

International
Study Centre

Lancaster
University



Where degrees *open doors*

International student guide



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Built for *your future*

Lancaster University offers more than just degrees. It's a future-focused experience powered by excellence.

Unique colleges help you find where you belong, providing a ready-made community you'll be proud to join. Plus, everything you need is on campus – from world-class facilities to lifelong career support.

**World top 160
university¹**

**UK top 10
university²**

**Top 30
UK university
'most targeted' by top
graduate employers³**

**5 QS Stars
for overall excellence
– awarded to just 129
universities globally⁴**



Your pathway to success

The International Study Centre is your first step towards studying at Lancaster University. Here, we'll help you prepare for your degree with expert support. Learning at the heart of Lancaster's campus community, you'll have access to state-of-the-art facilities from day one. We can't wait to welcome you!



If you're looking for one of the best universities, Lancaster is a perfect option for you. It's one of the best decisions I've made to come and study here.

Mariyah, Saudi Arabia
International Foundation

90%
global student satisfaction

(Student Experience Survey 2025)

1 QS World University Rankings 2026

2 The Complete University Guide 2026

3 The Graduate Market in 2025 Report, High Fliers Research

4 QS Stars Ratings 2025

Meet our alumni

Every success story starts with a first step – and for these students, it was our International Study Centre. Now, they're thriving at Lancaster University and the future looks bright.



Lancaster is one of the best universities for astrophysics and my foundation course enabled me to secure a place here. When I was a child, I was told I was going to be a doctor – but I looked up at the moon and thought 'I want to be there'. That's how my dream started.

Amran, Ethiopia
International Foundation
BSc (Hons) Astrophysics



The university's rankings are really impressive. It's in the UK top 10 – and the linguistics courses are ranked even higher. Developing a background in media on my foundation course made it easier to engage with the content of my degree.

Anas, Kuwait
International Foundation
BA (Hons) English Language
and Linguistics

Your career for life

Build a strong foundation for your career, with support that lasts a lifetime.



5 QS Stars for employability

(QS Stars Ratings 2025)



Advice for life

You'll have lifetime access to the Careers and Employability Service when you graduate.



Work in Progress

A free support service for entrepreneurs, start-ups and business ventures – helping students make their ideas happen.

Learn more about preparing for your future career: lancaster-isc.com/employability



"Studying here isn't just about learning English or earning a degree – it's about discovering how to create a sustainable career. I appreciate the campus facilities, especially the library."

Pin-Yu, Taiwan
Pre-Master's
MSc Logistics and Supply
Chain Management



"Studying in the UK gives you better opportunities and opens more doors for you. The support here has been really helpful – during Welcome Week, they even took us into town to show us which bus stops to use!"

Frederick, Kenya
International Foundation
LLB (Hons) Law



"The support, education and environment here are amazing. The curriculum is designed to prepare you for university life in a balanced way. It's not overwhelming, but it's challenging enough to push you to improve."

Safa, Nigeria
International Foundation
MSci Software Engineering
(with Industrial Experience)



Lancaster Castle



Lancaster city centre

Life in Lancaster

Lively city living in the beautiful English countryside. Lancaster offers the best of both worlds, making this welcoming, safe and vibrant city a great place to be a student.

Why students love Lancaster

Community charm

Friendly locals and a relaxed atmosphere, with artisan markets, cosy coffee spots and independent shops to explore.

Safe and student-friendly

A compact, easy-to-navigate city where you'll feel safe and supported. Lancaster's large student population means it's built with you in mind.



Lancaster market



The Lake District

Value for money

A more affordable student lifestyle, with rent prices up to 67% cheaper than London. *(Numbeo 2025)*

Beautiful surroundings

City life meets countryside calm, with stunning coastlines, scenic walks and the Lake District National Park within easy reach.



Lancaster has that small-town feeling. I love the fact that it's in the countryside, with lots of greenery. And the people are so friendly!

Eshet, Singapore



The people here are really nice. You walk down the street and they smile at you, they say hi to you. Making friends here has been the easiest thing.

Betina, Brazil



Hear why our students love Lancaster

International Study Centre

Begin your journey at the International Study Centre – our hub at the heart of Lancaster’s campus.

You’ll learn alongside other international students in a modern and welcoming environment. With expert teaching and support, we’ll help you build the confidence and skills you need to succeed at Lancaster University.

Your learning space

- Modern classrooms and multi-purpose lecture theatres.
- IT and multimedia equipment, plus additional learning resources.
- Group study areas and social spaces.
- Access to university facilities, including the library, sports centre and everything you need on campus.



The centre is so inclusive and welcoming. I’m Muslim, so finding a space to pray was important to me. The staff went out of their way to make it happen, which made me feel valued and respected.

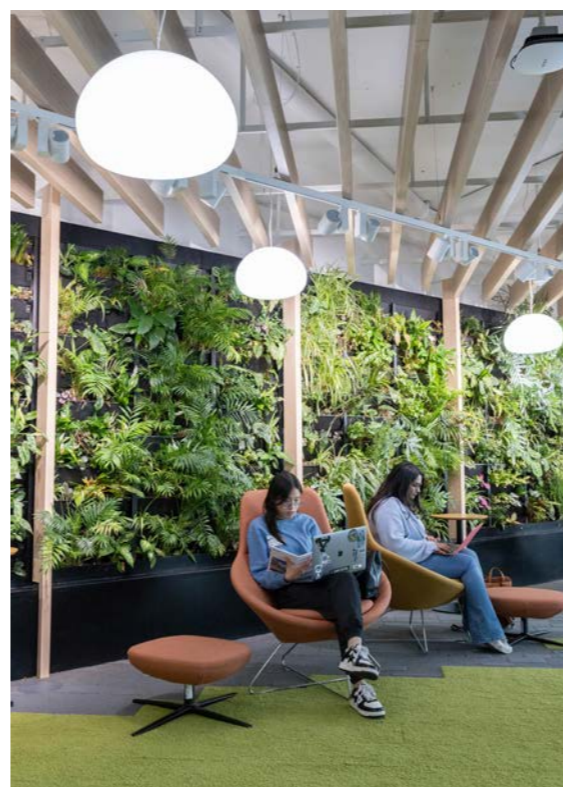
Safa, Nigeria

Specialist support

- Friendly guidance as you navigate UK student life.
- Help with essential tasks including opening a bank account and registering with a doctor.
- Welcome Week to help you meet people and get to know Lancaster.
- 24/7 security and an out-of-hours emergency helpline.
- Extra guidance for students under 18.

Your wellbeing matters

Read the policies we have in place to keep you safe and supported.



I have a severe stammer, but my Personal Tutor supported me. I had private classes which helped me learn to speak slowly and calmly. It worked really well!

Anas, Kuwait



Nine colleges, one home

Lancaster’s unique collegiate system is central to your student experience. More than just accommodation, each college is a vibrant community where you’ll find friendship, support and a true sense of belonging. It’s your home on campus – and your university family for life.

Why choose our accommodation?



All bills included

No surprise costs



Safe and supported

24-hour security



More than a home

Sports, events and friends for life



Convenient location

A short walk to classes



I’m at Cartmel College and I love college life. Moving here helped me become independent – buying my groceries, taking out the bins and doing everything on my own.

Eshet, Singapore

Explore your accommodation options: lancaster-isc.com/accommodation

A campus to call home

Welcome to Lancaster's campus – a safe and welcoming space designed for your success. Designed like a mini town, everything you need is in one place: the library, restaurants, shops, a cinema, health services and more. All set in a peaceful parkland environment.

It's open to everyone, encouraging students and locals to come together. From the moment you arrive, you'll be proud to call it home.



The university gym is amazing. It's got really good equipment, plus a swimming pool and rock climbing.

Eshet, Singapore

Lancaster and the surrounding area



Did you know?

Over 27% of Lancaster students come from outside the UK.

(The Complete University Guide 2026)

Bailrigg campus

- 1 International Study Centre
- 2 Nuffield Theatre
One of Europe's largest professional studio theatres, hosting theatre, contemporary dance and live art.
- 2 Peter Scott Gallery
Home to the university's international art collection.
- 3 Library
- 4 Post office
- 5 Hair and beauty salon
- 6 Health centre
- 7 Pharmacy
- 8 Sports centre
- 9 Multi-faith chaplaincy
- 10 Cinema
- 11 International supermarket



Take a virtual tour of the campus

Lancaster's leading subjects

Explore a wide range of degree options, each driven by innovation and delivered by experts. You'll learn using world-class facilities, through globally-recognised teaching that brings out your best.

10 subjects in the world top 100:

Top 3 | Linguistics

Top 40 | English Language and Literature

Top 50 | Marketing

Top 70 | Modern Languages

Top 70 | Sociology

Top 80 | Arts and Humanities

Top 90 | Accounting and Finance

Top 100 | Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

Top 100 | Business and Management Studies

Top 100 | Statistics and Operational Research

(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025)



Business and management

Prepare for success in the global marketplace at one of the UK's few quadruple-accredited management schools.



1st for research power

in Business and Management Studies
Research Excellence Framework 2021

A smart investment

Competitive fees, high average graduate starting salaries and affordable living costs mean your business degree pays for itself – fast¹.

Specialist careers advice

A dedicated management school careers service, supporting you throughout your degree and after graduation.



¹ Based on average published cost of study for an undergraduate business degree (BSc (Hons) Business Management), average starting salaries (HESA 2017/18-2020-2021), average rent (Homelet.co.uk) and cost of living (savethestudent.org).

Biosciences

Gain the scientific knowledge and skills needed to tackle global health and environmental challenges.

6th in the UK

for Biomedical Science

The Complete University Guide 2026

Career prospects

One of the UK's top 3 universities for Biomedical Science careers, based on alumni success 15 months after graduation.

Guardian University Guide 2025

Industry experience

Boost your CV with industry-relevant work experience, including a competitive NHS placement for Biomedical Science students.



Engineering, computing and data science

Solve real-world problems, design innovative solutions and turn data into insights that shape the future.

UK top 15

for Mechanical Engineering; Computer Science and Information Systems
Guardian University Guide 2025

World-class facilities

Access to specialist engineering labs, dedicated digital science and cyber security suites and a student workshop.

Alumni success

Previous students have launched careers at Aston Martin, Jaguar Land Rover, Mercedes, Rolls Royce and Shell.



Law

Learn the principles of justice and build your legal career at a diverse and international law school.

UK top 15

for Law

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025

Career prospects

One of the UK's top 20 universities for Law careers, based on alumni success 15 months after graduation.

Guardian University Guide 2025

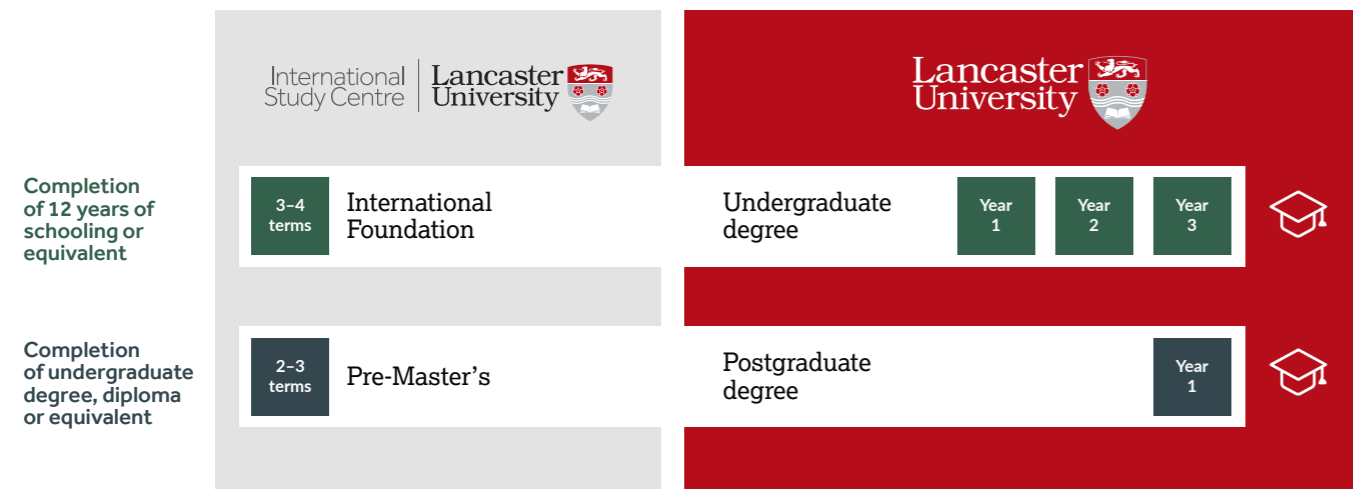
Community practice

Put your knowledge to good use through Legal Advice – an initiative where students give free legal guidance to the local community.



Our programmes

Prepare for your degree with pathways designed in partnership with Lancaster University. Explore your options to see what your study journey could look like.



International Foundation

Leads to Year 1 of an undergraduate degree at Lancaster University.

- Bridges the gap between high school and university study.
- Modules tailored to build the academic knowledge you need for your chosen degree.
- English language classes help develop your skills to meet the university's requirements.
- Regular start dates and flexible study lengths to suit different English language levels.

Scan the QR code to find out more



Which subjects can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- accounting
- business
- computing
- economics
- engineering
- law
- life sciences
- linguistics
- mathematics
- social sciences

English language courses

Academic English

- Increase your IELTS score by up to 1 band per term.
- Learn the academic vocabulary you'll need for your degree.
- Develop study skills such as debating, interpreting, presenting and essay writing.

Pre-Master's

Leads to a postgraduate degree at Lancaster University.

- Increase your knowledge of academic theory and subjects related to your degree.
- Develop advanced study skills such as research, critical thinking and written communication.
- Regular start dates and flexible course lengths to suit different English language levels.

Scan the QR code to find out more



Which subjects can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- biomedicine
- data science
- engineering
- environmental management
- investment management
- law
- linguistics
- marketing
- politics
- sociology

Prepare for your studies and career

Prepare for your studies and your career with our free pre-arrival and employability programmes.

Before you arrive

Get Ready to Study

Start your journey with confidence. This online programme covers UK life, study skills and career support - all at your own pace.

Find out more:
intostudy.com/get-ready-to-study

While you study

Get Work Ready

Prepare for career success. Set goals, build your CV and develop workplace skills while you study your pathway.

Find out more:
intostudy.com/get-work-ready

92%
of students felt more prepared for their studies
After completing Get Ready to Study (UK Arrival Survey 2024)

Apply online: apply.intostudy.com

Apply via your local educational counsellor.

If you would like us to put you in contact with one of our counsellors please contact us.

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