

2013-14

International Foundation Year
Lancaster University
International Study Centre

Welcome to Lancaster University

The International Foundation Year at Lancaster University offers a direct path to undergraduate study for international students who have completed high school. Combining academic modules, study skills and English language training, this programme qualifies students to meet the challenges of degree-level study at the University.

90%

of Lancaster International Study Centre students who completed the Foundation Year were offered a place to study at Lancaster in 2012



International Study Centre 2013-14 Prospectus

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Why Lancaster?

From exemplary learning to a campus experience packed with cultural and social opportunities, here are just ten good reasons why Lancaster is one of the very best places to live, learn and get your future off to a flying start.

£400 million

We've invested more than £400 million into our campus since 2002, creating new academic facilities, improved teaching spaces and student social facilities, including a £20 million sports centre.

91%

of final year students were satisfied with their course, according to the National Student Survey 2012. This is higher than the national average of 85%.

Global 1%

In international league tables, Lancaster consistently ranks in the top 1% of universities.

92%

of our research is rated to be of 'international standard'. You can be confident that you'll be joining a world-class research institute.

Award-winning accommodation

Our accommodation retained the 'Best University Halls' title in the National Student Housing Survey, 2012 (for the third consecutive year).

High levels of graduate employment

Almost three quarters of students at Lancaster get graduate level jobs (Higher Education Statistics Agency).

Safe city

Lancaster is ranked in the top three of the safest cities in the UK (Complete University Guide 2012), with some of the lowest crime rates in England and Wales.

8 Colleges

We're one of a handful of collegiate universities in the UK. Your college will help you settle quickly into your studies and social life on campus.

12,000+

We have over 12,000 students – including 2,500 international students from over 100 countries, offering you a global perspective to your life and learning.

Study abroad

Study, work and volunteer opportunities exist in over 50 universities worldwide.



“ Lancaster University is one of the UK's top universities, consistently highly ranked in the UK league tables and established as a world player in research and teaching as reflected in our rising global league table position. The entry standard for undergraduates is now at its highest level ever, and Lancaster graduates are performing well in an increasingly competitive job market.”

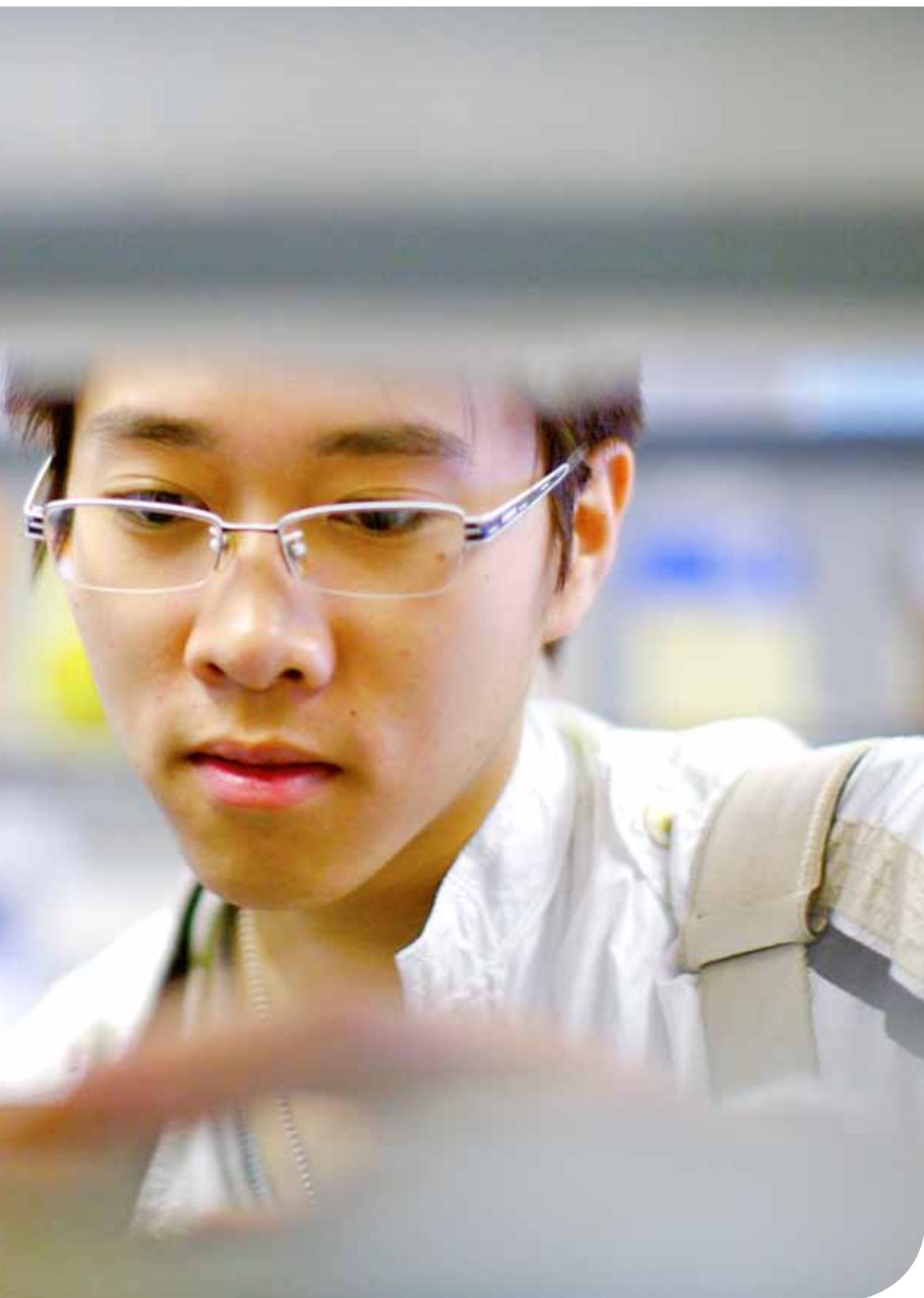
Professor Mark E. Smith, Vice Chancellor

Academic excellence

Lancaster is ranked highly in all major UK league tables and is in the top 1% of academic institutions worldwide.

Thanks to our excellent reputation for research, teaching and student satisfaction, over 12,000 students from more than 100 countries choose to study at Lancaster. Our students are among the most satisfied in the country, according to the 2012 National Student Survey.

As a result of our approach to teaching and learning, Lancaster graduates go on to achieve great success in their careers. Leading companies know that a degree from Lancaster means prospective employees have exceptional analytical and problem-solving skills and, crucially, the ability to apply these skills to practical real-world situations.



Teaching that inspires

At Lancaster you can choose from a range of innovative and flexible degree programmes with options for work placements and three or four year courses. We also give you flexibility in your first year studies by enabling you to combine subjects from different faculties.

You will have access to the best teaching possible. Our reputation attracts academics from all over the world, allowing us to offer innovative and pioneering teaching programmes taught by experts at the cutting edge of their specialist fields.

Combine this with first class learning resources, state of the art facilities and a special contract which guarantees contact time between student and tutor, and a great student experience is guaranteed.

Research

92% of research at Lancaster is recognised as world leading and internationally significant. Our top performance in successive research assessment exercises means we are highly ranked in the UK.

Faculties at Lancaster

Academic subjects at Lancaster are grouped into four faculties. The International Foundation Year programme leads to degrees within all four faculties. You can find out more about each faculty and the degrees available on pages 34-41.



Innovation

Lancaster offers unrivalled opportunities for students to explore new projects relevant to today's world.

Professor Bill Davis and a team of plant biologists at the Lancaster Environment Centre received two prestigious awards for their innovative research into water-saving techniques for agriculture.

The Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education and The Sunday Times Research University of the Year recognised the impact their research will have in helping farmers in some of the most water scarce regions of the world.

The research led to new systems for cereal growth in North China, grape vines and fruit in Australia as well as viticulture and vegetable production in the Mediterranean and USA. New water saving techniques for UK horticulture and agriculture were developed and the team trained research biologists who will go on to contribute to global food security.

8th in
the UK

Biological Sciences at
Lancaster is amongst the
best in the UK (Times, 2013)



“ I would definitely recommend other students to come here as the learning experience is very exciting and innovative. The course at Lancaster University ISC offers an in-depth picture of the world of business. The facilities are amazing, very modern and user-friendly. **”**

David from Brunei

Studying International Foundation Year - Business and Management Studies

Studying at Lancaster

During your undergraduate studies we will support you in taking responsibility for your own education. We encourage you to make your own decisions about your courses, but we understand that success depends both on you, and on the excellent support structure we provide.

A flexible approach to study

You will have the chance to follow a structured study programme or the freedom to devise a programme to meet your own needs.

We divide academic study into two sections:

- Part 1 (Year 1)
- Part 2 (Years 2, 3 and sometimes 4)

In Part 1 you can take up to three subjects, then specialise in one (Single Major) or a combination of two or three subjects (Combined Major) for Part 2.

Even if you are following a Single Major degree, you can often take courses from other subjects throughout your time here. (Please note that some subjects taken outside of the main area of study may have specific entry requirements).

At Lancaster we commit ourselves to providing a minimum number of contact hours per week for all students. This commitment includes providing timely feedback on your work and a maximum number of 15 students per seminar group.

Computer facilities

www.lancaster.ac.uk/iss

Computer access is crucial to university life, and Lancaster Information Systems Service (ISS) is dedicated to providing the best facilities for our students.

Email addresses, storage space and even personal web space are issued as standard with access to both Windows and Unix provided. Over 1,000 computers are spread throughout the university for students to use in the library, PC labs, departments and colleges.

Students with their own computers can use wireless hotspots across campus and dedicated high-bandwidth connectivity is available in all our accommodation.

Support and assistance is provided by the fully staffed, new and state-of-the-art Learning Zone, as well as through e-learning and via individual departments.

Whatever your course, whatever you want to achieve, ISS has the solution you need.

Library

libweb.lancs.ac.uk

Developing good research skills is essential to your future career. The library has over a million books and other items and offers access to more than 30,000 e-journals, 300,000 e-books, plus a wide range of other electronic resources.

There are more than 1,100 wi-fi enabled reader places in the Library, 230 PC workstations and a dedicated Special Collections suite. Library staff are always on hand to help you to use the collections, services and information resources.



Outstanding campus life

The University provides an outstanding and welcoming student experience. Our 360 acre self-contained campus is a safe and supportive place to live, study and socialise.

The campus has recently benefited from investment in excess of £400m in new and refurbished teaching spaces, new research facilities and new college, residential and social facilities. Our award-winning Eco-Residences combine environmental sustainability with affordable rent for students, and we are committed to continued investment for the future.

Everything you need is right here on campus. Academic departments, colleges, library, banks, shops, sporting and recreational facilities are all situated on campus, making student life easy, convenient and less expensive.





The colleges and college life

At Lancaster, every student is welcomed to one of our eight undergraduate colleges on campus. From the first day to your last, you'll soon find that your new college becomes your home away from home. Belonging to one of the colleges is an excellent way of making friends.

For students, the colleges are the heart and soul of Lancaster University. Your college will offer you a ready-made social network, welfare support, accommodation and leisure facilities – helping you to find your feet and settle quickly into your studies. Most college communities have about 1,000 undergraduate student members, including staff members. You'll meet students studying a range of subjects and within your departments you'll meet members from all of the other colleges. It's a great way to develop friendships across campus.

The colleges run social events for their members from Christmas balls to summer parties and you will have the opportunity to represent your college in various sports.

There are eight undergraduate colleges. For full information on each college, you can visit their respective website.



Bowland College

www.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/bowland



Cartmel College

www.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/cartmel



The County College



Furness College

www.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/furness



Fylde College

www.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/fylde



Grizedale College

www.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/grizedale



Lonsdale College



Pendle College

Lonsdale College

www.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/lonsdale

Pendle College

www.lancs.ac.uk/colleges/pendle

66 Lancaster University is a top university in the UK and the business school is one of the best in the country. The best thing about being here is learning something new every day, and making friends from all over the world. 99

Nureen from Malaysia

Studying International Foundation Year - Business and Management Studies



Award-winning accommodation

Lancaster retained the prestigious title of 'Best University Halls' and won several other awards in The National Student Housing Survey 2012. We are one of only five institutions to achieve the International Student Accommodation Quality Mark, awarded where satisfaction among international students is 90% or higher.

On-campus accommodation

Most of our accommodation is en suite which means that you will have your own private bathroom. Rooms are grouped in flats of six to eight students and you will share a kitchen. Other types of accommodation include standard rooms with a washbasin. Most accommodation is self-catering and kitchens are equipped with a microwave, cooker, fridge and freezer. Most rooms are available on a 40 week let.

With 6,500 rooms on campus, two-thirds of which have been recently refurbished or newly built, we can offer you a range of high quality, safe and comfortable accommodation.

Campus rental rates include:

- utilities (heating, lighting, electricity and hot water)
- network and internet access
- personal possession insurance
- a telephone with free cross campus calls
- a cleaning service which covers all shared kitchens and bathrooms
- 24-hour term time Security presence.

Accommodation costs per week 2012/13 (guide prices)

Colleges	Price range*
Bowland	£78.75-£109.55
Cartmel	£112.70-£120.40
County	£96.25-£101.85
Furness	£92.75-£112.70
Fylde	£101.85-£120.40
Grizedale	£92.75-£112.70
Lonsdale	£112.70-£120.40
Pendle	£92.75-£112.70

*Price range depends on type of accommodation:

- Room with private shower/ WC facilities
£101.85-£120.40
- Room with shared showers/ WCs facilities
£78.75-£96.25

Catered accommodation is also available to students who would like the convenience of freshly prepared, healthy meals every day. Please see www.lancaster.ac.uk/sleep for more information.

Guaranteed* accommodation during your ISC course

Providing you have fully confirmed your place and completed the online accommodation application process by the ISC accommodation deadline, you will be allocated a room on campus. In the event of there being no available on-campus rooms, we will provide you with information about off-campus alternatives.

Off-campus accommodation

LUSU Living is a one-stop shop for Lancaster students who want to live off-campus. Providing access to a huge choice of accredited private properties across the city we can help you to find a house. <http://housing.lusu.co.uk>

Contact details

For more information, visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/studentservices/accommodation

*subject to availability.
See www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc for more information.

“ I like the accommodation on campus - I have my personal room and space to do what I want, and my British neighbours are very friendly. I really like the atmosphere of the University, happy people and cheerful teachers. ”

Aliaksei from Belarus

Studying International Foundation Year - Engineering and Computing



Leisure and sport

Our facilities, cinema, clubs and societies are a great way to get involved and make the most of your time here. All students automatically become an associate Students' Union member on joining the International Study Centre, and a full member on progressing to the University. We can help you to access a whole range of fantastic opportunities and services. Added to this, we have a new £20 million Sports Centre, so you can see why you will never be short of things to do at Lancaster.

Societies

We have nearly 200 societies ranging from ballroom dancing to law and hiking to photography. Whether you want to share your passion for a particular area of academic study or like sport, crafts or culture there's something for everyone.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/socs
www.activities.lusu.co.uk.list

Cinema

Lancaster is one of the few universities with its own cinema on campus. Run by students, we show films five nights a week, ranging from recently released blockbusters to classic and international films.

www.lusu.co.uk/cinema

Live at LICA

Live at LICA (Lancaster Institute for Contemporary Arts) brings UK and international artists to Lancaster every year in public programmes of professional theatre, dance, exhibitions and concerts.

Live at LICA venues include Lancaster International Concerts, the Peter Scott Gallery and the Nuffield Theatre. All three are located on campus, and all students are welcome to attend whatever you are studying.

www.liveatlica.org

The Lancaster International Concert Series is a significant provider of classical music in the north-west of England. Between October and March the series offers a varied programme of music including orchestral concerts by the BBC Philharmonic, chamber music, jazz, world music, opera, musical theatre and new music. The series joins the region's talent with nationally and internationally renowned artists.

Exhibitions

The Peter Scott Gallery is home to a fantastic contemporary art collection and hosts a diverse programme of exhibitions and events from collections across the country. Throughout the season the Gallery presents a series of artist talks and is the venue for the LICA Fine Art graduate show.

www.peterscottgallery.com

£20m

The £20 million Sports Centre also offers a dance studio accommodating martial arts, pilates, tai chi, spinning, body conditioning and all classic and contemporary dance classes



Theatre and dance

The Nuffield Theatre presents public performances in theatre, contemporary dance and live art with a focus on new and experimental Practice. The Nuffield presents up to 30 visiting shows each year, plus public performances by Theatre Studies students, our theatre and dance societies, and a range of local community organisations.

www.nuffieldtheatre.com

Sports Centre

The new £20 million Sports Centre offers students the opportunity to take part in their chosen activity in a state-of-the-art building overlooking sports pitches and woodland. From traditional sports, to personal fitness and relaxation activities, the centre caters for everyone. Facilities include:

- 25 metre, eight lane swimming pool, featuring a moveable floor and the latest timing equipment
- 10 metre high climbing wall and bouldering cave
- A health suite with sauna and steam rooms
- Four glass-backed squash courts
- A two floor gym featuring over 100 stations including cardiovascular equipment, free and machine weights, personal training and stretch areas, and vibration training
- An eight badminton court sports hall equipped for all indoor activities

Other facilities include a seminar room, extensive changing facilities and a viewing terrace overlooking the grass pitches.

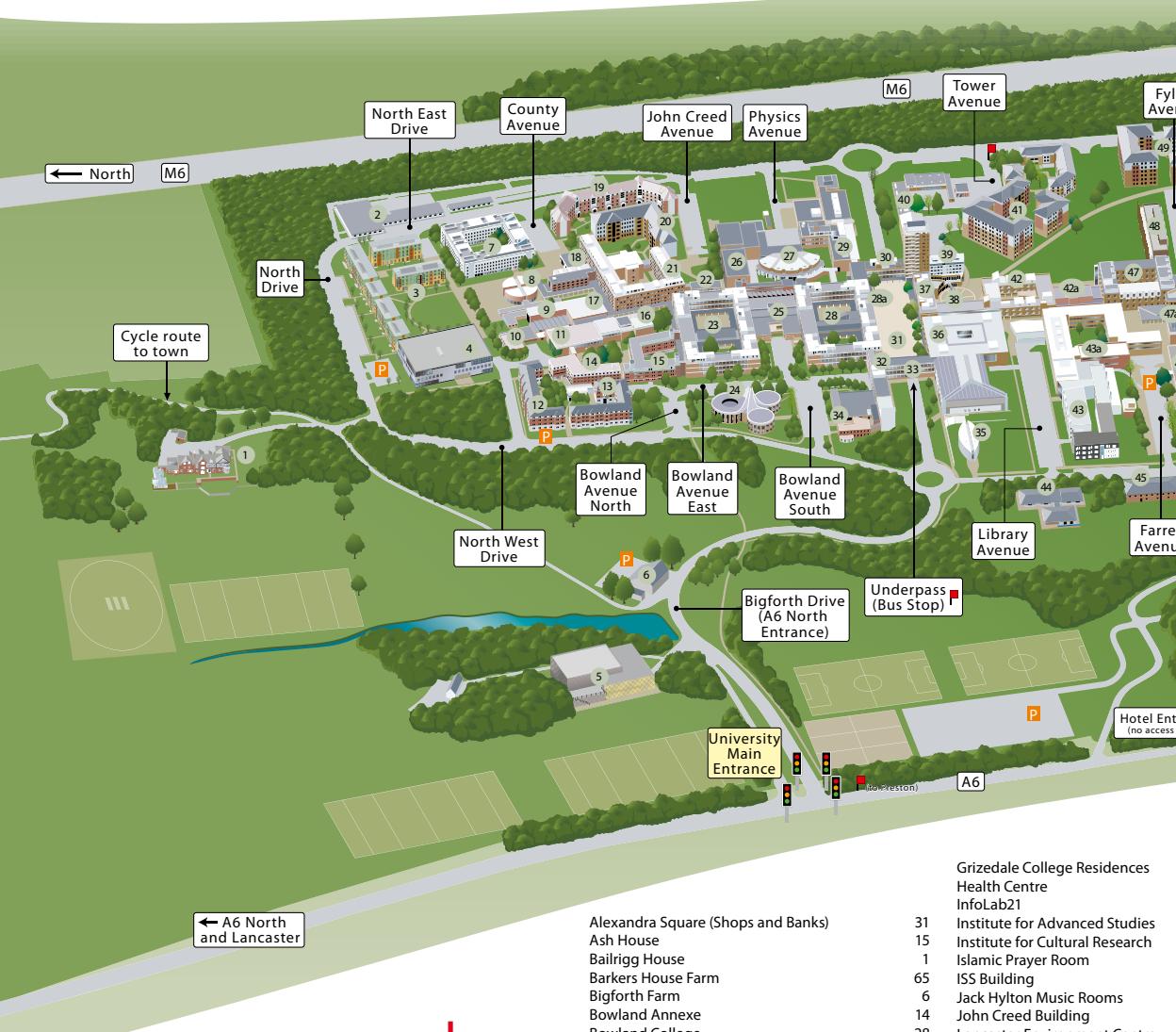
www.sportscentrelancaster.co.uk

Students' Union sports

The Athletic Union supports 1,500 students competing against other universities in nearly thirty different sports. We provide coaching, kit and transport to make our teams the best!

We also run different recreational and inter-college leagues and competitions within the University.

www.activities.lusu.co.uk



LANCASTER UNIVERSITY



Key

- P Parking for visitors → One way system
(Pay & Display)
- Bus stop

Alexandra Square (Shops and Banks)	31
Ash House	15
Bailrigg House	1
Barkers House Farm	65
Bigforth Farm	6
Bowland Annexe	14
Bowland College	28
Bowland Hall	12
Bowland North	23
Bowland Tower East	30
Bowland Tower South	37
Cartmel College	66
Cartmel Flats	68
Central Workshops and Stores	40
CETAD	13
Chaplaincy Centre	24
Conference Centre	25
County College	7
County Field Residences	3
County South	18
County South Residences	20
Edward Roberts Court	38
Engineering Building	51
Faraday Building	27
Furness College	42
Furness Residences	41
Fylde College	47
Fylde Residences	49
George Fox Building	55
Graduate College	63
Graduate Student Houses	67
Great Hall	11
Grizedale College	57
Grizedale College Residences	
Health Centre	
InfoLab21	
Institute for Advanced Studies	
Institute for Cultural Research	
Islamic Prayer Room	
ISS Building	
Jack Hylton Music Rooms	
John Creed Building	
Lancaster Environment Centre	
Lancaster House Hotel	
Lancaster Leadership Centre	
Learning Zone	
LEC Remote Workshops	
Library	
LICA Building	
Lonsdale College	
Management School	
Medical Education Centre	
Music Building	
Nuffield Theatre	
Pendle College	
Peter Scott Gallery	
Physics Building	
Postgraduate Statistics Centre	
Pre-School Centre	
Round House	
Ruskin Library	
Security Lodge	
Slaidburn House (Students' Union)	
Sports Centre (current)	
Sports Centre (new)	
University House	
University Reception	
Waterside	
Whewell Building	



	Department	Location
58	Accounting and Finance	- Management School
45	Administration - Central	- University House
62	Applied Social Science	- Bowland North
21	Art (LICA)	- Bowland Annex
22	Biological Sciences	- Lancaster Environment Centre
56	Biomedicine and Life Sciences	- Lancaster Environment Centre
60	Careers (CEEC)	- University House
16	CELT	- Furness College
19	Centre for Gender and Women's Studies	- Bowland North
43	Centre for Research in Human Development	- Whewell Building
59	CETAD	- Bowland Hall
53	Computing and Communications	- InfoLab21
28a	Counselling Service	- Furness College
2	Dentist	- Bailrigg House
36	Disabilities Service	- University House
4	Economics	- Management School
64	Educational Research	- County South
52	Engineering	- Engineering Building
26	English and Creative Writing	- County College
10	Environmental Science	- Lancaster Environment Centre
9	European Languages and Cultures	- Bowland North

Lecture Theatres

Biology Lt	43a
Bowland Lt	28
Bowland North Small Lt	23
Cavendish Lt	27
Elizabeth Livingston Lt	23
Faraday Lt	27
Frankland Lt	27
Furness Lt [1-3]	42a
Fylde Lt [1-3]	47a
George Fox Lt [1-6]	55
Management School Lt [1-3]	53
Management School Lt [4]	52a
Management School Lt [5-8]	52b

Department	Location
Geography	- Lancaster Environment Centre
Graphics (Folio)	- County College
Health Research	- Bowland Tower East Wing
History	- Furness College
Imagination at Lancaster (LICA)	- County South
Information Systems Services Helpdesk	- Learning Zone
Institute for Advanced Studies	- County South
Institute for Cultural Research	- County South
Institute for Entrepreneurship	- Management School and Enterprise Development
Law School	- Bowland North
Learning Development Centre	- ASH House
Linguistics and English Language	- County South
Management Development	- Management School Division
Management Learning and Leadership	- Management School
Management Science	- Management School
Marketing	- Management School
Mathematics and Statistics	- Fylde College
Medicine	- Faraday Building
Music (LICA)	- Music Building
Natural Sciences	- Faraday Building
North West Regional Studies	- Fylde College
Organisation, Work and Technology	- Management School
Pharmacy	- Bailrigg House
Philosophy	- Furness College
Photography (Folio)	- County College
Physics	- Physics Building
Politics and International Relations	- County College
Psychology	- Fylde College
Religious Studies	- Bowland North
Research and Enterprise Services	- Bowland Tower South
School of Health and Medicine	- Physics Building
Sociology	- Bowland North
Students' Union	- Slaidburn House
Theatre Studies (LICA)	- Great Hall Complex
Uni Print (Folio)	- County College

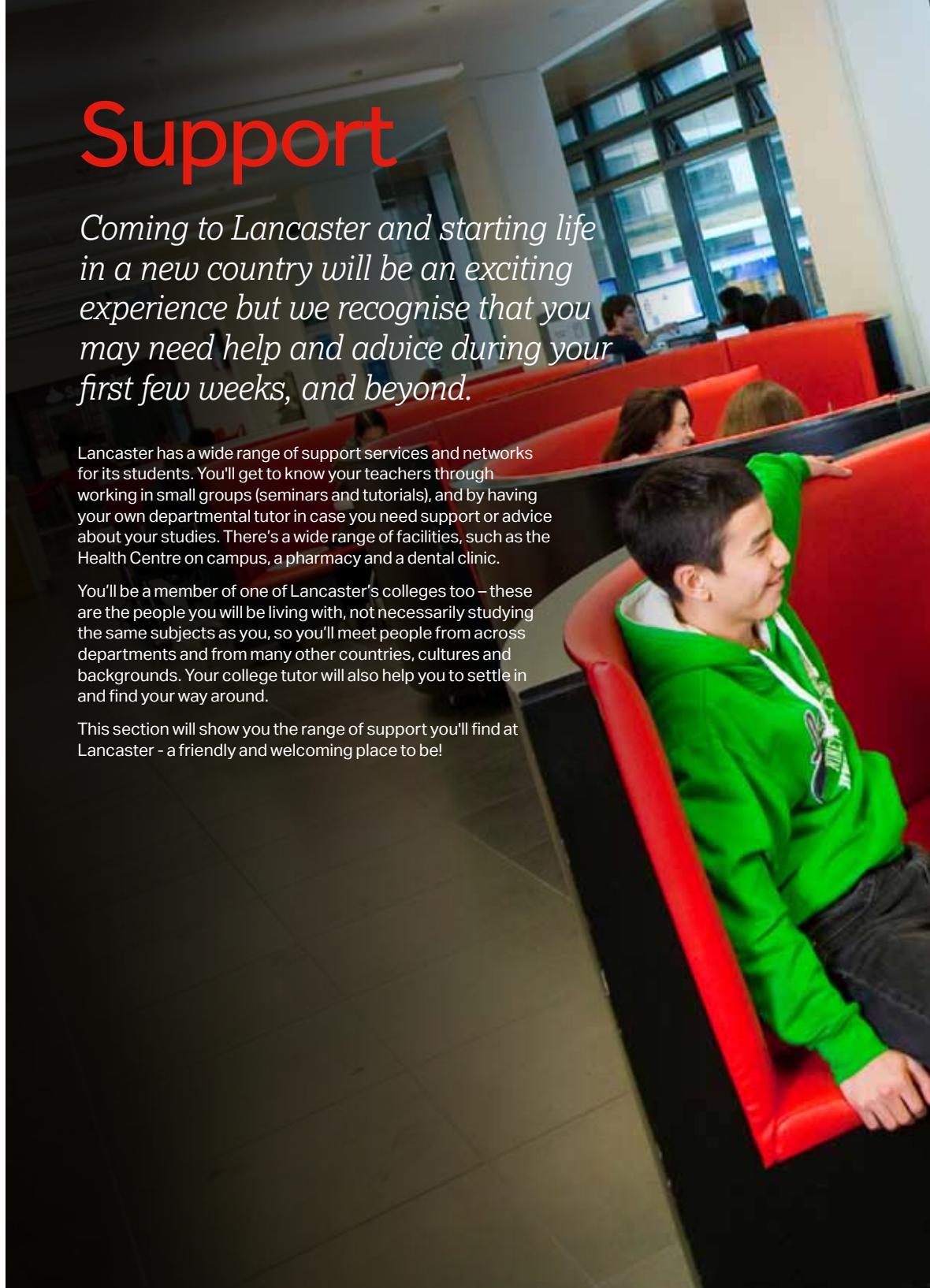
Support

Coming to Lancaster and starting life in a new country will be an exciting experience but we recognise that you may need help and advice during your first few weeks, and beyond.

Lancaster has a wide range of support services and networks for its students. You'll get to know your teachers through working in small groups (seminars and tutorials), and by having your own departmental tutor in case you need support or advice about your studies. There's a wide range of facilities, such as the Health Centre on campus, a pharmacy and a dental clinic.

You'll be a member of one of Lancaster's colleges too – these are the people you will be living with, not necessarily studying the same subjects as you, so you'll meet people from across departments and from many other countries, cultures and backgrounds. Your college tutor will also help you to settle in and find your way around.

This section will show you the range of support you'll find at Lancaster – a friendly and welcoming place to be!





Supporting you

Lancaster has a comprehensive and proactive support network to enhance your student experience. We can also help you to prepare for life beyond University.



Support at the International Study Centre (ISC)

Whilst you are studying the International Foundation Year at the ISC, you will benefit from the assistance of a team of dedicated staff, from the Head of Centre to the Welfare Officer. All can provide help and advice, or direct you to the relevant support service provided by the University.

International support

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/international

As well as the support provided at the ISC, students can benefit from the University's Student Based Services team, who aim to help international students with a range of issues as well as organising social and cultural activities.

Student Based Services

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs

Whilst your college will often be the first point of support, Student Based Services is a campus wide initiative to provide information, advice and guidance on academic and non-academic issues. Pop into The Base in University House and our friendly enquiry desk staff will help you or arrange an appointment with an adviser.

Counselling and mental health

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/counselling
www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/mentalhealth

A free and confidential service covering all aspects of mental health and well-being is available to students.

Night line

www.nightline.lusu.co.uk

A confidential telephone and e-listening service with trained listeners available every night of term for you to talk to.

The King Street and Bailrigg Health Centre

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/health

Offering a full range of National Health services, all students are required to register with a practice on campus or locally.

Pharmacy

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/health/pharmacy.htm

Available on campus to dispense prescriptions and offer pharmacy medicines and advice.



Disability

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/disabilities

Support is available on disability issues relating to all aspects of living and learning at Lancaster.

Chaplaincy Centre

www.chaplancs.org.uk

This is an independent body within the University and contains a Catholic chapel and an Anglican and Free Church chapel. The Jewish community has its own rooms including a kosher kitchen and a synagogue room. The Centre is also used for worship by the Society of Friends and for meditation by Buddhist and other groups. A large Prayer Room, with all facilities, is available for the Muslim community.

Centre for Employability, Enterprise and Careers (CEEC)

www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/employability/

Securing a graduate job demands a wide range of skills and knowledge. We can help you to:

- Find work experience through part-time work, vacation placements and volunteering opportunities in the UK and overseas
- Identify and develop your skills and interests to make the most of your time at Lancaster University
- Meet employers and organisations who want to talk to you and help you acquire the competencies that they demand.

Our services include sector-specific insight programmes; career-planning workshops; and courses within degree schemes in employability, enterprise skills and career management.

Lancaster Award

www.lancaster.ac.uk/sbs/ceec/students/lancasteraward.html

The Lancaster Award recognises your extra-curricular achievements and can be taken alongside your degree. The Award requires you to undertake employability/career development courses, campus, community and social development, work experience and additional skills.

The Lancaster Award helps students demonstrate that they have developed and possess the skills that are invaluable to graduate employers in all sectors.

Around Lancaster: City, Coast and Countryside

Lancaster has some of the most unspoilt spots on its doorstep - from country villages, seaside resorts and lush countryside to the historic and vibrant city. There's so much to explore and discover within the city and the local area.

City

Lancaster's city centre is small enough to explore on foot and there are regular bus services linking it with the campus. It has cafés, cinemas, nightclubs, restaurants, pubs and small boutiques, plus well-known high street shops. A vibrant music scene, live theatre throughout the year and an annual literature festival complete the cultural picture.

It was designated as a Cycling Town in 2005 and so benefits from a network of linked cycle tracks both in the city centre and around the local area - so you can even be green whilst you explore!

Coast

The beauty of studying at Lancaster is that you're only a few miles away from the sea.

The town of Morecambe is a typical British seaside resort and here coastal attractions sit side-by-side with shops and hotels. If you prefer a livelier seaside destination then Blackpool is within easy reach with all the fun of the fair and a whole range of diversions if you need time off from your studies.



“Lancaster is a safe town, the standard of education is very high here and everything on campus makes you feel at home. I am very happy here.”

Diana from Kazakhstan

Studying International Foundation Year - Business and Management Studies



Countryside

The Lune Valley marks a stretch of the River Lune and borders the Forest of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales and is ideal terrain for outdoor types with excellent walks, cycle rides, fishing, bird watching and horse riding. Further afield, you can visit the beautiful Lake District with its wide natural lakes and spectacular mountains.

Travel details

With super rail, air and sea links nearby, Lancaster provides a fast and easy gateway to national and international destinations.

Manchester and Liverpool can be reached in less than an hour and London is less than two and a half hours.

Manchester International Airport is just one hour away, and there are other regional airports close by such as Leeds and Liverpool.

Visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/explore for more information about Lancaster and the region.



International Study Centre

Lancaster University International Study Centre is based on the campus and provides a direct route to a wide range of undergraduate degrees at the University.

Success starts here

Preparing for university is one of the most important things any student has to do. Making sure you have the academic and language skills you need to succeed will make your transition to university life a lot easier. The International Study Centre at Lancaster University teaches you these skills as well as ways to enjoy living and studying in the UK.

Your first day at University

From the day you start at the International Study Centre, you are a student of the University. You will study and learn on campus, and have access to University facilities such as the library, sports hall and Students' Union.

Welcoming students from around the world

Being an international student means you are part of a wide community of different nationalities. At the International Study Centre we know how to help you adjust to your new environment and make the most of your time in the UK.

90%

of Lancaster ISC students who completed the Foundation Year were offered a place to study at Lancaster in 2012



International Foundation Year

Developed for international students, the International Foundation Year is an intensive three-term programme of academic subjects, study skills and English language training designed specifically to provide you with a direct path to degree study at the University.

Study structure

You can choose one of four Foundation routes:

- Business and Management Studies
- Engineering and Computing
- Law and Social Studies
- Life Sciences

All Foundation routes are modular in structure.

You will study core modules common to each route, plus subject-specific modules, each carefully designed to focus on the academic areas most useful to your chosen degree.

Modules may be subject to change. Please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc for up-to-date information.

University-style teaching

The International Study Centre at Lancaster University introduces you to the style of teaching that you will experience on your degree. Taking part in tutorials, seminar-style classes and larger group lectures means you'll be well prepared once you progress to the University.

Assessment

You will be assessed regularly throughout the course. This will ensure that your progress is on track to achieve the standard required for progression to your degree programme. Your development is monitored through continuous coursework and specific assessments at the end of each term or module. You will also be required to complete a series of presentations and extended essays as part of your overall assessment.

Direct progression to your degree

Joining the International Foundation Year guarantees that you will receive a conditional offer of a degree place at the University.

In order to progress from the Business and Management route to a degree at Lancaster University Management School, you will be required to nominate four degrees. From all other pathways you will be required to nominate three degrees.

On completion of the International Foundation Year and having met the necessary entry requirements, you will be offered a place on one of the degree programmes you have selected.

For full details on the progression degrees and grades required, visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc

Study plan options

IELTS or equivalent	June	October	January	April	June	August	October
5.0 (min. 5.0 in writing)*							
5.0 (min. 5.0 in writing)*							
4.0 (min. 4.0 in writing)							
4.0 (min. 4.0 in writing)							

Start Undergraduate Degree

■ English Language Preparation ■ International Foundation Year ■ Vacation

* Business and Management Studies route requires IELTS 5.0 in all subskills, or equivalent

English Language Preparation (ELP)

You will need IELTS 5.0 or equivalent, (with minimum 5.0 in writing)* in order to begin the International Foundation Year.

If you require additional language training before you start your International Foundation Year, you can first join the intensive English Language Preparation course, taught at the International Study Centre. The course will improve your English language skills to the required level equivalent of IELTS 5.0.

If you have an IELTS level of 4.0 or equivalent you will need at least one term of ELP. You can either start in July and October – see Study plan options opposite.

At the end of your ELP programme, you will not be required to retake your IELTS, but will progress to the International Foundation Year, providing you have achieved the required module grades.



Course length

Three terms: October to June or January to August

Entry dates

October 2013 and January 2014

Term dates

October start:

Term 1: 07/10/13 - 20/12/13
Term 2: 13/01/14 - 28/03/14
Term 3: 07/04/14 - 13/06/14

January start:

Term 1: 13/01/14 - 28/03/14
Term 2: 07/04/14 - 13/06/14
Term 3: 23/06/14 - 22/08/14

Age on entry

Students should be 17 years of age on entry to the ISC

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades or equivalent

English language: IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in writing)*, or TOEFL or Pearson Test of English or equivalents

For tuition fees and country-specific entry requirements, visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc

*Business and Management Studies route requires IELTS 5.0 (5.0 in all subskills) or equivalent

Business and Management Studies

*Leading to degrees in the following fields:
Business Studies, Management, Management Science,
Accounting & Finance, Economics*

Core modules

Core Mathematics

This module contains both algebra and statistics. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of mathematical terms and techniques and apply these to solving problems, frequently drawn from practical and real-life situations.

Foundation English Skills 1 (FES 1)
You will learn to read academic texts, write extended texts, write subject notes, listen effectively and participate in classroom discussions.

Foundation English Skills 2 (FES 2)
You will improve all your abilities developed in FES1 with greater accuracy, speed, organisation and presentation.

Foundation English Skills 3 (FES 3)
You will learn to use your study time more effectively, improve your use of, and range of information sources and prepare comprehensive essays in your own time to given deadlines.

Project Study

You will complete a self-study project on a topic that you will take, in consultation with your tutor, from the academic discipline that you will subsequently study at degree level.

Specific route modules

Business Studies 1

You will gain an understanding of both the operational and strategic problems facing the business enterprise in the modern market economy. The module will focus on two key areas of Human Resource Development and Marketing.

Business Studies 2

You will continue to develop an understanding of the problems facing business enterprise in the modern market economy. This module goes on to further consider the practical aspects of setting up, establishing and running a business and looks at the external influences that could have a major impact on the business's success.

Introduction to

Financial Accounting

You will learn about double entry book-keeping, preparation of trial balances, profit and loss statements, depreciation, limited companies, manufacturing accounts and interpretation of accounts.

Principles of Economics 1

You will study economic systems, types of goods, allocation of resources, elasticity, price controls, types of markets, cost and revenue, economies of scale and market failure.

Principles of Economics 2

During this module, you will look at aggregate demand and aggregate supply, economic policies, inflation, unemployment, international trade and development economics.

7th overall
in the UK

for Business Studies,
The Times 2013

Your undergraduate degree

The International Foundation Year in Business & Management Studies provides a route to a number of undergraduate degrees taught in the prestigious Lancaster University Management School (LUMS). The School is in an elite group of only 1% of universities worldwide that holds the coveted triple accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) and the Association of MBAs (AMBA). The School is consistently positioned in the UK's top five and is ranked highly across all levels of study from undergraduate through to PhD.

When you join the International Study Centre, you will be fully supported in making your choice of progression degrees in LUMS. You are required to select four undergraduate degree choices from the available degree programmes and are guaranteed an offer of a place on one of your four choices. Progression to your degree is subject to meeting the entry requirements, which may include the submission of a Personal Statement, an interview or aptitude test.

To view entry requirements and details of how to select your degree programme, visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc

BSc Accounting and Economics

BSc Accounting and Finance

BSc Accounting, Auditing and Finance

BSc Accounting, Finance and Computer Science

BSc Accounting and Management Studies

BA Advertising and Marketing

BSc Business Analytics and Consultancy

BSc Business Analytics and Consultancy (Study Abroad)

BSc Business Analytics and Consultancy - Industry

BA Business Economics

BA Business Economics (Study Abroad)

BSc Business Studies

BSc Business Studies (Study Abroad)

BA Economics

BA Economics (Study Abroad)

BA Economics and Geography

BA Economics and International Relations

BA Economics and Politics

BA European Languages and Management Studies

BBA European Management (French link)

BBA European Management (German link)

BBA European Management (Italian link)

BBA European Management (Spanish link)

BA Entrepreneurship with Management

BSc Finance

BSc Finance and Economics

BSc Finance and Management Studies

BBA Management

BBA Management (Study Abroad)

BA Management and Entrepreneurship

BSc Management and Information Technology

BA Management and Organisation

BA Management and Organisation (Human Resource Management)

BA Management and Organisation (Study Abroad)

BSc Management Mathematics

BSc Marketing

BSc Marketing (Study Abroad)

BSc Marketing and Design

BSc Marketing Management

BSc Marketing Management (Study Abroad)

BSc Marketing with Psychology

BA Organisation Studies and Psychology

BA Organisation Studies and Sociology

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Degrees and required grades for progression are subject to change and you will be advised of the latest entry requirements when you join the ISC.

Engineering and Computing

*Leading to degrees in the following fields:
Engineering, Computer Science, Combined Technology,
Information Technology & Media Communications,
Mathematics & Statistics*

Core modules

Foundation English Skills 1 (FES 1)

You will learn to read academic texts, write extended texts, write subject notes, listen effectively and participate in classroom discussions.

Foundation English Skills 2 (FES 2)

You will improve all your abilities developed in FES1 with greater accuracy, speed, organisation and presentation.

Foundation English Skills 3 (FES 3)

You will learn to use your study time more effectively, improve your use of, and range of information sources and prepare comprehensive essays in your own time to given deadlines.

Project Study

You will complete a self-study project on a topic that you will take, in consultation with your tutor, from the academic discipline that you will subsequently study at degree level.

Specific route modules

Pure Mathematics 1

You will study straight lines and linear equations, set theory and probability, statistics, linear programming, indices and logarithms and experimental laws.

Pure Mathematics 2

You will continue by looking at algebra, co-ordinate geometry, trigonometry, differentiation, integration, numerical methods and vectors.

Applied Mathematics 1

You will learn about vectors, forces and equilibrium, relative motion, Newton's Laws of Motion, friction and work, energy and power.

Applied Mathematics 2

As you continue your studies, you will look at advanced vectors, forces as fixed vectors, centres of gravity/centres of mass and particle dynamics.

Physics 1

You will study sound, reflection, refraction, interference, diffraction, electromagnetic waves, strengths of solids, fluids, heat and gases and the structure of the atom.

Physics 2

You will investigate electrical current and charge, potential difference, resistance, capacitance, transistors and amplifiers, electrical fields, gravitational fields, magnetic fields and electromagnetic fields.

9th in
the UK

for General Engineering
in the 2013 Complete
University Guide

Your undergraduate degree

The International Foundation Year in Engineering and Computing provides a route to a number of undergraduate degrees mainly taught in the Faculty of Science and Technology. The Faculty covers an impressive range of subjects with high research profiles. The Faculty includes centres of excellence such as the Lancaster Environment Centre with over 300 researchers, and InfoLab21, carrying out ICT research with Microsoft and Nokia. Teaching combines field trips with traditional lab work, computer simulation and industrial-based projects.

- BSc Accounting, Finance & Mathematics
- BEng Communication Systems and Electronics
- MEng Communication Systems and Electronics (with industrial experience)
- BSc/MSci Computer Science Innovation
- BSc Computer Science
- BSc Computer Science (Study Abroad)
- MSci Computer Science (with Industrial Experience)
- BEng/MEng Computer Systems Engineering
- BA Economics and Mathematics
- MEng Electronic and Electrical Engineering
- BEng Engineering
- BSc Financial Mathematics
- BSc IT for Creative Industries
- MSci IT for Creative Industries (with Industrial Experience)
- BSc Management Mathematics
- BEng/MEng Mechanical Engineering
- BEng/MEng Mechatronic Engineering
- MEng Nuclear Engineering
- BA/BSc Psychology
- BSc Software Engineering
- MSci Software Engineering (with Industrial Experience)
- BEng/MEng Sustainable Engineering

Degrees and required grades for progression are subject to change. Some subjects may require an interview. You will be advised of the latest information when you join the International Study Centre and you can visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc for up-to-date details.



Law and Social Studies

*Leading to degrees in the following fields:
International Relations, Law, Politics, Psychology,
Sociology, Media & Cultural Studies, and Film Studies*

Core modules

Core Mathematics

This module contains algebra and statistics. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of mathematical terms and techniques and apply these to solving problems, frequently drawn from practical and real-life situations.

Foundation English Skills 1 (FES 1)

You will learn to read academic texts, write extended texts, write subject notes, listen effectively and participate in classroom discussions.

Foundation English Skills 2 (FES 2)

You will improve all your abilities developed in FES1 with greater accuracy, speed, organisation and presentation.

Foundation English Skills 3 (FES 3)

You will learn to use your study time more effectively, improve your use of, and range of information sources and prepare comprehensive essays in your own time to given deadlines.

Project Study

You will complete a self-study project on a topic that you will choose, in consultation with your tutor, from the academic discipline that you will subsequently study at degree level.

Specific route modules

Law 1

You will look at concepts of law, the relationship between law, justice and morality; the sources of law, including British and European Union (EU) legislation and the doctrine of precedent; the Civil and Criminal Courts and the role of the Judiciary.

Law 2

You will study law as it affects the citizen through contract law, including vitiating factors that invalidate the contract; the breach of contract and remedies available when a contract is broken; the sale of goods and services legislation and relevant EU regulations.

Politics

You will investigate the British political system and the British constitution, civil liberties and their relation to the judicial system; how parliament works, including the electoral system, political parties and the legislative process; the composition and functions of the government, the civil service and Britain's relationship to the EU.

Principles of Economics 1

You will learn about economic systems, types of goods, allocation of resources, elasticity, price controls, types of markets, cost and revenue, economies of scale and market failure.

Principles of Economics 2

You will learn to understand aggregate demand and aggregate supply, economic policies, inflation, unemployment, international trade and development economics.

Ranked in
the top 50

for Arts and Humanities in
the 2012-13 Times Higher
Education World University
rankings

Your undergraduate degree

The International Foundation Year in Law and Social Studies provides a route to a number of undergraduate degrees mainly taught in the Faculty of Arts and Social Studies. This is the largest Faculty at Lancaster, and includes the Lancaster Institute for Contemporary Arts, with courses in traditional arts subjects as well as contemporary cultural fields, and the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion where researchers and students tackle the challenges of the modern globalised world.

BA Film Studies

LLB Law

LLB Law & Criminology

BA Media & Cultural Studies

BA Peace Studies & International Relations

BA Politics

BA Politics with International Relations

BA/BSc Psychology

BA Religious Studies

BA Sociology

Degrees and required grades for progression are subject to change. Some subjects may require an interview. You will be advised of the latest information when you join the International Study Centre and you can visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc for up-to-date details.



Life Sciences

*Leading to degrees in the following fields:
Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Science,
Cell Biology, Conservation Biology, Ecology,
Environmental Biology and Psychology*

Core modules

Core Mathematics

You will study straight lines and linear equations, set theory and probability, statistics, linear programming, indices and logarithms and experimental laws.

Foundation English Skills 1 (FES 1)

You will learn to read academic texts, write extended texts, write subject notes, listen effectively and participate in classroom discussions.

Foundation English Skills 2 (FES 2)

You will improve all your abilities developed in FES1 with greater accuracy, speed, organisation and presentation.

Foundation English Skills 3 (FES 3)

You will learn to use your study time more effectively, improve your use of, and range of information sources and prepare comprehensive essays in your own time to given deadlines.

Project Study

You will complete a self-study project on a topic that you will take, in consultation with your tutor, from the academic discipline that you will subsequently study at degree level.

Specific route modules

Cell Biology

You will learn about biological molecules, cellular structure, cell division, movement through cell membranes, enzymes and metabolic pathways.

Physiology

You will look at the cardiovascular system, the respiratory system, the digestive system, osmoregulation, control and co-ordination, and reproduction.

Chemistry 1

You will study formulae, equations and moles, atomic structure, introduction to redox systems, thermodynamics and bonding.

Chemistry 2

You will learn about equilibria, acid-base equilibria, kinetics and organic chemistry.

Further Studies in Biology and Chemistry

You will develop your understanding of genetics, ecology and plant biology plus inorganic chemistry, oxidation/reduction reactions and transition element chemistry.

3rd in
the UK

for Biomedical Science in
The Complete University
Guide 2012

Your undergraduate degree

The International Foundation Year in Life Sciences provides a route to a number of undergraduate degrees mainly taught in the Faculty of Health and Medicine. The Faculty brings together expertise in teaching, research and outreach from three established divisions, including Life Sciences. A unique blend of biomedical, medical, and social science expertise, the Faculty integrates different disciplines, thereby adding value in its research and teaching portfolios.

BSc Biochemistry

BSc Biochemistry (Study Abroad)

BSc Biochemistry with Biomedicine

BSc Biochemistry with Genetics

BSc Biological Sciences*

BSc Biological Science (Study Abroad)

BSc Biological Sciences with Biomedicine

BSc Biology with Psychology*

BSc Biomedical Science

BSc Cell Biology

BSc Cell Biology (Study Abroad)

BSc Conservation Biology*

BSc Conservation Biology (Study Abroad)

BSc Ecology*

BSc Ecology (Study Abroad)

BSc Environmental Biology*

BSc Environmental Biology (Study Abroad)

BA/ BSc Psychology*

Degrees and required grades for progression are subject to change. Some subjects may require an interview. You will be advised of the latest information when you join the International Study Centre and you can visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc for up-to-date details.

*These degree programmes are delivered/jointly delivered by the Faculty of Science and Technology. See page 37 for information on the Faculty.





“ My aim is to get the best education in order to have the best possible career I can. The Foundation programme was a great option to prepare me for my undergraduate study. It was challenging, but the teachers at the International Study Centre are really nice and always there to help if you need it. You never feel on your own. ”

Maaz from Pakistan
International Foundation Year – Business and Management
Now studying BA/BSc Accounting and Finance

How to apply

Your application will need to include copies of all relevant academic transcripts and certificates of English language qualifications.

Courses are popular and places may be limited, so you are advised to apply and confirm your place as soon as you can.

To apply directly

Simply send your completed application to the address printed at the bottom of the form.

Alternatively, you can apply online at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc

To apply through your local representative

Complete the application form enclosed with this brochure and return it to your local educational representative. Further application forms are available from your local representative.

Tuition fees

Full details can be found in the application form or online at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc

StudyCare insurance

It is essential that you have the protection of personal insurance whilst in the UK. StudyCare will provide cover for loss of personal possessions, as well as providing accident and medical insurance during your ISC academic course. For full information on StudyCare and a copy of the policy, visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc/studycare

Entry requirements

Students can find detailed entry requirements in the 'Admission' Section at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/isc

Information and advice

If you need further information, our expert Student Enrolment Advisers are available for help and advice.

You can contact an Adviser online or on the number below:
Tel: +44 1273 339333

If you are applying through a local representative, please contact them directly with any queries.

About the programmes

All programmes at Lancaster University International Study Centre are approved and run by Study Group, in partnership with Lancaster University. Study Group holds responsibility for the academic standards.

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