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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 but also to continue your journey towards a rewarding future.

Professor Andy Schofield
Vice-Chancellor

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Research **excellence**

The 2021 Research Excellence Framework assessed the quality and impact of research in UK universities across all subjects. It rated 91% of Lancaster's research as 'internationally excellent' or 'world leading', with 46% rated in the highest category of 4*. The Times Higher Education ranked Lancaster 21st overall out of 157 institutions and placed us above eight Russell Group universities for research quality.

The results combine with Lancaster's strengths in teaching and investment in the student experience to reflect our distinctive university community, able to excel in both teaching and research.

> The results confirm our position as delivering world-quality research at the same time as a best-in-class student experience.
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> Our excellence is revealed right across the disciplinary mix and enables us to create impact as we bring our research communities together to deliver answers to complex multidisciplinary problems.

Professor Andy Schofield
Vice-Chancellor

To find out more about research at Lancaster University, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk/research.**

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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' reach and significance.

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.

How picking up your smartphone could reveal your identity

The time a person spends on different smartphone apps is enough to identify them from a larger group in more than one in three cases say researchers, who warn of the implications for security and privacy.

Psychologists Dr Heather Shaw, Professor Paul Taylor and Professor Stacey Conchie from Lancaster University, and Dr David Ellis from the University of Bath analysed smartphone data from 780 people.

They fed 4,680 days of app usage data into statistical models. Each of these days was paired with one of the 780 users, such that the models learnt people's daily app use patterns.

The researchers then tested whether models could identify an individual when provided with only a single day of smartphone activity that was anonymous and not yet paired with a user. The models, which were trained on only six days of app usage data per person, could identify the correct person from a day of anonymous data one third of the time.

That might not sound like much, but when the models made a prediction regarding who the data belonged to, it could also provide a list of the most to the least likely candidates. It was possible to view the top 10 most likely individuals that a specific day of data belonged to. Around 75% of the time, the correct user would be among the top 10 most likely candidates.

In practical terms this means a law enforcement investigation seeking to identify a criminal's new phone from knowledge of their historic phone use could reduce a candidate pool of approximately 1,000 phones to 10 phones, with a 25% risk of missing them.

Consequently, the researchers warn that software granted access to a smartphone's standard activity logging could render a reasonable prediction about a user's identity even when they were logged-out of their account. An identification is possible with no monitoring of conversations or behaviours within apps themselves.

The research shows that it is important to acknowledge that app usage data alone, which is often collected by a smartphone automatically, can potentially reveal a person's identity. While providing new opportunities for law enforcement, it also poses risks to privacy if this type of data is misused.

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– Professor Steve Young and Dr Mahmoud Gad

Boardrooms must still do more to eradicate modern slavery

New research led by Lancaster University and published by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) in conjunction with the UK Anti-Slavery Commissioner, has identified significant shortcomings in the quality of companies' modern slavery reporting.

The research, led by Lancaster University Management School's Professor Steve Young, alongside Dr Mahmoud Gad, looked at a sample of 100 major companies' modern slavery statements and their strategic and governance reports. The findings reveal one in ten companies do not provide a modern slavery statement despite it being a legal requirement. Where companies did comply, only one third of these statements were considered clear and easy to read.

The majority of modern slavery statements reviewed were fragmented, lacked a clear focus and narrative, and often contained boilerplate language. Disclosures about key performance indicators (KPIs) which measure the effectiveness of steps to minimise modern slavery risks were particularly poor. Only a quarter of companies disclosed KPI results and just 12% confirmed they have made informed decisions based on those KPIs.

The review suggests that too many companies appear not to view human rights issues in their workforce and supply chain as a principal source of risk for their business, and that modern slavery considerations are still not a mainstream concern for many boardrooms.

Slavery, trafficking and human rights are critical issues for business and society. The review of corporate reporting practice suggests that these risks may be passing under the radar in some companies, while others seem to be adopting a compliance-oriented approach with processes and disclosures satisfying regulatory requirements rather than seeking to understand and address fundamental concerns.

Researchers say these findings are an opportunity for companies to present a more joined up approach to reporting and provide information on the effectiveness of their policies.

Postgraduate research student, Miranda Burke is from southeast England. She grew up in Kent and moved to Surrey for her BSc in Biology at Royal Holloway. She then undertook her MRes in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation at Silwood Park, which is Imperial College's London rural postgraduate campus.

What brought you to Lancaster?

After finishing my Master's, I made an application to the Waitrose Collaborative Training Partnership at Lancaster. My project is about reducing food waste in the supply chain, investigating the relationship between environmental stress and spoilage in fruits like tomatoes. When I came for the interview, I knew it was a great fit. The campus itself is lovely, it's separate from the city, but close enough to stay well connected to the Lancaster area. The University itself is well known for its high academic standard and excellent research, however unlike some other high-achieving universities, it was clear that maintaining a close community is very important to my department and the wider University. It is friendly and welcoming. The city itself is full of history, it is a vibrant social environment and its generally a really pretty place!

What is life like for a research student?

Life as a research student is fun. It isn't without stress and lots of hard work, but that makes it all the more rewarding. The environment is very different from undergraduate and even master's study. As a researcher you are responsible for your own progression so it can take some adjustment acquiring self-motivation skills. However, that is part of the process and the skills gained from the level of responsibility are invaluable for career progression. It has its ups and downs, but the successes are what makes it.

What is your typical day like as a research student?

Every day is different, some days I could be working in the laboratory collecting data, the next I could be in workshops, networking events, meetings, visits with industry partners or writing. I try to fill my calendar with all the extras, of course whilst prioritising my research. For example: I am a student rep, I also help organise science outreach events and I demonstrate in undergraduate practical sessions. I personally maintain full engagement by taking on lots of hats, but that isn't for everyone. My schedule is very varied generally and no doubt it will continue to be diverse throughout.

Tell us about the people you work with

My supervisors are fantastic. They have been incredibly supportive throughout some very tough times and always reassure me and keep me on track. I have experienced genuine enthusiasm for my work and additional endeavours, in addition to trust and respect for my ideas. My colleagues are also lovely, it is very helpful to have people surrounding me who are also early career researchers but with very different projects, projects structures and practical techniques. It is very helpful to have peers to collaborate with or just receive advice or tips from, or even form a mediocre pub quiz team with!

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

I have learned many practical and academic skills during my time at Lancaster. I have attended several writing courses, especially academic writing courses, analytical courses and courses surrounding communication and policymaking. These skills I'll not only use throughout my PhD, but these are all transferable skills that I will use in my future career.

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Miranda Burke

What achievements are you most proud of so far?

I have published a policy piece through the Global Food Security programme, this work was presented at the UN Climate Summit COP26. I also completed a valuable internship position with the UK Government Cabinet Office. Additionally, I have obtained a HE teaching qualification through the Lancaster University Associate Teaching Programme. All of these are significant for my future career progression, and I am very proud to have achieved them.

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

I think the most important advice for anyone entering a research degree is making sure you make a good connection with the supervisor, and that there is potential for a good relationship. No matter what your project and how much you love it, having a supervisor you don't have a good connection with can really hinder your progression.

Lancaster specifically; there are many different societies and events both research-related and otherwise, and I would strongly suggest becoming involved with some of these to enhance your experience, build relationships and networks and supplement your time with fun activities. Research can be hard and stressful; everyone needs a social life and fun. Letting your hair down and taking breaks will actually help your research progression.

Your college

– Printroom café in 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. The College is home to students from all over the world, so you'll find an international and multicultural community waiting for you.

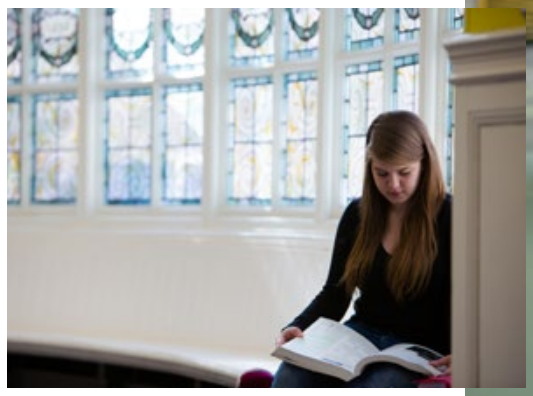
The College is located to the southwest of campus, which is quieter than the centre of campus and only a short walk away. It boasts a friendly, international community that celebrates and encourages diversity, and provides you with an ideal opportunity to make lasting friendships. It also provides an environment for you to develop academically, while the extracurricular activities help to ensure that your postgraduate experience is rewarding.

Graduate 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 College 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

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– Lancaster Environment Centre Atrium

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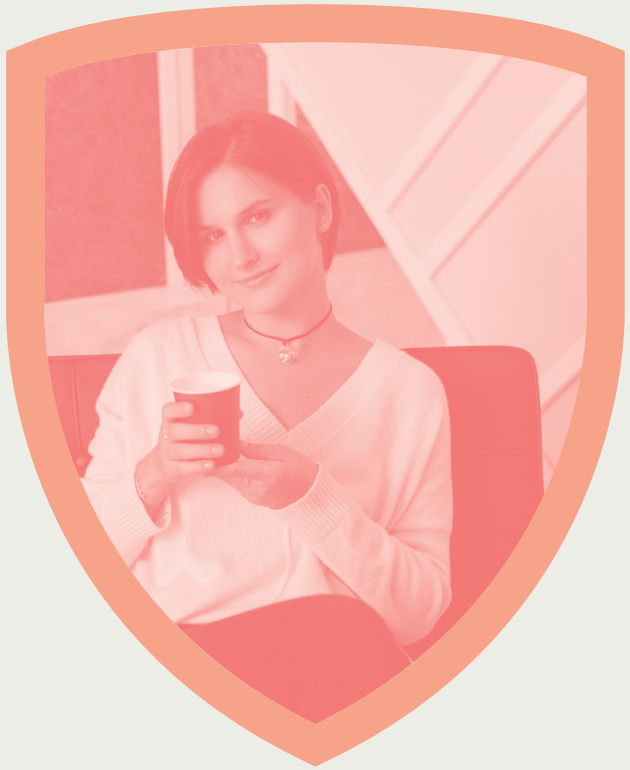
MSc International Business and Strategy



It was my first time studying and living abroad for such a long time. Previously, I'd only experienced short-term visits to summer and spring schools. No wonder it was all so exciting for me. I remember that before leaving home, I read an article about depression which can appear at the beginning of the academic year due to homesickness and the difficulty of settling in to a new community. I was concerned but it didn't happen. When I first arrived at Graduate College, I found a postcard on the table with these words: welcome to your new home. And so it turned out. I feel at home here having everything I need for my life at Lancaster. The benefits of civilization and the beautiful nature all around. Lots of places to study indoors and outdoors (which is very nice in good weather) and a lot of extracurricular activities.

Cross-cultural differences do not prevent me from communicating with others and feeling like a part of a large international community. Instead of the expected homesickness, I found a new home and, in a sense, a new family, friends, and a huge number of memories that I will keep for the rest of my days.

I don't want to finish my studies and leave the College and University at all. That's how much I like it here!

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MA Media and Cultural Studies

Having already completed an undergraduate course at Lancaster before progressing onto my MA in Media and Cultural Studies, I have already benefitted a lot from the collegiate system. However, I was a bit nervous about changing colleges because I did not know many people in Graduate College, and it felt a bit like being a fresher again. Going to the first social event organised by the College during Welcome Week relieved me of these feelings and allowed me to meet fellow postgraduates. The helpfulness and support of the staff, and the welcoming community were just the reassurance I needed.

As I live in the city centre and not on campus, I do not have the experience of sharing accommodation with other postgraduates. Fortunately, events like the New Café or Games Night offer an opportunity to feel part of the College. Also, there is a postgraduate study area in the city, where I often bump into people I know from Grad College.

Personally, going to support my friends at the grad netball or football games is when I feel the most connected to the community. It is a unique experience that bonds everyone in the College, regardless of whether you are playing or just there to cheer them on!

Reka Kutvolgyi

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

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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.

Whether it's finding your way around campus, or how to write a literature review, postgraduate life is all about learning new things and developing yourself. The same can be said for mental health and wellbeing. Some of our services focus on giving you the tools and developing skills to manage mental health. Our services Silvercloud and The Wednesday Thing offer practical guidance in different ways - both cover common issues faced by students like building a healthy routine, procrastination, and managing anxiety and stress. Silvercloud offers modules you can work through, and The Wednesday Thing hosts regular practical sessions led by our wellbeing advisors. You can access groups and workshops on specific issues like grief, personal empowerment, and general anxiety. Our any or no faith chaplaincy is another great resource offering spaces for community, mindfulness and prayer.

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 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.

An **inspiring** Students' Union

Lancaster University Students' Union is here to enhance every aspect of your time as a student – supporting your social life, studies, sporting activities, hobbies and interests, and the causes you care about.

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Our members elect officers to represent them in every part of student life, from academic matters to welfare issues. That includes our nine colleges – as a postgraduate student you will join Graduate College where you'll get the chance to elect your Postgraduate Board. The college teams are part of the Students' Union and are a crucial part of the Lancaster experience – we support these groups as they work to bring your college communities to life.

Your activity groups are at the heart of life at Lancaster. With more than 200 clubs and societies covering a range of sports, activities, hobbies and causes, 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.

We also help build a sense of community on campus by hosting a full calendar of events – including Roses (our annual intervarsity tournament with the University of York) and Lancaster's legendary 'Extrav' celebrations at the end of the academic year.

If you're interested in volunteering, we offer a wide range of amazing opportunities to get involved in. You can be part of the Green Lancaster sustainability project or get teaching experience with our Children's and Young People Partnership. From one-off projects to long-term placements, we offer a variety of great volunteer opportunities.

We are here to stand up for you throughout your time at Lancaster. Our Advice Service team are here to help, offering support to with whatever life throws at you. Our advice service is a free, non-judgemental, and confidential support service. Most importantly, we are on your side.

When you come to study at Lancaster, you'll automatically become a member of Lancaster University Students' Union – so you'll have access to all the services 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.

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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 whilst their child plays.

We have a range of two and three-bedroom self-contained flats across the campus that are suitable for families. Living on campus with 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.

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

In the 2023/2024 academic year, prices range from **£208.11** per week for a single studio to **£129.71** per week for a bedroom with a washbasin and shared showers and toilets, based on a 50-week contract.

Prices for the family accommodation are varied 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

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Everything on campus

– Oriental Supermarket

– The Deli

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

- Sports centre
- Theatre
- Art gallery
- Student run cinema
- Hairdresser and beauty salon
- Chaplaincy
- Post office
- Supermarkets
- Cash machines
- Restaurants
- Cafés
- Pharmacy
- Bakery
- Doctor
- Bars
- Garage and petrol station
- Prayer room
- Launderettes
- Pre school centre

– Shops and cafés in Edwards Robert Court

– Recently opened £6m sports centre expansion

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 neutral 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 awarded a Gold rating for Environmental Impact as part of the QS World University Rankings 2022. Additionally, we have been rated five stars for this category in the QS Stars rating system for our work and research in the area of sustainability.

From better buildings to efficient energy production, 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.

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Just a few of **our projects**...

Green Lancaster

This is a partnership between the Students' Union and the University's Facilities Division to provide education and engagement experiences for the sustainable development era. Alongside our own sustainability projects, campaigns and events, we support our student societies by providing space and resource at the ECOHub for students to hold community engagement activities independently or in partnership with us. We work with over 50 local, national and international organisations to run events, support campaigns and raise awareness of our core areas while also working towards the strategic ambitions of the University.

Don't Ditch It

This household goods upcycling project works with over 50 charities locally and nationally. The upcycling project, employs students, gives back to the community and reduces waste on campus every year. The scheme has diverted over 300 tonnes of household appliances and homeware from disposal over the last decade. We encourage all our students to take part in the scheme and keep the life cycle going.

ECO Projects

Our ECO family of projects and campaigns contribute to Green Lancaster's biodiversity and agriculture core area. Our ECOWoods and ECOWild projects rejuvenate ecosystem services through rewilding and at the ECOHub we facilitate sustainable food production.

– Great opportunities to grow your own vegetables at the EcoHub

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– 'Don't Ditch It. Donate It'

– ECOWoods project

As well as our commitment to reducing the University's carbon footprint, our academics are at the forefront of research in environmental issues and aim to create a more sustainable future.

Here's a few of the things that we're involved in...

Energy Lancaster

Energy Lancaster combines cutting-edge research with expertise from across Lancaster University and beyond. Working with global, regional and local organisations, Energy Lancaster aims to address societal challenges around sustainability and the security of energy supplies, from renewable energy solutions to energy storage technology.

Future Cities Research Institute

This is a joint research institute between Lancaster University and Sunway University in Malaysia, investigating sustainable cities and tackling the challenges of global urbanisation. The Institute is researching ways to improve life for those living in cities to reduce the impact they have on the areas around them, making cities, communities and citizens more resilient, agile and adaptable to climate change and other global challenges, including future pandemics.

Pentland Centre for Sustainability in Business

The Pentland Centre researches sustainability in business to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement. The Centre's research ranges from addressing the challenges of sustainable supply chains and plastic packaging, to business practices that impact employee and human rights. It aims to create business solutions that enable business leaders to make courageous decisions on sustainable practice.

Lancaster Environment Centre

As one of the world's largest centres of environmental research, Lancaster Environment Centre brings together world-class researchers from a wide range of disciplines to find solutions to global environmental challenges. The Centre's research spans topics such as sustainable farming, looking after tropical ecosystems, and innovations that reduce the environmental impact of products, processes and services.

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. It's built around a central atrium filled with natural light. 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.

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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 building is a giant box of tricks, designed to bring disciplines together and to bring the best ideas into reality.

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.

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Connected

A lot of university life revolves around technology. We have you covered.

You'll find learning labs you can access any time – there's even one in Graduate College. This means you're never far from a computer or a printer on campus – where you can access work saved securely, or look at materials for the module you're working on. If you don't feel like carrying your laptop across campus, you can borrow one of ours for a few hours.

You can access e-journals and e-books online, so with high speed, wired connection and Wi-Fi in campus accommodation you might not even need to step out of your room to find what you need. When you do, you'll still have access to our Wi-Fi network – whether you're in the Library, in a class or having a coffee in one of our cafés.

Wherever you are, you'll have our iLancaster app to keep you connected to what's going on. Your timetable, your course resources, your latest news, even your bus times. It's all on the app, in your pocket.

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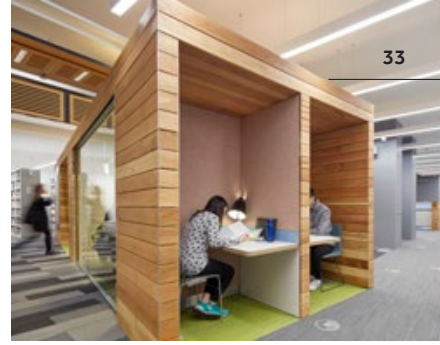
Your library



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 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 cafés.

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

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. The crowd in Filbert's Bakery are always happy to share their non-traditional bakes and talk seasonal creations.

When it comes to coffee, Lancaster goes well beyond the usual chains. In the coffee quarter – established by Atkinson's Coffee Roasters – they've been roasting beans for more than 180 years.

Today, it's home to cafés old and new, together with a vast variety of eateries to suit any palate or wallet. Experience fine dining at Quite Simply French, or check out some more casual spots like Nami Sushi, Kokobento and Pizza Margherita.

lancaster.ac.uk/where-to-eat

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

If you're energetic

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

On our campus, you'll find extensive sports facilities allowing you to take part in a multitude of sporting activities, both 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 Christian 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.

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

If you're an explorer

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

The immediate surroundings also offer plenty of great places to 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.

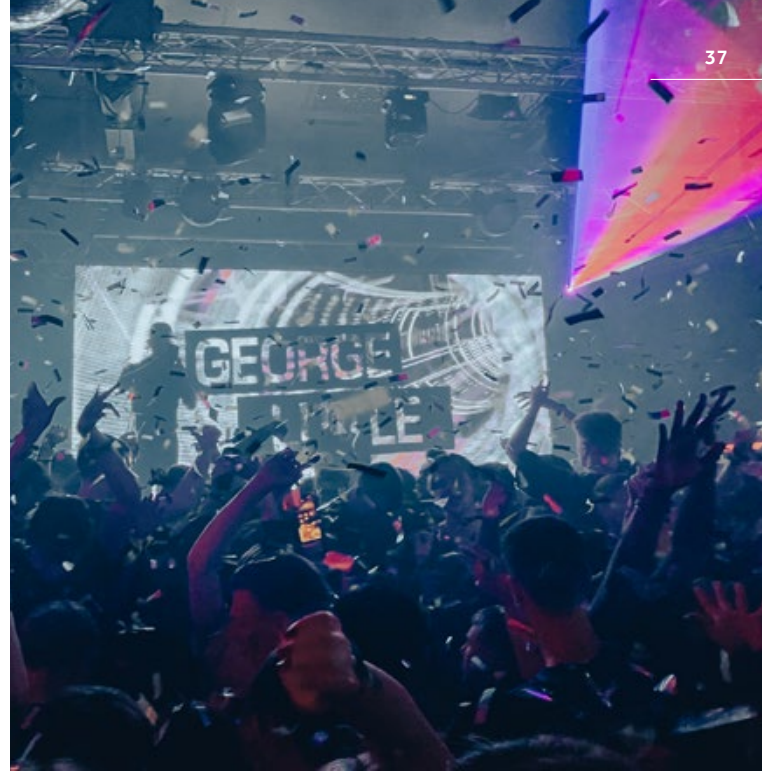
If you're venturing further afield, the train station is the perfect place to start. Travel up to the Cumbrian countryside, east over the Pennines to the Yorkshire Dales, or even north to Scotland and the Highlands. It's all within a few hours' travel.

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, cafés and pop-up spaces.

You'll also find a variety of festivals here every year. It might be a small city, but the Music Festival, Jazz Festival and Highest Point 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 cafés, 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 café

– 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 largest 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 cafés to suit every vibe.

– Dalton Square, at the heart of the city

– Enjoy the coastal town of Morecambe

– The Lake District, a world UNESCO site

– Visit the nearby town of Blackpool

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.**

– Explore the Trough of Bowland

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

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.

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. Our Students' Union also works with a number of charities, schools and local organisations to arrange a variety of volunteering opportunities for students to participate in.

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.

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Kieran Dickson

BA Hons International Relations
MA Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

After completing his undergraduate studies in International Relations at Lancaster, Kieran decided to stay on to further his studies with a MA in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy. After leaving Lancaster, Kieran joined the Civil Service Fast Stream undertaking postings with the Department of Health and Social Care and UK Export Finance. His current posting is in the Welsh Government working as a Private Secretary to Special Advisors.

Why did you choose Lancaster University for your postgraduate degree?

I was attracted to the high quality of teaching, the strong breadth of subjects available within my chosen department, and the collegiate atmosphere of Lancaster. I liked the focus on the real world contained in the modules – I was looking for something more hands on, and less theoretical in my postgraduate studies.

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

It's shorter, so more condensed. The intensity of study was a lot higher – and the expectations from lecturers were higher too. Writing an original piece of research for my dissertation was a step up from my undergraduate degree, and it definitely pushed me to develop a lot of the skills I learned during my undergrad. The focus of the subjects is a lot more niche and involved as well – focusing on specific political theories, or geographic areas in my case.

Why would you recommend Lancaster University to a prospective postgraduate student?

The class sizes are small, so you get a lot more bespoke support from lecturers. The quality of the education was great, and my entire department felt accessible, even for lecturers and professors whose modules I wasn't taking. It's also super international. I had friends from all over the world who'd come to study at Lancaster and I made lifelong friendships. The collegiate nature of the university and the fact that there's always something to do on campus or in the city were a definite help too!

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

Not really, but I knew I was interested in politics and wanted to do something along those lines. The courses I took really opened my eyes to the options that were available to me.

How did your plans change and develop during your studies?

I started off thinking that I was interested in economics, but quickly realised that I didn't have the slightest head for maths. Luckily I was able to pivot and find a new niche – policy, and realised that it would probably be a better choice for me than powering through some pretty complicated maths. My lecturers and modules were pretty instrumental in this – they showed me all the different angles to make a career in the political sphere.

How did the careers team support you through your time at Lancaster?

The careers team were massively helpful in sorting out my CV and teaching me all the things I didn't know about job applications. The tailored approach you need to take to each application was new to me. I'd been sending out the same CV and application and wondering why I wasn't getting responses. The careers team were very helpful in changing my approach, which definitely paid off.

What did the careers team support mean to you?

It meant having a place to go, to ask the questions that I didn't even know where to start with. They were really helpful in highlighting some of the opportunities available, and really showing me how many options were out there.

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

Not knowing what to do is totally normal and as cliché as it is, there really isn't one right path. My career has been really iterative – trying out lots of new things and refining down the options until I realise what it is I want to do. It's also totally normal to feel like lots of jobs are unattainable, or have requirements that are more than you've done so far. My advice is that if you look at a job description, and you think you could do that job, then apply!

What are your career plans now?

I'll be finishing up my time in Welsh Government soon and looking to go back to Whitehall for the next step. My current goal is to move into digital policy, working on the policies that affect how we interact with the tech giants, and continuing to develop my skills and network across the Civil Service.

Carmen Chan

MBA Business Administration

As Senior Sustainability and Fabric Manager for Tesco International Sourcing, Carmen's role involves working with regulators, NGOs, peer brands and retailers to shape standards and supply chain integrity. Working for one of the world's largest retailers, means Carmen is able to guide and influence stakeholders around the world from her base in Hong Kong – where 25 years ago she first came across Lancaster University Management School at an education fair.

Carmen has worked for Tesco since 2008, starting as a technical manager before taking on her current role in 2014. That followed time working with another British retailer, Marks & Spencer, with her affinity with the firms coming from her time at Lancaster.

"My current role involves developing sustainable strategies and programmes for our clothing business," says Carmen. "We engage and collaborate with a number of stakeholders both within and outside of the business, and support new sustainability initiatives across the industry globally. It's not just about the company, but doing something for wider industry goals that's exciting and meaningful. It is why I am so passionate about my work.

"As sustainability leaders or practitioners, we have to understand the purpose of the business. If we want to go fast, we can go alone; but if we want to go far, we go together. You have to think beyond the business itself and work with a broad group of stakeholders, including competitors, on certain agendas, particularly sustainability, where we have a common goal. We cannot work purely for the sake of our business – yes, every decision does support the wider business, but the business has a greater purpose now, to help the planet, and not just the business, survive.

"Sustainability is an agenda we cannot afford not to have. It has become part of our purpose. Any business with purpose needs to ensure it takes care of all stakeholders and that our stakeholders care for the planet. It's an indispensable part of business; sustainability has to be integrated into all steps in decision-making."

"The MBA is one of the building blocks for me," Carmen adds. "Lancaster is a world-class university, and the MBA felt unique, with a wide diversity of students. Having students from diverse backgrounds, all of them already with work experience in different areas, allowed us to learn from each other, to respect different backgrounds and cultures.

"I had a great experience completing a consultancy project with the UK government. It taught us how to work in that culture, and how to deliver a project together. It gave me a lot of confidence for my career in working in UK business, which I think is why I have continued to do that."

As well as that base for a successful career, Carmen still has fond memories of Lancaster, the campus, her accommodation in Graduate College, the nearby Lake District, the people, and the communities she came to know from her time in the North West of England.

"I miss the people, I miss the place. It was an extremely comfortable, relaxed place. I think if I had studied in a city, it would have been more like Hong Kong, but studying in Lancaster, I really felt the difference of having a university life, enjoying the culture, having more leisure, but also being more focused academically. It was a very different lifestyle from Hong Kong."

Asked what advice she would give current and future students for their careers, Carmen is clear they need to be open-minded and positive in their approaches.

"You need to be positive towards change," she says. "There are so many changes happening every day – Covid, the financial crisis. What I have learned is to ensure I have a positive mind-set, which can allow us to identify opportunities, rather than seeing them as challenges. We can turn that energy towards seeing opportunities that can benefit the business.

"Another thing is that you should never stop learning. With new technologies and developments, we have to be open-minded. Sustainability and many of the related subjects require a more stringent process. We need to keep on learning and understanding the world better so what we say comes from a science base."

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

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 a wealth of 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 visa scheme, opening up new opportunities for employment in the UK after graduation. For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk/work-in-progress**.

Learn online

Lancaster's online and distance learning postgraduate courses are ideal if you want to enhance your career through flexible learning. You can work from home, your workplace, or wherever and whenever is convenient. There's no need to relocate to Lancaster or take a career break – you can gain relevant knowledge and skills by studying alongside your ongoing professional and personal commitments. Please note that some online courses include some on campus elements – see course information for details. You are advised to contact the relevant department if you wish to discuss alternatives to campus attendance. For more information about our online courses, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk/online-courses.**

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

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 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.

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, rents and some living expenses do tend to be lower at Lancaster than in some urban centres. Staff in the Fees and Funding Service and the Students' Union can provide practical advice on funding, budgeting and general debt. For guidance on student living costs, please visit **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 2023 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 2023–24 later in 2022.

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

University Scholarships – we offer a range of scholarships and the majority of these scholarships offer support towards 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.**

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

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 2023.

For more information, please visit **gov.uk/masters-loan** or **gov.uk/doctoral-loan.**

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Improve your English

Improve your English language skills

If you need to improve your English language and study skills before starting study at Lancaster we have two pre-sessional courses to help you do this. The programmes vary in length, depending on the standard of your English when you apply.

- English for Academic Purposes (EAP) – 4 weeks
- Pre-Sessional English Language Programme (PELP) – 10 weeks

Both courses will help you develop skills and strategies to:

- Meet the English language expectations of your chosen academic programme
- Improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills so that you can communicate in a range of academic contexts
- Succeed in a UK higher education context
- Help you to create a network of friends and establish you as a valued member of our student community

To be eligible you must have:

- An active offer for an academic course at Lancaster University
- A valid English language test score that meets the requirements for entry to one of our pre-sessional programmes

It is expected that both courses will be delivered on campus. However, if you are unable to attend, there may be the options to take the programme online.

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.

For more information, please visit **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.

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pgadmissions@lancaster.ac.uk

Accounting and Finance

About us

We are among the UK's top performing research-intensive management schools. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research environment as 'world leading' and placed us 1st in the UK for research power in Business and Management Studies.

Drawing upon our excellence in cutting-edge research, our programmes provide graduates with the theoretical and practical skills needed to succeed in the increasingly complex world of finance. Our courses receive accreditation from the ACCA and CIMA, and we are part of the CFA Affiliated University Program.

The department is made up of a diverse group of internationally renowned scholars who specialise in key areas including accounting and bank regulation, corporate finance, financial econometrics and many more.

Our research areas

- Asset pricing and financial econometrics
- Bank accounting and regulation
- Corporate finance
- Corporate governance and auditing
- Financial reporting

You may also be interested in...

- Mathematics and Statistics

Find out more here

Accounting and Finance

PhD

4 years F/T

Your programme

This programme will enable you to become an outstanding researcher who can thrive in the world's leading business schools. Our department includes editors of leading journals and our academics operate an open-door policy. You will also have access to cutting-edge databases, scientific computing facilities, IT support, dedicated office space, workshops, conferences and a vibrant seminar series.

Our accountancy research strengths lie in financial reporting, bank accounting and regulation, corporate governance and auditing, and sustainable accounting. In finance, our research specialisms are investment and corporate finance, asset pricing, and financial econometrics.

During your PhD, you will complete a portfolio of courses and seminars covering accounting and finance theory, econometric and statistical methods and research methodology. You will then research and write a thesis on a topic that you are passionate about. Two subject experts will offer detailed supervision to ensure it will contribute new knowledge to the academic community.

You will also receive support to visit a leading international university.

Example modules include

- Advanced Accounting
- Corporate Finance
- Econometric Topics in Accounting and Finance

Entry requirements

A relevant Master's degree with Distinction level performance, both overall and in the dissertation.

In exceptional circumstances, applicants with a 2:1 honours degree and relevant research experience may be considered.

Potential careers

- University lecturer
- Data scientist
- Researcher

Accounting and Financial Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme provides academic training at the frontier of accounting and financial management knowledge.

During this programme, you may have the opportunity to sit the CFA Level 1 professional exam. On successful completion of your degree, you can also secure ACCA exemptions from most of the Fundamental level papers depending on your module choices during the second term, and 11 exemptions from CIMA's CGMA qualification.

The programme balances theory with applied learning, using practical working examples to enhance skills and understanding. You will learn about the principles of financial reporting and the foundations of finance. Some modules also provide training in Bloomberg and Python programming to help address the industry's skills gap and give you a competitive edge in the job market.

You are encouraged to select your dissertation according to your future career path and you will choose from either empirical asset pricing, accounting, CFA level 1, or corporate finance.

Example modules include

- Financial Markets
- Principles of Financial Reporting
- Financial Statement Analysis

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, accounting, economics or other business-related subject. Applicants with degrees in non-business areas with strong quantitative elements may also be considered.

Potential careers

- Accountancy
- Investment banking
- Financial analysis

Finance

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

The financial management sector requires professionals with specialist knowledge of financial markets and expertise in investments, financial instruments and risk management. This MSc gives you the crucial skills you will need to launch a successful career in finance.

You may have the chance to sit the CFA Level I professional exam. On successful completion of your course, you will also secure ACCA exemptions from most of the Fundamental level papers depending on your module choices during the second term, and 11 exemptions from CIMA's CGMA qualification.

We teach you the principles of financial markets and the foundations of finance, using real-world data and examples. You will have the chance to explore fascinating areas of corporate finance, advanced investment management, risk management in commercial banking and financial econometrics. Some modules also provide training in Bloomberg and Python programming.

Your dissertation is chosen from either empirical asset pricing, accounting, CFA Level I, or corporate finance.

Example modules include

- Financial Data Platforms (Bloomberg)
- Python Programming for Data Analysis
- Behavioural Finance

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, accounting, economics or other business-related subject. Applicants with degrees in non-business areas with strong quantitative elements may also be considered.

Potential careers

- Investment banking
- Financial analysis
- Asset management

Investment Management and Financial Analysis

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

The investment management and financial analysis sectors require industry professionals with advanced technical knowledge. This programme is designed to equip you with the skills required to excel in the industry, as well as helping you acquire your CFA Level I and Level II professional qualification.

Our core modules embed training in financial programming languages including VBA, R and MATLAB, and provide hands-on experience with data platforms such as Thomson EIKON or FactSet. You will also receive careers support from our specialist financial careers coach.

You can elect to prepare for the February CFA Level I exam or if you already have CFA Level I, you will study alternative modules to benefit a career in Investment Management or Financial Analysis. You then prepare for the August CFA Level II exam. An alternative non-CFA pathway is available for those who do not want to acquire the CFA qualification or those who already have the qualification but still wish to benefit from this practitioner-oriented programme.

Example modules include

- Fund Management
- Financial Markets and Investment Research
- Financial Modelling and Analysis

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in finance, or in accounting with a significant number of finance and/or quantitative modules studied. Applicants from commerce (eg business studies or economics, that contain finance or quantitative modules) or science related subjects (eg mathematics, engineering, physics, computer science or another quantitative subject) are also encouraged to apply.

Potential careers

- Asset or hedge fund management
- Investment banking (analyst or trader)
- Financial services

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Architecture

About us

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

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

Our research areas

- Automation
- Climate emergency
- Digital arts and crafts
- Generative design
- Mapping cities
- Twentieth century architectural and urban history

You may also be interested in...

- Design
- Engineering

Find out more here

Architecture (Master of)

MArch

24 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Architectural Technologies and Professional Skills
- Research Methods
- Architectural Design Studio

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in architecture or in a related discipline. A portfolio is required.

We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us for information.

Potential careers

- Architect
- Interior architect/spatial designer
- Urban designer

Architecture

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

The topic of your PhD in Architecture can be drawn from of a wide range of subjects in architecture and we actively welcome interdisciplinary PhD subjects. Your supervisory team is selected to give the best possible academic support for your topic and will provide structured guidance, advice, support and encouragement through regular supervisory meetings.

We have supervised PhD projects on the growth of spontaneous, informal settlements; using tracking sensors to measure interaction dynamics in the workplace; people's cognition and experience of urban environments; using eye-tracking to understand the effect of visual stimuli on urban-walkability; the relationship between urban design and electric vehicle infrastructure; the effect of the spatial layout of museums and galleries on memory and attention; post-war infrastructure and the state; and the use of a smart phone, game environment to investigate the effect of landmarks in city design.

By studying at Lancaster, you will be part of a multidisciplinary community of research students and have the opportunity to also study for a certificate in higher education teaching through working with experienced staff on a range of modules.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree in an appropriate discipline and a 2:1 undergraduate honours degree in an appropriate discipline.

Potential careers

- Research and teaching in higher education
- Research and development for large architectural practices or engineering consultancies
- Architectural criticism or journalism

Art

About us

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

Our purpose-built studios include AV seminar facilities, digital art lab, installation space, and fully equipped wood/metal workshop.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 75% of our research impact as 'outstanding'; placing us 8th in the UK for research impact in Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory.

Our research areas

- Art and mobilities research
- Art and time
- Art, health and wellbeing
- Art science collaboration
- Art writing and experimental publishing
- Contemporary and historical drawing practices
- Critical new media and digital art practice
- Drawing as a tool for research
- Garments and clothing in fine art
- Painting
- Socially engaged and site-specific practices
- Teaching painting

Find out more here

Art

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

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

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline; a 2:1 honours degree in an appropriate discipline; and a viable research proposal and portfolio for a practice-based PhD.

Potential careers

- Art academic
- Art journalism and writing
- Art researcher
- Professional artist

Arts Management

MA

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

In your first term, you have the choice of studying either a module in personal development or a module examining wider issues relating to environmental crises and societal change.

In your second term, you will have the opportunity to undertake a research project with a cultural/creative organisation where you will work in a team with fellow students. The Department coordinates these projects, which provide you with the opportunity to gain a practical understanding of how these organisations operate.

Example modules include

- Arts Management Practice
- Design Research Methods
- Strategic Thinking in the Creative and Cultural Industries

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Arts marketing
- Arts administration
- Creative production

Turn over for more courses ›››

Art

Contemporary Arts

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline; a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline; and a viable research proposal, or portfolio.

Potential careers

- Arts research
- Arts education
- Professional contemporary artist

Fine Art

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

The MA in Fine Art provides you with the opportunity to study contemporary art practice at postgraduate level while benefiting from the visibility that comes from working within cultural networks. The course is built around three core elements: studio practice, a research residency, and contemporary theory in the arts.

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

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

Example modules include

- Fine Art Research Residency
- Contemporary Issues in the Arts
- Fine Art Major Project

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in fine art or a related subject, a portfolio of work, and an interview. Both portfolio and interview may take place online.

Potential careers

- Professional artist
- Art curator
- Arts education

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Biological Sciences

About us

Our offering reflects the expertise of our internationally renowned academics, and our taught programmes are delivered online in the form of flexible distance-learning programmes.

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

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 96% of our research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' and placed us 5th in the UK for research power in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences.

Our research areas

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

You may also be interested in...

- Natural Sciences
- Environmental and Earth Sciences

Find out more here

Biological Science

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Food Challenges for the 21st Century (Distance Learning)

PgCert

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent. We also recognise prior learning and experience for practitioners working in the food supply chain, so you don't necessarily need a degree to apply.

Potential careers

- Food production
- Food supply

Turn over for more courses ›››

Biological Sciences

Food Security (Distance Learning)

PgDip

12 months F/T

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Our flexible distance-learning programme aims to equip you with the skills and knowledge to engage with one of the most significant challenges facing a growing population: making and supplying enough food to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

This interesting course explores issues related to food security, focusing on production, distribution, and waste. All materials are supplied and you work through them at your own pace. Participants of each module meet regularly online to review the module content. There may also be the opportunity to meet tutors and fellow students at workshops during the year.

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

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

Example modules include

- Crop Production Science
- Postharvest Physiology
- Ethical Food Systems

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, for the MSc. We also recognise prior learning and experience for practitioners working in the food supply chain, so you don't necessarily need a degree to apply.

Potential careers

- Food production
- Food supply

Plant Sciences

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Biomedical Science/ Biomedicine

About us

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of Lancaster's Faculty of Health and Medicine's research environment as 'world leading' and 91% of its research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

Research in the Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences focuses on the study of the biological aspects of human health and disease, using state-of-the-art experimental approaches. This includes the use of biochemical and cellular approaches and complementary studies in model organisms.

The Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences is the hub of Lancaster University's biomedical teaching and world-leading research activities. It brings together researchers from across the bioscience spectrum, with research specialities in cancer biology and genome stability, ageing and neuroscience, and microbes, pathogens and immunity.

Our research areas

- Cancer biology and genome stability
- Ageing and neuroscience
- Microbes, pathogens and immunity

You may also be interested in…

- Natural Sciences
- Environmental and Earth Sciences

Find out more here

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Biomedical Science/Biomedicine

Biomedical and Life Sciences

MPhil/PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in biology, biochemistry, molecular biology or a related subject. Qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard will also be considered. You are encouraged to apply for advertised PhD opportunities or to approach potential supervisors directly and formulate a research proposal with them.

Potential careers

- Medical/scientific writer
- Industrial/pharmaceutical research
- Post-doctoral research

Biomedical Science

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This MSc offers you an exciting opportunity to undertake and manage your own research project, allowing you to gain valuable laboratory experience and forge important relationships in the professional sphere. As well as developing intellectual, practical and transferable skills, you will gain a practical understanding of advanced research techniques and develop competence in applying these to the development and management of your own research project.

Our Master's graduates develop the knowledge and technical skills to produce sustained and original work that underpins progression in their chosen career. At the core of this is an independent research project, where you will produce new and original data to make a solid contribution to the scientific community. Throughout the programme, you will work as part of an established world-leading research team and you will be supported by your supervisors at every stage.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in biology, biochemistry, molecular biology or a related subject. Qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard will also be considered. You are encouraged to approach potential supervisors directly and formulate a research proposal with them. This will then need to be included in your application.

Potential careers

- Medical/scientific writer
- Graduate-entry medicine
- Industrial/pharmaceutical research

Biomedicine

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

Example modules include

- Bioinformatics
- Emerging Therapeutics in Immunology
- Microbes and Disease

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- PhD and research careers in academia and industry
- Journal editor

Chemistry

About us

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

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

We aim to mix the best in chemical research with industrial partnerships to address real-world problems and generate solutions to national and global challenges.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 85% of our research in Chemistry as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

Our research areas

- Chemical synthesis
- Chemical theory and computation
- Physical and analytical chemistry

You may also be interested in...

- Natural Sciences
- Engineering
- Physics

Find out more here

Chemistry

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme provides the opportunity to undertake a short, in depth independent research project in one of our research groups. Your project will equip you for more sustained and original work at doctoral level or for advanced-level applied research positions.

Our research-based degrees are supported by in-house training sessions providing skills in modern research techniques and software, data management, publishing, presenting, networking and other transferable skills to extend your knowledge of chemistry, and to aid employability.

The dissertation, and a viva voce, will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature. You will be supported by your supervisor(s) at every stage: identifying gaps in your knowledge base (and working together to fill them), helping you to develop practical skills, increasing your data analysis skills, and guiding the writing up of your dissertation.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or a Master's degree in chemistry, or an equivalent degree in a related discipline such as physics or chemical engineering, appropriate to the proposed research project. We may also consider non-standard applicants. Please contact us for information.

Potential careers

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

Chemistry

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

Your programme

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

Our research-based PhDs are supported by in-house training sessions that complement the broader provision from the Faculty, providing skills in modern research techniques and software, data management, publishing, presenting, networking and other transferable skills. This ensures that our postgraduate students can extend their knowledge of all areas of chemistry, and gain a wide range of skills to aid employability.

The dissertation, and a viva voce assessment, will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature. You will be supported by your supervisor(s) at every stage: identifying gaps in your knowledge base (and working together to fill them), helping you to develop practical skills, increasing your data analysis skills, and guiding the writing up of your dissertation.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or a Master's degree in chemistry, or an equivalent degree in a related discipline such as physics or chemical engineering, appropriate to the proposed research project. We may also consider non-standard applicants. Please contact us for information.

Potential careers

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

Chemistry

Materials Science

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

You will be assessed by dissertation and a viva voce, which will showcase your knowledge and understanding of your chosen research area whilst also demonstrating your ability to evaluate critically existing literature.

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or Master's degree, or equivalent, in a science or engineering discipline, appropriate to the proposed research project. We may also consider non-standard applicants. Please contact us for information.

Potential careers

- Further research degrees in universities in the UK and abroad
- Research and development in industrial or government settings
- Teaching
- Doctoral study

Materials Science

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

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

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or Master's degree, or equivalent, in a science or engineering discipline, appropriate to the proposed research project. We may also consider non-standard applicants. Please contact us for information.

Potential careers

- Research
- Public sector
- Manufacturing

Criminology

About us

Our programmes combine the historical, empirical and theoretical debates surrounding crime causation, policing and social control with criminal justice practice, policy and social justice.

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

Our research areas

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

You may also be interested in...

- Law
- Psychology

Find out more here

Criminal Justice and Social Research Methods

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

On this programme, you will engage with the ethical issues concerning criminology and criminal justice research and with the policies informing the design of research into crime, deviance and punishment.

Our programme guides you through the theory of criminological and criminal justice research and helps you to enhance your skills in the collection, analysis and reporting of qualitative and quantitative data. The integration of criminal justice and criminological modules gives you a broader overview of current research and allows you to engage in more specialised criminological and socio-legal studies.

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Criminology

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

There are research-training modules available within the School and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, offering you the opportunity to develop your research skills for use throughout the research and writing of your thesis.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree or equivalent in any discipline, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, from any background, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Academic, social and market research
- Government institutions
- Think tanks and policy analysis

Criminology

Criminology and Criminal Justice

LLM

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Our Criminology and Criminal Justice programme covers a range of criminal justice and criminological debates. It enables you to engage in socio-legal and criminology studies and offers the opportunity to explore discourse on specific topics in criminology, international human rights, criminal law and transitional justice.

The course of study is similar for the MA and the LLM, apart from the final dissertation and the research methods modules. If you pursue the LLM route, you will undertake the core Research Methods in Law module, whilst the MA pathway includes the core module Criminological Research in Practice, providing you with the opportunity to pursue the pathway most relevant to advancing your personal research interests.

Example modules include

- Crime and Criminal Justice in the 21st Century
- Criminological Theory
- Criminologies of Violence

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Probation Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Social services

Criminology and Social Research Methods

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

What are the key ethical considerations concerning criminological research? How does criminological research differ from other social science research? Moreover, how does it inform policy formation? Our MSc in Criminology and Social Research Methods aims to tackle these key issues in the field of criminology.

Our programme guides you through the theory of criminological and criminal justice research and helps you to enhance your skills in the collection, analysis and reporting of qualitative and quantitative data. The integration of criminal justice and criminology modules allows you to develop a much broader overview of current research in criminology and criminal justice, and enables you to engage with more specialised socio-legal research and debates.

You will have the opportunity to develop the skills to undertake and critically evaluate criminological research, relevant to a wide range of careers.

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

Example modules include

- Quantitative Methods
- Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination
- Qualitative Research Methods

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Policing (support and intelligence)
- Probation and social services
- Prisons and corrections

Data, Computing and Communications

About us

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

We are proud to be recognised as a National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Education (ACE-CSE Gold) and Cyber Security Research (ACE-CSR).

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 94% of our research outputs as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent', and 75% of our research impact was rated 'outstanding'.

Our research areas

- Cyber security
- Data science
- Communication and network systems
- Distributed systems
- Interactive systems
- Pervasive systems
- Software engineering

You may also be interested in...

- Engineering

Find out more here

Communication Systems Computer Science

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Research team leader
- Research and development manager
- Research engineer

Communication Systems Computer Science

MPhil/PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

Studying for a research degree is a rewarding and challenging process. It enables you to become an expert in specific research domains and provides an ideal trajectory into further academic study or into industrial research careers. A PhD is perfect for anyone interested in taking on a significant self-guided programme of innovative research study.

As a PhD student, you would join our vibrant research community as part of one of our research groups:

- Communication Systems
- Data Science
- Digital Health
- Distributed Systems
- Interactive Systems
- Networking
- Pervasive Systems
- Security Systems
- Software Engineering

Our School is a research-intensive environment composed of around 60 academics and 130 researchers, with a research grant portfolio currently exceeding £21m from national, international and industry sources.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computer science or a similar degree and we also consider applicants with non-standard backgrounds. You will be required to provide a research proposal.

Potential careers

- Senior research officer
- Research scientist
- Senior technical officer

Data, Computing and Communications

Cyber Security

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Cybercrime
- Digital Forensics
- Offensive Security

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in computer science, computer security or similar degrees. We may also consider applicants with cyber security relevant professional experience. A strong programming background is also advantageous.

Potential careers

- Chief information security officer
- Cyber security threat manager
- Cyber intelligence analyst

Data Science

PgCert/PgDip

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

The programme contains a core set of modules on computer programming, data mining, statistical modelling and core data science research skills. Building on this core, you will then take a selection of modules from one of our specially designed pathways in computing, business intelligence, health, the environment, or the study of society.

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

Example modules include

- Data Mining
- Data Science Fundamentals
- Programming for Data Scientists

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Data scientist
- Data engineer
- Senior analyst

Design

About us

We conduct applied and theoretical research into people, products, places and their interactions. We work with a variety of organisations to provide fresh perspectives on real-world issues and seek to facilitate innovation.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 75% of our research impact as 'outstanding'; placing us 8th in the UK for research impact in Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory.

ImaginationLancaster is an open and exploratory research lab that investigates emerging issues, technologies and practices to advance knowledge and develop solutions that contribute to the common good.

Our research areas

- Architecture
- Co-design
- Design and manufacturing
- Design for policy
- Design futures
- Design management
- Health and innovation
- Service design
- Social innovation
- Speculative design
- Sustainability and environment
- Urban design
- User-centred design
- UX / UI design

Find out more here

Design

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

Your Design PhD at Lancaster can focus on one of a wide range of topics within design or on a research topic that crosses different disciplines.

As a PhD researcher, you will normally be supervised by a team of two supervisors in order to provide focused critical feedback and encouragement throughout the programme. We have experience of supervising research projects across a wide variety of topics with many of our past and present Design PhD students having conducted field research in other parts of the UK and abroad, including the US, Turkey, India, Malaysia, Thailand, China and Ghana.

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

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

Entry requirements

A Master's degree or equivalent in an appropriate discipline; a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Design academic
- Design researcher
- Professional practitioner

Design Management

MA

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme aims to support you in developing your understanding of contemporary design management.

Our goal is to equip you with the skills to explore design management from a range of future-oriented perspectives, including service design, design for sustainability, design strategy, and design policy. You will have the opportunity to develop modes of thinking, which are critical to address the challenges design managers encounter across a range of real-world situations.

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

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

Example modules include

- Contemporary Issues in Design
- Design and Business
- Design Research Methods

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Professional practitioner
- Design teacher
- Entrepreneur

Drama, Theatre and Performance

About us

The study of theatre and performance at Lancaster focuses on contemporary practice and theory. Our emphasis is on using theatre to address social and cultural challenges in the world around us.

Our programmes encompass a wide range of topics with a focus on contemporary performance practice, socially engaged theatre and environmental performance. We support students to develop creative projects that respond to the needs of specific communities, both locally and globally.

We provide a vibrant environment for the development of specialist practice and research. Facilities include the Nuffield Theatre, which presents professional theatre, dance and live art from some of the country's best-known companies. Our staff include internationally renowned academics and practitioners.

Our research areas

- Applied theatre and theatre for social change
- Environmental performance
- Intermedial theatre
- Postdramatic theatre and performance
- Theatre and global politics
- Contemporary dance and physical theatre

Find out more here

Theatre for Social, Political and Environmental Change

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This innovative MA in Theatre for Social, Political and Environmental Change focuses on theatrical responses to climate change and other pressing social and political issues. Taught by world leading academics and practitioners, you will learn about creative, socially engaged practices and theories from a variety of global contexts. This will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to address crucial issues in the world around you through a wide array of performance practices. All students will undertake an independent Major Research Project, which may take the form of either a written thesis or a combination of practice-based work with a shorter written submission.

You may choose from optional modules in theatre and performance, or from related disciplines including arts management, sociology and politics. Depending on the selection of modules, students may study remotely for portions of the programme. This enables you to combine your study with relevant professional roles outside of the Lancaster area, or alternatively to fully immerse yourself in the rich cultural context of this region.

Example modules include

- Performance for Society, Politics and the Environment
- Research Methods in Theatre and Performance
- Major Research Project: Theatre and Performance

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in theatre or a related subject and an interview, which may take place online. Practical experience in related fields may also be considered on a case-by-case basis in place of academic qualifications.

Potential careers

- Professional theatre maker/facilitator
- Community or educational drama practitioner
- Consultant/campaign advisor

Theatre Studies

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

As a PhD researcher, you will normally be supervised by a team of two supervisors in order to provide focused critical feedback and encouragement throughout the programme. In some cases, your second supervisor will be based in a different creative discipline, or a different department within the University, in order to ensure that you have the most appropriate supervisory team for your chosen project. Our theatre staff have extensive experience of supervising PhDs.

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academic career in drama, theatre and performance
- Professional practitioner (director, performer, producer, writer, facilitator)
- Applied theatre facilitator (education, health, conflict resolution, community development)

Ecology and Conservation

About us

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

You will be taught as part of the Graduate School for the Environment, which combines the world-class expertise, resources and connections of Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC), Rothamsted Research and the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology to train the next generation of environmental researchers, scientists, consultants, innovators and project managers.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 96% of our research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' and placed us 5th in the UK for research power in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences.

Our research areas

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

Find out more here

Conservation and Biodiversity

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

This Master's offers great flexibility, with a wide choice of topics from across disciplines, enabling you to construct a programme that suits your individual interests and career ambitions. You will complete six taught modules, with the opportunity to choose modules that include outdoor activities, and a substantial research project that will enhance your practical and analytical skills.

This may involve doing a project with a government agency or conservation organisation through our award-winning Centre for Global Eco-innovation, which uses our excellent links with the environmental and conservation sectors.

Example modules include

- Habitat Management
- Wildlife Monitoring Techniques
- Conservation Biology

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Consultancy
- Wildlife conservation
- Further research

Ecology

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

If you are interested in carrying out a short, in depth research project without attending taught modules, then this course is suitable for you.

The MSc by Research programme consists of induction courses, an eight-month research project and a period to write it up. The degree is carefully tailored to your interests, and can be particularly suitable for people undertaking research in a work-based context who wish to gain an academic qualification.

You will propose and/or design your own project in discussion with a LEC supervisor within our ecology research areas - for example, on the ecology of hyper-diverse tropics, insect biodiversity and global change, behavioural ecology, host-parasite interactions, or carbon and nutrient cycling.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Economics

About us

We are among the UK's top performing research-intensive management schools. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research environment as 'world leading' and placed us 1st in the UK for research power in Business and Management Studies.

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

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

Our research areas

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

You may also be interested in...

- Accounting and Finance

Find out more here

Economics

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

The world needs people who can address global challenges by analysing problems and finding solutions. This intellectually demanding programme equips you with the tools to pursue an analytic career in economics or take the next step towards a PhD. If you have already studied economics, this course will deepen your knowledge.

Our tailored learning experience allows you to tap into our wealth of internationally recognised expertise. You have access to guest lectures, research events, a weekly seminar series, and our annual workshops and conferences on subjects such as game theory and macroeconomics.

We will teach you how to research, read critically, write academically and present your results. The programme starts with training in modern economic modelling and quantitative tools. You then specialise in applied economics subjects, or finance subjects, or a mix of both. Finally, you will use the knowledge conveyed throughout the programme to complete a Master's dissertation. To achieve this original research piece, we provide strong and close support from supervisors closely aligned to your dissertation's subject matter.

You will develop rigorous skills in economic theory and methods, which are extremely marketable.

Example modules include

- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
- Environmental Economics

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Economics consultant
- Analyst (data, financial economics, business)
- Economist

Economics

PhD

48 months F/T

PhD (Integrated)

60 months F/T

Your programme

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

Our main specialisms are behavioural and experimental economics; labour, education and health economics; macroeconomics and financial markets; political economy and international trade and industrial organisation and economic theory. We also host LExEL (a modern experimental lab) and the UK Housing Market Observatory.

As well as a traditional four-year PhD programme, we also offer an integrated PhD of a one-year Master's followed by four years of doctoral study. Management School and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) scholarships are available.

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

Entry requirements

For the Integrated PhD a 2:1 honours degree in a relevant subject, otherwise a relevant Master's degree with the minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

- Senior research fellow
- Economics lecturer
- Research centre director

Turn over for more courses ›››

Economics

Money, Banking and Finance

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme provides essential grounding for those aspiring to analyst and decision-making roles within corporate and commercial banking or within government and regulators.

The course enables you to become proficient with modern methods of econometric analysis, forecasting, and risk assessment. You will analyse financial markets, the institutional framework of the money and banking sectors, and the role of governments and central banks in shaping the financial environment. You'll also learn to work with macroeconomic models used by central banks, fiscal authorities, and research departments in financial institutions.

In your final term, your knowledge and skills will be used in writing a research dissertation on a project of your choice. You will be personally supervised by an expert in the subject area of your topic, while developing highly marketable experience in rigorous analysis and presentation of your work.

Our graduates go on to work in a variety of roles in banks and financial institutions, consultancies, central banks, and financial regulators. This programme is also excellent preparation for pursuing doctoral research.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Analyst (financial, investment, quantitative, risk)
- Portfolio manager
- Investment banker

Educational Research

About us

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research impact as 'outstanding', placing us joint 1st in the UK for research impact in Education.

We specialise in theoretically informed, methodologically rigorous and socially relevant research into education. We focus primarily on offering postgraduate programmes and our research is centred on the areas of education and social justice, higher education, and technology enhanced learning.

Lancaster University is ranked joint 51st in the world for Education by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023. It is a hub for rigorous and socially relevant research into education, across different levels and contexts. Our department has an international outlook, benefitting from collaborations, partnerships and projects in the UK, Europe, and beyond.

Our research areas

- Higher education research and evaluation
- Social justice and wellbeing in education
- Technology enhanced learning

Find out more here

E-Research and Technology Enhanced Learning (by coursework and thesis)

PhD

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This innovative Doctoral programme combines structured online learning and residential teaching, leading to an intensive, focused research study. If you are a motivated and self-managing person, working in a position of key practice or influence and would like to develop your e-learning and research practice, then this has been designed for you. On this programme, you will receive structured support in research methodologies and practice, and initially undertake small-scale studies related to your professional environments. This is followed by a period of intensive individual research supervised by an expert in the field.

You will benefit from a structured set of modules (over two years), residential events (once a year for the first two years), and an online learning community through which you will receive support from other participants and tutors.

Example modules include

- Becoming an educational researcher: Researching the self and others as educational subjects
- Researching contemporary questions concerning education and technology
- Social practice, practitioner and institutional change in technology enhanced learning
- Researching emerging technologies and inclusive education

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any background, and a Master's degree. Three years' practical experience working in a field concerned with learning and technology may also be considered.

Designed for

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

Educational Research

Education and Social Justice (by Distance Learning)

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Example modules include

- Challenging Educational Inequalities
- Education, Evaluation and Research
- Key Issues and Theories in Social Justice and Education

Entry requirements

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

Designed for

The programme is suitable for teachers, educators, consultants, policy makers, and experienced professionals in all areas of education in either public or private organisations, as well as those who wish to develop their understanding of the theory, practice, and research of education and social justice.

Education and Social Justice (thesis and coursework)

PhD

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

A good Master's (Merit or above) in a relevant subject and a 2:1 honours degree.

Designed for

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

Educational Research – Higher Education (thesis and coursework)

PhD

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This PhD has been designed for those currently working in higher education who wish to advance their career and increase their research skills. It is undertaken through directed distance study and residential-based learning.

Our aim is to support you in developing a skill set that will enable you to become an autonomous researcher. We seek to provide you with the opportunity to gain a deeper and more critical insight into your own and others' professional practices and concerns. Our cohorts of PhD researchers typically come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. This diversity can enrich your learning, enabling you to enhance your own understanding of the education sector.

Throughout the programme, there are opportunities to engage with research training which supports your work on assignments and in designing and writing up your final thesis.

Example modules include

- Understanding Policies and Practices in Higher Education
- Evaluative Cultures in Higher Education
- Researching Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Entry requirements

A good honours degree, or equivalent, and a good Master's degree that demonstrates evidence of the ability to conduct independent research. You must also be employed or experienced in the higher education sector.

Designed for

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

Turn over for more courses ›››

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Educational Research

Educational Research (Independent Study)

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

With a long history of research and research supervision, we offer supervision across all of the areas of expertise offered by staff in the department:

- Social justice and wellbeing in education
- E-Research and technology enhanced learning
- Higher education research and evaluation

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

We encourage all of our PhD researchers to become fully involved with departmental activities. As a traditional route PhD researcher, you will also be part of our postgraduate researcher group and part of our thriving and friendly research community.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent; a taught Master's degree, or equivalent; and a viable research proposal.

Designed for

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

Higher Education: Research, Evaluation and Enhancement

PhD

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

A good honours degree, or equivalent, and a good Master's degree that demonstrates evidence of the ability to conduct independent research. You must also be employed or experienced in the higher education sector.

Designed for

The programme is suitable for those employed (in any capacity) in a higher education institution, or in an organisation directly and mainly associated with higher education.

Engineering

About us

We are a vibrant school offering research-led teaching in a collaborative environment. We embrace multiple engineering disciplines, and the breadth of our research seeks to address current challenges and advance knowledge.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 95% of our research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

Our mission is to develop forward thinking innovators capable of overcoming challenging problems using a combination of teamwork, creativity and technical expertise.

Our research areas

- Artificial intelligence in engineering
- Additive manufacturing
- Advanced manufacturing
- Advanced materials
- Bioengineering
- Composites
- Computational mechanics
- Embedded systems
- Energy storage
- Flexible electronics
- Microwave, millimetre wave and THz technology
- Renewable energy
- Robotics
- Wireless network electronics

You may also be interested in...

- Natural Sciences
- Data, Computing and Communications

Find out more here

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Engineering

Advanced Mechanical Engineering

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

Accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for CEng, this MSc prepares Bachelors qualified engineers for the new paradigms of 'Industry 4.0' through topics in advanced materials, manufacturing and 3D printing, renewable energy, FEA and CAD/CAM, artificial intelligence in engineering, and advanced engineering systems design and analysis. You will learn new concepts, building on your existing knowledge and by combining theoretical study with applied, real-world problem solving you will develop a wide range of modern engineering skills, improving your engineering confidence, experience and expertise.

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

Example modules include

- Advanced CAD/CAM
- Renewable Energy
- Design and Modelling of Systems

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Mechanical engineer
- Production engineer
- Aerospace, automotive, manufacturing engineer

Electronic Engineering

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

There are endless possibilities for electronic engineers to play a fundamental role in the progress of next-generation communication technologies (5G and 6G), e-Health and Industry 4.0 concepts. Lancaster's general engineering environment provides a focus on integrated, multidisciplinary engineering aspects of electronics through our teaching and projects.

We offer a range of core and optional modules, which allow you to follow pathways in control, high-frequency or robotics, or you may choose your own options to tailor your learning experience towards specific industrial sectors such as energy, environment, automotive, wireless technologies or health. Within our learning environment, you will encounter cutting-edge technologies such as flexible and printable electronics, smart systems, solar cells, RF engineering for particle accelerators and mobile communications, millimetre waves and terahertz technology. You will also complete a project from either an industry partner or our own research portfolio.

This programme is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) on behalf of the Engineering Council.

Example modules include

- Advanced Embedded Systems
- Intelligent Control
- High Frequency Electronics

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a related engineering discipline with a significant amount of electronics content, which may include communications, electrical engineering, computer systems and physics.

Potential careers

- RF or millimetre-wave electronic engineer
- Control engineer

Engineering

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Research engineer
- Development engineer
- Further postgraduate study

Turn over for more courses ›››

Engineering

Engineering

MPhil/PhD

36 months F/T

48 months PT

Your programme

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

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

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an engineering or associated discipline, ideally supplemented by a Master's-level qualification.

Potential careers

- Research engineer
- Technical specialist
- University lecturer

Engineering Project Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

You will learn about techniques for planning and controlling a project, examine the financial and commercial aspects of projects, and study the different approaches to management and organisation. There is a strong practical focus, with engineering case studies, guest lectures from a variety of different industries, and group seminars.

You will have the opportunity to undertake projects set by industry and gain experience of applying the skills you learn by planning, executing and analysing a substantial project during the year.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Mechanical Engineering with Project Management

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Enhance your engineering expertise and professional standing on this carefully designed course that is fully accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for Chartered Engineer status.

The taught component of this course consists of technical modules to develop your skills in advanced mechanical engineering, and management modules to learn and develop project management, team working and leadership skills, and understand the commercial implications of engineering projects. The course is flexible and module options include topics at the forefront of modern engineering including rapid manufacturing, machine learning, intelligent control and renewable energy techniques.

The programme has a strong practical focus, imparting both the theoretical and personal skills required in modern engineering. It combines the strengths of the School of Engineering and Department of Management Science and takes advantage of the University's strong industrial links.

Example modules include

- Renewable Energy
- Industry-linked Group Project
- Business Planning and Strategy

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in mechanical engineering or related disciplines.

Potential careers

- Mechanical engineer
- Project engineer or manager
- Technical team leader or manager

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

English Literature and Creative Writing

About us

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 96% of our research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'. English literature and creative writing at Lancaster provide postgraduate research supervision across both the traditional and emergent areas of the two disciplines. The Department also offers a range of ways of combining literary criticism with creative practice.

We host reading groups, specialist conferences, research seminars and workshops with distinguished academics and visiting writers. We also have close links with Lancaster Litfest and the Dukes Theatre.

Our research areas

- Creative-critical research
- Gothic and science fiction
- Literary theory
- Literature and visual arts
- Medieval and early modern literature
- Modern and contemporary literature
- Poetry
- Postcolonial and world literature
- Post-criticism
- Prose writing
- Romantic and Victorian literature
- Scriptwriting

You may also be interested in...

- Linguistics and TESOL

Find out more here

Creative Writing

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Research Training and Professional Practice (Creative Writing)

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academia
- Creative writer
- Research, writing, and teaching for business

Creative Writing (Distance Learning)

MA

24 months P/T

Your programme

This part-time creative writing programme links students in the UK and overseas through virtual learning. Students study with us from around the world, working in English, but enriching the course with a wide range of personal experience and cultural perspectives.

Our programme is mediated by online tutorials and conferences. A small cohort of students exchange and critique writing in a range of literary forms. You will be allocated a personal tutor, who is aligned to your chosen genre or a related field, and our virtual learning environment provides research training modules and a cybercafé where you can meet and communicate informally.

At the end of the summer term of your first year, you have the option of attending a five-day Summer School, consisting of workshops, personal progress reviews, and visits by professionals such as agents, publishers and writers. Students who have been able to attend in previous years have found it to be a valuable addition to the programme.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a humanities subject is normally required, a portfolio of original writing, and an outline of your proposed project. We may also consider non-standard applications where applicants either have a degree in other subjects, or relevant professional experience and/or publications.

Potential careers

- Writer
- Publishing
- Journalism

Turn over for more courses ›››

English Literature and Creative Writing

Creative Writing (Modular)

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Writer
- Publishing
- Journalism

Creative Writing with English Literary Studies

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

You will complete a creative writing portfolio, which is a 12,000-word creative project (or the equivalent for poetry or script writing) and a 3,000-word critically reflective essay.

Example modules include

- Creative Writing Portfolio
- Research Training and Professional Practice in Creative Writing
- The Contemporary Short Story

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English, creative writing or a related subject, a portfolio of original writing and a sample of your academic writing about literature.

Potential careers

- Writer
- Publishing
- Journalism

English Literary Research

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

Our English Master's by Research is a one-year independent study programme, which is especially attractive to students who already have a clear sense of their research interests and wish to pursue them in depth under the guidance of an expert in the field.

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

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

Example modules include

- Methodologies and Reflective Practice

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English literature or a related subject, a sample of your academic writing, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

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

English Literature and Creative Writing

English Literary Studies

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme provides you with the opportunity to study literature from the medieval period to the present day alongside tutors who are leading experts in their fields.

You can explore everything from poetry and novels to film and philosophy, as well as produce your own works of critical-creative literature. Because of our commitment to innovative literary studies, you'll also explore important new debates in the field such as neoliberalism, decolonisation, and disability studies.

From William Shakespeare to Sally Rooney, you can carve your own pathway through the history of English Literature and create your own degree programme. In addition to the classics of English Literature, you can explore everything from Renaissance sermons, through to nineteenth-century slave narratives, and contemporary graphic novels and video games.

Your course will conclude with an extended research project in the form of a dissertation, creating the opportunity for you to conduct research specific to your own interests, as agreed together with your supervisor.

Example modules include

- Writing the Nineteenth Century City
- Affliction: Writing Illness and Disease in the Gothic Mode
- World Writing: From the Body to the Globe

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English literature or a related subject, and a sample of your academic writing about literature.

Potential careers

- Publishing
- Teaching
- Heritage industries

English Literary Studies with Creative Writing

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Fusions
- The Neoliberal Novel: Fiction, Philosophy and Economics
- Writing Games

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in English, creative writing or a related subject, a creative writing portfolio and a sample of your academic writing about literature.

Potential careers

- Writing for TV and media
- Publishing
- Librarian

English Literature

PhD
36 months F/T
48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

Entry to our PhD course is for those who have already demonstrated potential for independent study at MA level. We accept proposals in all literary fields, but are particularly interested in matching students with the expertise in our research centres and among our staff.

Students are offered excellent support and training, both through regular meetings with their supervisors and dedicated seminars and workshops at both departmental and faculty level. Our key areas of research are detailed in the About us section on page 79.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academia
- Teaching
- Publishing
- Research for business, government, non-governmental organisations

Turn over for more courses ›››

English Literature and Creative Writing

English Literature and Creative Writing

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This programme was developed by Lancaster University to meet the needs of students exploring the interface between critical and creative modes of research and writing. It provides an opportunity for you to pursue innovative cross-disciplinary research in which the balance of English literature and creative writing is roughly 50/50. It would suit applicants who wish to explore fusions of critical/creative writing or parallel pieces of research.

Our students benefit from the research methodologies training we provide in English literature and/or creative writing and from being a part of the vibrant research culture of the Department.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in English literature, literature in other languages or a related subject, usually with an average of at least 65% for UK MAs; a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in the same subjects noted above; a viable research proposal; a sample of written work; and a portfolio of original writing.

Potential careers

- Academia
- Teaching
- Writing for media

Entrepreneurship and Strategy

About us

We are among the UK's top performing research-intensive management schools. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research environment as 'world leading' and placed us 1st in the UK for research power in Business and Management Studies.

We prepare a new generation of global strategists and entrepreneurs. We equip graduates with the key capabilities for success as strategic thinkers, decision makers and entrepreneurial leaders in local and international settings.

Our strengths draw from the close alignment of research, education and business engagement in key academic fields, and from feedback received through interaction with the worldwide business community. This ensures that our teaching delivery is current, focused and matches the needs of organisations and institutions that aim to be cutting-edge and leaders in their field.

Our research areas

- Strategic management
- Entrepreneurial opportunities
- Leadership
- Strategy practice and process
- Stewardship and legacy
- Growth strategies
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Innovation management
- Family business management
- Internationalisation
- Business model innovation
- Entrepreneurial learning
- Digital strategy
- Regional development
- SMEs and entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurial and innovation networks
- Gender and entrepreneurship
- Emerging markets
- Top management teams

You may also be interested in…

- Management and Business
- MBA and Executive MBA

Find out more here

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Entrepreneurship and Strategy

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

Employers and investors value the ability to think out-of-the-box and to display an entrepreneurial mindset, and these skills are vital for tackling global sustainability challenges. Whether you want to re-energise organisations through innovation or start your own venture, this course equips you with the knowledge and skills for your future career. You will learn how to identify and assess opportunities, secure resources, and manage organisational operations, development and growth.

We offer the ideal environment for innovators and aspiring entrepreneurs, business advisors and consultants, emphasising practical experience and theoretical rigour. You will benefit from academic excellence, broad business networks and cutting-edge models delivered by leading researchers alongside practitioners. Modules promote the pursuit of entrepreneurial and innovation opportunities in diverse contexts. Workshops and assignments feature our renowned Entrepreneurs in Residence, a network of 90 varied local and international entrepreneurs who provide insights into creating and sustaining successful businesses in different industries and the complexities this brings.

Example modules include

- Design Thinking and Innovation
- Business Start-up
- Corporate Entrepreneurial Mindset

Entry requirements

A 2:2 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Work experience in the public sector, social enterprises, start-ups, family businesses, or as a manager in an SME or multinational business is desirable, but not essential.

Potential careers

- Corporate innovation and change manager
- Start-up founder/entrepreneur/owner
- Business consultant

International Business and Strategy

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

This programme is designed to equip you to operate in multi-national firms. You will develop vital skills and capabilities necessary to manage international growth. This spans organic growth via the astute positioning of products and services in diverse markets, through to the management of cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

Throughout the programme, you will work with fellow students on challenges and business simulations designed by leading academics and supported by business managers, leaders and firms from our international Entrepreneurs in Residence – a network of 90 business leaders with diverse backgrounds – providing insights into strategies to run and sustain businesses locally and internationally.

Example modules include

- International Strategy Summit
- Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions
- Managing the Multinational Firm

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Ideally, students will have professional experience in the form of internships, volunteering, or permanent employment.

Potential careers

- Manager in a multi-national firm
- Management consultant
- Head of international business partnerships
- Civil servant/governmental officer

Strategy

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

Businesses and other organisations today operate in a context of disruption and uncertainty; hence organisations must be poised for strategic change. Managing organisations strategically is a key business capability required for making an organisation more responsive and dynamic in the pursuit of developing, occupying and defending market positions.

This programme develops thoughtful leaders and strategists. It benefits from the depth of expertise, knowledge and cutting-edge research of our staff. We will teach you the art of strategising and the practice of strategy. Based on real-life interactions, you will learn how to develop strategies, implement strategic changes, and think and work strategically. You will acquire a deep knowledge of how to build competitive advantage, lead firms strategically, and manage mergers and acquisitions, in response to emerging challenges and opportunities.

Working with real-world industry cases, you will test your theoretical knowledge in practical contexts. You will also tackle questions, tasks or challenges sourced from our Entrepreneurs in Residence network of 90 local and international entrepreneurs or from companies such as Gränges, Siemens and Proventis. You will also participate in a professional development module with our dedicated careers partners.

Example modules include

- Digital Strategy
- Business Model Innovation
- Building Competitive Advantage

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Strategy consultant
- Management consultant
- Business developer
- Civil servant/governmental officer

Environmental and Earth Sciences

About us

We look at the breadth of environmental challenges facing the globe. We offer a huge choice of modules so that you can tailor your degree to suit your interests and this reflects the expertise of our academics, who are internationally renowned researchers.

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

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 96% of our research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' and placed us 5th in the UK for research power in Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences.

Our research areas

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

You may also be interested in...

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

Find out more here

Environment and Development

MSc
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

The need to meet the world's environmental challenges and to attainsustainable development is a global concern. This programme is designed for those with a natural sciences background who either wish to take a natural sciences programme, or incorporate an element of social sciences into their degree.

We offer great flexibility with a wide range of optional modules that span the social and natural sciences, allowing you to construct a degree that fits your interests and career ambitions, and to put your learning in a wider cultural context.

There is the opportunity to spend plenty of time out in the field, in the UK and abroad, gaining hands-on experience. You'll also complete a substantial research project that will enhance your practical and analytical skills, which are valued by employers.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Environmental consultancy
- Non-governmental organisations and overseas development projects
- Further research/PhD

Environmental and Earth Sciences

Environmental Management

MSc
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

This vocationally relevant Master's provides you with an in-depth critical understanding of today's major environmental challenges.

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

- Food security
- Energy
- Pollution
- Ecology

There are specific modules for each specialist area and several modules include field trips to the beautiful and topographically varied countryside around Lancaster, and beyond.

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Consultancy
- Pollution management
- Environmental management

Environmental Science

MSc by Research
12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme is suitable for those wishing to carry out a short, in-depth research project, and not attend taught programmes.

The MSc by Research programme consists of induction modules, an eight-month research project and a period to write it up. The degree is carefully tailored to your interests, and can be particularly suitable for people undertaking research in a work-based context wishing to gain an academic qualification.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Environmental Science

PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme

This programme is suitable for those wishing to carry out an in-depth research project. The PhD programme consists of induction modules, a three-year research project and a period to write it up.

The degree is carefully tailored to your interests. A great strength of our department is its ability to share expertise and ideas from many disciplines in order to provide a flexible approach, which is so important in the dynamic and rapidly developing discipline of environmental science. Although the work is often organised within themes and research groups, there is much collaborative activity transcending these boundaries.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Turn over for more courses ›››

Environmental and Earth Sciences

Flood and Coastal Risk Management

PgCert
24 - 36 months P/T

PgDip
24 - 60 months P/T

MSc
24 - 60 months P/T

Your programme

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

Taught in contiguous blocks of three and two days, the modules deliver a range of technical skills and knowledge that can be directly applied to a wide range of roles and disciplines in the water, environment and flood risk management sectors.

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Environmental consultancy
- National and local public bodies
- Practitioners in water companies and environmental non-governmental organisations

Geography

PhD
36 months F/T

Your programme

This programme is suitable for those wishing to carry out an in-depth research project. The programme consist of induction modules, a three-year research project and a period to write it up.

The degree is carefully tailored to your interests. A great strength of our department is its ability to share expertise and ideas from many disciplines in order to provide a flexible approach, which is so important in geography. Although the work is often organised within themes and research groups, there is much collaborative activity transcending these boundaries.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Political Ecology

MA
12 months F/T

Your programme

The Earth faces unprecedented environmental challenges that demand both critical thought and action. These issues are simultaneously political, technological and cultural, and produce profound inequalities in how wealth, power and justice are realised.

This MA in Political Ecology – the first programme of its type in the UK – offers the conceptual tools and practical skills to ask the difficult questions of human-environment relations, challenge the status quo, and drive transformative action.

You will be immersed in one of the UK's largest and most dynamic political ecology research groups, which draws upon diverse and interdisciplinary perspectives. These address debates and actions related to environmental concerns from local to global scales. Key themes include the politics of resource extraction, water, climate politics and the green economy. We offer novel approaches to our teaching, engaging our students in creative classes that provide tools to understand a complex planet and the challenges of living with it.

Example modules include

- Approaches to Political Ecology
- Perspectives on Environment and Development
- Climate Change and Society

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social-science subject; and/or a CV with detailed evidence of work experience in topics pertinent to the social or interdisciplinary approaches to the environment.

Potential careers

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

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Environmental and Earth Sciences

Sustainable Water Management

MSc
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

Sustaining water supplies, mitigating flooding and improving aquatic ecosystem services are fundamental to human wellbeing, economic growth and environmental sustainability, so those with hydrological skills are in demand globally. Our Master's is unique in that it is taught jointly with professionals from environmental consultancy JBA Consulting, the Environment Agency and the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.

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

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

Example modules include

- Catchment Hydrology and Assessment
- Lake Ecology
- Catchment Protection (field course)

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant science or engineering subject, or alternatively a CV with detailed evidence of in-work training in hydrological science and/or engineering practice.

Potential careers

- Environmental consultancy
- Environment Agency
- Water companies and environmental non-governmental organisations

Volcanology and the Environment

MSc
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Physical Volcanology
- Volcanic Processes Field Course
- Geological Hazards

Entry requirements

A 2:1 or equivalent in a relevant first degree, including geography, geology, and environmental science. Students from other academic backgrounds are also welcome to apply, including physics and engineering.

Potential careers

- Volcanology research
- Environmental/geological consultancy
- Geohazard modelling

Film Studies

About us

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

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

Our research areas

- American cinema
- Asian cinemas
- Cinema history
- Film and politics
- Film practice
- Film theory and film philosophy
- Middle Eastern cinema
- Transnational cinema

You may also be interested in...

- Media and Cultural Studies

Find out more here

Film

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

Your PhD could focus on one of a wide range of topics within film studies or on a topic that crosses different disciplines.

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

You can take your Film Studies PhD either in the standard format of a written thesis, or as a project that combines the written thesis with practical film-making.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline; a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline; and a viable research proposal, or portfolio.

Potential careers

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

Film Studies

MA

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Contemporary Hong Kong Cinema
- Research Methods: Contemporary Film Theory
- Transnational Cinemas

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Film and media production
- Marketing and journalism
- Arts administration

Health Studies

About us

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of Lancaster's Faculty of Health and Medicine's research environment as 'world leading' and 91% of its research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'. Our cutting-edge health research makes an impact at local, national and international levels.

Our work informs government policy and influences practice in health, social and care sectors. We aim to influence policy that has a direct impact on people's lives.

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

Our research areas

- Centre for Ageing Research
- International Observatory on End of Life Care
- Centre for Occupational Health and Wellbeing
- Spectrum Centre for Mental Health Research
- Health Economics at Lancaster
- Centre for Health Inequalities Research

Find out more here

Ageing

MSc

24 months P/T

Your programme

Led by research-active academics, this part-time, blended learning Master's degree is your opportunity to contribute to knowledge synthesis in the field of ageing. You will be part of a vibrant learning environment, with staff and students working together to create cutting-edge and policy relevant research. With a grounded social science approach to ageing, you'll learn up-to-date research techniques throughout the course to enhance your skills and provide you with knowledge that extends beyond a single discipline.

On completion of this programme, you'll have a deep and critical understanding of theories, research methods and practice in the field of ageing. This MSc can lead to a host of broad employment options including to careers within healthcare and social care sectors, industry, international organisations, government, education, research or management.

Example modules include

- Ageing
- Data Analysis
- Theory and Methods: Choices for Health

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in an appropriate subject, such as health/social care or related fields. We will also consider qualifications and/or experience deemed by the University to be of an equivalent standard.

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Ageing

PhD

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This part-time and flexible, blended learning PhD in Ageing runs over a minimum of four and a maximum of seven years. On its successful completion you will have a deep, comprehensive, and incisive understanding of ageing theory, research and practice. You will be able to apply the skills you have learnt during the PhD to careers within healthcare settings, industry, international organisations, local government, education, research or management.

The programme has been designed to meet the needs of those wishing to enhance their research skills and develop their understanding of theory, policy and practice. You can make an original contribution to knowledge development within your field while fulfilling your existing work and personal responsibilities in your home location.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, policy organisations, and voluntary and charity sectors.

Turn over for more courses ›››

Health Studies

Clinical Psychology

DClinPsy

36 months F/T

52 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Applications can only be made via the Clearing House for Postgraduate Training Courses in Clinical Psychology (https://www.clearing-house.org.uk/).

Dementia Studies

PhD

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health policy and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Health Economics and Policy

MSc

24 months P/T

Your programme

Education in health economics and policy is valued in high, medium and low-income countries as there is a shortage of health economists around the world.

This Master's is aimed at individuals based both in international settings and the UK and, in order to offer a flexible way of engaging with study in this area, is offered via blended/distance e-learning. You will be part of a vibrant learning environment, with staff and students working together to create cutting-edge and policy relevant research. You'll learn up-to-date research techniques throughout the course to enhance your skills and provide you with knowledge that extends beyond a single discipline.

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Health Studies

Health Economics and Policy

PhD

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

This programme will meet your needs if you wish to enhance your research skills, develop your understanding of theory, policy and practice, and make an original contribution to knowledge development within your field while at the same time fulfilling your existing responsibilities.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Health Research

PhD

36 months F/T

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Mental Health

PhD

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

The PhD in Mental Health provides the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the psychosocial mechanisms underlying mental health problems, and translational research and how this affects practice and policy. Led by world-leading academics, this programme brings together the theory and practice of mental health, including psychological models of psychological disorders, evidence-based interventions and current priorities for mental health.

This part-time, blended learning programme has been designed to allow you to enhance your research skills and develop your understanding of psychosocial aspects of mental health. You can make an original contribution to knowledge development within your area of professional practice while fulfilling your existing work and personal responsibilities in your home location.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or a Master's in a relevant subject, and relevant work experience. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us for more information. As part of your application, you will need to provide a 500-word research proposal.

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Turn over for more courses ›››

Health Studies

Organisational Health and Well-Being

PhD

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

This part-time and blended learning programme has been designed to allow you to enhance your research skills, and develop your understanding of policy and practice while fulfilling your existing work and personal responsibilities in your home location.

Example modules include

- Healthy Organisations: The Influence of the Work Environment on Health
- Philosophy of Research
- Research Design

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or a Master's in a relevant subject, and relevant work experience, which may include research in the field of organisational health and wellbeing. We may also consider non-standard applicants. As part of your application, you will need to provide a 500-word research proposal, CV and a personal statement.

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Palliative Care

PhD

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Example modules include

- Palliative Care: History, Policy and Practice
- Systematic approaches to Systematic reviews
- Principles of Research Design

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

Public Health

PhD

60 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or a Master's degree at Merit level in a relevant subject, and relevant work experience. We may also consider non-standard applicants. As part of your application, you will need to provide a 500-word research proposal.

Potential careers

Many of our graduates have pursued research careers in health and social care settings, academia, industry, voluntary and charity sectors.

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

History

About us

Our postgraduate programmes are designed to fulfil your quest for knowledge by taking your study of history farther and deeper. Our postgraduate students benefit from our inclusive and supportive learning environment. This provides you with opportunities for professional development, including placements, and for engaging with world-leading specialists. Our staff have expertise that ranges from the ancient to the modern world, and across the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, as well as the British Isles.

Our vibrant, international postgraduate community runs conferences, workshops and publishes its own scholarly magazine, EPOCH. We pride ourselves on the impact, reach and significance of our academic work. 87% of our research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent in the Research Excellence Framework 2021.

Our research areas

- Digital humanities
- Early modern British and Atlantic history
- Heritage studies
- History of science and medicine
- International and military history
- Modern and contemporary social and cultural history
- Regional history, with particular reference to the north west of England
- Roman and medieval history

Find out more here

Digital Humanities

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

The digital sphere is transforming the way we live and work, as well as how we study the past. On this dynamic degree, you will learn how to apply cutting-edge technology to traditional humanities and cultural heritage research. The programme builds expertise that can be applied in academic research, as well as careers in a wide range of industries.

We are a world leader in the integration of new technologies in humanities research. During this programme, you will learn from globally recognised experts in the field and engage with cutting-edge research in digital humanities.

From visualisation and data design to text mining and geographic information analysis and retrieval, the technological skills and knowledge you gain from this programme will prepare you for rewarding roles in a wide range of sectors. You will learn about the use and creation of digital assets and databases, relevant interdisciplinary theories and methods, as well as applications of artificial intelligence such as natural language processing, machine learning, and computer vision.

No prior expertise in computing is required.

Example modules include

- Digital Texts in the Humanities
- Exploring the World of Digital Humanities
- Spatial Technologies for Humanities Research

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Cultural heritage management
- Galleries, libraries, museums and archives
- Geographic information systems analysis

History

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

From the history of dictatorships and their impact on society, to the study of how indigenous medicines were transported to Europe from the New World, this programme will allow you to delve deep into the areas of history that interest you most.

Perhaps you are interested in researching the military history of North America? Or maybe you are interested in how the bodies of women were affected under certain regimes? Our world-leading researchers will offer you the support needed to explore these and other topics.

This programme enables you to tailor your study by choosing from a wide range of historical subjects. This will allow you to specialise in the topics most important to you and to develop a unique combination of expertise.

You can either complete a bespoke MA, choosing options from a wide range of modules, or you can choose to specialise your degree by completing one of two pathways:

- Medieval and Early Modern
- Heritage

Whichever you choose, you will have the opportunity to expand your knowledge, gain transferable skills and discover your own innovative approaches.

Pathways available

- Medieval and Early Modern
- Heritage

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Cultural heritage management
- Education
- Galleries, libraries, museums and archives

Turn over for more courses ›››

History

History

MPhil

24 months F/T

36 - 60 months P/T

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

Our department has a vibrant, international postgraduate research community, and, as professionals, we aim to help you become a first-class researcher and scholar.

Our research expertise ranges from the ancient to the modern across the Americas, Africa, Asia, Britain, Europe and the Middle East. We accept applications and research proposals linked with these areas, as well as in the digital humanities and heritage studies.

Supervision is offered by staff within the department and, where necessary, through close relationships with other departments or colleagues in north-western institutions as part of the ESRC and AHRC doctoral training partnerships.

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

Entry requirements

A good MA degree in history or a related discipline, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in history or a related discipline, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Academia and Higher Education
- Museums and cultural heritage
- Think tanks and policy analysis

International and Military History

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

From the rise and fall of great powers to peace-making and weaponry, join us to explore the major themes of international and military history from the Middle Ages to the modern day. By the end of the programme, you'll be ready for exciting opportunities in research, the Civil Service and more.

This programme allows you to achieve an in-depth understanding of the forces that shape international relations. It enables our students to examine these subjects across a broad chronological range, from medieval times to the present, and to approach the study of warfare and diplomacy from both a historical and theoretically informed perspective.

Our international outlook means this programme suits students from anywhere in the world. You'll explore the making of war and peace on the global stage – one day you could be discussing the increasing militarisation of the Asia-Pacific, the next you could be debating the military resurgence of Russia.

This programme is closely linked to the work of our Centre for War and Diplomacy so you will have the chance to hear the latest thinking from world-leading scholars and practitioners.

Example modules include

- From Peter to Putin: Russia as a Great Power
- International Order and Disorder
- Warfare in History

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academia and Higher Education
- Government institutions
- Think tanks and policy analysis

Regional and Local History (Distance Learning)

PgCert

12 months P/T

Your programme

Regional and local studies offer a well-defined way to approach important historical themes and techniques. Whether you are interested in rural areas or urban centres, counties or kingdoms, uplands or lowlands, this programme will equip you with the skills, knowledge and confidence that you need to conduct primary research of your own.

You will build up your knowledge and skills through two taught modules, one rooted in medieval history and one at the dawn of the modern era. These modules will enhance your understanding of a broad sweep of history, develop your critical awareness in dealing with historical scholarship, and improve your ability to interpret various types of historical sources. You will then have the chance to put these skills into practice, with the guidance of a tutor, in an independent research project.

The programme will appeal to anyone who is enthusiastic about history.

Example modules include

- The North: The Making of a Region, 1000 –1500
- Regional and Local Economies and Societies, c. 1780 –1914
- Independent Research Project in Regional and Local History

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant background. However, we may also consider other levels of qualifications and those who have had a long break from study following their undergraduate degrees, or those who lack such qualifications but are able to show the interest and ability to undertake this programme of study.

Designed for

This programme is suitable if you wish to gain confidence in pursuing your own research and contribute to community research projects, or contribute to Continuous Professional Development for history teachers and others working in the discipline.

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

History

War and Diplomacy

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

For centuries, nation-states have interacted through two principal means: war and diplomacy. Studying with us, you will unravel these central elements of world history and contemporary affairs, looking at subjects ranging from warfare in the medieval period to conflict and peace building in the present day.

Delivered jointly by the Department of History and the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, this programme will provide you with in-depth perspectives on international relations from historical and theoretically informed perspectives.

Are you looking to sharpen your knowledge and skills to become an expert in a particular area? Or perhaps you want to make an impact through a research career. Either way, you will explore the factors influencing international relations past and present. And, because the programme is closely linked to the work of our Centre for War and Diplomacy, you will have the chance to hear the latest thinking from world-leading scholars and practitioners.

Example modules include

- Theory and Concepts in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Warfare in the Medieval World, 1100 – 1500
- A Special Relationship? The USA and Great Britain from World War II to the War on Terror

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in history, politics and international relations or a related discipline.

Potential careers

- Academia and higher education
- Government institutions
- Think tanks and policy analysis

Human Resources

About us

We are among the UK's top performing research-intensive management schools. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research environment as 'world leading' and placed us 1st in the UK for research power in Business and Management Studies. Our courses reflect different aspects of interdisciplinary focus. They draw on the latest research being undertaken by staff and encourage a very reflective, and critical, approach to contemporary management and organisational practices.

We are known for the advancement and application of organisational and social theory. As a multidisciplinary department, we draw primarily on the disciplines of social psychology, sociology and philosophy. We research and teach within and across three main themes of organisation, work and technology.

Our research areas

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

Find out more here

Human Resource Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

This programme is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD). You receive student CIPD membership immediately and become an associate member (level 7) when you are awarded your degree (subject to successful completion of all modules).

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

Example modules include

- Employment Relations
- International Human Resource Management
- The Management of Organisational Change

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Human resource manager
- General management
- Human resource consultant

Turn over for more courses ›››

Human Resources

Human Resources and Consulting

MA

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

You will put your newly developed conceptual abilities into practice with real-life organisations, including how to intervene constructively in strategic issues and stimulate change through consulting. We will encourage you to work collaboratively, sharing ideas and experiences with your international classmates and tutors.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Organisation Development

PgCert

12 - 36 months P/T

Your programme

This course is a flexible programme designed to enhance the effectiveness of organisational performance. It enables you to explore the role of organisation development in enhancing the effectiveness of organisational performance. It provides opportunity for those involved in the practice of organisation development to gain professional recognition for their role and contribution to organisation performance.

The course draws on knowledge from:

- Disciplines of organisation cultures, values and behaviours
- Organisation change and improvement science
- Leadership and management
- Systems thinking

The focus is on providing you with opportunities to apply knowledge and skills into your own workplace practice.

Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Master's are available via the Professional Practice route.

Example modules include

- Personal Learning and Development
- Understanding Organisation Development
- Work-based Organisation Development Project

Entry requirements

Applicants should be in roles involved with the practice of organisation development with usually at least three years' work experience.

Potential careers

- HR strategic lead
- Organisation development manager
- Human resources director/business partner

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Language, Culture and Translation

About us

We are excited about cultural and societal phenomena in their individual language contexts and in their global connections. Our research seeks to understand twentieth- and twenty-first-century culture, movements, authors and influences in Europe, China, Africa, and North and South America.

Our Department offers a distinctive approach to languages in the context of their related global cultures. With students and staff from multiple language backgrounds, there are opportunities for you to engage with a truly global community. Our approach to teaching and research is an exciting and intellectually challenging synthesis of languages and wide-ranging cultural studies.

Our research areas

- Social change
- Comparative literature and the arts
- Health and disability
- Intercultural communication
- Translation

Find out more here

Languages and Cultures (by Research)

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

You will generally have an area of special interest that you wish to explore with support from a subject specialist who will be your allocated supervisor. Topics can range from individual authors and artists through to studies of particular movements, genres, or themes. You will develop a set of probing research questions to pursue in your dissertation.

You will undertake a number of taught modules and are encouraged to select options that build towards your individual research dissertation. The skills developed on this programme may be particularly relevant if you wish to advance to further study as a PhD researcher.

Course structure

Generally, three modules selected from the range of modules in the Department of Languages and Cultures or related disciplines from across the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. You will also be required to take the module Research Skills for Modern Linguists.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in modern languages, or a related discipline and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Education sector, teaching and managing
- Research
- Editing/publishing
- Arts sector

Languages and Cultures

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

We warmly welcome applications for doctoral research in any of the areas covered by our staff expertise. These are wide-ranging and include topics from world writers and filmmakers, to medical humanities and disability studies, translation, social change, and authorship.

You may pursue a topic based entirely within one or in several languages or based on one genre, author, creative practice or social problem. We are also interested in projects that are comparative or transcultural in the scope of European and global studies. It is possible to receive joint supervision by the Department of Languages and Cultures and another department in the University. Collaborations with English, history, linguistics, politics, philosophy and religion, or sociology are quite frequent and provide for strong, interdisciplinary research.

Our postgraduate researchers are supported by two supervisors and are fully integrated into the research culture of the Department.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree in languages or other relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a modern language and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Education sector, teaching and managing
- Research
- Journalism
- Arts sector

Turn over for more courses ›››

Language, Culture and Translation

Translation

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme has multiple aims. It can facilitate your entry into the translating profession, but is also suitable for practising translators who do not have, but wish to gain, postgraduate qualifications. It can also be a preliminary for students wishing to go on to undertake a PhD.

German, French, Spanish, and Chinese language specialisms are available. We combine language-specific practice in either one or two languages, in addition to English. Drawing on the expertise of highly qualified linguists and researchers, our programme aims to enhance your practical skills in translation. We provide you with an intellectual perspective on the discipline of translation studies, including theories and methods, and offer you a range of opportunities to specialise.

An optional placement module, visiting translators, and translation seminars deliver an invaluable experience of the profession. The core translation project provides the opportunity to pursue your own particular interests. Options include the popular Introduction to Liaison Interpreting module, creative and theory modules, as well as a range of relevant modules offered by the Department of Linguistics and English Language.

Example modules include

- Academic and Practical Methods in Translation
- Applied Translation
- Introduction to Liaison Interpreting
- Translating in a Professional Context

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in languages, or a related discipline. Native speakers of the languages taught are also welcome to apply.

Potential careers

- Translation
- Publishing
- Arts sector

Translation

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

We warmly welcome enquiries from appropriately qualified applicants who are keen to register for doctoral research in any of the areas covered by our staff expertise in translation and related areas (including comparatist projects). Our language specialisms are Chinese, French, German, and Spanish and we are predominantly interested in cultural projects rather than linguistics-based research questions.

Whilst the programme is predominantly research based, you will have the opportunity to access a selection of taught courses providing skills in many areas of research, including the core module, Research Skills for Modern Linguists. This provision provides the opportunity to extend your knowledge beyond the focus of your thesis, and includes seminars to help you develop skills to support your career development.

As a PhD researcher in the Department of Languages and Cultures, you will be supported by two supervisors and will be fully integrated into the research culture of the Department.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language, a good Master's degree in languages, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Translation
- Publishing
- Education sector, teaching and managing
- Arts sector

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Law

About us

We offer contemporary programmes, which tackle current problems in international law, human rights, environment, commerce, and international relations. We want to expose our students to different theories and approaches and offer comprehensive content throughout our programmes.

Lancaster University Law School offers you the opportunity to explore globally significant contemporary issues. Our diverse community of graduates includes alumni working in the legal profession, politics, charities, and NGOs.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 placed us 6th in the UK for research impact in Law.

Our research areas

- Company law
- Corporate governance
- Criminal justice
- Environmental law
- Human rights law
- Insolvency law
- Intellectual property law
- International economic law
- Public and private international law
- Terrorism and counterterrorism

You may also be interested in...

- Politics and International Relations

Find out more here

Environment and Law

LLM

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Legal profession

International Business and Corporate Law

LLM

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

You will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of globally and commercially significant issues while developing specialist expertise in topics such as international commercial arbitration, corporate governance, international trade, financial regulation, and international law.

Example modules include

- International Commercial Litigation
- Corporations in International Business Law
- Corporate Governance

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Legal profession
- Civil Service
- Business

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Law

International Human Rights Law

LLM

12 months F/T

Your programme

This programme is your opportunity to explore key debates, such as the ways in which international law is used to protect human rights.

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

International Law

LLM

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Academia
- Public and charity sectors

International Law and International Relations

LLM

12 months F/T

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Combining teaching from the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion and the Law School, this popular degree allows you to develop skills, ability, and knowledge in the fields of law and international relations. Through this programme, you can develop a critical understanding of these dynamic and evolving fields of study that are at the core of global peace, stability, and security.

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

Example modules include

- International Law
- International Terrorism and the Law
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Public and charity sector

Law

Law

LLM

12 months F/T

Your programme

This postgraduate law degree is our most flexible programme, providing you with the freedom to choose your modules from the whole range offered in the Law School. Our modules are designed to advance sought-after analytical and communication skills, which are relevant to a wide range of careers.

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

Example modules include

- Corporations in International Business Law
- Environmental Law
- International Commercial Litigation

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Non-governmental organisations
- Legal profession

Law

MPhil

24 months F/T

36 - 60 months P/T

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This programme provides you with the opportunity to complete a substantial piece of research, supervised by our research active academics, in an area of your choosing, and to take part in research training through the Law School and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. We welcome applications for PhD research degrees in all aspects of law and legal studies researched in the Law School.

As a PhD researcher, your academic supervisor will meet with you to discuss your research in person or, if you are not based in Lancaster, it is sometimes possible for supervisions to take place over video-conferencing.

There are research-training modules available within the School and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, offering you the opportunity to develop your research skills for use throughout the research and writing of your thesis.

As a PhD researcher in Lancaster University Law School, you will be invited to attend guest lectures and seminars, hosted by the School. There are also opportunities to be involved in student-led seminars, arranged by research students themselves, for the discussion of work in progress.

If you wish to study for a shorter period, we also offer a two-year MPhil research degree.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, from any background; a Master's degree with a Merit classification is desirable but not required (the Law School may take into consideration attainment in dissertation modules and relevant work experience) and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Law academic
- Legal researcher
- Non-governmental organisations
- Civil Service

Law by Research

LLM

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

Successful applications will focus on an area of research expertise of an academic colleague in the department.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Academia
- Research
- Legal profession

Linguistics and TESOL

About us

Understanding how language works and the way it is used in different settings affords fundamental insights into what makes us human. Studying language equips you with a broad range of analytical skills.

We are a large department equipped with state-of-the-art laboratory facilities. Through engagement with national and global stakeholders, our mission is to shape language research and practice as it relates to cognition, development, health, education, society and technology.

The Department is ranked 10th in the world for Linguistics by the QS World University Rankings 2023. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research impact as 'outstanding', placing us joint 1st for research impact and 2nd for overall research quality in Modern Languages and Linguistics in the UK.

Our research areas

- Corpus linguistics
- (Forensic) speech science and technology
- Language in use/language in society
- Language learning, teaching and development
- Language testing and assessment
- Language-cognition interface
- Linguistic theory and description

Find out more here

Applied Linguistics and TESOL

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme prepares current and future language teachers to be innovators in their profession. Core modules cover language-teaching pedagogy, second language acquisition, language testing, and research methods to build knowledge essential to professional practice and/or future PhD studies. Our pedagogic practices are models of the theory and research we teach, including our use of digital technologies. The extensive list of optional modules allows you to deepen your knowledge of language education and/or explore areas such as bilingualism, sociolinguistics.

Our programme prides itself on fostering an inclusive, supportive community. You are encouraged to become involved in the broader life of the Department by attending research groups, by representing your peers on departmental committees, by assisting with the organisation of our annual postgraduate conference and/or by initiating new social and research events.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Language education
- Curriculum development
- Research

Corpus Linguistics (Distance)

PgCert
12 months P/T

MA
24 months P/T

Your programme

You will learn how to analyse large amounts of linguistic data (corpora) using cutting-edge computational technology. You will learn about the structure of the English language and a wide variety of applications of corpus linguistic methods for the analysis of English and other languages. We will support you to develop your transferable skills, such as writing research reports, data presentation and successful communication of research findings. You will also be encouraged to collect, analyse and discuss your own data on a topic of your choice, throughout.

Two pathways are available:

- Master's (MA): A two-year (six-term) part-time programme
- Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert): A one-year (three-term) part-time programme

Students who complete the PgCert can progress to the MA programme.

If you are enrolled on or have taken our Corpus Linguistics MOOC, you may be eligible for a special entry route that includes a fee discount.

Example modules include

- Fundamentals of Corpus Linguistics
- Corpus Design and Data Collection
- Statistics and Data Visualisation

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Data analyst
- Educator
- Journalist

Linguistics and TESOL

Discourse Studies

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Introduction to Discourse Studies
- Critical Discourse Analysis
- Pragmatics

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language or linguistics related degree, or one with a number of language or linguistics related modules, and a personal statement outlining a clear understanding of the nature of the programme.

Potential careers

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

Intercultural Communication

MA
12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

With research groups in corpus studies, discourse studies, literacy studies and more, the opportunities for learning extend far beyond the classroom.

Example modules include

- Intercultural Communication
- Intercultural Encounters: Applying Theories of Intercultural Communication
- Research Methods in Linguistics and English Language

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Communications officer
- Human resources
- Consultancy and PR

Language and Linguistics

MA
12 months F/T
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

Selecting from a range of optional modules, you may choose to specialise in specific areas including:

- Theoretical and descriptive linguistics
- Language and cognition
- Language in use/language in society
- (Forensic) speech science and speech technology
- Language, variation and change
- Language learning and teaching

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

With research groups in corpus studies, discourse studies, literacy studies and more, the opportunities for learning extend far beyond the classroom.

Example modules include

- Cognitive Linguistics
- Experimental Phonetics
- Forensic Linguistics

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Forensic linguist
- Technical writer
- Civil servant

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Linguistics and TESOL

Language Testing (Distance)

PgCert
12 months P/T

MA
24 months P/T

Your programme

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

The programme is ideal for part-time learning, with orientation sessions to set you up, a series of online modules (three - PgCert/five - MA), and online dissertation supervision (MA). Our language testing staff will support you through all components of the programme. You will also work together with students from many parts of the world in a supportive online learning environment. The programme offers opportunities to base your coursework and dissertation on issues within your own educational and professional contexts.

Outstanding achievements of our students include international dissertation awards, publications in peer-reviewed journals, and professional roles in prestigious language testing and educational organisations.

Example modules include

- Exploring Language Constructs for Language Testing
- Issues in Language Testing
- Language Test Construction and Evaluation

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language/linguistics related degree or one with a number of language/linguistics-related subjects. We may also consider non-standard qualifications and professional experience - please contact us for information.

Potential careers

- Language test developer
- Language testing coordinator
- Language testing researcher

Linguistics

PhD
36 months F/T
48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

This research programme can be undertaken full-time or part-time, and you can also register as studying away from Lancaster for part of your studies. Depending on your research area and progress in your studies, an alternative format thesis consisting of publishable papers may be suitable for you.

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Higher education
- Research
- Consultancy and communications

Linguistics (by thesis and coursework)

PhD
36 months F/T
48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This PhD programme understands linguistics as research into language with a relevance to real-world issues. It aims to broaden your knowledge of relevant research and research methodologies.

The programme is designed for you to simultaneously complete your coursework and develop your thesis. In the first and second year of study, you will complete compulsory modules in research methodology and in applied linguistics, which are taught by distance. In addition, you have the opportunity to take additional modules from the department's MA programmes and the faculty's Research Training Programme.

This programme can be undertaken on campus in Lancaster or by distance learning. You can also register as studying away from Lancaster for part of your studies. Depending on your research area and progress in your studies, an alternative format thesis consisting of publishable papers may be suitable for you.

You will have the opportunity to complete intensive residentials on campus where you will have the chance to complete part of the coursework, participate in a graduate student conference, and engage in a range of developmental activities.

Example modules include

- Qualitative research methods
- Quantitative research methods
- Sociolinguistics

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in linguistics or a related subject, for example linguistics, foreign languages or education and a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent in one of the above disciplines, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Secondary education
- Higher education
- Research

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Linguistics and TESOL

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

PgCert
12 months P/T

Your programme

This programme is suitable for prospective and experienced language teachers and language professionals who have an interest in second language learning and teaching in classroom contexts and at wider national and international levels.

The programme gives you the opportunity to develop a solid understanding of second language learning theories, language teaching pedagogies and classroom-based research. We aim to equip you with up-to-date knowledge and skills that will enable you to work in a variety of language teaching contexts. The programme is entirely web-based and allows you to focus your coursework on issues and problems pertinent to your own professional contexts.

During the programme, you will work together with fellow students from different parts of the world in a supportive online learning environment.

On successful completion, this programme allows progression to one of our Master's-level TESOL programmes.

Example modules include

- Second Language Acquisition
- Second Language Classroom Research
- Trends and Issues in Language Teaching Methodology

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language/linguistics-related subject or one with a number of language/linguistics-related subjects. No teaching experience is required. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us.

Potential careers

- Language teacher
- Language support assistant/coordinator
- Developer of language teaching materials

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) with Corpus Linguistics (Distance)

MA
24 months P/T

Your programme

This innovative programme is designed for prospective and experienced language teachers and language professionals who, in addition to broadening their knowledge-base on second language learning and teaching, want to gain expertise in corpus linguistics and in analysing language data.

In the course, you will learn about applications of corpora for a variety of areas of language teaching such as English for specific purposes and teaching materials development. The course is entirely web-based and allows you to focus your coursework and dissertation on issues and problems relevant to your own professional context.

The programme starts with an online orientation session after which you will work together with fellow students in a supportive online learning environment. Throughout all of the programme you will have access to our team of teaching staff for individual academic supervision, guidance and feedback.

Example modules include

- Second Language Acquisition
- Trends and Issues in Language Teaching Methodology
- Using Corpora in Language Teaching

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language/linguistics-related subject or one with a number of language/linguistics-related subjects. No teaching experience is required. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us.

Potential careers

- Language teacher/educator
- Developer of language teaching/corpus-based materials
- Language data analyst

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) with Language Testing (Distance)

MA
24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme is designed for language teachers who, in addition to broadening their knowledge-base on second language learning and up-to-date teaching methodology, want to gain expertise in second language test construction and evaluation in classroom contexts and at wider national and international levels.

The programme is entirely web-based and allows you to focus both your coursework and dissertation on issues and problems relevant to your own educational and assessment contexts. We aim to equip you with up-to-date knowledge and skills that will enable you to work in a variety of language teaching and assessment contexts.

The programme starts with an online orientation session after which you will work together with fellow students in a supportive online learning environment. Throughout all of the programme you will have access to our team of teaching staff for individual academic supervision, guidance and feedback.

Example modules include

- Trends and Issues in Language Teaching Methodology
- Exploring Language Constructs for Language Testing
- Language Test Construction and Evaluation

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a language/linguistics-related subject or one with a number of language/linguistics-related subjects. One-year language teaching/assessment experience is required. We also consider non-standard applicants.

Potential careers

- Language teacher/assessor
- Director of language/assessment programmes
- Developer of language teaching/testing materials

MBA and Executive MBA

About us

We are among the UK's top performing research-intensive management schools. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research environment as 'world leading' and placed us 1st in the UK for research power in Business and Management Studies.

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

The Lancaster MBA has a rich heritage of transforming managers into globally fluent leaders. Our alumni community consists of a multitude of creative individuals, who have significant impact on organisations, industries and societies.

Our research areas

- Strategy
- Responsibility
- Sustainability
- Leadership
- Cyber security

You may also be interested in...

- Management and Business
- Entrepreneurship

Find out more here

Business Administration

MBA

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Digital Innovation in Business
- Responsible Management and Ethics
- Consultancy Challenge

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or relevant professional qualification, a minimum of three years' professional work experience at managerial level (eg line management, appraisal and development of staff) and an interview and admissions essay. Strong preference will be given to those who can demonstrate that they have held significant managerial responsibilities.

Potential careers

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

Business Administration (Executive)

MBA

24 months P/T and blended

Your programme

When the world of business is defined by uncertainty, what are the best strategic moves and where are the opportunities? An Executive MBA gives you the tools to respond to such questions.

Our part-time programme is tailored to the demands of working professionals, focusing on capability, capacity and knowledge for career progression. The EMBA is primarily delivered online, blended with 120 hours of face-to-face workshops.

You will be taught by specialists from our world-class faculty and you'll benefit from Lancaster University Management School's recognised strengths in strategic thinking, responsible management and leadership. We use theories as frameworks for discussion and collaborative learning is crucial to our approach. Students from diverse international backgrounds, roles and sectors share their unique experiences and perspectives as we work in partnership to explore and resolve complex organisational issues.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Chief executive officer
- Chief operating officer
- Business director and HR consultant

MBA and Executive MBA

Cyber Security Executive MBA

MBA

24 Months P/T

Your programme

The Cyber Security Executive Master of Business Administration (CEMBA) provides middle and senior leaders with the expertise they need to skilfully manage cyber security risk for their organisation. Partnered with leading external cyber security consultants, the CEMBA programme adopts a practice-based approach to learning the foundational concepts associated with both leadership and management, as well as cyber security risk. Modules and assessments are designed to help students build up their knowledge and use it to reflect and analyse their own organisational context.

The programme utilises a blended format and consists of ten core modules that incorporate both business and cyber security topics; two Challenge modules that require students to apply their new knowledge to real cyber security problems; and a workplace-based research dissertation. Core modules follow a similar format: two weeks of individual online preparation; three days of face-to-face engagement at the Lancaster University campus; four weeks of follow-up tutorials and assessment preparation.

Example modules include

- Business Economic and Financial Literacy
- Cyber Security Risk Management and Governance
- Global Operations and Marketing Management in the Cyber Context

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Director of digital transformation
- Chief information security officer
- Chief economic officer

Management and Business

About us

We are among the UK's top performing research-intensive management schools. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research environment as 'world leading' and placed us 1st in the UK for research power in Business and Management Studies.

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

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

Our research areas

- Leadership and management
- Innovation and technology
- Business analytics and management science
- Professional practice and development
- Logistics and supply chain management
- Project management

Find out more here

Business Analytics

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Python Programming for Problem Solving
- Forecasting and Predictive Analytics
- Operational Research and Prescriptive Analytics

Entry requirements

At least a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a quantitative discipline. Degrees in other disciplines with strong quantitative elements may also be considered.

Potential careers

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

Turn over for more courses ›››

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Management and Business

Digital Business, Innovation and Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Innovation and Improvement Science

PgCert

12 - 36 months P/T

PgDip

12 - 48 months P/T

MSc

24 - 60 months P/T

Your programme

Explore how to make better use of research and innovation to improve ways in which healthcare is organised and delivered for patient benefit. This is a work-based course, requiring you to identify and implement service improvement projects in your own work context.

The course is designed to focus on key concepts:

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

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

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Research and innovation developer
- Healthcare quality manager

International Masters Program for Managers

18 months P/T

Your programme

Today's senior managers and leaders must be creative thinkers, focused negotiators, analytical problem solvers, astute entrepreneurs, and more. Iconic McGill University management professor Henry Mintzberg co-founded this programme with Lancaster 25 years ago to develop these life-wide management qualities.

This ethos is shared by 50+ international faculty members who bring their research and academic concepts to this programme, co-creating a dynamic and transformational senior management learning environment together with accomplished peers from around the world.

During the IMPM you will study managerial mindsets focusing on managing self, organisations, context, relationships, and change at Lancaster and McGill University (Canada), Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (India), Yokohama National University (Japan), and FGV-EBAPE (Brazil).

You will focus on how to combine your significant functional experience with the ability to reflect, turning your management experience into new knowledge. You will renew and extend your managerial mindsets and increase your capability to manage uncertainty and complexity in a time of disruption.

Faculty-led campus learning at five schools is complemented by immersive company visits and experiential learning with peers to prepare you for the most senior roles.

Example modules include

- Reflective Mindset: Managing Self
- Analytic Mindset: Managing Organisations
- Worldly Mindset: Managing Context

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Executive director
- Chief strategy officer
- Vice president

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Management and Business

Leadership and Management

PgCert

12 - 36 months P/T

Your programme

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

Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree are available via the Leadership Practice route where there is an increased emphasis on applied learning related to the delivery of work-based projects. The course is designed to offer maximum customisation to meet your learning needs, so you will negotiate optional modules, project focus and the length of your course within permitted limits.

Suitable candidates may apply for credits through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APeL) for exemption from some modules.

Example modules include

- Understanding Leadership and Management
- Analysing Drivers for Change
- Leading Others Through Change

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Leadership and Management (Health Care)

PgCert

12 - 36 months P/T

Your programme

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

Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree are available via the Leadership Practice route where there is an increased emphasis on applied learning related to the delivery of work-based projects. The course is designed to offer maximum customisation to meet your learning needs, so you will negotiate optional modules, project focus and the length of your course within permitted limits.

Suitable candidates may apply for credits through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APeL) for exemption from some modules.

Example modules include

- Understanding Leadership and Management
- Leading and Managing People
- Collaborative and Team Working

Entry requirements

Applicants should be in healthcare (clinical/non-clinical) roles with leadership and management responsibilities and usually at least three years' work experience. All applications require employer/stakeholder support. A first degree is not essential.

Potential careers

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

Leadership Practice

PgDip

18 - 48 months P/T

MSc

18 - 60 months P/T

Your programme

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

As their focus, these courses have one or more work-based projects, which are supported by your own personal learning and development. You will benefit from a highly relevant, customised course, facilitated mainly online, which also delivers outcomes for your organisation. The key course components allow for high levels of customisation, choice and negotiation.

You may also be eligible to make a claim for credit for prior learning and experience (APeL) to gain exemptions from some modules.

Example modules include

- Negotiating your Professional Development
- Leading and Managing People
- Models for Planning Change

Entry requirements

Applicants will be employed in a role that allows the scope to undertake postgraduate work-integrated projects, and have employer/stakeholder support. A first degree is not always necessary.

Potential careers

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

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Management and Business

Leadership Practice (Apprenticeship Pathway)

PgDip

24 months P/T

Your programme

The Senior Leader Apprenticeship provides a work-based route to a postgraduate diploma in leadership for experienced managers, plus the opportunity to top up to Executive MBA or Master's (additional fees apply).

This relevant, practice-based course combines cutting-edge research with real-world experience in the work environment. Assignments focus on your individual practice, building towards a business-focused end point assessment. A tailored programme of personal learning, under the guidance of your personal coach, helps you to take a strategic view of your career. An apprentice mentor will work alongside you and your employer to identify the work-based opportunities you need to develop your leadership.

The programme combines online learning with twelve days of in-person workshops, delivering strategic leadership outcomes for you and your organisation.

The Apprenticeship draws on UK government levy funding. You may be eligible to claim credit for prior learning and experience for exemption from some modules. You will need your employer's support to apply.

Example modules include

- Leadership and Organisational Behaviour
- Managing Strategic Change
- Business Ethics and Sustainability

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, or an equivalent professional qualification. GCSE or equivalent passes in Maths and English. At least three years' full-time professional/managerial work experience and an interview. Applicants without a degree but with substantial work experience may be considered and would need to complete an admissions essay.

Potential careers

A wide range of senior management and leadership roles in the public, private and not for profit sector.

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

With companies increasingly manufacturing their goods overseas, applying sound management science to logistics and supply chain decisions has never been more critical. Companies face challenges about continued use of global logistics hubs and whether these should be balanced by insourcing or nearshoring to reduce vulnerability to global events, be they a global pandemic, or a political crisis.

Accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS), this contemporary programme was developed in consultation with industry. It applies academic theory to logistics and supply chain management practice, providing you with the skills to evaluate different strategies and to develop tailor-made solutions for companies and supply chains in all sectors. As well as subject-specific knowledge, we teach problem-solving, critical thinking and professional skills.

You may have the opportunity to take part in a three to four-month supervised project for a company, building your professional skills before graduating.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Supply chain project manager
- Logistics consultant
- Head of procurement and logistics

Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

Our MSc in Management equips you with a range of management techniques to allow you to gain global awareness, navigate the complexities of business and to prepare you for a successful career.

This programme is for graduates of all backgrounds who want to kick-start their management career and achieve an industry-standard level in management studies. The curriculum is constantly updated and reviewed by current students, alumni and businesses to ensure relevance for the fast-changing business world.

A key part of the programme is nurturing your professional development with the assistance of a dedicated careers service to help you to create a personalised career plan. You will follow a professional and career development programme of activities and events meeting future employers and benefiting from access to our global network of Lancaster University Management School alumni.

The programme offers a far-reaching knowledge base that enhances your employability. Our students graduate with a comprehensive understanding of management in the global context complemented by personal and professional development.

Example modules include

- Strategic Management
- Digital Transformation of Business
- Practical Project Management

Entry requirements

A 2:2 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. Applicants should be recent graduates (undergraduate degree completed within the past two years). No more than two years of work experience. Short internships are welcome.

Potential careers

- Business development manager
- Business adviser
- Management trainee

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Management and Business

Management (Entrepreneurship and Strategy)

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

Do you want to focus your research on entrepreneurship, strategy, leadership, family business or innovation, and benefit from cutting-edge insights in a welcoming environment where ideas can flourish, and connections can be made? Whether you are looking for a career in academia or are already steeped in practice, our programme will prepare you to conduct rigorous research with relevance for policy, practice and knowledge generation.

Our PhD programme connects you with leading research centres and forums to develop your expertise:

- The Centre for Family Business
- The Academy for Gender, Work and Leadership
- The Pentland Centre for Sustainability in Business

You will be able to participate in seminars, workshops and conferences to share your work as it progresses and receive developmental feedback. You will have access to advanced training courses, including from the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP).

You will study topics related to research design in management, including qualitative and quantitative research methods and research ethics, designed to support you in completing your research successfully and in becoming an active member of the wider research community.

Entry requirements

A relevant Master's degree with a minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

- Senior policy adviser
- Senior lecturer
- Senior research associate

Management (Organisation, Work and Technology)

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

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

Research in the Department of Organisation, Work and Technology sets the agenda for debate in key issues such as human resource management and employment relations; ethics, sustainability and management; information, technology and society; management, organisations and society; and leadership, organisations and society.

Staff in the Department are drawn from a range of backgrounds and our interdisciplinary community brings humanities and wider social science perspectives into management research, which is widely acknowledged as crucial in reshaping management research and education.

We also run a strong seminar series and workshops for doctoral researchers to encourage collaboration and cross-fertilisation of ideas.

You will access advanced research training courses run by the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP), as well as courses run by the Management School and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Entry requirements

A relevant Master's degree with a minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

- Senior policy adviser
- Senior lecturer
- Senior research associate

Management Science

MRes

12 months F/T

Your programme

Businesses, organisations and governments are now turning to quantitative and qualitative analytics to solve complex problems. This programme is designed for those with some familiarity with management science theory and techniques. It's ideal for those wishing to pursue a PhD or a specialist career in government, industry or consulting.

Our department has a broad spectrum of interests with staff incorporating insights from cutting-edge projects into their teaching. We take the lead in the Centre for Marketing Analytics and Forecasting, the Centre for Productivity and Efficiency, and the Centre for Transport and Logistics. This means you can benefit from these three research centres' extensive and diverse research experience.

You will join a group of scholars from across the world. Together you will learn how to use advanced technical skills to solve real problems and find new ways to move forward. We combine taught and research elements to develop a focused approach to research.

Example modules include

- Analysing Management in Practice
- Research Design in Management
- Searching for Information in Management Research

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree in a business and management subject or quantitative discipline such as mathematics and/or statistics, including science, engineering, and computer science.

Potential careers

- Consultant
- Policy adviser
- Research associate

Turn over for more courses ›››

Management and Business

Management Science

PhD

36 months F/T

PhD (Integrated)

48 months F/T

Your programme

Our PhD programme is highly interactive with a large number of students in operational research, operations management, information systems, digital business, and project management. There are many opportunities to interact with faculty, industry, and fellow students, both formally and informally. This offers a supportive environment in which to study.

You will have two members of staff appointed as supervisors to guide your research study. Part-time students working a significant distance from Lancaster may additionally have a local research adviser.

Students following the NATCOR pathway (operational research) will attend courses delivered by the National Taught Course Centre in Operational Research (NATCOR). The other students will attend courses delivered by the Management School and have access to advanced training courses including those delivered by the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP).

For more information on potential research topics and supervisors within this Department, please visit our website.

Entry requirements

For the Integrated PhD, a 2:1 degree in a relevant subject, otherwise a relevant Master's degree with a minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

- Senior policy adviser
- Senior lecturer
- Senior research associate

Medical Leadership

PgCert

12 - 36 months P/T

PgDip

18 - 48 months P/T

MSc

24 - 60 months P/T

Your programme

This course is facilitated mainly online, and is designed to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills in line with the NHS Clinic Leadership Competency Framework.

This course is for doctors at any stage of their career who are interested in developing and proving their commitment to:

- Improving patient experience and service delivery
- Demonstrating caring, compassionate, authentic leadership
- Developing leadership capacity to achieve medical and organisational impact

You may be eligible to make a claim for credit for prior learning and experience (APeL) to gain exemptions from some modules.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

Qualified doctors holding an MBChB or equivalent. For the PgDip/MSc, a PgCert in Medical Leadership is required. All applications require employer/stakeholder agreement.

Potential careers

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

Organisation, Work and Technology

MRes

12 months F/T

Your programme

The programme is designed to cater for those wishing to study subjects related to organisation, work and technology, but with more focus on theory and/or research rather than practice. In addition to core modules undertaken by all students, you will have the opportunity to undertake advanced training, tailored to your specific research design. Two thirds of the programme consist of research training, including a dissertation, and for the remaining third, you can choose subject-specific modules from those offered by the Department of Organisation, Work and Technology and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This will allow you to tailor the course to your own aims and interests in order to gain a more in depth knowledge and understanding of the key theories, concepts, and debates in the area.

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

Example modules include

- Doing Organisational Research
- Understanding Your Discipline

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academia
- Further PhD study
- Social research and policymaking in non-governmental organisations

Management and Business

Professional Development

PgCert

12 - 36 months P/T

Your programme

This course enables you to choose optional modules in line with your professional development needs in subjects such as leadership and management, change management and personal effectiveness. You can start with one module and return later to build it into a qualification, or enrol for the qualification at the outset. The 'step-on, step-off' nature means you can pace your study to suit your own work/life balance.

Progression routes to Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree are available via the Professional Practice route.

Students may also make a claim (APeL) to gain credits for exemption from some modules.

Example modules include

- Personal Learning and Development
- Developing Resilience
- Introduction to Coaching and Mentoring

Entry requirements

Demonstration that the modules chosen meet your individual needs and the needs of your organisation.

Potential careers

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

Professional Practice

PgCert

12 - 36 months P/T

PgDip

18 - 48 months P/T

MA/MSc

24 - 60 months P/T

Your programme

These courses have as their focus one or more work-based projects that are supported by your own personal learning and development. You will benefit from a highly relevant, customised course, facilitated mainly online, which also delivers outcomes for your organisation. The key course components allow for high levels of customisation, choice and negotiation. You negotiate your programme pathway, title and timescales.

You may be eligible to make a claim for credit for prior learning and experience (APeL) to gain exemptions from some modules.

Example modules include

- Negotiating your Professional Development
- Organisations: Cultures Values and Behaviours
- Developing Emotional Intelligence

Entry requirements

You will need to be employed in a role that allows the scope to undertake postgraduate work-integrated projects, and have employer/stakeholder support.

Potential careers

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

Project Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

Projects play a key role in many organisations where they are used as a strategic approach for delivering change. This programme will enable you to use project management tools and techniques, engage stakeholders, develop team leadership skills and provides the opportunity to gain practical experience of managing projects.

We will teach you how to understand the project through the eyes of various key stakeholders, how to define and plan an effective and efficient project and how to manage the team during the delivery of this project. We carefully balance academic perspective, experiential learning and practical application to advance your knowledge in the most effective way.

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

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject. The programme is particularly attractive to those who have studied subjects such as engineering, IT, business or management, although students can also come from a variety of arts and social science backgrounds. Relevant work experience is welcome but not required.

Potential careers

- Project manager
- Senior consultant
- Events manager

Turn over for more courses ›››

Management and Business

Marketing

Theory and Practice of Management

PhD

60 months P/T

Your programme

The part-time PhD in the Theory and Practice of Management combines the academic rigour of a traditional PhD with the accessibility of a structured, part-time research programme.

A recent European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) doctoral conference hosted at Lancaster gave significant emphasis to the changing forms of knowledge production within academia and in society more broadly, and the need for universities to update their provision to reflect the societies they serve. This programme is a response to that need, with its increased focus on research impact and business engagement. It also recognises that doctoral researchers form an integral part of our research community and add value to the research conducted here at Lancaster.

Through a combination of online resources and facilitated activities, face-to-face workshops, and collaborative supervision, the programme will be accessible to part-time researchers from the public, private and third sectors.

Working closely with the academic faculty, you will be supported in developing your research skills at the same time as generating a valuable contribution to knowledge.

Example modules include

- Foundations of Management Research
- Design Issues in Management Research
- Delivering Impactful Research

Entry requirements

A Master's degree with 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation or 7 years relevant experience, a research proposal and a CV.

Potential careers

- Academia
- Policy or consultancy-related careers
- Senior management roles across a wide range of industries

About us

We are among the UK's top performing research-intensive management schools. The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of our research environment as 'world leading' and placed us 1st in the UK for research power in Business and Management Studies.

We offer distinctive Master's programmes that combine theory and practice in a powerful way to help you acquire in-depth knowledge of marketing and the skills to kick-start your career. Our programmes are highly practical and provide opportunities to collaborate with key industry players.

We have a proud history of delivering marketing courses that have included a strong project component based on real-world company problems. Over the years, our expertise has grown into the two areas of consumer research and market dynamics. Our research makes important contributions to the business world and enhances our teaching.

Our research areas

- Sustainable innovation
- Marketing and digital strategy
- Markets
- Design-led thinking
- Consumption insights
- Digital consumption
- Social justice
- Health inequality

Find out more here

Advanced Marketing Management

MSc/MRes

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

This programme develops advanced professional thinking, analysis and marketing management skills through three specialisation pathways, to provide a focused learning experience based on your specific needs. It is the ideal next step for marketing or business management graduates, and offers aspiring marketing managers the chance to develop their skills and employability.

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

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

Pathways include

- Digital Marketing
- Global Marketing
- Responsible Marketing

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in marketing or in a related business subject with a significant marketing component. A degree in another subject with significant practical experience in marketing may also be considered.

Potential careers

- Marketing and business development manager
- Digital marketing and brand manager
- Entrepreneur/company director

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Marketing

Marketing

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

Marketing is an exciting, challenging, and nuanced discipline that touches upon every aspect of our lives – from the products we buy, the retail stores we visit, to the websites we browse. Almost every company has a marketing department and marketing skills are highly valued in contemporary businesses. The work that marketers do can have a profound impact on society, the economy, the environment and culture.

Our perfect blend of theory and practice, alongside connections with top employers and industry influencers, will help you to become a knowledgeable marketing postgraduate who will flourish in a changing and dynamic landscape. As a conversion programme, the MSc Marketing will fast-track your career by offering outstanding and comprehensive training to graduates from non-marketing disciplines. The programme is approved and accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), allowing you to gain a professional qualification alongside your degree through the prestigious CIM Graduate Gateway programme.

The MSc Marketing curriculum combines a set of core and elective modules to equip you with cutting-edge knowledge and expertise in various marketing career pathways, such as digital marketing and international retailing. A company-commissioned dissertation project allows you to work with our partner organisations.

Example modules include

- Consumers
- Marketing Communications
- Digital Marketing

Entry requirements

A 2:2 honours degree, or equivalent, in any subject other than marketing. Applicants should have no more than two years' work experience in related areas such as marketing, sales or business development.

Potential careers

- Marketing and business development executive
- Digital marketing manager
- Brand manager

Marketing

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

Doctoral students are a vital component of our lively research environment. Our research interests are focused within specialist areas within the key areas of consumption and market dynamics. We study marketing and consumption in international contexts and whilst we examine commercial brands, products, services, processes and design-led thinking shaping organisational eco-systems, we also have a strong focus on socially responsible, ethical and sustainable marketing and consumption practices. An important aspect of our research also focuses on digital technology transformation in business marketing and consumption contexts.

We have several active groups of researchers interested in business marketing and business networks in the context of supply chain interactions, innovation and market development and the development of the firm in international markets. Our department is linked to the Centre for Consumption Insights, where our staff can engage in specialist research that centres on the transformative aspects of consumer research and consumption-related phenomena of pertinence to management and society.

As a PhD student, you will find many opportunities from the Management School, other faculties, the North-West Social Science Doctoral Training Programme (NWSSDTP) and through a network of leading university business and management schools in the north of England.

You will receive support by a specialist supervisor as you research and write your thesis.

Entry requirements

A relevant Master's degree with a minimum of 65% overall and 65% in the dissertation.

Potential careers

- Lecturer/assistant professor/post-doctoral researcher in marketing and/or management
- Market researcher and marketing/management consultant
- Marketing management roles

Mathematics and Statistics

About us

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 100% of our research impact as 'outstanding', placing us 1st in the UK for research impact in Mathematical Sciences.

We are a vibrant community of academics, support staff and students from around the world, committed to both teaching and research excellence and the promotion of diversity in the mathematical sciences. The Department holds a Bronze Athena Swan award and is a Registered Supporter of the London Mathematical Society Good Practice Scheme. Our links with industry and government provide expertise across statistics and data science and opportunities for industry-led dissertations. Our Centre for Doctoral Training (STOR-i) combines statistics, operational research and industrial applications to produce a new generation of researcher.

Our research areas

- Pure Mathematics
- Statistics

You may also be interested in...

- Data, Computing and Communications
- Medicine

Find out more here

Mathematics

PhD

36 months F/T

48 months P/T

Your programme

Our pure mathematics section has strong international research groups in:

- Analysis and probability
- Algebra and geometry
- Discrete mathematics and geometric rigidity

You will be part of a lively and friendly community of postgraduate students in the department; in particular, you will have the opportunity to engage and contribute to regular postgraduate seminars, in addition to the departmental seminars and reading groups.

The department is a member of the MAGIC scheme offering a wide range of postgraduate level lecture courses in mathematics to PhD students from across the UK. These courses allow you to learn from UK academics and study with PhD students outside Lancaster.

You will be given your own laptop, and are generously supported to attend and present work at conferences. You will have the opportunity to work as a teaching assistant on our taught programmes, a valuable source of experience and income.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Social Statistics

PhD

36 months F/T

48 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Statistics

PgDip

9 months F/T

24 months P/T

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Term 1 consists of a set of core modules covering statistical modelling and inference, modern statistical learning, and project skills. In addition to technical knowledge, you will acquire transferable skills in statistical software and communication.

In Term 2, you will choose from a selection of optional modules on more advanced and specialist topics in applied statistics and statistical modelling, including the opportunity to study modules on a dedicated medical statistics pathway. These modules reflect the research strengths of the department.

Example modules include

- Clinical Trials
- Statistics in Practice
- Time Series Analysis

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in a subject with a strong mathematics or statistics component is required. Non-standard applications may be considered.

Potential careers

- Statistician
- Biostatistician
- Epidemiologist
- Data scientist
- Business analyst

Statistics

PhD

36 months F/T

48 months P/T

PhD (Integrated)

48 months F/T

Your programme

The internationally excellent Statistics Group is interested in the development of novel statistical models and methods motivated by applied problems, with particular emphasis on environmental, biomedical and social sciences. Methodological strengths include stochastic modelling and inference, computationally intensive methods, time series analysis, extreme value analysis, methods for the design and analysis of clinical trials, and statistical learning. There is a strong emphasis on the interface between theory and application, and the group has close research links with other university departments and a wide range of external organisations.

We welcome applications from those who have acquired substantial statistical knowledge. You will be fully embedded within the vibrant statistics research community through regular meetings, typically weekly, with your supervisor, and participation in the many statistics and data science research seminars taking place within the department and across the wider university. You will also have the opportunity to develop your wider statistical knowledge and skills through attendance of the APTS series of one-week courses.

You will be generously supported to attend and present work at conferences. You will have the opportunity to work as a teaching assistant on our taught programmes, which is a valuable source of experience and income.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Statistics and Operational Research (STOR-i)

MRes

12 months F/T

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

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

Entry requirements

A 1st class honours degree, or equivalent, in an undergraduate course with a substantial mathematical content.

Potential careers

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

Media and Cultural Studies

About us

From magazine editors to social media managers, and from newspaper headlines to viral videos, our media environment is constantly changing and so are the cultures that surround it. Our approach balances theory and practice as we critically explore and creatively contribute to contemporary media in a global context.

Our Media and Cultural Studies programmes are interdisciplinary and are delivered by a team based in the Department of Sociology. This is a research-intensive department that foregrounds critical and active engagement with key contemporary issues such as identities, inequalities, postcolonialism, the climate emergency and the complex challenges and promises of digital media technologies. We seek to develop and sustain research that is original, significant and rigorous, while also fostering interdisciplinary, supportive research communities from which this work can grow.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 placed us 2nd for research output, 6th for overall research quality and 9th for research power for Sociology in the UK.

Our research areas

- Audiences, fandom and participatory cultures
- Digital culture and media theories
- Gender and media
- Inequalities and representation
- Media consumption, mobilities and urban life
- Visual culture and media spectacle

Find out more here

Media and Cultural Studies

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

You will have the chance to interact with key texts, debates and thinkers, ranging from classical cultural theory through to scholarship in new media, digital technology, globalised culture, media power, identity, and performance. In addition, you will have the opportunity to gain practical skills in media research, digital image-making and visual storytelling.

Our aim is to advance your skills in the kinds of critical thinking, independent research, and creative production relevant for development and innovation across the creative industries and in furthering critical scholarship.

Example modules include

- Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
- Participatory Cultures: From Mediated Communities to Fan Engagements

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline, such as media, film, cultural studies or sociology.

Potential careers

- Social media management
- Advertising, marketing and branding
- PR and communications
- Audio-visual production

Media and Cultural Studies

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Medicine

About us

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 rated 100% of Lancaster's Faculty of Health and Medicine's research environment as 'world leading' and 91% of its research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

At Lancaster Medical School, we see medicine and healthcare through the lens of community.

We not only strive for excellence in our teaching and research, but also focus firmly on the positive societal impact we must make.

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

Our research areas

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

You may also be interested in…

- Health Studies
- Management and Business

Find out more here

Anaesthesia and Peri-Operative Sciences

PgDip

24 months P/T

Your programme

The Postgraduate Diploma in Anaesthesia and Peri-Operative Sciences (PGDip AaPOS) is a part-time programme designed to train student anaesthesia associates, in combination with their supervised clinical work. The programme comprises five modules aligned with the Royal College of Anaesthetists' (RCoA) Anaesthesia Associates Curriculum. These are workplace-based assessments and single best answer examinations, designed to align with the forthcoming General Medical Council (GMC) Anaesthesia Associate Registration Assessment (AARA), and presentations.

A cross-cutting clinical skills and simulation theme relates the modules to practice in addition to providing robust preparation for the AARA.

Example modules include

- Fundamentals of Anaesthesia and Peri-Operative Practice
- Physiology Under Stress
- Applied Pharmacology and Safety

Entry requirements

Applicants must have been appointed by an NHS Trust to a student anaesthesia associate post, prior to applying to this programme.

Potential careers

- Anaesthesia associate

Clinical Research

PgCert

12 months P/T

PgDip

12 months P/T

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

Example modules include

- Life Cycle of Clinical Research
- Methodological Foundations
- Translating Research into Healthcare Policy and Practice

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Clinical trials assistant

Turn over for more courses ›››

Medicine

Health Data Science

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

The MSc in Health Data Science is aimed at students who wish to develop skills in statistics, computing and health informatics for health research.

A set of four core modules will cover topics on foundations of statistics, epidemiology and health informatics including statistical modelling and inference for health research; computer programming in R and Python; data sourcing and management and basic epidemiological study designs. Building on the core modules, you will choose one of two specialisms, Global Health or Health Informatics, each consisting of four modules (15 credits each). You will then undertake a 12-week project in collaboration with partners from public health agencies and external research institutes.

Example modules include

- Programming for Health Data Science
- Introduction to Applied Epidemiology
- Infectious Disease Modelling
- Geostatistical Models for Public Health

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree in a relevant discipline including: statistics, epidemiology, computer science, economics, biomedical sciences, physical sciences, or similar. We may also consider non-standard applicants based upon experience and merit, please contact the Programme Director for information.

Potential careers

- Health data scientist within national and international public health organisations, such the National Health Service and the World Health Organization
- Civil Service careers in national-level health agencies

Health Data Science

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

The PhD in Health Data Science provides research training in developing applied informatics and analytic approaches to data within health-related subjects such as medicine and the biomedical, biotechnological, and bioengineering sciences.

You will join the programme with a supervisory panel composed of academics working in health data science more broadly. Throughout the programme, and particularly during your first year, you will be encouraged to engage in training opportunities at Lancaster and elsewhere to develop both your research skills and subject-specific knowledge and abilities. Throughout your studies, you will focus on novel scientific research, developing best practice in interpreting and communicating new scientific methods and findings.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academic research and teaching within higher education Institutes
- Data scientist within pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and bioengineering industries
- Data scientist within NHS organisations

Medical Education

PgCert

Flexible P/T

Your programme

This programme is designed and delivered by Lancaster Medical School and Lancaster Management School's Centre for Training and Development (CeTaD). It has been designed to meet the General Medical Council's (GMC) strategic aim that all those involved in the development and education of doctors should be competent in the principles of medical education.

It will:

- Develop and consolidate your knowledge of the core principles of medical education.
- Enhance your skills as a medical educator.
- Evidence your competency in line with the Academy of Medical Educator's learning domains.

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

Entry requirements

Applicants should be working in roles involved in the education of medical students and staff. Students may be able to make a claim (APEL) to gain credits for exemption from some modules.

Potential careers

- Clinical academic fellow
- Medical educator

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Medicine

Medical Ethics and Law

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

The PhD in Medical Ethics and Law provides research training in core concepts and theories in the moral and political philosophy of current issues in biomedicine and health. The programme offers training in areas of the law that address these issues within national and international frameworks. We welcome applications concerning issues in reproductive ethics, environmental ethics, research ethics, clinical ethics and the donation of human body parts.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academia
- Public policy research
- Consultancy
- NGOs
- Think tanks and public bodies

Medical Sciences

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

Past projects include:

- The role of osteoarthritic cytokines in ochronotic arthropathy
- Localisation of the stem cell population in the cornea
- Ethical decision making in organ donation
- How do students' social networks evolve during their time at medical school?

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

Entry requirements

Undergraduate medical students intercalating between 4th and 5th years of study require a top quartile outcome in MBChB finals. Other applicants must hold a 2:1 honours degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant subject area. Candidates with a 2:2 honours degree may be invited to interview to assess suitability.

Potential careers

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

Medicine

MD

24 months F/T

Your programme

The Doctor of Medicine degree scheme provides opportunities for clinically qualified candidates to undertake a two-year Doctoral level research project at Lancaster.

Our links with the Lancaster Medical School and many NHS trusts provide a wide range of opportunities for medically related research. You will be supervised by a clinical supervisor and a member of academic staff in Biomedical and Life Sciences or the Medical School.

Entry requirements

Applicants must (i) hold a medical or dental qualification recognised by the UK General Medical/Dental Council, (ii) must have held this qualification for at least three years by the date of submission, and (iii) must be employed during their period of registration in appropriate clinical or scientific work in hospitals or institutions (associated with the University) within the local NHS region.

Potential careers

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

Turn over for more courses ›››

Medicine

Medicine

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Social and Behavioural Sciences in Medicine

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

The PhD in Social and Behavioural Science in Medicine provides research training in core concepts and theories in the social and behavioural disciplines within medicine and healthcare. The programme offers training in areas of social and behavioural science that address these issues within a national and international framework.

We welcome applications from applicants interested in pursuing research into current issues in the sociological and psychological aspects of medicine.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Academia
- Media
- Public policy research
- Consultancy
- NGOs
- Think tanks and public bodies

Sports and Exercise Sciences

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

The PhD in Sports and Exercise Sciences is an excellent opportunity to pursue your research career in this domain, while increasing your knowledge, learning new skills and developing your own abilities as a researcher.

With a wide range of topics to be explored, you will gain in-depth knowledge in an area of your interest, contributing to our understanding of the relevant issues. You will be guided by our experienced staff, providing you direction and support so you can grow into an accomplished, independent researcher.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

A wide range of roles appropriate for post-doctoral employment, including in academic and industrial settings.

Medicine

Statistics and Epidemiology

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Natural Sciences

About us

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

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

Our research areas

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Medicine
- Physics

Find out more here

Natural Sciences

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

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

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or Master's degree, or equivalent, in a science or engineering discipline, appropriate to the proposed research project. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us for information.

Potential careers

- Doctoral study
- Research and development in industrial or government settings
- Teaching

Turn over for more courses ›››

Natural Sciences

Natural Sciences

PhD

36 - 48 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

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

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree or Master's degree, or equivalent, in a science or engineering discipline, appropriate to the proposed research project. We may also consider non-standard applicants, please contact us for information.

Potential careers

- Academic research
- Technical support
- Scientific journalism

About us

We use reason, argument, and close reading to engage with the deep problems of human life: What is there? How do we know? How should one live? How should we live together? How can we answer such questions? Philosophy at Lancaster is based in our Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR). Our interdisciplinary research is often linked to organisations outside of higher education, contributing to the reshaping and enhancement of policy and practice in active and tangible ways.

Our research areas

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

You may also be interested in...

- Politics and International Relations
- Religious Studies

Find out more here

Philosophy

Philosophy

PgCert

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

We start this course by asking a vital question – what is philosophy? You will explore its value, the methods used and debates within the subject. At the same time, our teaching team will discuss their fascinating research on everything from gender to feminist philosophy.

A critical part of this course is the completion of a dissertation. You'll have 20,000 words to explore an area of philosophy that interests you. When you need support, you'll be able to turn to your academic supervisor.

Alongside the core module and dissertation, you will choose from our range of optional modules. You might look at a theoretical topic such as major debates in religious and atheistic thought or an applied area such as mental disorders. Perhaps you will pick our independent study module to focus on any topic that sparks your interest.

Your ability to evaluate arguments, assess evidence and think critically will be invaluable to employers. The way you look at problems through a philosophical lens will also give you an edge.

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

Example modules include

- What is Philosophy?
- Feminist Philosophy
- Philosophy of Mental Disorder

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in philosophy or a related humanities or social science subject.

Potential careers

- Charities and the voluntary sector
- Civil Service
- The police
- Education

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Philosophy

Philosophy

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

We are a small, busy, friendly group of philosophers with wide-ranging interests, located in a multidisciplinary department.

We can supervise in most areas of the discipline, but we have particular strengths in normative and applied ethics, in the history of philosophy in the late modern period (both Anglophone and European), in the philosophy of medicine, psychology, and psychiatry, and in non-Western philosophy.

We are also well placed to co-supervise interdisciplinary projects with our colleagues in politics, international relations, and religious studies, and in the wider university.

We aim to support you throughout your work towards a philosophy PhD through the direct support of your named supervisors and other members of philosophy staff. We also encourage our postgraduate students to participate in our research community, for example through the sharing and discussing of their work and by contributing to reading groups, work in progress meetings, visiting speaker seminars, professional development classes, and research conferences.

Entry requirements

A good Master's degree, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- University teaching and research
- Teaching
- Public service in government and non-governmental organisations

Philosophy and Religion

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

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

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

Example modules include

- Politics and Ethics in Indian Philosophy
- Religion and Psychoanalytic Thought
- Studying Religion

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in philosophy or a related humanities or social science subject.

Potential careers

- Charities
- Education
- Public service in government and non-governmental organisations
- Think tanks and policy analysis

Physics

About us

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 98% of our research outputs as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent', placing us 14th in the UK for both research output and research environment for Physics.

Our research is concentrated into the four divisions of astrophysics, particle and accelerator physics, condensed matter physics and theoretical physics.

You will have access to state-of-the-art facilities to support both experimental and theoretical projects. You will be provided with opportunities for internships, training in transferable and research skills, and technical training applicable to your research area. We have numerous collaborations with overseas laboratories and major European networks.

Our research areas

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

Find out more here

Nanoscience

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in physics, ideally supplemented by a relevant Master's level qualification.

Potential careers

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

Physics

MSc by Research

12 months F/T

Your programme

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

The programme is flexible to support learning in a variety of educational and practical research contexts, either on campus or in industry.

There is an induction period with a supervisor, where you will complete a learning plan and assess your research training development needs.

You will complete a dissertation based on your research.

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

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

Physics

Physics

PhD

36 months F/T

Your programme

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

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

There is vigorous cross-divisional activity, which includes studies of new materials such as graphene and molecular nanowires, cosmological experiments in liquid helium, nonlinear dynamics of biological rhythm and IR spectroscopy, and nanoscale probe microscopy of biological objects.

Our degree schemes emphasise the development of transferable skills, such as critical thinking, communication skills, numeracy, literacy, team working, data analysis, and computing and computational skills, which are in much demand amongst employers.

Students will have the opportunity to attend specialist training courses as well as the Faculty of Science and Technology Research Training Programme.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in physics, ideally supplemented by a relevant Master's-level qualification.

Potential careers

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

Politics and International Relations

About us

Politics and International Relations at Lancaster investigates the central questions that shape the modern world, enabling you to analyse, discuss and develop your ideas about war and peace, poverty and inequality, order and justice, and governance and power.

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

Our research areas

- Area studies of Africa, the Americas, Britain, China, Europe, the Middle East and South Asia
- Immigration and borders
- Radical violence
- Security

You may also be interested in…

- Law
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

Find out more here

Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Our programme is designed to examine critically the theoretical and methodological issues surrounding the dynamics of peace and conflict in the contemporary world. You will have the opportunity to engage with the work of peace and conflict studies scholars, at both conceptual and empirical levels, and to draw on evidence from a range of recent armed conflicts.

Through the programme, we also aim to address techniques in conflict resolution, such as mediation, in order to help you deepen your understanding and enable you to develop skills in conflict analysis. We encourage you to use optional modules from politics to support the core programme.

The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation in a subject area of your own choice that has been agreed together with your academic supervisor.

Example modules include

- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Conflict, Security and War
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- National and international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- Academic and higher education roles

Turn over for more courses ›››

Politics and International Relations

Conflict, Development and Security

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This MA programme could be particularly relevant if you are considering employment in the field of humanitarian assistance and post-conflict reconstruction. It may also be of interest if you are a practitioner wishing to study the politics of aid.

Our programme seeks to build on the critical policy research and consultancy that has been completed for a wide range of international organisations. We aim to analyse the increasing overlap between development and security and to explore the significance of globalisation for the emergence of internal, regionalised and networked forms of conflict and instability.

We hope that through this analysis you will broaden your understanding of the present crises in global security and development through the study of recent and current humanitarian, developmental and security responses. There will also be opportunities to explore the links between aid and politics.

Example modules include

- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Cybersecurity in the 21st Century
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- National and international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- Academic and higher education roles

Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Diplomatic relations, international negotiations, foreign-policy decision-making processes, and the conduct of foreign policy constitute important features of international politics.

The programme is designed to introduce you to theories, issues and processes connected with diplomacy and foreign policy. It could be especially relevant if you are thinking about, or currently working in, diplomacy, international NGOs, and global policy and politics. We aim to provide you with opportunities to participate in debates and mock negotiation exercises to enhance your practical skills. Previously, we have also invited practitioners with experience in the field to contribute elements of the programme.

The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation in a subject area of your own choice that has been agreed together with your academic supervisor.

Example modules include

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

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- Business management and consultancy
- Academic and higher education roles

Diplomacy and International Law

LLM

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme offers the opportunity to access the expertise of academics working in the field of research in politics, international relations, legal and sociolegal issues.

On this programme you'll gain a deep understanding of diplomacy, foreign policy and international law. You'll learn to pick apart the strategic and institutional constraints that affect negotiations and prepare for a future working on the international stage.

You'll also spend time looking at how diplomatic theory weighs up against the pragmatic issues involved with making decisions. Our mock negotiations will give you the opportunity to put your theory into practice. Through a combination of theoretical and practical exercises, lectures and visits by guest speakers, you'll explore topics such as nuclear weapons and foreign policy, arms control and diplomacy, international climate negotiations, and terrorism and citizen protection.

You will be awarded either an LLM or an MA degree dependent on the weighting of law and politics courses you study and the department responsible for the supervision of your final dissertation.

Example modules include

- International Human Rights
- International Law
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Risk analysis
- Advisory roles in foreign affairs
- International business consultancy
- Lobbying organisations and NGOs

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Politics and International Relations

Diplomacy and International Law (Distance Learning)

LLM

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme is the distance-learning variant of our campus-based Diplomacy and International Law programme and aims to provide you with the same opportunity to deepen your understanding of the social, legal, economic and political issues playing out on the world's stage.

Your course will combine recorded material, elements to be worked through autonomously, online collaboration and discussion, and group work. We actively encourage you to build a virtual network amongst our academics and your peers as you study.

Before the course begins, we will invite you to an online introductory session conducted through a virtual learning environment (VLE) and video conferencing. This is a great chance to meet your tutors and other students and to start to form your own support network.

You will be awarded either an LLM or an MA degree dependent on the weighting of law and politics courses you study and the department responsible for the supervision of your final dissertation.

Example modules include

- International Human Rights
- International Law
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in law, social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers

- Risk analysis
- Advisory roles in foreign affairs
- International business consultancy
- Lobbying organisations and NGOs

Diplomacy and International Relations (by Distance Learning)

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This online MA programme is designed to introduce you to theories, issues and processes connected with diplomacy, foreign policy and international relations. It employs a wide variety of online learning tools to enhance your learning experience, and we aim to offer you the same quality of experience students have when studying with us on campus.

Your course will combine recorded material, live and interactive lectures, elements to be worked through autonomously, online collaboration and discussion, and group work. We actively encourage you to build a virtual network amongst our academics and your peers as you study.

Before the course begins, we will invite you to an online introductory session conducted through a virtual learning environment (VLE) and video conferencing. This is a great chance to meet your tutors and other students and to start to form your own support network.

Our distance learning approach typically combines recorded material with live and interactive lectures. There are

also elements to be worked through independently and via online collaboration and discussion, and group work.

Example modules include

- Religion and Conflict
- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers

- Risk analysis
- Advisory roles in foreign affairs
- International business consultancy
- Lobbying organisations and NGOs

International Relations

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Addressing challenges such as issues around immigration, shifting power dynamics, and conflict across countries starts with looking at the relationships between nations. Join us to look at the world through a critical lens while understanding what it takes to create new policies and carry out vital research.

The relationship between academia and the real world is central to this course. Many experts at Lancaster have been policymakers so they'll teach you what it takes to translate theory into practice. Our teaching is interdisciplinary too, which means you'll hear from experts in religion, philosophy, diplomacy and more – subjects that intersect with international relations.

We will help you explore the latest trends in international relations in areas like queer studies and post-colonialism, as well as discussing how environmental issues are impacting on policymaking.

Combined with your understanding of theory, concepts and practice, the analytical skills you develop on this programme will be valuable to employers in a range of areas.

Example modules include

- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Theorising Security and War

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers

- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- National or international nongovernmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

Turn over for more courses ›››

Politics and International Relations

International Relations

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

We welcome disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and post-disciplinary research proposals from those seeking to undertake a PhD research programme in international relations. The programme culminates in an 80,000-word thesis.

During the initial period, we encourage you to dedicate your time to research training and general preparation for the thesis. We offer you the opportunity to take research-training modules covering research skills and key concepts, theories and approaches in the subfield in which you intend to write your thesis. During this period, you would also be expected to write a literature review and begin the process of writing your thesis.

During the final phase, you will complete your research, write the remainder of your thesis, and prepare for submission and examination.

The department has a lively research culture, including stimulating research seminars. In addition, you are encouraged to participate in faculty-wide workshops and research programmes.

Entry requirements

A good Master's degree in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Research and advisory roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

Politics

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Discover the politics driving today's most pressing issues, such as the cost-of-living crisis and climate emergency. You will choose politics modules that explore both domestic and global issues, giving you the opportunity to tailor the course to your interests.

Surrounded by a community of world-leading academics, you'll discover the impact of their work as you learn about the latest insights in the field and discover the impact of their work. As the expertise within the department is so broad, you'll also have the chance to explore specialised areas of politics like gender in Islam or ethics in Indian philosophy.

Our expert tutors regularly review this course to offer topical modules. For example, we have recently started teaching the module Global Environmental Politics as well as a pertinent module on the politics and policy of immigration.

To apply your knowledge, you will complete a major dissertation on a subject of your choice. This project will make a great talking point for interviews with potential employers. By the time you graduate, you will not only have sought-after expertise but also possess a CV packed with a whole host of transferable skills.

Example modules include

- Politics and Policy of Immigration
- European Politics
- Global Environmental Politics

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Parliament
- Think tanks and policy analysis
- Charity and third sector
- Public affairs

Politics

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

We welcome disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and post-disciplinary research proposals from those seeking to undertake a PhD research programme in politics. We would encourage you to explore the research interests of our academic colleagues to ensure that your proposal relates to our areas of research.

As a researcher within the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, you will be supervised by leading scholars in their area; further support is also offered by the library and seminar programmes.

You will be stimulated by an enthusiastic, research-intensive environment allowing you to develop skills that will be useful to you, both in your academic work and in your future career. You will also have the opportunity to attend research seminars led by key thinkers from around the UK and beyond and you will belong to a lively and cosmopolitan graduate school.

We enjoy good working relationships with related departments and research centres, and joint supervision arrangements, across different disciplines, are sometimes possible.

Entry requirements

A good Master's degree in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Politics and International Relations

Politics and International Relations

PgCert

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme aims to provide you with a secure knowledge of the major theories, concepts and issues relating to politics and international relations.

You will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of a range of debates and discussions raised by past and present approaches to the subject. In addition, our aim is to equip you with the necessary skills appropriate to evaluating, analysing and interpreting both academic and practitioner approaches to politics and international relations.

In addition to the core module of Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations, you will choose two optional modules from the range available in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion.

Example modules include

- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in any discipline. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers

- Roles in government and politics
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

Politics and Philosophy

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This interdisciplinary programme offers you the opportunity to undertake sustained and focused study in the disciplines of politics and philosophy. With a number of staff working across philosophy and politics, our programme typically covers a variety of approaches to the study of both philosophy and politics.

You will take five taught modules each assessed by a 5,000-word essay. The programme culminates in the writing of a 20,000-word dissertation in a subject area of your own choice that has been agreed in partnership with an academic supervisor.

Throughout this programme, our goal is to enable you to develop your research and analytical skills, skills that could be used in a range of careers. The programme can also provide a foundation for those looking to pursue academic careers.

Example modules include

- Future Generations
- Seminar in Moral, Political, and Social Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- Parliament
- Think tanks and policy analysis
- Charity and third sector
- Public affairs

Politics, Philosophy and Management

MSc

12 months F/T

Your programme

Organisations are increasingly seeking graduates with a deeper understanding of the social, political and moral dimensions of management, so that they can protect the wider interests of society. This programme answers the demand for a new kind of management graduate that uses philosophy as a tool to take on key political and social questions.

We create competent managers who can see the underlying connections between complex problems. They are able to respond to the demands of reconciling economic growth, sustainability and equitable social outcomes. Our graduates are in tune with contemporary political developments and international relations. You will learn how to deal with complex issues, such as the management of people and organisational change and will develop in depth knowledge of the major historical processes in the world today as well as the concepts and issues relating to politics, philosophy and the management of institutions.

Alongside this fresh way of thinking, you will acquire and build skills such as research design and report writing.

Example modules include

- Organisations in the 21st Century
- What is Philosophy?
- Public Policy

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in management, business studies, social sciences, history, philosophy, English, languages, arts or other humanities subjects. Relevant work experience is beneficial but not essential.

Potential careers

- Civil servant
- NGO manager
- Client solutions associate

Turn over for more courses ›››

Politics and International Relations

Public Policy

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme offers you the opportunity to develop an advanced understanding of critical real-world policy problems, as well as familiarise yourself with the tools to solve them.

Our approach to teaching places you at the front and centre of your learning experience. Whether you're interested in environmental, immigration, defence, foreign, or EU public policy, or the wider politics of policymaking, our specialists across these fields will support you to develop your expertise in the area you are passionate about. At the same time, you'll develop broad policy analysis skills.

To stand you in good stead for careers in the world of policy – whether local, national, or international – the practical applications of policy are at the heart of this programme. You'll work on real-life case studies, with input from policy practitioners, building practical skills for your career as you confront authentic policy problems. You'll graduate with excellent critical analysis, research, communication and debating skills.

Example modules include

- Public Policy
- Theory and Methods in Postgraduate Studies
- Public Policy Portfolio

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in social sciences, humanities, or related management disciplines. We will also consider relevant professional qualifications and experience.

Potential careers

- Civil Service
- International charities
- Non-governmental organisations

Psychology

About us

A Master's degree in psychology will be an important step towards a career in vital areas of practice or research. What you learn will be based on the latest research, taught by staff who are internationally recognised in their fields.

Our community includes world-leading researchers working with UK and international collaborators. We welcome our students from a diverse range of backgrounds to our community.

We are one of the UK's most important centres for research in developmental psychology.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 judged 87% of our research as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent', and rated 67% of our research impact as 'outstanding'.

Our research areas

- Cognitive psychology and language
- Infant and child development
- Neuroscience and perception
- Social processes

You may also be interested in...

- Medicine
- Natural Sciences

Find out more here

Developmental Disorders

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Developmental disorders are conditions that affect children's psychological development from conception to adulthood. This programme will enable you to build an understanding of developmental disorders at the cutting-edge of research.

You will examine important issues around early detection, diagnosis, and therapeutic intervention, as well as study the multiple origins of developmental disorders.

The teaching is delivered by staff conducting world-leading research, with research training recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

This programme will provide valuable benefits for you if you wish to practice professional psychology, pursue research, or advance into a senior role in professional practice.

You will study five taught modules and complete an individual research project. This will ensure you receive the breadth of skills and depth of knowledge to engage with a wide range of careers, or to progress into further research and study.

Example modules include

- Analysing and Interpreting Psychological Data
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research
- Developmental Disorders

Entry requirements

A good first degree in psychology or a related discipline.

Potential careers

- Clinical psychology (with clinical experience)
- Educational psychology (with teaching assistant experience)
- Research associate/PhD

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Psychology

Developmental Psychology

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme focuses on the theory and evidence of how humans change over time. Lancaster is one of the UK's most important centres for research in developmental psychology, with many well-known researchers specialising in infancy and childhood development. Through this programme, you will develop advanced insight into developmental psychology. On completion, you will have developed an understanding that will help you to progress in professional practice or in research.

You will study five modules and complete an independent research project.

This programme is recognised by the ESRC as effective Master's-level training for preparation for doctoral studies.

Example modules include

- Analysing and Interpreting Psychological Data
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research
- Developmental Psychology

Entry requirements

A good first degree in psychology or a related discipline.

Potential careers

- PhD study
- Clinical or educational psychology
- Teaching and teaching-related professions

Psychological Research Methods

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This programme will help you to build the research skills you need to advance into a research career.

The programme is recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as effective preparation for their funded doctoral training opportunities. We help you to develop advanced skills and understanding in critical research methods. Our graduates are equipped to go on to doctoral research and training programmes, for example, in clinical, forensic, educational, or occupational psychology.

You will complete both compulsory and optional modules to develop your skills and expertise. You will extend and enhance your ability to analyse and interpret psychological data, and you will gain a high-level of advanced psychological research skills. A solid foundation in these skills will be invaluable as you progress into research or into specialist psychology roles, such as clinical or forensic psychology.

You will study five modules and complete an independent research project.

Example modules include

- Analysing and Interpreting Psychological Data
- Analysing Talk and Text
- Conducting and Presenting Psychological Research

Entry requirements

A good first degree in psychology, or a related discipline.

Potential careers

- PhD study
- Clinical or educational psychology
- Research in business, industry, applied psychology, education or health

Psychology

PhD

36 months F/T

48 months P/T

Your programme

A PhD consists of an extensive and coherent research programme. This typically involves three years of full-time study or part-time equivalent. We welcome proposals for PhD research that offer programmatic ideas connected with staff research projects and interests. We think of PhDs as student-led yet collaborative research projects.

We provide extensive support and training to ensure that you are well equipped to make your work productive, effective and influential, ultimately leading to a successful and timely submission of a PhD thesis.

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in psychology or a related subject is essential. A Master's with a Merit or Distinction is desirable.

Potential careers

- University lecturing
- Postdoctoral research
- Research and consultancy in applied settings

Turn over for more courses ›››

Psychology

Psychology of Advertising

MSc

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Advertising is everywhere. Always transient, sometimes trivial, yet it can be incredibly powerful in changing our perceptions, our beliefs and our behaviour. Through this programme, you will develop an advanced understanding of how advertising affects the human mind.

This programme provides an interface between theory and practice, understanding and skills, by giving you a thorough grounding in the psychology underpinning persuasion in the context of how it is applied in the communications industry. It combines small group knowledge-exchange with student-led teaching, built around expertise in cognitive, social and neuropsychological aspects of advertising.

Your dissertation can be completed in parallel or sequentially with an industry placement. This would give you the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, while applying your skills and knowledge to address a real world, industry-focused challenge. This practical and relevant experience of working for an external organisation, and the networking opportunities this brings, is hugely beneficial when applying for jobs at the end of the course.

Example modules include

- Advanced Advertising Theory
- Analysing and Interpreting Psychological Data
- Psychological Aspects of Advertising

Entry requirements

A good degree in psychology, or a related discipline; other backgrounds not excluded. Relevant professional experience (eg consumer research, marketing and communications) may also be considered in addition to academic qualifications.

Potential careers

- Advertising, digital communications
- Marketing, consumer research
- PhD study

Religious Studies

About us

Lancaster University pioneered religious studies in the UK as a discipline separate from theology.

Religious studies at Lancaster gives you the opportunity to study the world's major religious traditions and to debate about the role of religion in the modern world.

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

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 placed us 2nd for research power and 8th for research environment for Theology and Religious Studies in the UK.

Our research areas

- Global philosophy and religion
- New religions and spiritualities
- Religion and society

You may also be interested in...

- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations

Find out more here

Diplomacy and Religion

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

You have the opportunity to develop analytical skills in the field of religious studies and international relations and, through your final dissertation, you will be encouraged to engage in cross-disciplinary research. Previously, to enhance the programme, we have also invited practitioners with experience in the field to contribute. Where possible we also aim to include trips that are relevant to the topics being covered that year. For example, in the past, students have visited the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. Where trips are offered, students are normally expected to cover their own travel expenses.

Example modules include

- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Studying Religion
- Politics and International Relations of the Middle East

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Religious Studies

Religion and Conflict

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This interdisciplinary programme allows you to undertake study across the disciplines of politics and religion, with particular attention to concepts and issues relating to religion and conflict.

Through our dynamic range of modules in politics, international relations and religious studies, you have the opportunity to explore the interactions between religion and conflict. We also offer options that encourage you to analyse peace processes and practical problems of conflict prevention, conflict management and peace building in a range of contemporary international, internal, ethnic, religious and environmental conflicts.

In addition to core and optional modules in politics and religion, a 20,000-word dissertation provides you with the opportunity to undertake an extended project that focuses upon one of a number of dimensions relating to the interface of politics and religion, as it pertains to conflict.

Example modules include

- Conflict Management and Contemporary Conflicts
- Studying Religion
- Reading Islam

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles
- Research and advisory roles in government and politics

Religious Studies

PgCert

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This broad programme aims to explore the academic discipline of religious studies. We seek to introduce you to key theoretical and methodological issues in the study of religion from a range of disciplinary perspectives.

Our programme typically explores key topics in religion such as the social and cultural transformations of contemporary religion and spirituality; religion and conflict; religion and popular culture; modern religious thought and history; new religious movements; and religion and gender. In addition, the programme provides you with an opportunity to explore the history, texts and contemporary contexts of specific religious traditions.

Example modules include

- Wild Asian Goddesses: Power and Transgression in South and Southeast Asia
- Studying Religion
- Politics and Ethics in Indian Philosophy

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Teaching in schools and colleges
- Academic and higher education roles
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities

Religious Studies

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

Based on our current staff research, we welcome proposals from those with an interest in the following broad areas of Buddhism; Christianity; Islam; Hinduism; the social and cultural transformations of contemporary religion and spirituality; sociology of religion; religion and popular culture; modern religious thought and history; religion and politics; occult and esoteric thought; philosophy and religious thought; and religion and gender.

The programme culminates in an 80,000-word thesis and is formed of two parts:

- The initial period, where you will be encouraged to dedicate your time to research training and general preparation for the thesis. During this period, you would also be expected to write a literature review and begin the process of writing your thesis.
- During the final phase, you will complete your research, write the remainder of your thesis, and prepare for submission and examination.

Entry requirements

A good Master's degree in a relevant social science background, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science subject, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Teaching in schools and colleges
- Academic and higher education roles
- National or international non-governmental organisations and charities

Sociology

About us

At Lancaster, you can explore how theory and practice meet and what happens when you creatively rework their links. We value a diversity of voices, cultivate links to local, national and global groups, and build opportunities for dialogue, change, and social impact.

Lancaster's Department of Sociology is a research-intensive department that foregrounds critical and active engagement with contemporary problems such as inequality and climate change. We seek to develop and sustain research that is original, significant and rigorous, while also fostering interdisciplinary, supportive research communities from which this work can grow.

The Research Excellence Framework 2021 placed us 2nd for research output, 6th for overall research quality and 9th for research power for Sociology in the UK.

Our research centres

- Centre for Alternatives to Social and Economic Inequalities (CASEI)
- Centre for Child and Family Justice Research (CFJ)
- Centre for Gender Studies (CGS)
- Centre for Mobilities Research (CeMoRe)
- Centre for Science Studies (CSS)
- Centre for the Study of Environmental Change (CSEC)
- Centre for Practice Theory at Lancaster

Find out more here

Applied Social Science

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This programme presents the opportunity to join our active research community working within the fields of youth offending, theories of welfare, gender and sexuality, child protection, family support and family justice, law and social work, community care, and health and social care.

You will join an international and interdisciplinary community with researchers working on PhDs in sociology, gender studies, science studies, media and cultural studies, and applied social science. You will be assigned PhD supervisors, usually two, and consideration will be taken to match you with supervisor(s) whose current active research interests and expertise are relevant to your chosen topic. Where possible, we also support cross-departmental supervision.

As a PhD researcher, you have the opportunity to engage with our programme of skills and dissertation workshops. In addition, you are encouraged to attend relevant MA taught modules, but are not required to take any for credit as part of your degree.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honour degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science background, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Academic and higher education roles
- Local, regional or national government positions
- National or international non-governmental organisations

Environment and Society

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

This programme is for those who want to engage critically, practically and creatively with global and local environmental problems by developing their own research expertise related to the intersection of the environment and society. We currently have staff who research a range of issues including the implications of the declaration of a new geological epoch of the Anthropocene, the challenge of decarbonising transport mobilities to reduce carbon emissions, and how social dynamics can become more central in discussions of energy demand.

You will be assigned PhD supervisors, usually two, and consideration will be taken to match you with supervisor(s) whose current active research interests and expertise are relevant to your chosen topic. Where possible, we also support cross-departmental supervision.

There is also the opportunity for researchers on this PhD programme to enjoy close links with the Centre for the Study of Environmental Change, Centre for Practice Theory and the Centre for Science Studies.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science background, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Local, regional or national government positions
- Non-governmental organisations and charities
- Academic and higher education roles

Sociology

Environment, Culture and Society

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Our MA in Environment, Culture and Society is aimed at those who want to engage critically, practically and creatively with global and local environmental problems through different disciplinary lenses. We aim to bring together theories, methods and insights from the social and environmental sciences and to apply them to contemporary environmental issues, debates and controversies.

You are encouraged to take a range of social and natural science modules offered by the Department of Sociology, the Law School, and the Graduate School for the Environment. You will have the opportunity to acquire the skills to navigate, interpret and combine these different ways of understanding environmental issues to conduct rigorous interdisciplinary research. There is a strong emphasis on participatory and engaged research, making insights count in engagement with communities and policymakers. Normally, you will take three core modules and three, or more optional modules.

Example modules include

- Capitalism and Crisis
- Environment and Culture
- Methods in Science and Technology Studies

Entry requirements

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

Potential careers

- Non-governmental organisations and charities
- Local, national or international government roles
- Academic and higher education roles

Gender Studies

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

You will have the opportunity to gain a thorough knowledge of the key debates and authors within gender studies as well as the opportunity to develop specialist interests and key research skills.

Core modules aim to take you through the intellectual traditions, concepts and politics that have shaped the evolution of gender studies inside and outside the academy. The taught modules are designed to enhance your ability to develop and execute a research dissertation based on your own specialist interests.

Example modules include

- Critical Debates in Media and Cultural Studies
- Debates in Gender Research
- Gender, Sex and Bodies

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in sociology, gender studies or a related field..

Potential careers

- National or international non-governmental organisations
- Academic and higher education roles
- Local, regional or national government positions

Gender Studies

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

The PhD in Gender Studies gives you the opportunity to develop your own research skills and expertise as part of our vibrant cross-faculty feminist community. As part of this, you will have a chance to be part of our active research community and to engage with both formal (eg seminars) and informal (eg coffee mornings) gatherings of staff spread across a number of research centres and departments.

You will join an international and interdisciplinary community with students working on PhDs in sociology, gender and women's studies, science studies, media and cultural studies, and applied social science. A programme of skills and dissertation workshops designed specifically for postgraduate researchers within the Department of Sociology runs throughout the year. In addition, you are encouraged to attend any relevant taught MA modules, but are not required to take any for credit as part of your degree.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science background, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Academic and higher education roles
- Local, regional or national government positions
- National or international non-governmental organisations

Turn over for more courses ›››

Sociology

Gender Studies and English

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

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

You will take core modules in each of the disciplines and can choose from a range of optional modules, normally taking three in total, with at least one from the Department of English and Creative Writing. We aim to foster a supportive environment in which you will learn and carry out research – whilst giving you the opportunity to meet other scholars and activists, take part in seminars and workshops, and exchange ideas and insights with feminist and literary academics.

As a Master's student, there are opportunities to become involved in the academic and social life of the University, and be part of a supportive and dynamic community of students and researchers from across the world.

Example modules include

- Critical Methods in Media and Cultural Studies
- Debates in Gender Research
- Postcolonial Women's Writing

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in sociology, gender studies, English, or a related field.

Potential careers

- Teaching in schools and colleges
- Voluntary sector organisations
- Local, regional or national government positions

Science Studies

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

PhD researchers on our Science Studies programme join an international and interdisciplinary research community with fellow PhD researchers working in sociology, gender studies, science studies, media and cultural studies, and applied social science.

We offer supervision for PhDs in a number of areas including cultural imaginaries and material practices of science and technology, policy analysis, environment, health and medicine, and information and communications technologies. You will be assigned PhD supervisors, usually two, and consideration will be taken to match you with supervisor(s) whose current active research interests and expertise are relevant to your chosen topic. Where possible, we also support cross-departmental supervision.

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

Entry requirements

A Master's degree, or equivalent, from a relevant background eg sociology, geography, philosophy, linguistics, anthropology, science or engineering, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, from the same disciplines, and a viable research proposal.

Potential careers

- Academic and higher education roles
- Local, regional or national government positions
- National or international non-governmental organisations

Social Research

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

This MA programme combines methodological training with flexible sets of modules in different areas of social inquiry, and is therefore suitable for those from a range of disciplinary backgrounds. It is ideal for those wishing to train or re-train in social research skills.

Five different pathways are available:

- Sociology
- Gender studies
- Media and cultural studies
- Environment, culture and society
- Science, innovation and social practices

The programme normally consists of four core modules, two optional modules and a dissertation. During the programme, you have the opportunity to learn how to design, analyse and defend research through hands-on activities. Our aim is for you to become skilled in transforming theoretically informed research questions into research projects.

The Northwest Doctoral Training Partnership (Economic and Social Research Council) currently recognises this programme meaning that you may be eligible to apply for 1+3 studentships.

Example modules include

- Making Research Count: Engaging with Quantitative Data
- Practice Theory
- Research Projects in Practice: From Design to Dissemination

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline.

Potential careers

- Local, regional or national government positions
- Researcher in private companies
- Academic research careers

For more information, including module details, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

Sociology

Sociology

MA

12 months F/T

24 months P/T

Your programme

Our Sociology programme encourages critical and engaged thinking about the contemporary world. It addresses issues such as inequalities, racism, capitalism, and social change, and examines the way in which these issues shape societies today.

Through our comprehensive range of modules, you have the opportunity to enhance and develop the analytical and methodological skills that should enable you to design and complete an independent research project from initial conception to finished dissertation.

The core modules aim to ground you in theory, methods and analytical tools, and optional modules, normally three, give you the opportunity to apply them to particular issues. For the dissertation, you will conduct independent study with a supervisor, choosing from a range of topics similar in scope to the options offered.

Example modules include

- Capitalism and Crisis
- Researching Migration
- Consumer Society

Entry requirements

A 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science or humanities discipline.

Potential careers

- Local, regional or national government positions
- National or international non-governmental organisations
- Voluntary sector organisations

Sociology

PhD

36 months F/T

48 - 84 months P/T

Your programme

On this programme, you have the opportunity to develop your own research expertise in an interdisciplinary department. Our staff are involved with research centres and groups looking at everything from social futures and inequalities to race, mobilities and migration, and the political economy. Our staff also have particular expertise in practice theories, cultural studies and diverse methodologies, for example.

You will undertake your research alongside some exciting sociological thinkers in a dynamic and supportive research environment, becoming a member of our international and interdisciplinary community of researchers who are working on PhDs in sociology, gender studies, science studies, media and cultural studies, and applied social science.

You will be assigned PhD supervisors, usually two, and consideration will be taken to match you with supervisor(s) whose current active research interests and expertise are relevant to your chosen topic. A programme of skills workshops, designed specifically for postgraduate students within the Department of Sociology, supports students during their studies.

Entry requirements

A Master's degree or equivalent in sociology or a related discipline, a 2:1 honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant social science, and a viable research proposal..

Potential careers

- Academic research careers
- Local, regional or national government positions
- National or international non-governmental organisations

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Further legal information may be found at **lancaster.ac.uk/compliance/legalnotice.**

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

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

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 underpass, 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 in the pay and display visitor car parks. Charges apply Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00. Electric vehicle charging points are available.

By air

Lancaster University is about an hour's drive from Manchester International Airport. An hourly rail link from the airport to Lancaster takes around one hour 20 minutes. The University provides a coach shuttle service from Manchester Airport to the campus at the start of the academic year.

For further travel information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk/travel.**

Our campus

North Campus

South Campus

Health Innovation Campus

South-West Campus

For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk**

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.

Tuesday 7 November to Thursday 9 November 2023

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Virtual Tour

You can explore our campus from the comfort of your own home, thanks to our virtual tour. For more information, please visit **lancaster.ac.uk/virtual-tour.**

Welcome Centre and Tours

Our Welcome Centre is the perfect first port of call for any visit. We offer a range of student-led tours throughout the year, introducing you to our campus and its facilities, from our learning environments to the sports facilities and, on some tours, the accommodation.

In addition to our scheduled tours, we offer personalised visits that are 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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