



**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
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Academic Information

MANDATORY WELCOME WEEK: Mon 21st September 2026 – Fri 25th September 2026

SEMESTER 1: Mon 28th September 2026 – Fri 15th January 2027

SEMESTER 2: Mon 18th January 2027 – Fri 30th April 2027

FULL YEAR: Mon 28th September 2026 – Fri 30th April 2027

Incoming exchange students must attend Welcome Week and are required to arrive at the University no later than Sunday 27th September. Students **MUST NOT** purchase plane tickets / travel until acceptance has been confirmed by all parties and dates have been confirmed. The academic year ends on the 30th of April after exams. You may leave at any time following this date once you have finished your exams and have submitted all coursework for any modules that do not have exams.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Semester 1 (Autumn) / Full Year – Nomination deadline 30th March 2026. Application deadline 30th April 2026.

Semester 2 (Spring) – Nomination deadline 30th September 2027. Application deadline 30th October 2027.

Application Process

ENGLISH LANGUAGE Entry REQUIREMENT

IELTS Standard Academic – minimum score 6.0 with minimum 5.5 across subcomponents (reading, writing, speaking, listening). TOEFL IBT – minimum overall score 80 with the minimum sub-score: Reading 10, Listening 10, Speaking 17, Writing 19.

For Study Overseas, IELTS Standard Academic – minimum overall score 4.0. IELTS UKVI Academic is only required if a student were not to meet the English Language entry requirement for undergraduate study and were to apply for a joint CAS number to allow them to enrol onto an intensive Pre-Sessional English Programme after which they would enrol directly onto a degree level programme, subject to them achieving the required English Language entry requirement.

This would mean that after finishing the intensive English Language programme the student would not need to return home to apply for a Student Visa. The University of Lancashire also offers their own English Test – E- Tell – which is online and free for the first attempt. The test is available to book via our Language Academy – languageacademy@lancashire.ac.uk

STUDY OVERSEAS PROGRAMME

University of Lancashire's Study Overseas programme (English Language & Culture) allows international students to experience life and study in a UK university. We offer this to our incoming exchange students who have not managed to achieve the required English Language entry levels. The minimum overall IELTS score is 4.0. [Study Overseas Programme, Short Course](#)

There is normally a fee for this programme but this is waived for Exchange Students from our partner universities.

OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum one-year (2 semesters) study at home institution at undergraduate level education for all degree level programmes, 4 semesters to be eligible to apply for 2nd year modules. For International Business Communication and Asia Pacific Studies – minimum two years' study. These two programmes are only available to certain partners as part of a mutual agreement. For any practical courses such as Photography you will need to provide a portfolio / video of work. Available modules may depend on previous study. Some schools have limited places for exchange students e.g. the School of Art and Media, please check with a member of the Global Opportunities Team at the point of nomination.

REQUIRED Application DOCUMENTS

- Incoming Application Form – A Google Application Form will be shared with students following receipt of their official nomination from their home university.
- Valid Passport
- Official University Academic Transcript (must be in English)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (if native language isn't English)

VISA INFORMATION

Following the UK's Departure from the EU, European Students are now considered as International Students and are required to apply for a student visa for a full year of exchange. European Students will also be required to demonstrate evidence of their English Language in accordance with the UKVI regulations which should be B2 level or above and should be evidenced by IELTS or TOEFL iBT as per the English Language Proficiency Requirement above. We are no longer allowed to accept letters from your English Language Departments or ERASMUS OLS Results. University's English Language Academy offers an on-line E-TELL Test. To book a test, you can contact the Academy at languageacademy@lancashire.ac.uk.

Academic Enrolment Information

CREDITS

Students must take a maximum of 60 credits per semester (30 ECTS) and 120 credits (60 ECTS) per academic year.

MODULES / COURSES

Modules must be pre-approved BEFORE an application is submitted by your academic course leader and home mobility coordinator. Module approval from the University of Lancashire will be assessed on previous academic study and students **can only select modules from their same home major**.

The Global Opportunities Team will send students a list of modules and provide module descriptions for students to choose from to ensure that the learning outcomes meet their home requirements. The Global Opportunities Team will confirm a final timetable based on the student's choices where no clashes occur. Once students have enrolled, they must check their timetables. Once teaching starts students will no longer be able to make changes to their timetables. Semester 1 students must check if they have exams in January as they will need to stay in the UK to take these or arrange to take them remotely, if possible, at their home university.

PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS CAN ONLY APPLY FOR MODULES FROM THEIR HOME MAJOR. WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO OFFER ELECTIVES.

Fees and Other Expenses

TUITION FEES

Students participating in this exchange are required to pay tuition fees to their home institution but not to University of Lancashire.

ACCOMMODATION

University of Lancashire has been named as the most affordable students' accommodation in the Times UK 2023. Our accommodation contracts are fixed term meaning that the dates are not negotiable and cannot be changed. Please refer to the fact sheet for the prices per semester/year. Most students use the extra time to travel using their accommodation at the University as a base/location to store their luggage.

Estimated cost based on 2025/26 prices, correct prices will be available early Spring 2026:

Full Year - 16/09/2026 - 11/07/2027 - £3727.13
Sem 1 – 16/09/2026 - 08/01/2027- £1429.90
Sem 2 – 13/01/2027 - 11/07/2027 - £2518.64



Each hall is self-catering, and prices include all fuel and water bills.

<https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/accommodation/>

Private accommodation is available off campus with the average cost of a shared house £67.50 per student per week and contract lengths normally vary from 38 to 52 weeks. These details are only a guide, and you should check the cost and contract length with your landlord.

For more information, contact privateaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk. If you upgrade your accommodation, you will be responsible for these costs direct to our accommodation office.

Accommodation contracts have fixed lengths and cannot be changed. They may differ from the academic calendar such as semester 1/ semester 2/ full year term dates.

Please note that students applying for private off campus for semester accommodation may be liable to pay Council Tax. These are the rules for Students and Council Tax. For more information, visit [Student discount - Preston City Council](#).

We advise students applying for a semester to stay in on-campus or University owned accommodation. These costs are approximate, and students should refer to our website for the latest cost.

ACCOMMODATION TYPES

There are around 2200 accommodation places in University owned and leased halls of residence. On-campus accommodation is allocated on a first come, first served basis. En-suite options are available to full year students only.

Although we do not recommend this, it is possible for students to live off campus. Students wishing to live off campus in private accommodation are responsible for making their own arrangements with the Landlord.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Incoming exchange students must provide their own personal and travel insurance. International Exchange students must provide their own private medical insurance for emergency care. This is their responsibility to check with insurers.

All students can register with our Medical Centre. It is free to see a doctor but students must pay for medication. Prescription charges apply to all at the current price of £9.90 per item (as of December 2025).

LIVING COSTS

The approximate cost of living per month (including rent) is £1171.00 Student visa: [Money you need - GOV.UK](#). This is only an estimate according to the UK Home Office. More information via possible estimated costs can be found via the following link on our website [Financial support](#).

VISAS

Student Visa: [Student visa : Overview - GOV.UK](#) - £525 + £776 Health Surcharge Fee (as of December 2025). This is the required visa if you are coming to the UK to study here on a full-time programme of study for more than 6 months. You must apply for a Student Visa in your home country. You cannot apply when you arrive in the UK. It is very important that you prepare carefully before you apply for a Student Visa.

Standard Visitor Visa: Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: [Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: Overview - GOV.UK](#) - £127.00 - this is the visa required if you are coming to the UK to study here for 6 months or less and depends on your nationality. Some nationalities are Visa Exempt for a single semester.

University of Lancashire will no longer support you to extend your stay if you only apply for semester 1. If your home university has nominated you for a single semester, then you will only be granted support for your visa in accordance with this nomination. If your home major is only taught at the University for a full UK academic year i.e. September to May, then your home university needs to nominate you for the correct period of exchange. Supporting exchange students to extend their stay could potentially affect our Visa Sponsorship Status with the UK Government.

Short Term Study (STSV) Visa - £214.00 (up to 11 months for English Language courses only) + £776 Health Surcharge Fee. Prices are approximate and will depend on the country from which the application is being made. Check the [UKVI Website](#) for up-to-date information.

For Full Year and Semester 2 students, the offer letter we provide will state the end date as 1st June. This date is used to allow students either on visas or visa free to have enough time following the end of the exam period to make arrangements to return home, travel and maintain a legal residency in the UK e.g. for you a maximum of 6 months following your entry into the UK for Semester 2 students.

You should make sure that you apply for the right type of visa before you leave your home country. Doing this is called 'entry clearance'.

[Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK](#)

OTHER FEES

Class materials / books – depending on the course.



Arrival and Orientation

ACCESSIBILITY

We will make reasonable adjustments to make our services and accommodation accessible to all. The University's facilities for students with disabilities are constantly improving. The University has several specially adapted rooms on campus, and you will be given extra consideration if you have a disability or medical condition that requires you to live on campus. [Disability and inclusive support](#)

All students should provide their passport for proof of ID. Passports and visas will be checked during enrolment. For single semester visa exempt students, a copy of their *ETA – Electronic Travel Authorisation is required. Students are also advised to bring copies of their offer letter/CAS Letter and original academic transcript.

APPLICATION

For accommodation applications: [How to apply for accommodation](#)

General accommodation enquiries: studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk

AIRPORT COLLECTION

The airport transfer service from Manchester Airport is free of charge for all international students and will run from 6am to 6pm daily (dates to be confirmed). To book a place on the collection you will need to complete the [booking form](#).

WELCOME WEEK

During your first few weeks, we will be running a Welcome Week/Big Hello programme to help all students settle into life at the University of Lancashire and in the UK. The Welcome/Big Hello is a festival of activities and information sessions designed to help you get used to life at the University as well as life in the UK, along with a calendar of social events where you can meet other new students. Students will be issued with the International Arrival Guide during August, as well as a link to the Welcome Week/Big Hello Programme of Events. Welcome Week is **mandatory** for all exchange students.

The Global Opportunities Team also hold a free getting to know you/welcome event during Welcome Week in semester 1 and semester 2, which aims to provide students with an opportunity to meet the Global Opportunities Team and other exchange students. Please note that the semester 2 Welcome Week is on a much smaller scale than the semester 1 version.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL

All students should provide their passport for proof of ID. Passports and visas will be checked during enrolment. For single semester visa exempt students, a copy of their boarding pass is required. Students are also advised to bring copies of their offer letter/CAS Letter and original academic transcript.

- **eGates**

eGates present a new, quicker and easier way of crossing the border and entering the UK. There are over 270 eGates in place at 15 air and rail ports in the UK to enable quicker travel into the UK. Please take a look at the GOV.UK [guide to faster travel through the UK border](#) which features a video showing how to use the eGates.

- **ETA – Electronic Travel Authorisation**

The UK Government has introduced a new ETA System. Phase 2 was rolled out in November 2024, requiring citizens of countries such as the USA, Canada, Japan, Korea planning on entering the UK to submit an application. EU Citizens were required to apply for an ETA from 2nd April 2025. More information is provided via the following link: [Get an electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) to visit the UK: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

From 25th February 2026, the ETA requirement will be strictly enforced, and carriers will not board eligible visitors without one.

TRANSCRIPTS

PDF copies of your transcripts will be sent directly to your home institution following Assessment Boards in February (Sem 1) and July (Sem 2 / full year). It is also the student's responsibility to inform the Global Opportunities Team if they wish to take re-assessment or not for any modules they fail. If the student does not inform the Global Opportunities Team then the release of their transcripts will be delayed.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The University provides [academic support](#) to all students and can help with adapting your study skills to a UK university. Student health and wellbeing is very important to the University of Lancashire. We have various teams to support you during your time here, including a [Counselling, Mental health and Wellbeing service](#) and a Medical Centre [ranked third in UK for mental health support](#)

STUDENT LIFE

There are lots of student activities to get involved in. Check out the following link: [Student Life - Costs, Entertainment, Support & More](#)

The Students' Union's webpage is a great place to start finding out which student societies you can join. You can even start a new one! [University of Lancashire Students' Union](#)

Sir Tom Finney Sport Centre

Membership fees for Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre will apply to all new students from the September 2025/26 intake onwards, which will be £99 for a year's membership. Fees for semester exchange students to be confirmed.

The increased fees will help support a gym revamp during the 2025/26 academic year with plans for new flooring and new equipment to help improve the quality of the facility. The monthly membership remains very competitive compared to other local gyms. [Gym memberships & staying active](#)

As part of the membership, you will also automatically qualify for a free [UNiversal Gym Membership](#) where you can unlock access to more than 70 university gyms across the country at no extra cost. This means that when you're travelling or on holiday you can use gym facilities close by to maintain your health and fitness at no extra cost.

Worldwise Centre

The Worldwise Centre is an international hub at the heart of University of Lancashire. It is open year-round and offers advice and support to anybody interested in world languages and cultures. Here you will find some useful resources and opportunities for extra support with their language learning, more speaking practice outside the class and access to interactive, online resources.

• **Conversation Classes**

In the Conversation classes you have a unique opportunity to practise your language speaking skills outside the class, in a friendly and relaxed environment with the help of our native speaking Language Assistants. The classes offer you a unique taste of the culture by discussing traditions, cuisine, music, cinema, and the activities are always based on real life scenarios. It is also a great chance to meet people and make new friends.



How can I join the classes?

The classes are taking place in person on Preston campus. Join the Worldwise Centre team by clicking [here](#) or with the code **94icmns**. Under [channel 2](#) you can find all the latest updates regarding the languages and levels available, the timetable and all the latest updates.

• **Language Exchange Opportunities**

Meet other students from around the world and learn about their language and culture in exchange for sharing yours. Post on our virtual language exchange board hosted on Teams [here](#).

- ***Paid Work Opportunities***

Every year we recruit Language Assistant Interns in various languages to facilitate the Conversation Classes and support students to practice their speaking skills outside the classroom walls. These paid, part-time internships are ideal for international students who want to gain valuable work experience before graduation. We are currently recruiting for the following languages: German, Japanese and Korean.

If you are interested in becoming a Language Assistant, contact Sofia Anysiadou via email at sanysiadou@lancashire.ac.uk, or via Teams.

- ***Rosetta Stone***

Maximise Your Learning with Rosetta Stone. Choose from 24 languages and find the perfect learning path for you! Join our self- study Worldwide Languages programme with Rosetta Stone anytime throughout the year by attending an introductory workshop. Access it online whenever and wherever it best suits you.

New fun and engaging features include Stories, Phrasebooks and On-Demand videos, plus extra activities to improve your skills. Upcoming workshops are listed on our [Teams space](#).

- ***Online Language and Culture Resources***

You can find a wealth of resources in the Worldwide Centre, including lists of foreign language movies to watch online, easy readers, podcasts and free language learning resources and apps. Keep checking as this space gets regularly updated. You can join by clicking the link [here](#) or by using your University's credentials and code **94icmns**.

Contact the Worldwide Centre

EMAIL: worldwise@lancashire.ac.uk

TEL: 01772 893155

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UNIVERSITY LOCATION

Situated in the heart of the northwest of England, the Guild City of Preston is vibrant, cultural and friendly, with plenty of activities and events to keep you entertained. 38,000 students live in Preston, making the city a lively, diverse and contemporary place to study. It is located a short distance from the coastline, the Lake District and the larger cities of Manchester and Liverpool, both of which have international airports. Preston is also one of the most networked cities in the country. The railway station is just a 10-minute walk away from campus.



Arrival and Welcome

Unfortunately, the University cannot guarantee in advance that students will be eligible for courses indicated in their application. In addition, we cannot guarantee that courses will be running after the student has enrolled. Students must check their timetable upon enrolment to ensure there are no timetable clashes.



Fun fact:

Did you know? The Student Centre & University Square won the prestigious Regional Award at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) North West Awards 2023

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