

Honors Study Abroad



Lancaster University in Northern England



Immerse Yourself in England: The exchange to Lancaster is not a typical 6 week, summer study program like many at UF. Lancaster is a full academic year program, running from October to June (Michaelmas, Lent and Summer Terms are the equivalent of UF's fall and spring semester). This program is an amazing opportunity to delve deeply into a English culture and also to travel during breaks to surrounding areas of Ireland, Wales, Scotland and even the continent. Unlike summer programs which are often very structured and leave little time for individual exploration of the country and culture, the Lancaster program allows UF students to

really become part of the community, both at the University and within the town of Lancaster.

The Exchange Program: The year-long exchange program at Lancaster is a direct exchange with UF. This means you pay UF tuition and earn UF credits, rather than paying foreign or special program tuition. All scholarships you have at UF can be used to fund your study at Lancaster. A full workload during this period is generally regarded as being 32 semester credits which may include up to 8 credits of independent study. All students are required to remain at Lancaster until they have completed all of their coursework and examinations. Examinations are mainly held in May and June (so end of year travel arrangements should not be finalized until exam dates have been checked).

The Courses:

UF students who have gone to Lancaster have very much enjoyed the small campus environment and also the British system of tutorials and seminars, where emphasis is placed on reading widely and writing essays. And whether you are majoring in the College of Liberal Arts and Science or Business, or on a pre-med track, Lancaster University is a great exchange program for you.

Pre-med students will find that Lancaster can meet all prerequisite needs. Lancaster has almost all of the core MCAT courses and numerous others suitable for majors in the following areas: Biological Sciences, including Biochemistry, Chemistry, including Organic and Physical Chemistry, Ecology, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology. Lab



requirements may be satisfied at Lancaster or, if timetable restrictions make this difficult, completed after return to the home institution. Many students have prepared for the MCAT at Lancaster, taken the examination in the UK, and gone on to be accepted at outstanding North American medical, dental and veterinary schools and successful professional careers.



Lancaster is also an excellent choice if you are interested in **business**. It is one of only three management schools in the UK to have a top research ranking and has one of the largest business schools in Britain. They have also achieved a major international reputation in the field of Accounting and Finance. Studies in Behavior in Organizations, Economics and Systems and Information Management complement these areas. Business majors are being increasingly encouraged to undertake study abroad in order to enhance the international dimension of their curriculum. Lancaster offers many opportunities for business majors to take relevant courses, and to undertake project work based at the University or in outside organizations.

The opportunity to do **research projects, internships, project work or creative writing** is available to Study Abroad students through the School of Independent Studies. The work is approved by the School, is supervised by a member of the faculty drawn from the University as a whole and is graded by that faculty member. Lancaster has unrivalled experience in directing, monitoring and grading Independent Research projects.

To view Lancaster University's website go to www.lancs.ac.uk. For a complete list of course offerings, go to link to <http://www.lancs.ac.uk/users/international/overseas/handbook/handbook.htm>

The Location:



Lancaster lies on the west coast of Britain, roughly equidistant between London and Edinburgh and only 80 miles south of Hadrian's Wall and the Scottish Border. The seaside resorts of Blackpool and Morecambe are nearby. Also close at hand are the great urban centers of Liverpool and Manchester (which has the nearest international airport) and the medieval city of York.

London is only 3 hours away by high-speed train. Inexpensive student charter buses make the trip to and from London every weekend. Vacation travel to Ireland and to the European continent is also convenient.

The City of Lancaster, with a population of 50,000, is located at the end of the Lune River Valley, just four miles from the sea. Lancaster's good shopping facilities include a convenient and picturesque covered market providing a wide variety of foods and other items, and a maze of small streets and alleyways lined with interesting shops.

As with most English towns and cities, Lancaster at night is fairly quiet, but evening entertainment is certainly to be found. The Duke's



Playhouse includes a repertory theatre with a national reputation for excellence and a fine cinema showing outstanding classic and current films. The city also hosts jazz concerts and an annual literary festival. Lancaster has recently undergone a gastronomic revolution and tastes as varied as Indian, Greek, Italian, French, Thai, vegetarian and 'domestic' are catered for. Lancaster also boasts no fewer than fifty-two pubs! Access to the city is provided by a regular bus service from the campus, just ten minutes away.



Lancaster is located in one of the most beautiful parts of England. To the north, and less than an hour away, lies the famous Lake District, probably the best loved of the English national parks. Here generations of people have enjoyed the perfect harmony of mountains, lakes, forests, villages and isolated farmsteads.

The City and University of Lancaster present a striking blend of old and new. While the University has been built entirely since 1964 and has a distinctive modernity, the city's roots go back as far as the Roman occupation of Britain in the first century AD, and its buildings boast a wide variety of styles of the periods since.



Interested?

If you are interested in applying to Lancaster, visit UF International Center Study Abroad Services in 123 Grinter Hall, 392-5323, ext. 700 or studyabroad@ufic.ufl.edu. For more info. contact the Honors Program in 140 Tigert Hall 392-1519 or see the International Center's website at www.ufic.ufl.edu.