Study Abroad in the UK 2015

Lancaster University, UK
www.lancaster.ac.uk

RANKED TOP 10 IN THE UK
In the Guardian University Guide
Welcome to Lancaster

Studying overseas is a once in a lifetime opportunity to challenge yourself, meet new friends and explore new places.

Here are five great reasons why we think Lancaster is one of the very best places to live, learn and experience the UK:
1. Top Ten in the UK

Lancaster is one of the UK’s top 10 universities according to the Guardian University Guide.

2. Location

Lancaster University is close to the city centre yet surrounded by beautiful countryside. Excellent road and rail links give you easy access to the beautiful Lake District National Park and the cosmopolitan cities of Manchester, London and Edinburgh.

3. Safe Campus and city

Lancaster is a student friendly city and one of the safest cities in the UK.

4. Student Experience

We are proud of the student experience we offer at Lancaster and we are one of a handful of collegiate universities in the UK. Your residential college is more than just a place to live; it will help you settle quickly into your studies and social life on campus. They are often the focus of your social life and provide a strong sense of community. There are endless activities to get involved in on campus.

5. Choice of Courses

We offer a wide range of courses, which complement your home degree and offer you a challenging and rewarding learning experience.
Lancaster University has a beautiful setting just three miles away from the historic city of Lancaster. We are in striking distance of the picturesque Morecambe Bay coastline and the breathtaking Lake District National Park.

Lancaster is a relatively small but buzzing city, easily accessible from campus. You’ll find independent boutiques as well as high street outlets, plenty of places to eat, drink and dance, an annual literature festival, cinemas and theatres.

Wondering what the surrounding area looks like? Lord of the Rings was written in Lancashire and the scenery depicted in the book is based on our green rolling hills and age-old trees.

It’s really easy to travel around and you can get to the cosmopolitan cities of Manchester (1 hour), London and Edinburgh (2.5 hours) by road and train. You can often pick up cheap, quick flights to many great European destinations.
Outstanding Campus Life

In a recent survey, study abroad students rated the ‘friendly campus’ as the thing they loved most about their Lancaster experience. More than £400 million has been invested in developing our 360 acre campus into one of the safest and most supportive places to live, study and socialise.

On campus you will find everything you need for your academic studies and your social life, including grocery stores, banks, a bakery, travel agency, health centre, pharmacy, dentist and Post Office, as well as many cafe bars, dining spaces and take away food outlets. There is a student run cinema, the Nuffield Theatre, 24 hour library and Learning Zone. The fantastic Sports Centre offers both indoor fitness opportunities (dance floor, health suite, swimming pool, climbing wall and gym) and outdoor sports facilities. The Chaplaincy Centre offers a peaceful haven for everybody, regardless of religion or faith.

How much is it?

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At Lancaster University, I made new friends and met many interesting people, had the best lecturers that I have ever had, and learned a lot of new things. It was an experience that I will never forget, nor regret!

Lovisa Bergman
University of Tromso, Norway

Huge range of Clubs and Societies
The Students’ Union underpins student life at Lancaster. It supports over 200 sports clubs and societies including ballroom dancing, baking, freefall, aikido, lacrosse, hiking and history! You will be able to learn more about each of them and join up at the Fresher’s Fair during Intro Week. Start planning here: www.activities.lusu.co.uk/list

Colleges and Accommodation
Whichever College you choose, it will offer accommodation, leisure and social activities, and a network of welfare support. Our collegiate system helps you to find your feet and settle into your studies and social life, as well as enjoying a strong sense of community.

Lancaster University has the best university halls of residence in the UK according to the National Student Housing Survey.

If you are a Study Abroad or Exchange student from outside the EU, you are guaranteed on campus accommodation, provided you apply by the deadline. EU students will be advised about accommodation options during the admissions process.

You can find further details at www.lancs.ac.uk/sbs/accommodation/undergraduate.
The Lancaster Award

Study Abroad students can take this award over an academic year by completing employability courses, community activities and work experience alongside their academic courses. The Lancaster Award recognises these extra-curricular activities and is a way to demonstrate these valuable skills to employers.

Student support

The International Office will act as your Home Department while you are at Lancaster and will also be your main point of contact during the application process. There is a wide range of dedicated support services, including The International Student Advisory Service, The Disability Office, The Counselling Service and Mental Health Advisers. www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs

Academic Study Abroad Advisers and Personal College Advisers are on hand to help with any academic or personal issues you may have.

Pre-Arrival and Orientation

We will send you comprehensive information before you leave home about immigration, accommodation, pre-arrival, orientation and course registration as part of the admissions process.

You can also find this information on our website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/immigration-and-arrivals

Orientation, University registration and Study Abroad course registration take place during Intro Week in October. There will also be campus and town tours and social events, which will help you to settle in and meet Lancaster students.

If you come to Lancaster in January, there is a specific orientation and course registration for Study Abroad, Exchange and Erasmus students.

Manchester Airport is the nearest major international airport to Lancaster. There are regular trains to campus and it will take approximately an hour and a half. We offer an airport transfer service in October and January.

Immigration

It is important that you obtain the correct visa or entry clearance to study in the UK.

If you are studying in the UK for more than 6 months you will need to apply for a Tier 4 visa. For less than 6 months, you can enter on a Student Visitor Visa. If you are a national of the European Union, European Economic Area or Switzerland, you will only need a passport or national identity card to obtain entry to the UK.

“It was incredible to be in Northern England by the beautiful and scenic Lake District and also close enough to the sights and sounds of Manchester. Lancaster is a great, historic city complete with a castle and a canal. I can’t imagine studying abroad anywhere better.”

Danielle Brockert
St. Norbert College, USA
What Can You Study?

Lancaster has more than 30 departments offering courses in arts, social sciences, humanities, natural and physical sciences, computing and IT, and creative and performing arts.

You can study at Lancaster for:
- The four week International Summer Programme (mid-August to mid-September for 4 US semester credits or 8 ECTS credits)
- Michaelmas term (October to December for 12 US semester credits or 24 ECTS credits)
- Lent & Summer terms (January to June for 16-20 US semester credits or 32-40 ECTS credits)
- an academic year (October to June for 30-32 US semester credits or 60-64 ECTS credits)

Each term is normally 10 weeks long and is not therefore equivalent to a semester. The terms are separated by four week vacations at Christmas and Easter. Term dates can be found on the back cover.

All courses listed are regular University courses, taken by students studying for Lancaster University degrees. Only the International Summer Programme is offered exclusively to study abroad students.

You can take courses from several different departments; detailed information about individual courses can be found at www.lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad-handbook.

The course options are mainly intermediate (usually 200-level) or advanced level (usually 300-level). However there are some introductory course available (100-level).

The full course list can be found at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad-handbook
International Summer Programme

This is a four week course which is worth 4 semester credits (8 ECTS credits). You can take this as a standalone course, continue to another British university on completion or continue at Lancaster, where you combine it with the Michaelmas term (October to December) (for 12 credits) to achieve a full semester’s worth of credits (16 credits).

**Dates:** Thursday 13 August – Friday 11 September 2015

**Fee:** £2,050 (including orientation, teaching, assessment, field trips and four weeks’ accommodation on campus)

Further information can be found at: www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/study/isp

Two non-credit bearing courses run in September for students who have been accepted into the University

- **English for Academic Purposes (Study Skills)** www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/study/eap
- **Study Start** www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/study/studystart

“Living and learning with students from so many geographical and cultural backgrounds was a unique experience that was enriching beyond measure.”

**Jessica Brodman**
Allegheny College, USA
Courses

Accounting and Finance
The Department is widely regarded as one of the premier centres in Europe to study accounting and finance-related subjects.

Example courses include:
• Principles of Finance
• Strategic Management Control
• Bond Markets

Art
Lancaster Institute for the Contemporary Arts (LICA) welcomes Study Abroad students and offers courses in Art that focus on both practise and theory.

Example courses include:
• Critical Reflections
• Documentary Drawing
• Studio Practice (portfolio required; limited spaces)

Biological Sciences (including: Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences and Ecology)
The department has a strong and varied research base, undertaking world-class research including diverse aspects of biology. It was ranked 9th in the UK for Biological Sciences in the Guardian University Guide 2015.

Example courses include:
• Infection and Immunity
• Neurobiology
• Genetics

Chemistry
The department boasts an expanding team of research-active staff at the forefront of research. Courses available include organic, inorganic and physical chemistry.

Example courses include:
• Polymer Chemistry
• Phase Transfer and Kinetics
• Physical Chemistry for Life Sciences

Chinese
Two Chinese modules are available for Study Abroad students; these are designed to give an introduction to the language and an understanding of the Chinese way of thinking and living.

Courses include:
• Part I Chinese (Intensive)
• Chinese Culture & Society
Computing and Communications

The School of Computing and Communications houses one of the top ten Computer Science Departments in the UK.

Example courses include:
- Fundamentals of Computer Science
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Animation and Computer Graphics

Creative Writing

You will be taught by published, award winning scholars of English Literature and prize-winning writers of poetry, novels, short fiction, literary adaptation and work for radio.

Example courses include:
- Short Fiction
- The Making of a Poem: Writing/Reading Poetry
- Creative Non-Fiction

Criminology

Research areas in Criminology at Lancaster include drugs and alcohol, crime, criminal justice and hate crime, all of which contribute to classroom teaching and debate.

Example courses include:
- Crime and the Media
- Cybercrime
- Hate Crime, Human Rights, and the State: International Perspectives

The full course list can be found at:
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Courses

Economics
The Department has particular interests in international economics as well as industrial organisation, economic policy, business history, labour economics and economic theory.

Example courses include:
- Econometrics
- Intermediate and Advanced Micro- and Macro-economics
- Game Theory

Engineering
Design and project work feature strongly in the courses offered in the areas of mechanical, chemical, electronic and electrical engineering.

Example courses include:
- Digital Electronics
- Energy Conversion
- Transport Technology

English Literature
At Lancaster you study a substantial number of authors and texts from different periods and areas of literary history.

Example courses include:
- Shakespeare
- Literature and Film
- British Romanticism
Entrepreneurship
The Institute for Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development undertakes outstanding work in the fields of entrepreneurial research, education and business support.
Example courses include:
• Small Business and the SME
• Franchising
• Innovation

Environmental Biology & Ecology
Environmental Biology in the Lancaster Environmental Centre (LEC) is ranked 9th in the UK and the best in the North West.
Example courses include:
• Variety of Life
• Evolution
• Sustainable Agriculture

Environmental Science
Environmental Science in the Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC) is world-renowned for its research into the aquatic, atmospheric and terrestrial environments.
Specialist areas for the department being: food and the planet, biodiversity and global change.
Example courses include:
• Hydrological Processes
• Water Resources Management
• Volcanic Process Field Course

European Languages and Cultures
The Department of European Languages and Cultures (DELC) conducts research of international standing into the languages and cultures of Germany, Italy, France, the French-speaking world, Spain South America, Mexico and Latin America.
Example courses include:
• Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Language (French, Spanish, & German)
• Power and Resistance in Spain and Spanish America: from the Spanish Empire to the 21st Century
• Cinema and Society in Europe and Latin America

The full course list can be found at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad-handbook
Courses

Film Studies
Alongside theoretical, cultural and historical approaches to film, Film Studies provides a framework for analysing individual films and understanding the techniques of film production in the context of marketing, distribution, exhibition, and consumption.

Example courses include:
- Film and Comic Books
- Contemporary Hong Kong Cinema
- Viral Video Production

Gender and Women’s Studies
The Centre for Gender and Women’s Studies is distinctly interdisciplinary in its focus and also aims to foster links between academic research and political movements for gender equality and social justice.

Example courses include:
- Introduction to Gender and Women’s Studies
- Gender, Sexuality and Society
- Gender and the Law
Management Science/Business Analytics
The Department of Management Science has a worldwide reputation as an international centre of excellence. The courses offered are designed to develop the kind of skills required by business analysts and consultants.

Example courses include:
• Supply Chain Management
• E-Business
• Business Modelling and Simulation

Linguistics and English Language
The Department is ranked 9th in the world and 3rd for Linguistics in the UK in the 2015 Complete University Guide.

Example courses include:
• Structures of the World’s Languages
• Forensic Linguistics
• Corporate Communication

The full course list can be found at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad-handbook

Marketing
The Marketing Department, ranked number one in the country in the 2015 Complete University Guide covers three main areas of research; consumer behaviour, business marketing and purchasing and Market Studies.

Example courses include:
• Consumer Behaviour
• Brand Strategy
• Digital Marketing

Geography
Courses are offered in many aspects of human, physical and environmental aspects of geography, often with an applied emphasis.

Example courses include:
• Coastal Processes
• Glacial Systems
• Urban Infrastructure in a Changing World

History
The Department has research and teaching experience in areas extending from the early modern era to the modern and postmodern periods and its geographical scope extends across the world.

Example courses include:
• From Bede to Becket: The Cult of Saints in Earlier Medieval England, c600-1200
• The Origins and Rise of Islam (600-1250 AD)
• In Search of the Underclass: Politics and Poverty in Britain, 1880-1970

Law
Lancaster University Law School is one of the country’s top 20 law schools and has an outstanding reputation for research, which ranges from traditional “black letter” law to critical, socio-legal and interdisciplinary research.

Example courses include:
• International Law
• Responses to Massive Human Rights Violations
• Legal issues in Cybercrime

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Mathematics and Statistics
Courses focus on pure mathematics and statistics; many of the statistics courses are supported by practical data modelling with sessions in a well-equipped computing laboratory.

Courses include Maths for Engineers and advanced courses for Maths Majors:
- Calculus
- Probability
- Elliptic Curves

Media & Cultural Studies
Critical, theoretical and practical approaches are taken to understand this subject; you will be given the opportunity to examine both historical and contemporary issues and debates.

Example Courses include:
- Virtual Cultures
- Understanding Media
- Imagining the Future

Management and Organisation
Management and Organisation courses explore how the decisions and actions taken by organisations affect the quality of life in many areas of society today.

Example courses include:
- Business Ethics: Contemporary Issues in Management
- Comparative and International Human Resource Management
- Technology in Organisation: Society and Risk
Physics
The Physics Department is ranked second in the UK, in the Guardian University Guide 2014. Courses are available to satisfy the needs of the specialist physicist, and also for visiting pre-medical students and those requiring a basic physics course (100 series).

Example courses include:
• Electromagnetism
• Astrophysics
• Space, Time & Gravity

Politics, Philosophy and Religion
The Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) offers an exciting way to explore the world through its ideas, traditions and transformations.

Example courses include:
• Western Philosophy and Religious Thought
• Introduction to Peace Studies
• Indian Politics, Society and Religion

Psychology
Psychology at Lancaster is one of the top departments in the UK for teaching and research.

Example courses include:
• Cognitive Psychology
• Forensic and Investigative Psychology
• Personality and individual differences

Research Projects
This is an opportunity to work on a one-to-one basis with members of faculty staff who are experts in their fields. It is also a chance for you to investigate a topic of your choice, undertake original research and develop your research and study skills.

US Honors program students have found that these projects are an excellent preparation for the Senior Honors thesis.

Previous projects include:
• Expression of recombination and repair proteins in models of leukaemia
• The animal - human bond and its effect on veterinary medicine
• Aspects of French Impressionist Painting
• Computer crime in Britain
• The image of the Jew in Nazi Germany
• Sartre’s existentialism seen through his literature
• A risk analysis of pesticide use in agriculture

Sociology
One of the most highly regarded departments in the world; Sociology at Lancaster has played a central role in the emergence of this important field of academic study and is renowned for its creative and ground breaking research.

Example courses include:
• Virtual Cultures
• Living with Capitalism
• Nation, Migration, Multiculturalism

Theatre Studies
Theatre Studies in LICA is a leader among British universities in the study of innovative contemporary performance and its role in culture.

Example courses include:
• Modern Dance
• The Popular, the Political and the Avant Garde
• Applied Theatre Practise

Pre Medical and Pre Veterinary students
Many study abroad students at Lancaster have been science majors, pre-medical, pre-dental or pre-veterinary students. A wide range of science courses are available at Lancaster, including most of the core MCAT courses.
Costs

Please note that all costs are approximate and based on prices for 2014–15. You will need to budget around £7,500 for living and accommodation expenses if you plan to study at Lancaster for a full academic year.

**Living Costs 2014 – 2015**

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*This is refundable, subject to an end of tenancy room inspection and the return of your keys.

**Tuition Fees* 2014 – 15**

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<td>Lent and Summer terms (January-June):</td>
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<td>International Summer Programme:</td>
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<td>(mid-August to mid-September) (tuition and room)</td>
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<td>Fees include an orientation programme, teaching, assessment, field trips and accommodation.</td>
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You must also budget for: health insurance if you are attending Lancaster for less than 6 months; visa; travel costs to and from Lancaster; textbooks; vacation and weekend travel; entertainment; telephone; laundry; cooking and eating utensils; and other personal expenses. These will obviously vary widely according to your budget, tastes and requirements.
Application Procedures

The Lancaster University Study Abroad, Exchange and Erasmus application form is now online. In order to apply, you first need to be nominated by the appropriate office at your Home University. Once you have been nominated, we will send you an email with information on how to complete and submit your online form.

Applications must include a current transcript, a study plan and proof of your English Language level (if your first language is not English). You have the option to submit a Personal Statement if you wish.

We will need to receive a copy of your current passport before we can issue any visa documentation. This can be sent separately to your application if you do not have one yet.

How to apply:
• You can apply through the Study Abroad/International/Erasmus Office at your home university.
• You can apply through organisations such as Arcadia University, (www.arcadia.edu/abroad/) and the Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University (www.ifsa-butler.org)
• You can apply through the British Education Office, Tokyo (www.beo.co.jp); tel: +81 3 5367 3315; email: study@beo.jp or the British Education Office, Osaka (www.beo.jp); tel: +81 6 6371 1116; email: osaka@beo.jp

Entry Requirements:
Minimum GPA 3.0 with grade B or equivalent in the subjects you plan to study at Lancaster.

English language entry requirements if you are not a native English speaker:

IELTS:
An overall minimum score of 6.5 with at least 6.0 in each element.

Pearson PTE Academic:
62 with at least 55 in the four Communicative Skills. www.lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad-application

Application Deadlines:
For International Summer Programme, Michaelmas and academic year (October) entry: 30 June
For Lent/Summer (January) entry: 15 November

All costs and entry requirements are correct at the time of printing August 2014
Term Dates 2014-2015

Michaelmas Term:
3 October 2014 to 12 December 2014

Lent Term:
9 January 2015 to 20 March 2015

Summer Term:
17 April 2015 to 26 June 2015

Term Dates: 2015-16

Michaelmas Term:
2 October 2015 to 11 December 2015

Lent Term:
8 January 2016 to 18 March 2016

Summer Term:
15 April 2016 to 24 June 2016

Please note that you will be required to arrive before these dates to take part in Orientation and register for your courses.

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