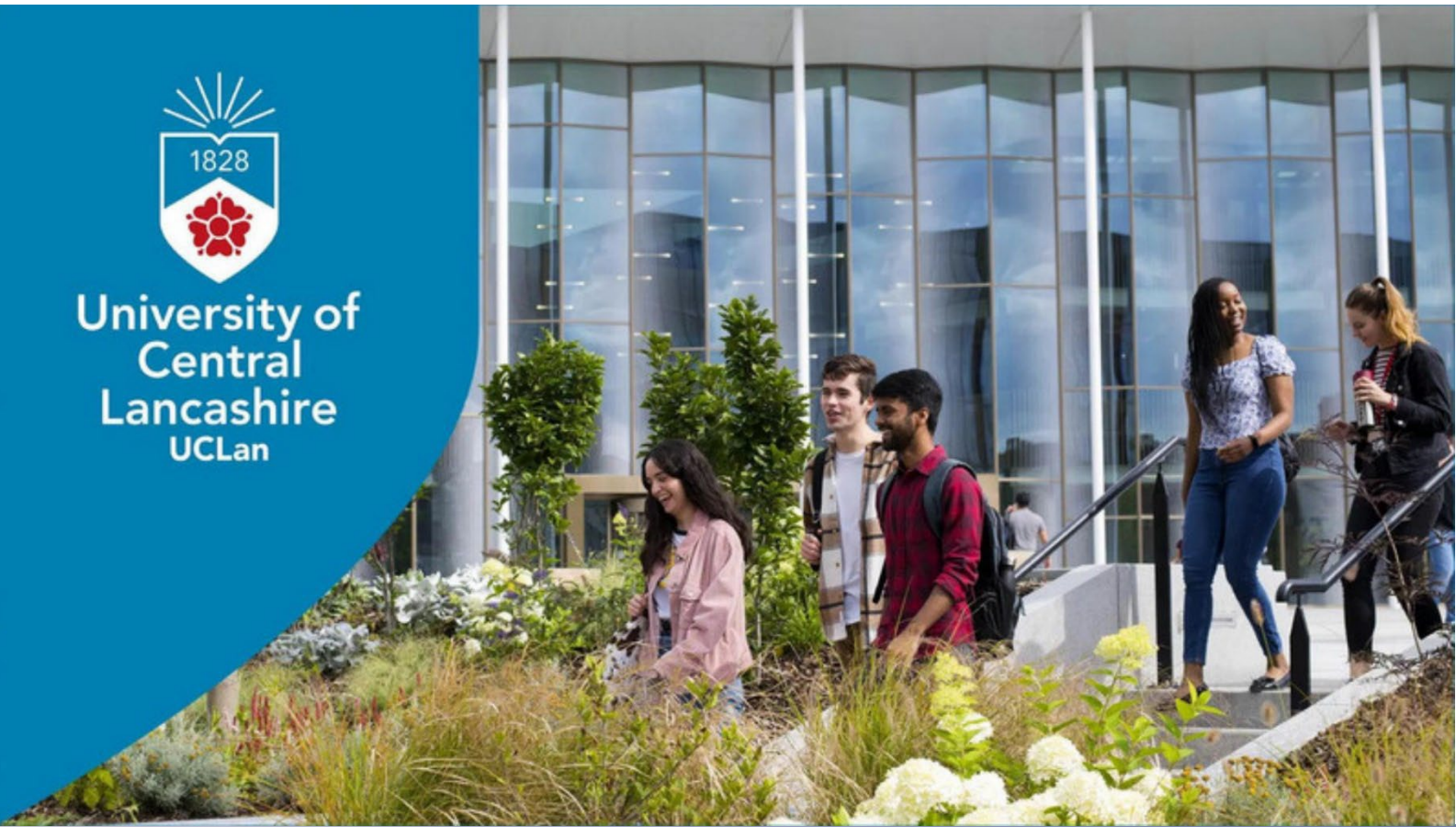




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## GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FACT SHEET  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

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#### i. CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME OF UNIVERSITY	University of Central Lancashire
NAME OF DEPARTMENT	Global Opportunities – External Relations
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#### ii. ACADEMIC INFORMATION -

<https://msuclanac.sharepoint.com/sites/StudentHub/SitePages/Academic-dates.aspx>

MANDATORY WELCOME WEEK	22/09/25 – 26-09-2025
SEMESTER 1	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
SEMESTER 2	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
FULL YEAR	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Incoming exchange students must attend Welcome Week and are required to arrive at UCLan no later than Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Students MUST NOT purchase plane tickets / travel until placement has been confirmed by all parties and dates have been confirmed.**

APPLICATION DEADLINES	Semester 1 (Autumn) / Full Year – Nomination deadline 30 <sup>th</sup> March. Application deadline 30 April Semester 2 (Spring) – Nomination deadline 30 <sup>th</sup> September. Application deadline 30 October
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### iii. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS


<p>*ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT</p>	<p>IELTS Standard Academic – minimum score 6.0 with minimum 5.5 across subcomponents (reading, writing, speaking, listening).  For <i>Study Overseas</i>, IELTS Standard Academic – minimum overall score 4.0. IELTS UKVI Academic is only required if a student were not to meet the required English Language requirement for undergraduate study and were to apply for a joint CAS number to allow them to enrol onto an intensive Pre-Sessional English programme after which they would enrol directly onto a degree level programme. This would mean that after finishing the intensive English language programme the student would not need to return home to apply for a Student Visa TOEFL IBT – minimum overall score 80 with the minimum sub-score: Reading 10, Listening 10, Speaking 17, Writing 19.  UCLAN also offer their own English Test – E-Tell – which is online and free for the first attempt. The test is available to book via our Language Academy – <a href="mailto:languageacademy@uclan.ac.uk">languageacademy@uclan.ac.uk</a></p>
<p>STUDY OVERSEAS PROGRAMME</p>	<p>UCLan’s Study Overseas programme (English Language &amp; Culture) allows international students to experience life and study in a UK university. We offer this to our incoming exchange students who have not managed to achieve the required English Language entry levels. The minimum overall IELTS score is 4.0.  <a href="https://www.uclan.ac.uk/cpd/courses/study-overseas-programme-short-course">https://www.uclan.ac.uk/cpd/courses/study-overseas-programme-short-course</a> There is normally a fee for this programme but this is waived for Exchange Students from our Partner universities</p>
<p>OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>Minimum one-year study at home institution at Undergraduate level education for all degree level programs *  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.  For any practical courses Art, photography or dance you will need to provide a portfolio /video of work.  *Available modules may depend on previous study</p>
<p>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</p>	<p>Incoming Application Form  Valid Passport  Official University Academic Transcript (Must be in English)  Proof of English Language Proficiency (if native language isn’t English)</p>
<p>EUROPEAN STUDENTS</p>	<p>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 which should be B2 level or above and should be evidenced by IELTS or TOEFL iBT as per the English Language Proficiency Requirement above* We are no longer allowed to accept letters from your English Language Departments or ERASMUS OLS Results. UCLAN’s English Language Academy offers an on-line E-TELL Test and to book a test you can contact the Academy at <a href="mailto:languageacademy@uclan.ac.uk">languageacademy@uclan.ac.uk</a></p>



CREDITS	Students must take a maximum of 60 credits per semester (30 ECTS) and 120 credits (60 ECTS) per academic year.
MODULES / COURSES	<p>Modules must be pre-approved BEFORE an application is submitted by your academic course leader and home mobility coordinator. Module approval from UCLAN will be assessed on previous academic study.</p> <p>The Global Opportunities Team will send students a list of modules and provide module descriptions for students to choose from and to ensure that the learning outcomes meet their home requirements. The Global Opportunities Team will confirm a final timetable based on the student's choices where no clashes occur. Once students have enrolled, they must check their timetables. Once teaching starts students will no longer be able to make changes to their timetables.</p> <p>Semester 1 students must check if they have exams in January as they will need to stay in the UK to take these or arrange to take them remotely, if possible, at their home university.</p>

#### iv. FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES


TUITION FEES	Students participating in this exchange are required to pay tuition fees to their home institution but not to UCLAN.
ACCOMMODATION	 <p>UCLan has been named as the most affordable students' accommodation in the Times UK 2023.</p> <p>On campus accommodation prices start from (as of September 2024 subject to change in future years):</p> <p>Full Year 17/09/25 – 12/07/2026 - £3618.57</p> <p>Sem 1 – 17/09/25 – 09/01/2026 - £1388.28</p> <p>Sem 2 – 14/01/26 – 12/07/2026 - £2445.28</p> <p>Each hall is self-catering, and prices include all fuel and water bills.</p> <p><a href="https://www.uclan.ac.uk/accommodation/">https://www.uclan.ac.uk/accommodation/</a></p> <p>Private accommodation is available off campus with the average cost of a shared house £67.50 per student per week and contract lengths normally vary from 38 to 52 weeks. These details are only a guide, and you should check the cost and contract length with your landlord.</p>

	<p>For more information contact <a href="mailto:privateaccommodation@uclan.ac.uk">privateaccommodation@uclan.ac.uk</a></p> <p>If you upgrade your accommodation, you will be responsible for these costs direct to our accommodation office.</p> <p>Accommodation contracts have fixed lengths and cannot be changed. They can differ from the academic calendar such as semester 1/ semester 2/ full year term dates.</p> <p>Please note that students applying for private off campus for semester accommodation may be liable to pay Council Tax – these are the rules for Students and Council Tax - <a href="#">Student discount - Preston City Council</a> We advise students applying for a semester to stay in on-campus or UCLAN owned accommodation.</p> <p>These costs are approximate., and students should refer to our website for latest costs.</p> 
ACCOMMODATION TYPES	<p>There are around 2200 accommodation places in University owned and leased halls of residence. On campus accommodation is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>En-suite options are available to full-year students only.</p> <p>Although we do not recommend this, it is possible for students to live off campus. Students wishing to live off campus in private accommodation are responsible for making their own arrangements with the Landlord.</p>
HEALTH INSURANCE	<p>Incoming exchange students must provide their own personal and travel insurance. International Exchange students must provide their own private medical insurance for emergency care – this is their responsibility to check with insurers.</p> <p>All students can register with our Student Health Centre. It is free to see a doctor, but students must pay for medication. Prescription charges apply to all at the current price of £9.90 per item (as of May 2024).</p>
LIVING COSTS	<p>The approximate cost of living per month (including rent) is £1023. This is only an estimate according to the UK Home Office.</p> <p><a href="#">Cost of living at university - UCLan</a></p> <p>As all accommodation is self-catering you will find very reasonably priced shops and food outlets on or close to the campus such as Aldi/Lidl and Tesco. You can find more information about living costs on <a href="https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/cost-studying">https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/cost-studying</a></p>

VISAS	<p>Student Visa - £490 + £776 Health Surcharge Fee (as of October 2024) 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.</p> <p>Standard Visitor Visa - £115.00 - 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.</p> <p>UCLAN will no longer support you to extend your stay if you only apply for semester 1. If your home university has nominated you for a single semester, then you will only be granted support for your visa in accordance with this nomination. If your home major is only taught at UCLAN for a full UK academic year, ie September to May, then your home university needs to nominate you for the correct period of exchange. Supporting exchange students to extend their stay could potentially affect our Visa Sponsorship Status with the UK Government.</p> <p>Short Term Study (STSV) visa - £200.00 (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 UKVI Website for up-to-date information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas">https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas</a></p> <p>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'.</p> <p>For more information on visa requirements and documents required to support your application: <a href="https://www.uclan.ac.uk/international-students/visa-advice">https://www.uclan.ac.uk/international-students/visa-advice</a></p> <p><a href="#">Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK</a></p>
OTHER FEES	Class materials / books – depending on the course.

**v. ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION**

ACCESSIBILITY	<p>Accessibility - we will make reasonable adjustments to make our services and accommodation accessible to all. The Universities facilities for students with disabilities are constantly improving. UCLan has several specially adapted rooms on campus, and you will be given extra consideration if you have a disability or medical condition that requires you to live on Campus.</p>
APPLICATION	<p>For accommodation applications: <a href="http://www.uclan.ac.uk/accommodation/how_to_apply.php">http://www.uclan.ac.uk/accommodation/how_to_apply.php</a></p> <p>General accommodation enquiries: <a href="mailto:studentaccommodation@uclan.ac.uk">studentaccommodation@uclan.ac.uk</a></p>

AIRPORT COLLECTION	 <p>The airport transfer service from Manchester Airport is free of charge for all international students and will run from 6am to 6pm daily(Dates to be confirmed)</p> <p>To book a place on the collection you will need to complete the booking form: <a href="http://www.uclan.ac.uk/international/airport-pickup-form.php">http://www.uclan.ac.uk/international/airport-pickup-form.php</a> dates to be confirmed.</p>
WELCOME WEEK	<p>During your first few weeks we will be running a Welcome Week/Big Hello programme to help all students settle into life at the University of Central Lancashire and in the UK. UCLan Welcome/Big Hello is a festival of activities and information sessions designed to help you get used to life at UCLan as well as life in the UK; along with a calendar of social events where you can meet other new students.</p> <p>Students will be issued with the International Arrival Guide during August, as well as a link to the Welcome Week/Big Hello Programme of Events.</p> <p>Welcome Week is <u>mandatory</u> for all exchange students.</p> <p>The Global Opportunities Team also hold a free getting to know you, welcome event during Welcome Week in semester 1 and semester 2 which aims to provide students with an opportunity to meet the GO Team and other exchange students. Please note that the semester 2 Welcome Week is on a much smaller scale than the semester 1 version.</p>
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL	<p>All students should provide their passport for proof of ID. Passports and visas will be checked during enrolment. For single semester visa exempt students, a copy of their boarding pass is required. Students are also advised to bring copies of their offer letter/CAS Letter and original academic transcript.</p>
eGATES  ETA – Electronic Travel Authorisation	<p><u>eGates</u>  eGates present a new, quicker, and easier way of crossing the border and entering the UK. There are over 270 eGates in place at 15 air and rail ports in the UK to enable quicker travel into the UK. Please take a look at the Gov.UK webpage <a href="#">Guide to faster travel through the UK border</a> which features a video showing how to use the eGates.</p> <p>The UK Government has introduced a new ETA System. Phase 2 will be rolled out from the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 requiring citizens of countries such as the USA, Canada, Japan, Korea planning on entering the UK from the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 to submit an application. EU Citizens will be required to apply for an ETA from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2025. More information is provided via the following link: <a href="#">Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK</a></p>

## vii. OTHER INFORMATION

TRANSCRIPTS	<p>PDF copies of your transcripts will be sent directly to your home institution following Assessment Boards in February (Sem 1) and July (Sem 2 / full year). An original version will be sent to your home address – it is the student’s responsibility to update their MyUCLAN account with their preferred correspondence address.</p>
STUDENT SUPPORT	<p>UCLAN provides academic support to all students and can help with adapting your study skills to a UK university.</p> <p>Student support - UCLan</p> <p>Student health and wellbeing is very important to UCLan. We have various teams to support you during your time here, including a Counselling, Mental health and Wellbeing service and a medical centre. Mental health and wellbeing support - UCLan</p> <p>UCLan ranked third in UK for mental health support - UCLan</p>
STUDENT LIFE	<p>There are lots of student activities to get involved in, check out the following link: <a href="#">Student Life - Costs, Entertainment, Support &amp; More - UCLan</a></p> <p>The Students’ Union’s webpage is a great place to start finding out which student societies you can join – you can even start a new one! - <a href="#">Welcome to UCLan Students' Union</a></p> <p>Sir Tom Finney’s Sport Centre</p> <p>Membership fees for Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre will apply to all new students from the September 2025/26 intake onwards which will be £99 for a year’s membership. Fees for semester exchange students to be confirmed.</p> <p>The increased fees will help support a gym revamp during the 2025/26 academic year with plans for new flooring and new equipment to help improve the quality of the facility. The monthly membership remains very competitive compared to other local gyms. <a href="#">Gym membership and staying active - UCLan</a></p> <p>As part of the membership, colleagues also automatically qualify for a free UNiversal Gym Membership where you can unlock access to more than 70 university gyms across the country at no extra cost. This means that when you’re travelling or on holiday you can use gym facilities close by to maintain your health and fitness at no extra cost.</p>
Worldwise Centre	<p>The Worldwise Centre is an international hub at the heart of UCLan. It is open year- round and offers advice and support to anybody interested in world languages and cultures. Here you will find some useful resources and opportunities for if you are looking for extra support with their language learning, more speaking practice outside the class and access to interactive, online resources.</p>



## Conversation Classes



## Language Exchange Opportunities

In the Conversation classes you have a unique opportunity to practise your language speaking skills outside the class, in a friendly and relaxed environment with the help of our native speaking Language Assistants. The classes offer you a unique taste of the culture by discussing traditions, cuisine, music, cinema, and the activities are always based on real life scenarios. It is also a great chance to meet people and make new friends.

How can I join the classes?

The classes are taking place in person on Preston campus. Join the Worldwise Centre team by clicking [here](#) or with the code 94icmns Under channel 2 you can find all the latest updates regarding the languages and levels available, the timetable and all the latest updates.

Meet other students from around the world and learn about their language and culture in exchange for sharing yours. Post on our virtual language exchange board hosted on Teams [here](#).

## Paid Work Opportunities

Every year we recruit Language Assistant Interns in various languages to facilitate the Conversation Classes and support students to practice their speaking skills outside the classroom walls.

These paid, part-time internships are ideal for international students who want to gain valuable work experience before graduation.

We are currently recruiting for the following languages: German, Japanese and Korean.

If you are interested in becoming a Language Assistant, contact Sofia Anysiadou via email [sanysiadou@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:sanysiadou@uclan.ac.uk) or Teams.

Rosetta Stone

### **Maximise Your Learning with Rosetta Stone**

Choose from 24 languages and find the perfect learning path for you! Join our self- study Worldwide Languages programme with Rosetta Stone anytime throughout the year by attending an introductory workshop. Access it online whenever and wherever it best suits you. New fun and engaging features, including Stories, Phrasebooks and On-Demand videos, offer extra activities to improve your skills.

Upcoming workshops are listed on our [Teams space](#).

### **A wealth of language and culture related resources online**

You can find a wealth of resources in the Worldwide Centre Team including lists of foreign language movies to watch online, easy readers, podcasts and free language learning resources and apps. Keep checking as this space gets regularly updated. You can join by clicking the link here or by using your UCLan credentials and code **94icmns**

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<p>UNIVERSITY LOCATION</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p><i>Fun fact:</i> Did you know the Student Centre &amp; University Square at UCLan won the prestigious Regional Award at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) North West Awards 2023</p> </div>
<p>SOCIAL MEDIA</p>	<p> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/uclanlobalopportunities/">https://www.instagram.com/uclanlobalopportunities/</a></p> <p> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/InternationalOfficeUCLan/">https://www.facebook.com/InternationalOfficeUCLan/</a></p>

**viii ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Unfortunately, UCLan cannot guarantee in advance that students will be eligible for courses indicated in their application. In addition, we cannot guarantee that courses will be running after the student has enrolled. Students must check their timetable upon enrolment to ensure there are no timetable