



University of  
Central Lancashire  
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# International student guide

# A diverse campus environment with students from more than 100 countries



Awarded 5 QS Stars (Excellent) for internationalisation and inclusiveness

(QS Stars, [topuniversities.com](https://topuniversities.com))

## Top 7%

Ranked in the top 7% of universities worldwide

(The Center for World University Rankings 2024)



Ranked third in the UK for the mental health support we provide to students

(HUMEN 2022)



International scholarships of up to £5,500 per year



More than 350 undergraduate and 200 postgraduate courses



The most affordable University in the UK

(The Times 2023)



Preston has excellent transport links. Travel to London or Glasgow by train in just over two hours



Compact city campus environment with everything you need nearby



Guaranteed accommodation for new, full-time students studying at Preston Campus, with female and male-specific halls available



# Welcome

The University of Central Lancashire is a thriving community of around 42,000 students and staff who come from more than 100 countries. Whoever you are, wherever you're from, you'll soon feel at home here.

In this guide you'll discover why our international students have such an amazing experience with us and we'll provide you with lots of practical information including our entry requirements, tuition fees and the application process.

We look forward to welcoming you  
[uclan.ac.uk/international-students](https://uclan.ac.uk/international-students)

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# What our international students love about studying with us...



Read more of our student stories at [uclan.ac.uk/international-stories](https://uclan.ac.uk/international-stories)







### Support along the way

"My tutors are very supportive. It is beautiful to see someone take a keen interest in my learning ability. I love that they are eager for me to learn and understand."

**Favour** Nigeria  
**Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation**



### Embrace the challenge

"It is enjoyable to learn new things in the area I like every single day. Although some of the content is not easy, I like the challenge. and I like the fact it blows my mind from time to time and widen my knowledge."

**Sally** Hong Kong  
**MBBS**



### A great location

"Preston is a beautiful and peaceful city but there are lots of things to do. There are a variety of restaurants, shops, and grocery stores to explore."

**Chawalpat** Thailand  
**MBBS**



### Global experience

"The University attracts students from around the world and I love meeting new people and learning about different cultures. It was easy for me to make new friends here."

**Akanksha** India  
**PhD**



### Low cost living

"I love living in Preton as it is a compact and well-connected city with a low cost of living."

**Achint** Canada  
**MBBS**



### A home away from home

"Preston is very student-friendly and I realised that I needed to be in a place where I can easily connect with people and develop a support network if I was ever in need."

**Adwaith** UAE  
**MBBS**

# A truly international experience

**You'll be joining a global university with a global vision.**

We're a thriving international university where people from all over the world can seize the opportunities they need to succeed in education, at work and for life.

We welcome thousands of new international students every year into our community of around 42,000 students and staff who come from over 100 countries, creating a vibrant, multicultural environment which enriches every aspect of campus life. During your time with us you'll engage in unforgettable learning experiences and exciting social opportunities with ambitious people from every corner of the globe.

Imagine collaborating on a state-of-the-art engineering project alongside leading academics and students from multiple continents, each bringing with them a unique perspective.

Imagine sitting in our new Student Centre in the heart of Preston and enjoying lively conversations about art, sport, politics, religion and cultural

quirks with people who've had incredible first-hand experiences in distant lands.

Imagine embarking on journeys across time zones to immerse yourself in another culture, engage in a research project, study at a partner institution, or go on a work placement with a global organisation.

With us you don't just have to imagine these things. All these opportunities are here for you to grab hold of. We encourage all our students to be 'global citizens' and during your time with us you'll benefit from exciting, life-enhancing experiences which extend far beyond our campuses.

This is a place where international students thrive and go on to make a real difference in the world. The work our graduates are engaged in is having a positive impact far and wide - in our local communities, all over the UK, and on the other side of the planet.

**Now it's your turn.**





# Leading the way in modern learning





## The University of Central Lancashire provides the perfect environment for you to explore, experience, discover and develop.

We're a modern university with nearly 200 years of experience. Officially, our University was established in 1992, but we can actually trace our roots all the way back to 1828, when our predecessor, the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, opened in Preston.

Since then, we've changed our name several times. We've expanded and evolved, creating state-of-the-art campuses to meet the demands of the modern world. And we've become a truly international university which prepares students for global career opportunities. One thing has stayed the same over the past (nearly) 200 years. We're still providing our students with incredible opportunities which enable them to build a successful future for themselves.

We're proud of our 'Lancashire spirit' and the first thing you'll notice is how friendly and approachable everyone is here. Wherever you're from, you'll soon feel like you belong here.

### Life-changing opportunities

The incredible opportunities we offer here will take your life in exciting new directions. Have you ever dreamed of starting your own business? Travelling the world? Learning a new language? You can do all that and much, much more when you study with us.

You'll also benefit from learning alongside thousands of other students who share your ambitions to achieve their potential, embark on a successful career and make their mark on the world.

### It's time to start your success story.

## We'll help you gain the skills that top employers are looking for.

We don't just teach you the theory here - while you can expect to attend some 'traditional' teaching sessions in classrooms, lecture theatres and labs, there's so much more on offer.

We emphasise 'real world' learning experiences where you'll build your skills by working in state-of-the-art facilities which simulate the environments you'll encounter in your professional life.

Our courses give you the skills that industry-leading employers want. And our lecturers are experts in their fields. So you can be confident that you'll graduate with cutting-edge skills that will make you highly employable.

Along the way you'll have countless opportunities to gain vital work experience. Our students get to go on placements with top companies, attend masterclasses and networking events with successful professionals, or even spend a full year in industry, either in the UK or abroad.

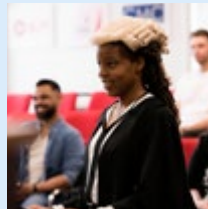
# Skills to help you succeed



Engineering students carry out building, testing and prototyping inside our £35m Engineering Innovation Centre.



Forensic Science students gather and analyse evidence in our realistic crime scene houses on campus.



Law students present cases and participate in simulated trials in our purpose-built moot court room.



Students on our medicine courses get to work with real patients on placements in National Health Service hospitals.



Our campuses offer outstanding learning and teaching facilities in bright, modern surroundings...

# Our location

## The gateway to the UK

Preston benefits from fantastic transport links. Our campus is only a 10-minute walk from Preston Railway Station, which is part of the West Coast Mainline route, so you can easily catch a train from here and explore the rest of the UK.

Destination	Distance	Travel time by train	Average train ticket price
<b>Liverpool</b>	27 miles (43 km)	50 minutes	£16.70
<b>Liverpool Airport</b>	45 miles (72 km)	1 hour 30 minutes	£16.70
<b>Manchester</b>	27 miles (43 km)	40 minutes	£15.60
<b>Manchester Airport</b>	32 miles (52 km)	45 minutes	£18.30

All information specific to Preston Campus.

## Students are expected to live within one-hour of their campus of study.

### Preston Campus

Our main campus is located in the heart of Lancashire, in the North West of England. Preston may be a fairly small city, but it's absolutely buzzing with activity and home to thousands of students.

### Burnley Campus

Our ongoing expansion plans are radically transforming this beautiful corner of Pennine Lancashire into a thriving university town.





### Travelling overseas

Whenever you need to travel abroad you can easily reach Manchester Airport (45 minutes by train) or Liverpool Airport (1 hour 30 minutes by train).



### Westlakes Campus

Located near Whitehaven, on the edge of the Lake District National Park, our Westlakes Campus focuses on innovative and vocational courses in medicine and nursing.

### Cyprus Campus

Our overseas campus offers you the unique opportunity to enjoy a sun-kissed Mediterranean lifestyle and a truly international student experience.

# Preston Campus

## Welcome to our city centre campus

There's a real buzz here. This is the place where thousands of ambitious students from all over the world come together to pursue their ambitions and have the time of their lives. It's friendly. It's welcoming. It's fun. And we can't wait to show you around.

We're located right in the centre of Preston, so you're only minutes away from the city's bustling shopping centre, entertainment, nightlife and green spaces.

### **It's the perfect time to join us**

We've recently invested £200 million in transforming our Preston Campus into a vibrant, modern learning environment where the focus is on enabling you to thrive and achieve your potential.

At the heart of our revamped campus is University Square. You'll make lots of great memories here - from joining in our Welcome Week celebrations when you arrive to sampling the delights of our regular festivals and street markets. It looks amazing when it's lit up at night.

Our stunning new Student Centre is a fantastic place to study, catch up with friends or grab a coffee. Every aspect of the building has been designed with your wellbeing in mind. Our Student Support teams are based inside, so you'll always know exactly where to go when you need us. You'll love its rooftop garden - a tranquil oasis in the middle of our busy campus with great views.

**Preston is one of the safest cities around, but for peace of mind we have a Security Team on site 24/7 and you can use the SafeZone app to quickly report any issues. If you're working late in the Library, our free night bus will get you home safely (operates around central Preston).**



**SafeZone**



“Everything you need such as accommodation, the library, facilities and the city centre is in one place and there is no need to take a bus or taxi anywhere. As an international student, I think this is really important.”

Mohamed Kamal  
BEng Mechanical Engineering  
Egypt

## Five reasons to love our campus

- We're located in the city centre, just minutes from Preston's many shops, restaurants, bars and cafés.
- All our accommodation is nearby - so you'll never be late for lectures!
- We have a huge Library which is open 24/7 during term-time.
- There are plenty of cafés, social spaces, study areas and computer suites on campus as well as a Sports Centre with gym facilities.
- Our Students' Union offers countless opportunities for you to meet new people, try new things and have fun.

Take a virtual campus tour:  
[virtualexperience.uclan.ac.uk](http://virtualexperience.uclan.ac.uk)



# We love Preston



Welcome to Preston, the little city with a lot to love.  
Thousands of our students are proud to call it home.

With a vibrant city right next to campus and stunning green spaces to chill out in, this is a place where you can live life to the full. If you're looking to live in a city that's fun and friendly yet also super affordable, Preston offers you a great lifestyle without the higher costs of living in Manchester or Liverpool.

## **Historic and impressive**

We love the fact that Preston is lively and modern, but there's some seriously impressive history on show too - from beautiful Georgian houses to stunning Gothic churches. Best of all is the Harris Museum and Art Gallery, standing impressively in the historic Flag Market, a hub for community festivals.

## **Old favourites and hidden gems**

You're spoilt for choice whenever you want to meet friends, go on a big night out or hit the shops. Preston has a fantastic high street. All your favourite chains are here. But there's so much more. Urban explorers who set out to discover its historic side streets are rewarded with all sorts of hidden gems - from offbeat fashion boutiques and quirky bars to cosy cafés and tapas bars.

## **International flavours to suit all tastes**

Given the multicultural nature of Preston and the very varied tastes of its diners, there's no shortage of places to eat in the city - and much of it is really affordable. A huge range of international eateries sit alongside those serving traditional English fare like fish and chips. Where to start?





**Preston ranked in the top 20 of  
'Best Student Cities in the UK'**

- StudentCrowd 2023

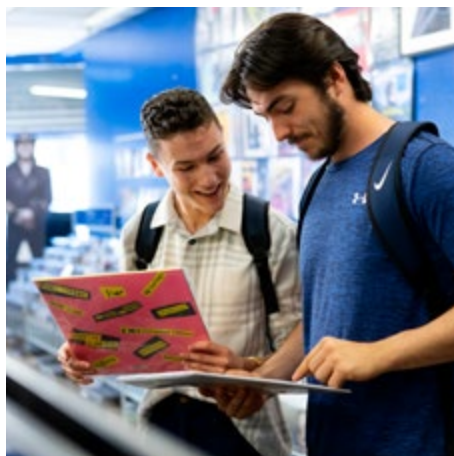


Image credit: Ian Robinson (Preston North End FC).



### Fun-filled days

At weekends fun-seekers can enjoy cinemas, bowling alleys, crazy golf, laser tag, escape rooms and more throughout the city. And there's nothing quite like the thrills of live football at Deepdale, the home of Preston North End.

### Unforgettable nights

When night falls, Preston really comes alive. Neon-lit cocktail bars jostle for your leisure time alongside historic taverns and trendy nightspots. Don't worry if alcohol isn't your thing - Preston is packed with coffee shops, dessert bars, mocktail lounges and live music.

### Fresh air and open spaces

Winckley Square is a tranquil oasis where you can escape from the crowds, while the magnificent Victorian-era Avenham and Miller Parks are great for relaxing in the fresh air. Stroll along the riverside, chill out in the Japanese Rock Garden or head for a coffee in the Pavilion Café.

Avenham Park marks the start of the scenic Guild Wheel, a 21-mile cycling and walking greenway connecting the city and the surrounding countryside. Preston Marina and Brockholes Nature reserve (home to a unique floating visitor centre) are also nearby, as is Beacon Fell Country Park.

## #MyPreston

Find out what's going on in and around Preston. Follow the hashtag on social media to discover what's coming up and check out the latest photos.



# A city lifestyle without the city prices

Preston is one of the most affordable cities in the North West...			
	Preston	Liverpool	Manchester
Meal at inexpensive restaurant	£11	£15.47	£15
Monthly utility bills (based on 85m <sup>2</sup> apartment)	£217.36	£302	£231.88
One-way ticket (bus or train within the local area)	£2	£2	£2
Monthly rent (private city centre apartment)	£750	£892.86	£1,169.74

(Average prices. Source: Numbeo.com, 2024).



**Preston is the only city in Lancashire to have 'Purple Flag' status, awarded for the safe, diverse and affordable nightlife on offer.**





# Explore the North West

Studying with us puts you within reach of the North West's biggest attractions, which means you can fill your weekends with fun and adventures.



Preston has excellent transport links. You can hop onboard a train and check out the bright lights of Liverpool and Manchester, take a trip to the seaside, or explore vast open countryside, lakes and mountains anytime you like. It's all less than an hour away.

Preston Railway Station is just a short walk from campus. It's part of the West Coast Mainline route, which makes it great for venturing further afield. You can get to London, Edinburgh or

Glasgow in less than two and a half hours. Preston Bus Station operates services to destinations all over the UK.

Our other campuses are also well connected. You can enjoy days out in Manchester from our Burnley Campus, or venture into Whitehaven and the Lake District from our Westlakes Campus.

Whenever you need to travel overseas it's easy to get to either Manchester Airport or Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

## Unforgettable days out



### **Blackpool**

Enjoy a day out at the seaside and stroll along the legendary 'Golden Mile' in Lancashire's answer to Las Vegas. Take a trip to the top of Blackpool Tower and experience the thrill rides at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.



### **The Lake District**

England's largest national park. Roam its vast countryside, go sailing on open waters, climb its magnificent mountains and take in the spectacular views.



### **Liverpool**

Home of The Beatles. Explore its historic waterfront, take the legendary "Ferry 'Cross The Mersey" and discover a thrilling city where rich industrial heritage meets vibrant regeneration.



### **Manchester**

Often regarded as 'the London of the North', Manchester is a booming city with an incredible musical heritage, a rich arts and cultural scene, and a unique vibe all of its own.



# Our other campuses



## Burnley Campus

Our vibrant canalside campus, located around 20 miles north of Manchester.

There's a real sense of community in Burnley. We keep class sizes small, so you'll quickly get to know the other students on your course and you can expect lots of support from your tutors. The first thing you'll be impressed by is the stunning location. Our campus is surrounded by miles of open countryside offering breathtaking views of Pendle Hill to the north and the Forest of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales National Park beyond.

We've expanded our campus in recent years, transforming Burnley into a thriving student town. There's so much to do here. Head to the cinema, visit its amazing parks or enjoy a show at the Mechanics Theatre.

[uclan.ac.uk/burnley](https://uclan.ac.uk/burnley)

## Westlakes Campus

Based in the tranquil surroundings of West Cumbria, Westlakes offers innovative and vocational courses in medicine and nursing.

Here you'll have access to state-of-the-art facilities, including clinical skills laboratories and the expertise of our National Centre for Remote and Rural Medicine (NCRRM), which trains clinicians in all aspects of medicine relating to living, working and recreation in remote environments. Studying in Westlakes opens up opportunities for you to undertake NHS placements in rural communities.

You'll benefit from a friendly, supportive environment and small class sizes. When you're not hard at work, you'll have some of the country's most beautiful and dramatic landscapes on your doorstep just waiting to be explored, including the Lake District, England's largest national park.

[uclan.ac.uk/westlakes](https://uclan.ac.uk/westlakes)

## Cyprus Campus

In Cyprus you can study for a UK degree while enjoying the same combination of academic excellence and real-world learning you expect at our other campuses. The difference is there's a lot more sunshine here!

We're based in a stunning location in Larnaka, on the southern coast of the island. You'll study in bright, modern facilities, with access to the latest technology. When you're finished for the day you'll be free to enjoy the beautiful clean beaches, great food and vibrant nightlife nearby. If you're torn between going to university and seeing the world, studying in Cyprus as part of your degree may be the answer.

[uclan.ac.uk/cyprus](https://uclan.ac.uk/cyprus)

Main image:  
Larnaka, Cyprus

Opposite, left:  
Westlakes Campus

Opposite, right:  
Burnley Campus

# Your new home

There's something special about living in university accommodation, especially if it's your first time away from home. With a wide range of affordable accommodation options, we'll help you find the right place for you.

You're guaranteed a warm welcome from our Residences Team, who'll be on hand to help you settle in and make sure you have the best experience possible during your stay. They organise regular social activities to give you lots of opportunities to meet other residents.

## **Accommodation guaranteed**

We guarantee a room in halls, on campus, for all new full-time students at our Preston Campus.

## **Convenient location**

We have a huge range of accommodation options at our Preston Campus. Whichever hall you choose to live in, you'll be right in the heart of campus - only a short walk away from your lectures, the Library, our on-campus Sports Centre, and Preston city centre.

If you're studying at our Burnley Campus, Sandygate Hall offers an attractive location in the town centre. And students studying at our Westlakes Campus will love our newly acquired accommodation at Summergrove Hall which includes a meal plan option.

## **The choice is yours**

You'll have your own bedroom and won't need to share with anyone else. During the application process, you can tell us whether you'd prefer to share a house/flat with a friend or other students of the same gender. We also have several rooms on campus which are adapted for students with medical conditions and additional needs.

## **Keeping you safe**

Our campuses are safe places to live, with low crime rates. To keep you extra safe we have security staff available 24/7 to help with any issues.

## **Competitive prices and bills included**

We offer some of the most affordable student accommodation around. Our all-inclusive contracts mean that you'll never have to worry about bills. Heating, water and internet access are all included in your rent.

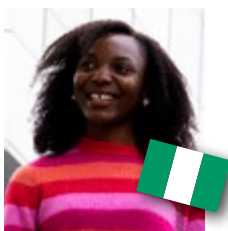
Students living in private accommodation are expected to live within one-hour of their campus of study.

[uclan.ac.uk/accommodation](https://uclan.ac.uk/accommodation)



Accommodation	Type	Price (per person, per week)	Number of people per flat
<b>Derwent Hall</b>	Economy standard	£85	5 or 6
<b>Pendle Hall</b>	Self-contained / twin flats	£111.37 - £134.89	1 or 2 (one flat has 3 bedrooms)
<b>Ribble Hall</b>	Economy standard	£85	6
	Premium standard	£99	5
<b>Roeburn Hall</b>	En-suite	£125	5, 6 or 7
<b>Whitendale Hall</b>	Economy standard	£85	4 or 5
	Premium standard	£99	4
<b>Sandygate Hall</b> (Burnley Campus)	En-suite	£134	3, 4 or 5
<b>Summergrove Hall</b> (Westlakes Campus)	En-suite	£135 (optional catering package £85)	-

Prices correct on September 2024.



**“I stayed in the University’s Whitendale Hall accommodation and had a wonderful experience. Everything you need is on your doorstep, the residents are very friendly and there is 24/7 support if there are any issues.”**

**Joan Medaiyese**  
MSc Oil and Gas Engineering  
Nigeria



## Adjusting to university-level study can be quite a challenge, but you can always count on us to help you succeed.

During your first few weeks you'll be getting to grips with new skills you haven't encountered before - whether that's learning new techniques in a lab, getting hands-on with unfamiliar technology, carrying out research, or writing in an academic style. At the same time, you'll be working on assignments and tackling your reading list. We won't lie. It's going to be tough at times. But we promise you'll have all the support and resources you need to thrive here and eventually graduate with a qualification you're proud of.

### Love your Library

Our fantastic Library in Preston is open 24/7 during term time. You'll likely spend many hours here. As well as having access to thousands of books and journals, you'll find study areas, computers and Wi-Fi throughout. Our Library staff can help you track down whatever you need for your latest assignment. We also have great Library facilities at Burnley and Westlakes.



# Helping you survive and thrive

## Study smarter

Struggling with your work? Don't struggle alone! We run workshops to help you learn how to study smarter, tackle your assignments and prepare for exams with confidence. Early on you'll be introduced to a Personal Tutor who you'll meet regularly to chat about your progress, while our Student Coaches can help you sharpen your skills in research, planning and writing essays, referencing, revision and more. If you're struggling with maths and statistics, or want to improve your digital skills to take advantage of the latest tools and software, you'll find our workshops invaluable.

## Nothing will stand in your way

We want to make sure that nothing prevents you from achieving your potential. Get in touch with us early if you have a disability or learning need - we can put a personalised plan in place to ensure that nothing gets in the way of your success. This can include practical support and adjustments - from specialist equipment to extra time in exams.

**We can also help you with any visa and immigration related queries you have.**

## Other great support

### Oasis Faith and Spirituality Centre

Offers a warm welcome to people of all faiths and world views. Spaces for prayer, worship and reflection, with support from a multi-faith Chaplaincy team.

### Students' Union Advice Centre

Get independent, impartial support with all aspects of student life.

### Medical Centre on campus

Book an appointment with a doctor, or get advice on health, vaccinations and more.



**Money matters** - It's great that Preston is one of the most affordable cities for students to live in - it means that your money goes further here. Our support teams can offer you expert help with managing living costs and sticking to a budget.

Here at the University of Central Lancashire, our careers experts can provide tailored support for all international students, to help you find work. We can help you look for the right jobs, build your CV, write relevant applications and prepare you for interviews.



# Advancing your career

When you register as a student with us, you automatically gain access to our virtual careers library CareerEdge, and Handshake, a job search and employer networking tool. You'll also be able to book one-to-one appointments with our careers experts or attend one of our drop-in sessions.

Throughout the year we organise a range of job fairs on campus, and these will allow you to network with employers and learn about the employment opportunities available to you in the local area.

International students who successfully complete their programme are eligible to apply for the Graduate Visa, which allows you to work, and look for sponsored jobs in the UK after you graduate. Our Careers Team can help you search and apply for jobs in the UK or overseas, even after you finish your studies with us.

**Here at the University of Central Lancashire, we provide careers support for life.**



**“It was always my dream to come to a different country to study for my masters. I chose to study in the UK because there is a great standard for education here and the quality of living is outstanding. I had a few friends that were already studying at the University of Central Lancashire, and they had fantastic things to say about the University for international students.**

The careers service was fantastic here and they helped me secure a placement as part of the studies. The placement then led me to secure a job at the University and I am so happy! My role involves supporting international students in their journey to study here and the experience has set me up well for other career opportunities in the future.

I am so grateful that I could start my career here at the University and I look forward to what is to come.”

### **Praisya**

**Master of Business Administration (MBA)  
with Professional Placement**

India

# Welcome to your Students' Union

## Enhancing your student experience

As a student at the University of Central Lancashire you are automatically a member of the Students' Union. We're here to make life better for students, inspiring you to succeed and achieve your goals.

As a member, you can get involved in all sorts of activities, opportunities and events, as well as accessing independent advice, getting representation, voting in Union elections and more - whichever campus you're studying at.

Being a member of the Students' Union brings some great benefits.

## Your student community

With over 100 Sports Clubs and Societies to join, we guarantee there's something for everyone. From American Football and Cheerleading to K-Pop Dance and Mountaineering, we have a huge range of Clubs you can get involved in. It doesn't matter if you're interested in playing sport competitively or just for fun - we have both!

There are tons of student-led Societies you can join too. They can involve pursuing a hobby, socialising with other people on your course, exploring politics, following your faith, meeting other international students, or unleashing your creative side. Clubs and Societies are the perfect way to meet new people, try something new and feel part of a community.

There are also lots of amazing volunteering opportunities, which give you the chance to develop your skills and enhance your CV while getting involved with something you care about and giving back to the community. We offer a range of Inspiring Projects or smaller opportunities such as our One-Off Wednesday programme - all providing you with the opportunity to earn reward and recognition through the Volunteering Award Scheme.







## Your student voice

We're proud to be student-led and it's important to us that you are at the heart of everything we do. That's why we have hundreds of Reps to support you along the way, whether it's the Full-Time Elected Officer Team, Course Reps, School Presidents or the Students' Council. We work hard to make sure you have the best possible University experience and that your feedback is heard. Your right to vote means you get to have a say in everything we do, at every level.

## Your student life

We're here to support you through every aspect of University life. There may be times when you need us to support and represent you. The Students' Union Advice Service is free, confidential and available to all students. Whether it's an academic issue, finance and debt, housing, employment or welfare benefits, we'll help you get the support you need, whether that's with one of our trained and friendly advisers, or helping you access specialist services. We're independent from the University, which means our experienced team of advisers can represent you without a conflict of interest and in the strictest confidence.

## Eat, drink and shop

We have it all at the Union. Grab a drink, breakfast bagel or a tasty meal deal from the Students' Union Café, or treat yourself to one of our pizzas or signature burgers while attending our quiz and karaoke nights in our social space. You can even get kitted out in official merchandise from our clothing range. We're a not-for-profit organisation, which means that every penny you spend in the Union goes straight back into what we do for you!

If you like the sound of all that, then you can see what we're currently doing right now by following us on social media.

## Any questions?

You can drop us a DM or visit [uclansu.co.uk](https://uclansu.co.uk)

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-  [uclanstudentsunion](https://twitter.com/uclanstudentsunion)
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# Sports and fitness



## Sport is for everyone - whether you have your sights set on elite competition, you're looking for a bit of fun, or you just want to find a good way to keep fit.

Whichever campus you're based at, you'll have access to fantastic sports facilities. In Preston, that includes both the Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre on campus and our Sports Arena nearby. If you're studying in Burnley or Westlakes you'll get membership of local facilities.

### Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre

Home to an outstanding eight-court sports hall, squash court and two exercise studios, together with a large fitness suite, our Sports Centre has everything you need to get active. We offer fitness classes all year round - from Boxercise and Pilates, to Spinning and Zumba - and these are included in your membership.

### Sports Arena

For outdoor sports, our Sports Arena is just outside the city centre - a short ride on our free shuttle bus. There you'll find an international standard athletics track, cycle track, FIFA and RFU accredited floodlit 3G pitches, various all-weather sports surfaces, tennis and netball courts, and facilities for strength and conditioning.

### Sports membership

There's no need to spend money on expensive gym memberships! At the University of Central Lancashire you can take advantage of our sports membership, giving you access to our Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre and Sports Arena (or nearby sports facilities if you're based at Burnley or Westlakes).

### Join the team

Together with the Students' Union, we offer more than 40 student-led sports clubs for you to get involved in.

If you're a serious competitor, you can join a team participating in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) or other competitions. You don't need to be an expert in your chosen sport - all clubs accept and cater for beginners.

If you'd prefer something less formal, with the emphasis on having fun and socialising, you can play a range of sports such as football, netball and badminton in one of the Students' Union Leagues (SUL). We're a member of the BUCS Universal Gym scheme, which allows you to use the sports facilities at over 80 other universities when you're travelling around the country.

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# A warm welcome awaits

**During your first few days in the UK you'll spend your time settling into university life, getting to know our campus, meeting lots of new friends and getting ready to start your course. It's always an exciting time but we appreciate you may feel slightly nervous, that's why we organise a series of events and offer a range of services to help make you feel at home.**

## **When you arrive**

Students arriving at Manchester Airport (the closest airport to Preston Campus) are eligible to use our **free** Airport Transfer service\*. One of our friendly Student Ambassadors will meet you on arrival and we'll organise transport to take you straight to campus, making your first few hours in the UK as enjoyable and stress-free as possible.

\*Please note this service is available on select days.

## **Welcome activities**

Each year, we organise an extensive schedule of activities for new students as part of our Welcome programme, which lasts for around two weeks before your course start date. The University,

in conjunction with the Students' Union, put together a series of social activities which give you the perfect opportunity to meet other new students, find your way around, complete your enrolment and say hello to your tutors. There's always a real buzz on campus during our Welcome events. In previous years students have enjoyed everything from film screenings to pizza parties, barbeques, games nights, live entertainment and a whole lot more. There will also be scheduled sessions organised by your course leaders which will prepare you for the start of your studies.

Our friendly teams can also help you open a UK bank account, register with an NHS GP and obtain important documents such as Council Tax exemption forms.

## **You'll soon feel right at home**

If you live in our student accommodation then our Resident Life Teams will be available to welcome you when you arrive. They organise lots of social activities during the Welcome period and all year round to give you opportunities to meet other students living in your hall of residence.



# Connect with our student community



When you join us you'll be welcomed into a friendly, supportive student community where you'll quickly feel at home and enjoy opportunities to make friends from all over the world.



## Before you arrive

You can start to connect with other students and make new friends even before you arrive at University...

### Pre-arrival events

We organise a series of online pre-arrival events which will give you the opportunity to chat with other international and UK students who are about to begin their university journey. Soon after you've applied to join us, we'll get in touch to let you know when these events are coming up.

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### Try the Umii app

Before you join us, you'll be invited to download the Umii app which enables you to meet other students at the University who share the same interests and values.

More than 13,000 connections have already been made on the app and you'll be able to chat with both new and current students from around the world and ask our ambassadors any questions you may have.

### Ask our Student Ambassadors

The best way to discover what the University experience is really like is to ask the students who've been there and done it. Our friendly team of Student Ambassadors are available to chat with you online and answer any questions you have about any aspect of student life.

Join an online chat at [uclan.ac.uk/chat](https://uclan.ac.uk/chat)

# Fees and scholarships

For full details of the available scholarships and bursaries, visit [uclan.ac.uk/scholarships](https://uclan.ac.uk/scholarships)

## International tuition fees

Studying with us is one of the best investments you'll ever make.

The tuition fee you pay will depend on your course. We offer students a frozen fee policy (meaning the fee you pay in the first year is held for your subsequent years of study on that programme). We offer competitive tuition fee levels for our programmes as well as a comprehensive range of scholarships and bursaries. In 2023/24, we awarded £7.2m in scholarships.

## 2025/26 standard international fees per year

Foundation: £17,250

Undergraduate: £17,325

Postgraduate: £17,900

## 2025/26 non-standard international fees per year

Bioveterinary Sciences: £26,250

Veterinary Medicine and Surgery: £39,000

MBBS five-year: £49,000

MBBS six-year: Year 0: £31,500  
Years 1-5: £49,000

## Scholarships and discounts per year of study include:

International Bursary: £1,000

Academic Excellence: £3,000

School scholarship for GEMS students, ONCAMPUS, NCUK, Alumni: £2,000

Family Loyalty Discount (siblings, spouse or child of current or past UCLan student): £1,000

Scholarships are automatically awarded by the University upon assessment.



Before you apply take a look at our 'How to apply as an international student' webpages where you'll find lots of useful information about the application process, including entry requirements, student visas, bursaries and scholarships.

[uclan.ac.uk/applyinternational](https://uclan.ac.uk/applyinternational)

There are various application deadlines throughout the year. Check out our website for details.

# How to apply

## Ready to start your student journey?

### There are two ways to submit your application:

1. If you're based within the UK or the European Union then you should apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) website: [ucas.com](https://ucas.com)

2. If you're based outside the EU then please use our online application portal: [uclan.ac.uk/applyinternational](https://uclan.ac.uk/applyinternational)

You'll be able to track the progress of your application.

If you experience any issues when completing your application get in touch with our friendly International Team by email and they'll be happy to help you out: [international@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:international@uclan.ac.uk)

# Our subjects

We offer a huge range of courses in all these subjects at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Accounting and Finance	Forensic Science	Physics and Astrophysics
Archaeology and Anthropology	Health and Social Care	Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
Architecture	Journalism	Policing and Criminal Investigation
Art, Design and Fashion	Language and Global Studies	Psychology
Biomedical Sciences	Law	Sciences
Business and Management	Mathematics	Social Work, Care and Community
Computer Science and Games Development	Media	Sport and Exercise Sciences
Construction and Surveying	Medicine	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
Criminology	Neuroscience	Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management
Dental Surgery - BDSi	Nursing and Midwifery	Veterinary Medicine
Education and Humanities	Nutrition and Exercise Sciences	
Engineering	Performing Arts and Music	
English Language and Literature	Pharmacy and Pharmacology	

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