has a packed calendar of organised events like day trips, weekly activities and social events on campus, off campus, and online to enable all postgraduate students to join. There is also a popular Postgraduate Community Kitchen – which is a bookable group cooking and dining space.

It can be used for cohort dinners, birthdays, name days, cultural celebrations, and more. It also hosts open food-based activities and events for postgraduates to cook, share, and showcase their cultures and favourite foods.

Your wellbeing is extremely important to us, and your college offers the first port of call for any pastoral support that you may need, as well as signposting to central services. The College also offers a buddy programme which is designed to help new international postgraduate students settle into life at Lancaster. The Postgraduate Board is the elected representative body of the College's student members, and aims to look after the needs of all our postgraduate students.

A small membership fee goes towards the running of the colleges and the provision of events and activities for the whole postgraduate community.

Find out more about Graduate College at lancaster.ac.uk/colleges.



– Postgraduate study space at The Storey Institute in the city centre



Tsveti Ashova

MSc Advanced Marketing Management

"Having completed both my bachelor's and master's degrees here, I can confidently say that Lancaster University offers an amazing student life, with the college system playing a significant role in it.

"As a member of Graduate College, I'm impressed by the friendliness and unity of the community. The College hosts various events throughout the year - from karaoke and pottery painting to movie nights, there's something for everyone! These gatherings are a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and create lasting friendships. Some of the people I met at these events are now my closest friends and an important part of my life.

"Furthermore, the dedicated postgraduate areas are usually quieter and very modern, which are ideal for group projects, studying, or simply unwinding. Despite my choice to live off-campus, I still feel fully integrated into the college life and often spend time in my friends' flats after classes. Some of my most cherished memories involve gathering with friends to prepare a meal while exchanging stories about our home countries.

"A notable difference between the undergraduate colleges and postgraduate is the maturity level; with slightly older peers, there's a shared interest in various activities like painting, cooking, sports, without the need to socialise or go clubbing every week, although the option remains open for those who love it!"



MSc Marketing

"Coming from Hong Kong and pursuing a postgraduate degree in a new country I found to be a nerve-racking and tough challenge. It was completely normal to feel this way, so if you think you'll feel the same way then do not worry as Lancaster University provides an amazing support system and a caring community. The University has a collegiate system, with a total of eight undergraduate colleges and one postgraduate college, 'Graduate College'. When I arrived for welcome week, the staff personally escorted me to the accommodation and told me about the socialising opportunities that had been arranged for new students. I attended a few and had so much fun and met some of my current best friends.

"The College often sends weekly updates on the events that are happening. In particular, the Chinese New Year painting and food tasting event made me feel even more at home and appreciative that the College hosts similar events for every culture.

"The communal space at Graduate College is on a whole other level! There is a fully equipped kitchen for you and your friends if you need it. It has a quiet study space, if you want a change of scenery to do some hardcore studying, an amazing 24/7 porter team so you can collect your parcels whenever you want, and a handful of activities like table tennis, darts and drawing stations. I am proud to call Lancaster University my home."

Lila Sullivan



At Lancaster, you'll find there's a whole community rooting for you.



Support and wellbeing

Sometimes life can be overwhelming, and that's no different at university. If you're experiencing something that's affecting your studies or wellbeing, we are here to help.

You'll hear us talk about our colleges a lot. A ready-made community, colleges are what most Lancaster students come to think of as home. As a postgraduate student, whether you live on or off campus in the UK or overseas, you'll become part of Graduate College where you'll join our diverse and vibrant postgraduate community. When you're settling in, you'll be introduced to your College Wellbeing Officer. Their job is to provide wellbeing support, guidance and advice. The Wellbeing Officer can help you find the support you need if you are feeling homesick, having academic or personal worries, or need to talk about anything else relating to university life.

Starting postgraduate study as an international student brings its own excitement, but can be challenging too. Adjusting to a new cultural environment along with new social, academic and personal experiences is a lot to take in. That's why our Graduate College offers a Buddy Programme where new international students are paired with a current student to help them get to know the place and settle in. It's a great way to make those first few weeks less daunting, and to start your postgraduate journey surrounded by support and community.

If you notice that you are starting to struggle with your wellbeing, you can access appointments with a Wellbeing Advisor who can talk to you about how you are managing and help you to decide what support you would like to access. This can include signposting or referring you to specialist services. The Wellbeing Advisors also run workshops, social events like the Wellbeing Cafe, and Group Mentoring to help you develop the skills to manage your wellbeing. There is also a range of 24-hour, open access support available to you which you can use to manage your wellbeing independently

of the university. This includes the Wisdom App and the NHS recommended platform SilverCloud, which offers practical guidance and psychoeducation in different ways - covering common issues faced by students like building a healthy routine, procrastination, and managing anxiety and stress.

Our Mental Health Service team consists of qualified and professional mental health practitioners and administrators, who are University members of staff. This includes counsellors, psychological therapists and mental health advisers. There are options to talk to our team at one-off appointments if you need to work through a problem or ask about support. We also offer a 24/7 helpline operated through an external partner, so you can contact us for help and advice at any time, wherever you are. If you find yourself in need of more significant mental health support you can self-refer to our specialist services. From there we'll guide you through what we can do, talk about the most appropriate form of help, and in some cases, we may refer you on for further help and support, like the NHS.

Our Disability and Inclusion Practice Service supports disabled students or students with a health condition; if you have a disability or health condition, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can get the right support in place.



Moving to the UK

Moving to a new country to study is a great adventure that will provide you with an unforgettable student experience.

The UK is among the most visited countries in the world, with lots to experience from iconic cities to rural landscapes that have inspired poets. The UK is a modern, friendly and welcoming place, with a rich and exciting history and is made up of culturally diverse communities.

Weather

The weather in the UK can be unpredictable and although it changes with the seasons you can sometimes encounter different types of weather all in one day. You could start with glorious sunshine in the morning only to end the day in a rain shower.

Winters in Lancaster (December to February) can be cold and rainy, and sometimes we even enjoy a bit of snow. Summer (June to August) is the warmest season with longer, warmer and drier days, so take advantage of the better weather and be outdoors more.



Food

Although not always known for its cuisine, England has some traditional food that you might like to try. Fish and chips from a takeaway is a popular choice on a Friday or you could start the day with a traditional breakfast of bacon and eggs, known as a fry-up, or try a roast beef dinner on a Sunday.

However, Lancaster offers a huge variety of food from around the world and so can cater for most preferences. You'll be able to try everything from Japanese sushi to Indian curries and Italian pasta as well as vegan and vegetarian options.

The UK is known as a nation of tea drinkers, and you'll find an abundance of tea and coffee shops to choose from. Lancaster also boasts a coffee quarter – established by Atkinson's Coffee Roasters – where they've been roasting beans for more than 180 years.

Culture

The UK, and Lancaster, has a buzzing cultural scene with music festivals and concerts as well as theatre, museums and art galleries. In Lancaster itself you'll find the Dukes Theatre and the Lancaster Grand Theatre which host live theatre, music, comedy and cinema. You'll also find the Lancaster Music Festival, one of the UK's largest urban music festivals, and the Highest Point music festival on your doorstep.

The British are known to be fanatical about sports, in particular football, cricket and rugby with many supporting their favourite team at matches.

You can get a glimpse into 1,000 years of England's past at Lancaster Castle. The castle is owned by His Majesty the King, who is Duke of Lancaster. The Medieval castle started as a Roman fort and has been a site of historical, cultural and political importance through its lifetime. In the past the Castle has been the location for the Pendle witch trials in 1612, a debtor's prison and until 2011 a fully functioning HM Prison. The Castle is now a visitor attraction offering tours and special events.



Language

Although English is spoken throughout the UK, you'll hear many different languages being spoken, especially on campus, as the UK attracts visitors from all around the world. However, when speaking to people from the UK you will notice different accents and dialects being used depending on where the person comes from. This can sometimes be interesting, as different dialects will use different words for the same item. The word that is used for a bread roll can quickly identify where in the UK a person comes from – it could be a barm, a tea cake, a roll or even an oven bottom!

Top tips

- Lancaster is close to the Lake District, a UNESCO World Heritage site so don't forget your walking boots so you can explore it.
- As the weather can be unpredictable, you'll need clothes for cold weather as well as the rain and even the occasional heatwave.
- Lancaster is in the middle of the UK so it's a perfect base for exploring the whole of the UK (and even European cities via Manchester or Liverpool airports).
- Invest in a 16 – 25 railcard to get discounted rail travel throughout the UK. This is available to anyone in full-time education in the UK.



An inspiring Students' Union

Lancaster University Students' Union is your home for student life in Lancaster. It aims to enhance every aspect of your life as a student; supporting your academic interests, social life, sporting activities, hobbies, interests, and the causes you care about.



For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk



Representation

The Students' Union is run by elected student officers who represent members in every part of student life, from academic matters to welfare issues. There are nine colleges at Lancaster, each with their own student leadership structure – as a postgraduate student, you will join Graduate College, where you will get the chance to elect your Postgraduate Board. Each college is an integral part of the Lancaster experience and, as a part of the Students' Union, strive to bring the college community to life.

Clubs and societies

If you are looking to branch out from your course and your college, your activity groups are at the heart of life at Lancaster. The Students' Union facilitate more than 200 clubs and societies covering a range of sports, activities, hobbies, and causes, so there's something for everyone. Your Students' Union is here to help you find where you belong and make the most out of your time at Lancaster.

Events

The Students' Union hosts many events throughout the year to help you build your own sense of community on campus. From the fanfare of Welcome Week in October to the Roses tournament in May, all the way to Lancaster's legendary end of year send-off – our Summer Ball. We've got lots in-between too, to ensure there's always an option for your social calendar.

Support

We are here to support you throughout your time at Lancaster. The Students' Union runs its own independent advice service, offering free impartial support for whatever life throws at you – be it housing, academic or other. Think of the Students' Union as your lifeline if in need while at Lancaster. We also host a wellbeing hub, which houses all the wellbeing services and events, including cost of living advice, The Pantry foodbank, a free Supper Club and more.

When you come to study at Lancaster you are automatically enrolled as a member of Lancaster University Students' Union – so you'll have access to all the services, events, and support on offer. However, if you do not wish to join, you also have the right to opt out of membership; the choice is yours.

 lancastersu.co.uk

 [instagram.com/lancastersu](https://www.instagram.com/lancastersu)



Accommodation at Lancaster

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.

Most postgraduates will live in single-study accommodation within Graduate College, but single or shared self-contained flats, as well as our family accommodation, are available around the wider campus.

Much of our accommodation has a private toilet and shower within the room and we also offer accommodation where students share toilet/shower facilities. For anyone who prefers a quieter space to live there are self-contained studios or one bedroomed self-contained flats. As a postgraduate, wherever you live, you are a member of Graduate College and have access to all its postgraduate facilities.

These facilities include:

- A social hub, where students can relax away from study or join other students to work together on group projects.
- The Graduate Community Kitchen, which students can book as a group to come together to share in cooking and food.
- A family room, which has been designed for students who are living with their children on campus. It provides a space for a student to study while their child plays.

We have a small number of two and three-bedroomed self-contained flats across the campus that are suitable for families. Living on campus within easy reach of the departments and facilities means that study patterns and family life can be arranged without the worry of travelling to and from the University. There is also a pre-school centre on campus and for those with children of school age many schools are within a short distance of the campus.



Lancaster is a finalist at this year's Global Student Living (GSL) Awards for the quality of its postgraduate accommodation in the Best Specialist Housing category, based on reviews submitted by students.



The cost of your accommodation will depend on the type of room you choose.

In the 2024/2025 academic year, prices range from **£223.93** per week for a single studio to **£139.59** per week for a bedroom with a washbasin and shared showers and toilets, based on a 50-week contract.

Prices for the family accommodation vary and depends on the number of bedrooms in the self-contained flat.

To find out more about the accommodation that we offer, please visit

lancaster.ac.uk/accommodation.





– Enjoy a tea or coffee at Costa

– Essentials at the supermarkets



– Shops and cafes in Edwards Robert Court



For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk

Everything on campus



– Oriental supermarket



– The Deli

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

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sports centre | Pharmacy |
| Theatre | Bakery |
| Art gallery | Doctor |
| Student run cinema | Bars |
| Hairdresser and beauty salon | Garage and petrol station |
| Chaplaincy | Prayer room |
| Post office | Launderettes |
| Supermarket | Pre-school centre |
| Cash machines | Sustainable goods shop |
| Restaurants | |
| Cafes | |

– Extensive indoor and outdoor facilities



Sustainability

You. Us. We all play our part.

We all know we can do more to protect our planet. It's our responsibility to ensure that the actions we take now preserve our environment and precious resources for future generations.

At Lancaster, we are committed to sustainability and making positive and impactful change. We declared a climate emergency in 2020, with the aim to be carbon net zero for electricity and heating by 2030 and net zero from all other emissions by 2035. We are one of the highest university producers of renewable energy according to the Higher Education Statistics Agency and have reduced our electricity and heating emissions by 50% since 2005.

We have been ranked joint 44th in the world in the 2024 QS World Rankings: Sustainability and additionally, we were scored joint 1st in the world for sustainability governance, awarded for having student representation for sustainability at a senior level and being an institution that supports and promotes a holistic and ethical culture.

From ReStore Lancaster, the sustainable shop on campus, to having our own wind turbine, Lancaster University has implemented a series of projects aimed at directly reducing our carbon footprint and changing the way our community lives, works and studies in order to meet our sustainability goals.



Learn **your** way

Learning styles differ. Sometimes all that you need is a little peace and quiet. Sometimes access to a laptop and a printer. And sometimes you need something a little more specialist – like a lab that can create conditions colder than deep space. Whatever you're learning today, we have the facilities to make it possible.

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 and a dedicated postgraduate study room. The Library is built around a central atrium filled with natural light. However, if you prefer to stay in your college then you'll find a study room for quiet individual study in Graduate College.

If studying in the city centre is more convenient, we have a study space dedicated to our postgraduate students at the Storey Institute in Lancaster city centre. Available Monday to Saturday, it is a large, quiet space with access to the University's Wi-Fi for private study.

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 open until late in term time. Both areas have 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, as well as a new family study room – specifically for students with children to use for study and relaxation. And that's not to mention all the comfortable spots dotted around campus you can grab for a meeting or a chat.





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. Our engineering buildings are designed to bring disciplines together to inspire design and innovation and our brand-new computer labs allow budding data scientists to develop their artificial intelligence knowledge.

It's the same story in our life science laboratories where you'll find confocal microscopes, fluorescence-activated cell sorter and analysers, deconvolution and stereo-zoom microscopes, and DNA and RNA analysis equipment – among many other pieces of leading-edge equipment.

You might get to grips with finance in the Bloomberg suite, which is our financial markets lab, and our law students can hone their professional skills in a custom-fitted mock court room. And, if you're joining the Lancaster Institute for Contemporary Arts, you'll be able to embrace your creativity in our light-filled studio spaces, including timber and metal working facilities as well as rapid prototyping and laser cutting suites. There's a digital media lab and sound editing lab, alongside professional-standard plotters, and printers for our aspiring architects. We can also boast an installation space and the Nuffield Theatre, a professional black box performance space.

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk



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, the library offers a laptop loan service so 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 cafes.

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.



Your library

“At Lancaster, we’re lucky that what we have is more than the traditional concept of a library as a building that houses books and runs services. Beyond the physical building, the library is wherever you are. The library represents so much of our diverse local and global community and it’s our aim to showcase that with the pride it deserves.



“We’ve invested in our digital resources as well as physical. Being able to engage with our services in the way that suits you, where and when it suits you, breaks down so many boundaries and makes everything more accessible. What we offer doesn’t stop with books and collections. We have great teams within the library supporting your learning: the faculty librarians who help find resources, and the learning developers who ensure that you know how to use the material, and how to translate the information into essays or into an assessment.

“We have different spaces on three floors. There’s a space for group work and bookable spaces as well as spaces where you can work privately. It’s all about what works for your learning and we’re here to support however that may be for you.

“We’re lucky to have staff who are here to help you learn and be fulfilled by your time at Lancaster. My favourite thing about Lancaster University is the people. Colleagues have shown me their passion for the University, for our students and for putting them first, as well as finding ways of continuing to support and innovate to make sure university is a positive experience.

“Our students here create such a community and I’m proud the library plays such a big part in that; we’re passionate about having you, our students as partners in how we develop our services and spaces so we can do better, for you. The beautiful thing about having a library that’s so focused on community is that you suddenly realise you can bring in different types of events to support people’s learning, and wellbeing. We’ve had small musical performances, live readings and collaboration evenings, this space is not just for learning, it’s a space for bringing people together.”

Andrew Barker
Director of Library Services



Enjoy being you

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.

If you're a foodie

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.

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 cafes 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 and Pizza Margherita.

lancaster.ac.uk/where-to-eat

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk

If you're a socialite

So much of the university experience is about spending time with friends. We've got you covered. On campus, our college social spaces sit right at the heart of student 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 cafes.

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. Colleges often organise big nights out and day trips to big cities, so you can share the experience with friends.



If you're energetic

Whether you enjoy competitive or recreational sport, keeping healthy in body and mind or just simply love 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 indoors and out. In our sports centre you'll find a 25-metre swimming pool, two sports halls, two studios, a fully equipped fitness suite and a strength and conditioning room. 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 to stop when the sun goes down. However, if you want something less strenuous or 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.

If you're an explorer

You don't need to go far to get lost in the wilderness as 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 take in the outdoors. The Forest of Bowland is an official Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Crook 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 more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk

If you're 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, cafes 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 give it some big festival energy. Lancaster's DIY approach to culture has creative innovation sparking right under your nose.



If you're a homebird

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 Walk. The library is well stocked with new and classic literature. We have cosy cafes, quiet study spaces and – when the sun shines – lots of garden and outdoor spaces to enjoy. We also have a play park for children and a family room in Graduate College.





– Built over 100 years ago, Ashton Memorial is a key part of Lancaster's history and the venue for Highest Point



– The Herbarium, plant-based cafe



– Kanteena is a popular venue, bar and pop-up space

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk

– Journey Social Kitchen is a great spot for brunch



Discover **your** neighbourhood



– Lancaster Castle dates back to the 11th century

You'll have everything you need on campus, but you'll quickly discover that the City of Lancaster is a wonderful neighbour. Its fascinating heritage and stunning architecture give student life an impressive setting.

Among the history, you'll find an exciting present too. We boast a packed agenda of ambitious events; the region's award-winning open-air music festival, Highest Point, is held in the shadow of the Ashton Memorial, vintage festivals and flea markets are a regular occurrence, and our eclectic collection of venues and spaces mean there is always something happening. There's everything you'd expect from a city, a modern high street, independent shops, cosy pubs, buzzing clubs, bars, restaurants and cafes to suit every vibe.

– Dalton Square, at the heart of the city



– Enjoy the coastal town of Morecambe



For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk

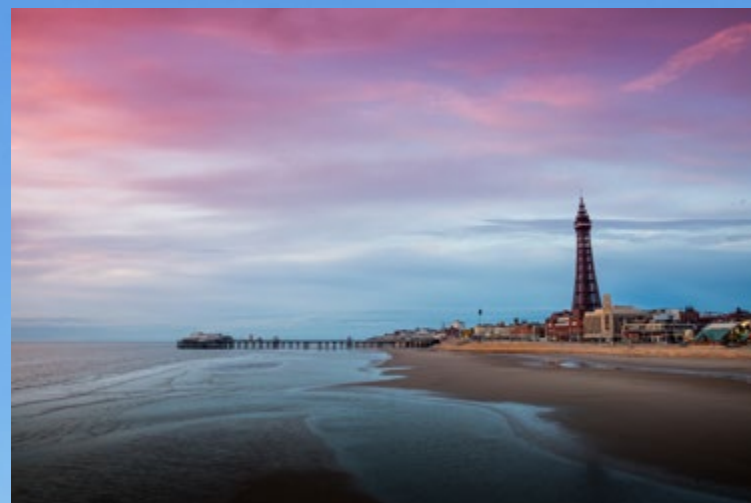


– The Lake District, a UNESCO world heritage site

We sit in the heart of the UK, but it's not just about geography.

Our location means choice. On any given day you could choose culture, hustle, bustle and urban bliss in the city or the scenic quiet of the Lake District and the Trough of Bowland. The next day choose from the seaside charm of Morecambe Bay, or travel to Manchester, London, Scotland or further afield.

You can find out more about Lancaster's location at lancaster.ac.uk/where-is-lancaster.



– Visit the nearby town of Blackpool



– Explore the Trough of Bowland

Career focused

We know that it can be daunting to start thinking about your future. So, our team of friendly and experienced careers professionals are here to give you the support and help you need to plan your next steps.

We understand the vast array of options you face. We'll help you to choose what's right for you, whether that's applying for a graduate job, continuing your studies to a higher level, or both.

There are careers events to welcome you as soon as you're unpacked and settled. We have student and graduate recruiters engaging with us all year round who are happy to tell you about their opportunities – which might be part-time work while you're a student, an industry placement, or a job when you graduate. Come and find out about our Career Mentoring Programme where you can be matched with a mentor who will help you manage your career, and our Employment and Recruitment Service for part-time work while you study.

You will have access to a dedicated Postgraduate Careers Coach, offering one-to-one appointments throughout the year, who can support you with your career plan.

Our online resource offers 24/7 careers help. The engaging and interactive learning activities will help you find work opportunities, develop workplace skills, practise the various recruitment and selection tests for student and graduate jobs, and find up-to-date tips and insights from top employers on their opportunities and recruitment and selection methods. With thousands of graduate opportunities listed every year on our job search portal, we'll help you discover a world of possibilities for your career.

We encourage and help you to start preparing for the professional world as early as possible. You can get involved in a range of activities to help you create – and make the most of – your own opportunities.

Volunteering is a great way to develop skills, enhance your CV and make a positive contribution to the community. Lancaster has a thriving volunteering community for you to get involved with.

To help you stand out from the crowd and enhance your future employment prospects you can complete the Lancaster Award. Developed in partnership with employers, it is formal recognition of all the additional activities you undertake during your studies that enhance your employability.

You probably won't need us after you graduate – most of our students go straight into work or continue their studies. Some students and graduates set up their own business, social enterprise or freelance service, and our centre for innovation and entrepreneurial learning, Work in Progress, offers a wealth of expertise, support and contacts to help you turn your ideas into reality. But careers aren't always straight lines on one simple track. Your aims in life can shift over time and your circumstances may change. When that happens, we'll be here to help. We currently provide our graduates with free lifetime access to our careers and employability service. Put simply, we're here for as long as you need us.

After completing his undergraduate degree in history at Lancaster, Thomas decided to stay on to further his professional skills and get experience across various areas with an MSc in Management. On leaving Lancaster, Thomas took up a role as an Air Quality Engineer with BAE Systems.

Why did you choose Lancaster for your postgraduate degree?

I had a great time at Lancaster as an undergraduate student and made some great friends so I decided to stay on for my master's. Lancaster is a very friendly community, with a great campus and the city of Lancaster is a lovely place to socialise. I chose the MSc in Management as it provided a broad range of skills.

How is studying as a postgraduate student different to studying as an undergraduate student?

You're more settled as a student and understand university life more, it feels a little bit more 'grown up'. I found the people on my cohort formed a much tighter group and we all got on well.

How did you become an air quality engineer?

I didn't have a particular career in mind so the Careers Team at Lancaster suggested that with my skill set BAE would be a good company to apply to. I have had a lifelong fascination with engineering, trains, planes and ships and my undergraduate dissertation was on the R.M.S Titanic. During my MSc some of my modules covered quality control and I did my dissertation on crew resource management so as the role was open to all degree types I applied for it.

What does your role involve?

I ensure that the company produces quality products that are reliable. This involves liaising with partner companies and checking practices and procedures to ensure quality standards are adhered to.

How did your career plans change during your studies?

I didn't have a particular career in mind when I started my studies. However, I think I learnt more about my strengths and weaknesses and things I would and wouldn't like from a career.

How did the Careers Team support you during your postgraduate studies?

For our course we had careers advisors allocated, they were great and helped with mock interviews and checking through some of my job applications. The Careers Team helped me refine my CV and provided advice about applying for jobs. They were very helpful in supporting me when I felt a bit lost or overwhelmed with my career search. I learnt a lot from their advice, so I got better with my interview technique and preparing applications.

What would you say to any postgraduate student unsure of their career path?

Younger people are now statistically more likely to change roles a few times so take your time and learn what you do and don't want from a career. Learn, get experience, and keep working away at it and things will work out.

What are your plans for the future?

At the moment I'm planning to stay with BAE Systems. They have a great accelerated graduate programme and really support their graduate hires. Everyone loves the company as there is a positive and friendly working environment.



Thomas
Walsh

BA Hons History
MSc Management



Adekemi Adeniyi

MSc Medical Leadership, 2022

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk

Adekemi is a rural dentist running a non-profit practice to promote oral health equality in underserved Nigerian communities and was recently shortlisted for a British Council Alumni Award in Nigeria. Here she talks about her career and her experience of studying her course at Lancaster.

"Pursuing an MSc in Medical Leadership at Lancaster University was one of the most transformative experiences of my career. As an experienced healthcare professional, I was looking to expand my leadership capabilities and gain a deeper understanding of how to drive positive change within my organisation. I started searching online for schools that had a long-distance programme that aligned with my goals and Lancaster University came up. Lancaster University's reputation for excellence, particularly in the areas of management and leadership, made the MSc in Medical Leadership programme very appealing to me.

"A key factor in my decision was the programme's interdisciplinary approach. I was drawn to how the curriculum blended academic theory with real-world applications that are tailored to the healthcare sphere. The ability to immediately apply my new skills in my organisation while still a student was invaluable. I didn't need to stop work to get the knowledge I needed or apply it.

"I saw the MSc as a way to invest in my personal and professional growth. It gave me an empowering new perspective on medical leadership that has positively impacted my work and opened new career avenues.

"Leveraging the coaching and mentoring approaches I honed at Lancaster, I have been able to mentor numerous future leaders in healthcare and social justice. My work-based project on examining the effect of training primary school teachers in Ekiti state, Nigeria on using a structured oral health learning curriculum for children, still informs my organisation's initiatives to this day. We employ participatory research methods to design collaborative interventions with - not just for - underserved communities.

"I have also illustrated a children's book on oral health entitled 'The Girl Who Found Her Smile', now translated into five languages including English, Yoruba, Hausa, French, and Tagalog. Originally created for Nigerian kids, the book's success led to an ongoing partnership to adapt it for children in the Philippines. This demonstrates how the creative leadership strategies I gained at Lancaster can be applied globally to promote health literacy.

"My UK education instilled a commitment to developing imaginative solutions and contributing to healthcare practices worldwide. Since graduating, I have presented my work at numerous international conferences and written over 18 opinion pieces. These opportunities stem directly from my expanded perspectives and credibility gained through achieving a master's degree at Lancaster. My presentations have sparked conversations on how we can innovate and maximise resources to expand oral healthcare access everywhere.

"While pursuing system-wide impact, I continually ground myself in the children I serve daily through my organisation. Their smiles and improved wellbeing motivate me. The knowledge that our programmes are uplifting communities fuels my passion for this work.

"My journey has shown that lasting progress requires changing mindsets, so I actively advocate for the transformative power of education, drawing on my Lancaster experience. With a strong sense of duty, I share my story to inspire youth of today, especially from underrepresented backgrounds, to pursue opportunities. My career will always intertwine with this mission to open doors for the next generation of leaders."

Asked what advice she would give current and future students, Adekemi offers the following guidance:

- Build relationships and learn from your mentors, many of whom are accomplished professionals able to share deep insights. I built a valuable network of colleagues and mentors at Lancaster University.
- Don't be afraid to take risks and challenge existing assumptions. It takes that to be innovative and be a forward thinker.
- Manage your time diligently, when the workload seems to be intensive don't be afraid to seek help. Make self-care a priority to avoid burnout.

Teaching and learning

Research-led teaching

At Lancaster, we pride ourselves on the quality of our teaching and student experience. You will learn in a stimulating, research-led environment, from academics who are at the forefront of their field of research.

The 2021 Research Excellence Framework rated 99% of Lancaster's overall research environment as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'. This includes support and training of research students, research integrity, equality and diversity, as well as facilities available to support research.

Our Library is also a member of Research Libraries UK - a consortium of leading and influential research libraries.

Doctoral Academy

Our Doctoral Academy welcomes PhD students into our thriving research community and offers them opportunities to engage, collaborate and innovate whilst studying for their research degree. It focuses on how to support researcher development through training, supporting the sharing of best practice, celebrating research strengths and working collaboratively to improve your PhD experience.

Innovation and entrepreneurial learning

The University's Work in Progress team provides you with practical opportunities to equip you 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 your 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 supports business planning for international students interested in applying for the Innovator Founder visa scheme, opening up new opportunities for employment in the UK after graduation. For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/work-in-progress.



Taught degrees

Our taught postgraduate degrees (MA, MSc) 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.
- **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 Master's 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.
- **Integrated degrees (1+3)**
Several of our courses offer students the option to take a bridging approach to postgraduate study. Known as Integrated Degrees, or 1+3, they can be followed at master's level before progressing directly to PhD level. Although there is a taught component to these courses, they are ideal for anyone who already has a clear idea of the field they would like to research and they are assessed primarily by dissertation.

Distance learning

Lancaster's online and distance learning postgraduate courses are ideal if you want to enhance your career with flexible learning.

These courses allow you to 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.

We offer online and distance learning courses in the following areas:

- Creative Writing
- Educational Research
- History
- Environment
- Linguistics and English Language
- Health Research
- Management
- Politics, Philosophy and Religion

Please note that some online courses may include some on-campus elements – please visit our website for more information about the structure of our online courses. 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, lancaster.ac.uk/online-courses.

Research training

Students registered on Lancaster University distance learning degree schemes may also choose to take research training modules run by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate School.

The Research Training Programme (RTP) consists of modules and short courses on research methods, theories and philosophies, thesis writing and other generic skills relevant to PhD study. The RTP is designed to complement more specialised subjects or discipline-based training modules offered by departments.



Funding your studies

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

Living costs and budgeting

While living expenses vary depending on your lifestyle and needs, rent 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 portal.lancaster.ac.uk/ask/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 2025 session, subsequent fees may be subject to increases. The way in which continuing students fee rates are determined varies according to an individual's fee status.

If your programme lasts more than one year your tuition fees for subsequent years are likely to increase each year. To understand those changes and see examples of previous increases visit lancaster.ac.uk/fees-in-subsequent-years.

To find out how much your tuition fees will be, please find the programme you are interested in studying in our online course search lancaster.ac.uk/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 available to postgraduate students. We will publish information regarding our scholarships for students beginning their studies in the academic year 2025–26 later in 2024.

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

University Scholarships – we offer a range of scholarships and the majority of these offer support towards tuition fees, although some may also contribute towards living costs. Eligibility for these scholarships is mainly based around academic performance. The number of scholarships offered varies from year to year.

Lancaster also offers a range of scholarships for PhD students and can support PhD students in applying for external PhD funding through various research councils. These awards will ensure that outstanding candidates have access to Lancaster's high-quality research training and facilities.

Additional sources of funding are available for specific programmes across our four faculties and for students from particular regions. For more information about our fees and funding, a detailed list of awards available and information on how to apply please visit 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 master's and PhD level. The amounts they make available vary. 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:

findaphd.com/guides/phd-funding-guide

findamasters.com/guides/funding.

Postgraduate loans

Loans to help with course fees and living costs are available from the UK Government for students undertaking master's and doctoral level courses. Eligibility criteria may change for 2025.

For more information, please visit

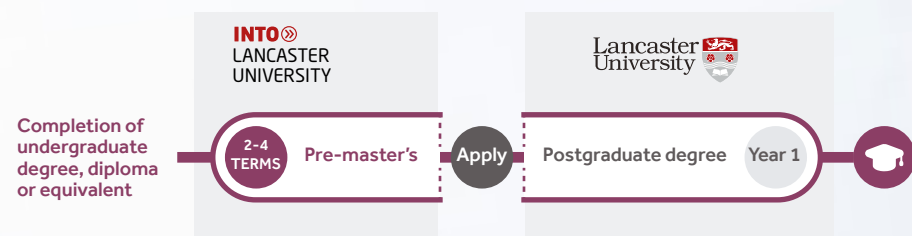
gov.uk/masters-loan or gov.uk/doctoral-loan.



Pre-master's programmes

INTO Lancaster University pathway programmes offer a supported route for international students hoping to progress to Lancaster University.

As an INTO Lancaster University pre-master's student, you'll receive expert teaching and support at our campus study centre. You'll build your subject knowledge, English language proficiency and study skills so you can progress onto your chosen postgraduate degree at Lancaster University the following year.



Pre-master's

A pre-master's allows you to build upon your current academic knowledge or change direction. Dedicated support will help you meet the academic standards necessary for your desired postgraduate degree.

Depending on your English language level, you can study a two to four term programme, leading to a postgraduate degree at Lancaster University. Choose from one of three subject pathways:

- Business and Management – leads to 18 degrees
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – leads to 18+ degrees
- Social Sciences and Law – leads to 38+ degrees

How to apply

Apply online at apply.intostudy.com or apply through your local INTO educational councillor.

Check scholarship eligibility at intostudy.com/lancaster/scholarships.

For more information visit intostudy.com/lancaster.

Contact us

intostudy.com/en/contact

into@lancaster.ac.uk

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk



Improve your English

Improve your English language skills

Need to improve your English language and study skills before starting study at Lancaster? We offer two pre-sessional English programmes to help you do this.

If you do not meet the English requirements for your programme, you may have the opportunity to complete a pre-sessional English programme before you start your degree. Once you have successfully completed, you can progress to your academic programme without retaking an English language test.

Pre-Sessional English short programme

If you require a 0.5 uplift in your IELTS or equivalent, this programme provides thorough training in language and academic skills that will enable you to best achieve your academic potential at Lancaster University. The programme aims to:

- Develop the language skills you need for academic study at Lancaster University.
- Prepare you for studying and living in the Lancaster area.

The in-person short programme is four weeks long and the online option includes an additional induction week.

Pre-Sessional English 10-week programme

If you require a 1.0 uplift in your IELTS or equivalent, this programme provides thorough training in language and academic skills that will enable you to best achieve your academic potential at Lancaster University. There is the option of an in-person or online programme, both use new digital platforms to make the course more interactive. The programme aims to:

- Develop awareness and competency in the range of language-related academic skills required for successful study at Higher Education level.
- Develop the range and accuracy of written and spoken language to enable you to use language effectively and appropriately, with clarity and confidence.
- Support you in reflecting on your learning and identifying how to improve your skills and language.

Visa requirements

There is no need for you to retake an English language test, such as IELTS, as the programmes test the skills that are needed for the UKVI visa requirement.

Eligibility

You do not need to apply for a pre-sessional English programme with us, if you have not met the English language requirements for direct entry, we will automatically consider you for one when we receive a copy of your English language certificate.

To be eligible, you will need an active offer for an academic programme at Lancaster University and a valid English language test score that meets the requirements for entry to one of our pre-sessional English programmes.

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/pre-sessional.



How to apply

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 lancaster.ac.uk/pg-apply.

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 postgraduate application form will guide you through the details that you need to supply and will provide you with a list of required documents.

These will usually include:

- Degree certificates and transcripts of previous higher education (college/university) degrees. For transcripts in languages other than English, a certified English translation will be required.
- Personal statement.
- Reference(s). We can automatically contact your referees once you have submitted your application, if you ask us to.
- Research proposal (for research degrees).
- We may ask you to provide a recognised English language qualification, dependent upon your nationality and where you have studied previously.

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

If you want to apply for a postgraduate research degree, we would advise you to consult our departmental web pages 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 postgraduate application form. As part of your application you may be required to provide a research proposal. For guidance on how to write a research proposal please visit lancaster.ac.uk/research-proposal.

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

Questions

If you have any questions about how to apply, please contact the Postgraduate Admissions Team.

+44 (0)1524 592032
pgadmissions@lancaster.ac.uk

Our courses



Our courses

For more information about our taught courses, as well as the research opportunities at Lancaster, please visit our website.

Course title	Degree
Accounting and Finance	
Accounting and Finance	PhD
Accounting and Finance	MSc
Finance	MSc
Financial Management	MSc
Investment Management and Financial Analysis	MSc
Architecture	
Architecture (Master of)	MArch
Architecture	PhD
Art	
Art	PhD
Arts Management	MA
Contemporary Arts	PhD
Fine Art	MA
Biological Sciences	
Biological Science	PhD
Food Challenges for the 21st Century (Distance Learning)	PgCert
Food Security (Distance Learning)	PgDip/MSc
Plant Sciences	MSc by Research
Biomedical Science/Biomedicine	
Biomedical and Life Sciences	MPhil/PhD
Biomedical Science	MSc by Research
Biomedicine	MSc
Chemistry	
Chemistry	MSc by Research
Chemistry	PhD
Materials Science	MSc by Research
Materials Science	PhD
Criminology	
Criminal Justice and Social Research Methods	MSc
Criminology	PhD
Criminology and Criminal Justice	LLM/MA
Criminology and Social Research Methods	MSc
Data, Computing and Communications	
Communication Systems	MSc by Research
Communication Systems	PhD
Computer Science	MSc by Research
Computer Science	MPhil/PhD
Cyber Security	MSc
Data Science	PgCert/PgDip/MSc

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Design	
Design	PhD
Design Management	MA
Drama, Theatre and Performance	
Theatre for Social, Political and Environmental Change	MA
Theatre Studies	PhD
Ecology and Conservation	
Conservation and Biodiversity	MSc
Ecology	MSc by Research
Economics	
Economics	MSc
Economics	PhD/PhD (Integrated)
Money, Banking and Finance	MSc
Educational Research	
E-Research and Technology Enhanced Learning (thesis and coursework)	PhD
Education and Social Justice (by Distance Learning)	MA
Education and Social Justice (thesis and coursework)	PhD
Educational Research - Higher Education (thesis and coursework)	PhD
Educational Research (Independent Study)	PhD
Higher Education: Research, Evaluation and Enhancement (thesis and coursework)	PhD
Engineering	
Advanced Mechanical Engineering	MSc
Electronic Engineering	MSc
Engineering	MSc by Research
Engineering	MPhil/PhD
Engineering Project Management	MSc
Mechanical Engineering with Project Management	MSc
English Literature and Creative Writing	
Creative Writing	PhD
Creative Writing (Distance Learning)	MA
Creative Writing (Modular)	MA
Creative Writing with English Literary Studies	MA
English Literary Research	MA
English Literary Studies	MA
English Literary Studies with Creative Writing	MA
English Literature	PhD
English Literature and Creative Writing	PhD
Entrepreneurship and Strategy	
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	MSc
International Business and Strategy	MSc

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Environmental and Earth Sciences	
Environment and Development	MSc
Environmental Management	MSc
Environmental Science	MSc by Research
Environmental Science	PhD
Flood and Coastal Risk Management	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Geography	PhD
Political Ecology	MA
Sustainable Water Management	MSc
Volcanology and the Environment	MSc
Film Studies	
Film	PhD
Film Studies	MA
Health Studies	
Clinical Psychology	DClinPsy
Dementia Studies	PhD
Global Health Equity	MSc
Health Economics and Policy	MSc
Health Economics and Policy	PhD
Health Research	PhD
Mental Health	PhD
Organisational Health and Well-Being	PhD
Palliative Care	PhD
Public Health	PhD
History	
Digital Humanities	MA
History	MA
History	PhD
International and Military History	MA
Regional and Local History (Distance Learning)	PgCert
War and Diplomacy	MA
Human Resources	
Human Resource Management	MSc
Human Resources and Consulting	MA
Organisation Development	PgCert
Language, Culture and Translation	
Languages and Cultures	MA by Research
Languages and Cultures	PhD
Translation	MA
Translation	PhD

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Law	
Environment and Law	LLM
International Commercial and Corporate Law	LLM
International Human Rights Law	LLM
International Law	LLM
International Law and International Relations	LLM/MA
Law	LLM
Law	MPhil/PhD
Law	LLM by Research
Linguistics and TESOL	
Applied Linguistics and TESOL	MA
Corpus Linguistics (Distance)	PgCert
Corpus Linguistics (Distance)	MA
Discourse Studies	MA
Forensic Linguistics and Speech Science	MSc
Intercultural Business Communication	MA
Language and Linguistics	MA
Language Testing (Distance)	PgCert
Language Testing (Distance)	MA
Linguistics	PhD
Linguistics (by Thesis and Coursework)	PhD
TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (Distance)	PgCert
TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) with Corpus Linguistics (Distance)	MA
TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) with Language Testing (Distance)	MA
MBA and Executive MBA	
Business Administration	MBA
Business Administration (Executive)	MBA
Cyber Security Executive MBA	MBA
Management and Business	
Business Analytics	MSc
Digital Business, Innovation and Management	MSc
International Masters Program for Managers (IMPM)	-
Leadership and Management (Healthcare)	PgCert
Leadership Practice	PgDip
Leadership Practice	MSc
Leadership Practice (Apprenticeship Pathway)	PgDip
Logistics and Supply Chain Management	MSc
Management	MSc
Management (Entrepreneurship and Strategy)	PhD
Management (Organisation, Work and Technology)	PhD
Management Science	MRes

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Management and Business cont.	
Management Science	PhD/PhD (Integrated)
Medical Leadership	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Organisation, Work and Technology	MRes
Project Management	MSc
Theory and Practice of Management	PhD
Theory and Practice of Management (IDMP)	PhD
Marketing	
Advanced Marketing Management	MSc/MRes
Marketing	MSc
Marketing	PhD
Mathematics and Statistics	
Mathematics	PhD
Social Statistics	PhD
Statistics	PgDip/MSc
Statistics	PhD/PhD (Integrated)
Statistics and Operational Research	MRes
Statistics and Operational Research (STOR-i)	PhD
Media and Cultural Studies	
Global Media and Society	MA
Media and Cultural Studies	PhD
Medicine	
Anaesthesia and Peri-Operative Services	PgDip
Clinical Research	PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Health Data Science	MSc
Health Data Science	PhD
Medical Education	PgCert
Medical Ethics and Law	PhD
Medical Sciences	MSc by Research
Medicine	MD
Medicine	PhD
Social and Behavioural Sciences in Medicine	PhD
Sports and Exercise Sciences	PhD
Statistics and Epidemiology	PhD
Natural Sciences	
Natural Sciences	MSc by Research
Natural Sciences	PhD
Philosophy	
Philosophy	PgCert/MA
Philosophy	PhD
Philosophy and Religion	MA

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Physics	
Nanoscience	PhD
Physics	MSc by Research
Physics	PhD
Politics and International Relations	
Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies	MA
International Security	MA
Diplomacy and Foreign Policy	MA
Diplomacy and International Law	LLM/MA
Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning)	LLM/MA
Diplomacy and International Relations (by Distance Learning)	MA
International Relations	MA
International Relations	PhD
Politics	MA
Politics	PhD
Politics and International Relations	PgCert
Politics and Philosophy	MA
Politics, Philosophy and Management	MSc
Public Policy	MSc
Public Policy (Distance Learning)	MSc
Psychology	
Developmental Disorders	MSc
Developmental Psychology	MSc
Psychological Research Methods	MSc
Psychology	PhD
Psychology and Behavioural Analytics	MSc
Psychology of Advertising	MSc
Religious Studies	
Diplomacy and Religion	MA
Religion and Conflict	MA
Religious Studies	PgCert/MA
Religious Studies	PhD
Sociology	
Applied Social Science	PhD
Environment and Society	PhD
Environment, Culture and Society	MA
Gender Studies	MA
Gender Studies	PhD
Gender Studies and English	MA
Science Studies	PhD
Social Research	MA
Sociology	MA
Sociology	PhD

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Contract terms for students

The University strives to provide excellence in teaching and research, and to enhance the student experience by focusing on the needs of our students and by seeking to instil a shared sense of inclusiveness, collegiality and community. Underpinning this partnership, the University has a supportive set of regulations, policies and procedures, which are designed to protect and maintain both academic quality and your rights and responsibilities as students of our University. The Student Contract sets out these rights and responsibilities, and states the obligations of both parties to each other. Further information can be found at lancaster.ac.uk/terms.

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Where we are



Train journey times



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Getting to Lancaster

Our campus is around three miles south of the City of Lancaster.

By bus and coach

Most students at Lancaster use the bus for travelling around. Bus services operate throughout the campus, with the main bus stop located in the University bus station, directly underneath Alexandra Square. From here, there are at least 14 buses every hour to the city centre during term-time daytimes. Megabus and Flixbus also serve the campus daily.

Find out more at 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 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 five minute walk from the city centre. There is a direct bus service to the station from the 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 on campus 24/7 and 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 and 20 minutes. The University provides a coach shuttle service from Manchester Airport to the campus at the start of the academic year.



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North Campus

Our campus

South Campus

Health Innovation Campus

South-West Campus



Meet us

Whether you spend a few hours on campus or meet us online, we'll be happy to introduce you to Lancaster.

Postgraduate Digital Open Event

Find out about our courses, student experiences at Lancaster, how to apply and fund your studies, and chat with students and staff.

Wednesday 6th November 2024

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In addition to our scheduled tours, there may be the option of a personalised visit that is tailored to your requirements. We can design your visit to include options such as a tour of our campus, a meeting with a member of staff from your department of interest and the chance to discuss any specialist queries you have with our university teams.

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