

FACT SHEET

Visiting Graduate Students 2025/2026



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025/26

Michaelmas Term dates

3rd October – 12th December 2025. Exams / assessment at the start to mid January 2026 - attendance required on campus

Lent Term dates

9th January – 20th March 2026.
Exams / assessment in April 2026 - attendance required on campus

LUMS Masters degree programmes generally run from October until September (12 months). Information about each degree programme is available on; www.lancaster.ac.uk/lums/postgraduate/our-courses/

Visiting students will have the opportunity to join our Masters programmes for one term, either in the Autumn/Fall (Michaelmas Term) or the Spring (Lent Term).

Unfortunately, students cannot join LUMS in the Summer Term as no teaching is offered in this term.

ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

Michaelmas Starters

Students are asked to arrive no later than Sunday 28th September 2025.

Attendance is required at orientation events that will take place throughout the week: 29th September – 3rd October 2025.

Students will receive a pre-arrival guide electronically in advance of this orientation.

Lent Starters

Students are asked to arrive no later than Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Attendance is required at orientation events that will take place 7th – 9th January 2026.

Students will receive a pre-arrival guide electronically in advance of this orientation.

Application Deadlines

These deadlines apply for all students looking to come in Autumn or Spring.

Nomination deadline: 1st March 2025

Application deadline: 1st April 2025

How to Apply

STEP ONE: NOMINATION

Students must first be nominated via email (exchangelums@lancaster.ac.uk) by their home institution. Nominations must include:

- + Name
- + Nationality
- + Email address
- + Term (Michaelmas or Lent) the student is attending LUMS
- + Number of ECTS credits the student needs
- + A Nomination Letter from the international coordinator
- + Degree studied at home institution
- + Degree proposed at Lancaster

STEP TWO: ONLINE APPLICATION

Students will be sent an email after their nomination which will detail how to apply and the next steps in the process. Find advice on how to apply on the following webpage www.lancaster.ac.uk/lums/postgraduate/apply-for-masters. A code will be supplied to our exchange partner students to waive the standard application fee.

Students will need to email us exchangelums@lancaster.ac.uk with their application ID number once they have submitted their online application.



STEP THREE: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS TO ONLINE APPLICATION

Students will need to provide the following documents:

1. Personal Statement
2. Bachelors degree transcript translated into English
3. Proof of English language
4. Contact details of one referee (this can be from an academic member of staff or, for exchange students only, your official nomination letter from your home institution)
5. Copy of student's main passport page



Masters Programmes



Students will join a specific degree programme and therefore it is **NOT** possible to mix and match modules from other Masters programmes. Students will usually be required to study a standard full workload of 60 credits (30 ECTS) during their exchange.

Please note; due to the structure at Lancaster there are more programme options available for exchange students to study during Fall (Michaelmas term) than Spring (Lent term). Please consider this when selecting your semester of study.

- + Accounting and Financial Management
- + Business Analytics – Fall only
- + Digital Business, Innovation & Management – Fall only
- + Finance
- + Human Resource Management - Fall only (worth 22.5 ECTS only)
- + Innovation and Entrepreneurship (worth 22.5 ECTS only)

- + International Business & Strategy (worth 22.5 ECTS only)
- + Investment Management and Financial Analysis - Fall only - *prior background in Finance or quantitative discipline desirable and programming experience (in any language) highly recommended*
- + Logistics & Supply Chain Management – Fall only
- + Marketing (Fall = 40 ECTS, Spring = 30 ECTS)
- + Money, Banking and Finance (40 ECTS)

As some programmes have prerequisites, students wishing to study at Lancaster in Spring (Lent term) will need to demonstrate that they have covered an equivalent of Lancaster's Fall term (Michaelmas term).

To find out more about each of the degree programmes available, please see our website www.lancaster.ac.uk/lums/postgraduate/our-courses

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

All graduate students must meet the standard academic entry requirements. For the majority of programmes this is an equivalent to a UK Upper Second Class (2:1) Honours Degree. Some programmes may accept an equivalent to a UK Lower Second Class (2:2) Honours Degree. All students will need to provide an official English translation of their undergraduate transcript in order for us to confirm their academic qualifications. Some programmes have subject specific module requirements in terms of prior study at undergraduate level. Details are listed under 'Entry Requirements' in the descriptions of individual programmes on our website. For all programmes, we are looking for a consistent performance in all years of study. Details of equivalent qualifications for international students can be found at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/entry-requirements/postgraduate-qualifications/

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students coming on exchange for less than 6 months, can complete Lancaster's English proficiency exemption form (provided after nomination by home university), to prove they meet the university's English requirements. Alternatively, we can accept a wider range of certificates including qualifications listed on our website.

Our English Language requirements can be found on this webpage:

www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/entry-requirements/postgraduate-english-requirements

ACCOMMODATION

Campus accommodation is NOT guaranteed for exchange students and students may need to consider renting privately. Exchange students can contact our Accommodation Office regarding availability of on-campus accommodation from mid-August: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/accommodation/postgraduate/>

The Student Union (LUSU) also offers advice on accommodation: <https://housesearch.lusu.co.uk/Accommodation>

ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS

- + Single room rent £140 per week
- + Food & Toiletries £55 per week
- + Bills £25 per week
- + Phone £10 per week
- + Laundry £5 per week

To find out more about estimated living costs and advice on budgeting, see our website; <https://portal.lancaster.ac.uk/ask/money/managing/>

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