



University of
Lancashire



Exchange Programme Fact Sheet

Academic Year 2026/27

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



Academic Dates & Deadlines

Mandatory Welcome Week	Mon 21st September 2026 – Fri 25th September 2026	
Semester 1	Mon 28th September 2026 – Fri 15th January 2027	
Semester 2	Mon 18th January 2027 – Fri 30th April 2027	
Full Year	Mon 28th September 2026 – Fri 30th April 2027	
Nomination Deadlines		Application Deadlines
Semester 1 (Autumn) / Full Year	Nomination deadline 30th March 2026	Application deadline 30th April 2026
Semester 2 (Spring)	Nomination deadline 30th September 2026	Application deadline 30th October 2026

Application Process, Fees & Academic Enrolment

English Language Entry Requirements	Exchange students need to prove English proficiency at B2 level or above and evidenced by IELTS or TOEFL iBT certificate issued no later than 2 years prior to the first day of their study abroad period at University of Lancashire. IELTS Standard Academic – minimum score 6.0 with minimum 5.5 across subcomponents (reading, writing, speaking, listening). TOEFL iBT (for Certificates issued before January 2026)– minimum overall score 80 with the minimum sub-score: Reading 10, Listening 10, Speaking 17, Writing 19. TOEFL iBT (for Certificates issued after January 2026) – minimum overall score of 4.5 and no sub score less than 4.0 for Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing. The University’s English Language Academy offers a free on-line E-TELL Test for students who don’t have a valid English Proficiency certificate. To book a test, you can contact the Academy languageacademy@lancashire.ac.uk. For 2026/27 We offer a non-credit bearing ‘Study Overseas’ programme for students who don’t meet the English entry requirements. Please contact us for more information.
Other Eligibility Requirements	Minimum one-year (2 semesters) study at home institution at undergraduate level education for all degree level programmes, 4 semesters to be eligible to apply for 2nd year modules. For International Business Communication and Asia Pacific Studies – minimum two years’ study. These two programmes are only available to certain partners as part of a mutual agreement. Available modules will depend on subject area and previous study. Some schools have limited places for exchange students e.g. the School of Art and Media and creative arts courses such as Photography will request a portfolio / video of previous work. Please check requirements with the Global Opportunities Team at the point of nomination.
Required Application Documents	• Incoming Application Form (shared with students after the nomination deadline). • Valid Passport • Official University Academic Transcript (must be in English) • Proof of English Language Proficiency (if native language isn’t English)
Credits & Modules	Students must take a maximum of 60 credits per semester (30 ECTS) and 120 credits (60 ECTS) per academic year. Please note: Students will only be enrolled onto modules once they have provided us with their approved Learning Agreement from the home university. Please take care when nominating your students that you remember subjects such as biology, biomedical Sciences, computer science, engineering, architecture, chemistry, physics, sports and mathematics do not have any semester taught module options, so students with these majors cannot apply for a single semester; they must apply for two semesters, eg Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. We cannot approve a student to extend their stay once they arrive in the UK. Please note that we no longer offer Economics and students cannot apply to take modules from our BA Hons Accounting and Finance or BA Hons Accounting and Financial Studies undergraduate degrees because of UK professional accreditation regulations. Students wishing to take Fashion, or any art related major will need to submit a portfolio of their work, and a decision will be made as soon as possible from the Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Media and the individual

	academic module leader. Places for exchange students on modules from our School of Arts and Media are limited and only students studying majors from this school will be considered. Only Forensic Science Major students will be considered for FZ Forensic Modules. Exchange students cannot access our MBBS-Medicine Programme, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Pharmacy, Dentistry or degree apprenticeship modules. STUDENTS CAN ONLY APPLY FOR MODULES FROM THEIR HOME MAJOR AND ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO SELECT MODULES TAUGHT IN THEIR ALLOCATED SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LANCASHIRE. WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO OFFER ELECTIVES.
Tuition Fees	Exchange students are required to pay tuition fees to their home institution but not to the University of Lancashire.

Accommodation & Living Costs	
Accommodation	Full Year - 16/09/2026 - 11/07/2027 - £3727.13 Sem 1 – 16/09/2026 - 08/01/2027- £1429.90 (extensions available) Sem 2 – 13/01/2027 - 11/07/2027 - £2518.64 Estimated cost based on 2025/26 prices, correct prices will be available early Spring 2026. All our halls are self-catering, and prices include all fuel and water bills. https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/accommodation/
Living Costs	The approximate cost of living per month as pr. UKVI guidelines (including rent) is £1171.00

Insurance & Visa Information	
Health Insurance	International Exchange students must provide their own private medical insurance for emergency care as well as travel insurance. It is the students' responsibility to check with their insurer that they have adequate cover. Exchange students can register with our on-campus Medical Centre. It is free to see a doctor but students must pay for medication. Prescription charges (as of December 2025) apply to all, at the current price of £9.90 per item
Student Visa	Student visa : Overview - GOV.UK - £525 + £776 Health Surcharge Fee (as of December 2025). This is the required visa if you are coming to the UK to study here on a full-time programme of study for more than 6 months. You must apply for a Student Visa in your home country. You cannot apply when you arrive in the UK. It is very important that you prepare carefully before you apply for a Student Visa.
Standard Visitor Visa	Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: Overview - GOV.UK - £127.00 - this is the visa required if you are coming to the UK to study here for 6 months or less and depends on your nationality. Some nationalities are Visa Exempt for a single semester.
Short Term Study Visa	Short Term Study (STSV) Visa - £214.00 (up to 11 months for English Language courses only) + £776 Health Surcharge Fee. Prices are approximate and will depend on the country from which the application is being made. Check the UKVI Website for up-to-date information.
EU Students	Following the UK's Departure from the EU, European Students are now considered as International Students and are required to apply for a student visa for a full year of exchange. European Students will also be

	required to demonstrate evidence of their English Language in accordance with the UKVI regulations as outlined above. We are no longer allowed to accept letters from your English Language Departments or ERASMUS OLS Results.
Please note: You should make sure that you apply for the right type of visa before you leave your home country. Doing this is called 'entry clearance'. Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK	

Student Support & Extra Curricular Offer	
Arrival & Pickup	We offer airport pickup at certain times and dates before the Welcome Week. Please contact globalopportunities@lancashire.ac.uk dates and information.
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Student health and wellbeing is very important to the University of Lancashire. We have various teams to support you during your time here, including a Counselling, Mental health and Wellbeing service and a Medical Centre ranked third in UK for mental health support
The Student Union	Find a new hobby or join a sports team by browsing our list of societies on the Students' Union's webpage

Contact Information
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Meet the Global Opportunities Team

We're here to support you throughout your exchange experience. If you have any questions, please email us on globalopportunities@lancashire.ac.uk or pop in to see us in the Student Centre



From Left to Right: **Saadia Morse**, Global Opportunities Coordinator, **Guro Buchanan**, Global Opportunities Manager, **Shirley Russo**, Global Opportunities Coordinator, **Alex Rodgers**, Global Opportunities Coordinator, **Kelly Clark**, Global Opportunities Coordinator, **Anna Kolendo**, Global Opportunities Assistant

We look forward to welcoming you to Preston!