How to find us

By rail

UCLan is conveniently situated within walking distance of Preston railway station. Preston also benefits from direct rail links north and south to London and Glasgow and to Manchester Airport.

There are regular trains running directly to Preston from Manchester Airport. You can purchase a ticket at the Station or buy online from Trainline or the Transpennine Express website. You can check times and further information on the National Rail website. For more information and a route planner go to the National Rail website.

If you are coming on foot from the train station, exit from the station’s main entrance, turn right and then left down Corporation Street to Ringway. Cross Ringway at the lights, turn right, then take first left down Corporation Street (shops including Aldi on your left). Straight ahead and follow signs to the University.

By bus

Served by Preston bus station, the city and the surrounding area enjoy reliable and extensive transport links in and around Preston. The number 31 bus service runs every 15 minutes from the bus station and stops outside C&T Building, which is opposite the Students’ Union/53 Degrees building. Bus routes and timetables are available here.

If you are travelling on foot from the bus station, the journey is half a mile and the University is a 15-minute walk from Preston bus station. Head towards Lancaster Road until you arrive at the Cenotaph. Turn right downhill on Friargate. Walk through pedestrianised area down to traffic lights at Ringway. Cross Ringway and continue up Friargate. Follow signs to University.

For more information visit the Preston Bus website and you can also download the free Preston Bus app on the App Store, where you can pay for a day, weekly, monthly or family pass and use your mobile as your ticket!

By coach, car or taxi

National Express coaches operate from Preston bus station to destinations across the UK. National Express run coaches from Manchester Airport to many locations around the country including Preston. You can book via the National Express website or purchase a ticket from the coach station at the airport. Low cost intercity bus travel is also available from Megabus.

From the North or West Coast, leave the M6 at junction 32 (M55) and take Exit 1 (A6) to Preston/Garstang. Follow the A6 to Preston and proceed through five major sets of traffic lights. Immediately after the fifth set, take the right hand lane and bear right at the next set into Moor Lane, following the signs to Liverpool. The University is signposted along this route.

From the South or East, motorways M6, M61 or M65. Leave the M6 at Junction 29 or M61 at Junction 9 and join the M65 towards Preston, then leave the M65 at its end (Junction 1). At the motorway terminal roundabout take second exit (All Traffic).

Follow the A6 to Preston through three roundabouts. The University is signposted along this route. You will come to a set of traffic lights with a large retail centre to the left. Go straight on at this set of traffic lights, and also at the next set you come to. You will need to move into the middle lane for the next set of traffic lights to go straight on, signposted Liverpool and Southport. Continue straight through the next set of traffic lights. Move over to the right hand lane to be ready to turn right at the next traffic lights, signposted for Blackpool and the University.

Many taxi firms operate from the airport, but please be aware this will be an expensive option. If you wish to take a taxi to Preston, we advise you use a Private Hire firm, by booking via their desk within the airport as it could be cheaper than taking a black cab.