Welcome to our Preston Campus
A self-guided walking tour
Welcome to Preston

Welcome to UCLan’s city centre campus in the heart of Preston, and to a friendly, bustling city, traditional yet with a young and lively atmosphere.

Preston offers restaurants and bars to suit every taste and pocket; theatres and music venues featuring the latest acts; colourful cultural festivals, and of course UCLan’s very own on-campus bar in the Students’ Union.

You’ll find both contemporary and traditional shopping experiences in the city. Friargate connects the University campus to the city centre with an eclectic mix of shops and cafes. Located off Fishergate High Street, St George’s and Fishergate are indoor shopping centres which boast familiar retailers; and down the cobbled side-streets, you’ll uncover a selection of quirky boutiques, tearooms, cafés and independent beauty salons around the charming Winckley Square.

Enjoy the city’s café culture or visit our iconic Grade I listed Harris Museum and Art Gallery, which stands as the arts hub of Preston and hosts a programme of internationally renowned exhibitions year-round.

You could take a walk through our beautiful city centre parks; Avenham and Miller parks are great spots in the city centre to relax and enjoy the great outdoors. Both parks have been awarded Green Flag status for their safe, clean and sustainable environments.

Be assured to know that Preston is ranked by the Complete University Guide as one of the safest places to study in the UK so you’ll be in safe hands.

Visit Preston’s official city page to find out more: prestonguildcity.co.uk
Can’t find what you’re looking for? You can also use the MazeMap app to navigate our campus. Scan the QR code above or download the app and search for UCLan.
Self-guided tour directions

We have designed this self-guided walking tour to be used with our Preston City Campus map.

Start from the Student Centre (STU) and University Square (US). The main entrance to our Student Centre is on Fylde Road, in front of the new square. The Student Centre is home to Student Support, Wellbeing Services, Careers Services as well as Café 1828, serving delicious drinks and snacks. There are also two social spaces on either side of the upper ground floor, along with access to the Open Rooftop Garden.

Leave the Student Centre through the revolving doors on the upper ground floor, so you are facing the Library (to the right).

St Peter’s Art Centre (AC) is a converted church and is to the left of the Library, when you have the Student Centre behind you. This is one of our theatre venues and is primarily used to host the larger scale productions within the undergraduate performing arts courses.

To continue to the Library cross over and head up the ramp or steps on either side of the entrance and head through the revolving door. This is a secure building with controlled access and ID requirements.

The Library (LIB) is open 24/7 for students and staff during term time, with a wide range of different study environments for both individual and group study including bookable study rooms and pods. There are also many electronic resources which are available wherever you have access to the internet. We aim to cover as many of the reading resources which are available wherever you have access to study rooms and pods. There are also many electronic resources you will need for your course as possible, to limit the extra expense of textbooks and resources you will need.

Exit the Library through the revolving doors and turn left. In front of you will be St Peter’s Court (SPC) which is the location of our new Crime Scene Flats, made up of 15 flats that can be used to simulate a large variety of crime scenes. Turn left at the corner by the Library, following Adelphi Street towards Victoria Street.

Whitendale Halls of Residence (WR) can be seen to your right, through the car park. Walk down the pathway between the two car parks (12 and 20 on the map), towards the gated entrance to Whitendale Halls of Residence. Then turn and head towards Harrington Social Space (HA S).

Before you enter Harrington Social Space (HA S) on the left you will be able to see Allen Building (AL) UCLan’s building that houses the School of Medicine and Dentistry. It contains some of Europe’s most advanced facilities for students studying within the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Continue into the entrance of Harrington Social Space (HA S). This is a space that provides a place for staff and students to come together in a relaxed environment, while incorporating areas for break out activities and informal spaces for socialising.

Greenbank Building (GR) is to your right, housing our business, management and journalism courses as well as the clinical skills labs for nursing and midwifery. This will also connect to our new Veterinary Building, which is currently in the process of being built, due to be complete in 2024. This will be a four-storey building and home to the 11th Veterinary School in the UK. It will hold high-specification anatomical skills laboratories and a simulated clinical facility including a pharmacy, diagnostic suite, and simulation operating theatres.

Further information about this can be found here: uclan.ac.uk/news/uclan-plans-new-vet-school-building

To the left of the Social Space is Harrington Building (HA), including Harrington Kitchen. Harrington Building houses our courses in social work and health and is one of the University’s biggest lecture theatres, seating over 400 people. Our 24-hour campus security control centre (SC) is also situated in Harrington Building.

Exit by walking through Harrington Social Space’s automatic doors, on the opposite side you entered through. Then turn left heading towards the traffic lights. If the building is locked you can walk around the building by walking past Allen Building, then turn right at the end of the path and then right again at the traffic lights.

Across the road to your right is Brook Building (BB), which houses nursing, midwifery and physiotherapy clinics and courses. To the right of Brook Building is Ribble Halls of Residence (RI) including the launderette for the UCLan Halls of Residence in that area, and Eden Building (ER).

Turn left so Harrington Building is to your left and head towards the traffic lights. As you reach the traffic lights, Derwent Halls of Residence (DW) and Douglas Halls of Residence (DR) are on the right across the road. Turn left and cross over the road. There is a pathway to your right go down here.

Victoria Building (VB) is to your right and is home to our School of Arts and Media, design studios and workshops, as well as facilities for our range of fashion courses. The PR1 Gallery in Victoria Building holds two levels of fantastic exhibitions from the universities’ undergraduate and postgraduate students, staff and alumni. The gallery also welcomes many touring shows.
Turn so that Victoria Building is behind you. In front of you to your left is Adelphi Building (AB) housing our School of Psychology and Humanities. Our language courses are taught in this building. Continue straight ahead, until you reach a set of steps going up to your right, you have reached the Students’ Union (SU). The Atrium Café / Stop Gap Pizza Co. From this side of the SU you can enter the main Students’ Union area (by going down the steps), the Atrium café (by going up the steps to your left) or to the Stop Gap Pizza Co to your right. In the main area of the Students’ Union you will find the SU Opportunities Centre where you’ll discover information on all the sports clubs, societies, different events and activities as well as the volunteering opportunities available to students. This is also where you can find the SU’s own student media platform – Pulse Media, a radio station, TV station and print and online journalism. If you go through this way, walk straight out of the doors at the far end that will lead you back outside.

If the Students’ Union is closed, walk back towards Victoria Building and you will see a building to your left, this is Venue 53 (53). Turning right into the car park you can take the path down towards the road, from here that will lead back towards the front entrance, on Fylde Road, of the Students’ Union.

Cross the road and walk down towards the grey and green building in front of you. This is the Media Factory (ME), where creative students are provided with realistic exposure to the media world with theatre spaces, digital television studios, video game editing rooms and other facilities for theatre and film.

Propeller can be found on the 3rd floor of the Media Factory, this is a business incubation facility that supports UCLan students, graduates and staff who are thinking of becoming self-employed or starting their own business. Assisting from idea development through start-up and business growth with support from entrepreneurs from across the North West.

Exit the Media Factory and walk straight back the way you came, to your left you will see our Oasis Multi-Faith Centre (OFS). This is our bespoke, purpose-built, multi-faith centre, where the centre offers unconditional welcome and support to those of all faiths, or none. With a Library, multi-faith prayer rooms, meditation rooms and more.

When you reach the end of the road and are back facing the SU, turn right. The building to your right is our Computer and Technology Building (CM), continue along this road until you get to a crossing at Maudland Road. Turn right here, to your right are three terraced houses. These are our Crime Scene Houses used by forensics and policing; carry on until you get to the T junction. Roeburn Halls of Residence (RR) will be in front of you. To your left is JB Firth Building (JBF) home to some of our science courses. Turn left and head down the hill on Leighton Street.

Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre (STF) is located on your right, after you pass the Social Space Garden (on your left). It caters for a wide variety of sports including a double sports hall, modern gym and squash court. This building also houses the UCLan Pre-School Centre (PSC). Leave STF Sports Centre, cross over the crossing in front of the Pre-School Centre, carry on straight, then turn right at the end of the small car park, where you will be facing Darwin Building (DB).

Darwin Building (DB) provides state-of-the-art facilities for our psychology and sports science courses and includes one of the largest 3D lecture theatre screens in Europe, along with our Young Scientist Centre. Turn back around, where there will be a small bungalow building to your right. This is Wharf Building (WB).

Wharf Building (WB) houses the wind tunnels and fabrication workshops. Carry on walking straight and head through the automatic doors in front of you. This will lead you into Foster Social Space (FB S), which provides a place for staff and students to come together in a relaxed environment, incorporating areas for break out activities and informal spaces for socialising. Leave the social space through the opposite automatic doors past the study cubes. This will bring you out at Maudland Foyer.

(If Foster Social Space is closed walk back towards the road you came from, but before reaching the hill, follow around the building. This will walk you around Leighton Building and then between Maudland Building and JB Firth. You will then walk past a metal bridge on your right-hand side, keep walking towards the black building in front of you, but turn right before the bike shed. This will bring you out at Foster Square).

To your left is Leighton Building (LE) which houses physics and mathematics course facilities. In front of you is Maudland Building (MB) home to many of our science courses, Pharmacy Suite and Hydra Minerva Suite. Head to your left further into Foster Building (FB).

Foster Building (FB) houses many facilities including Foster Coffee Square and Refectory (to your right), the Student Medical Centre and Pharmacy. When you reach the end of the corridor, go out the automatic doors onto Foster Square (FS).

Before you walk up the hill you will be able to see a red brick building to your right, this is Harris Building (HB). This is the original University building (built in 1897) and is the current home to Lancashire Law School and its Moot Court Room.

To your left there is a tall black and glass building. This is the Engineering Innovation Centre (EIC) our state-of-the-art teaching and research facility that houses many of our engineering courses. Opened in October 2019, the £35m EIC is the largest single investment in Lancashire’s education infrastructure to date.

Once you have walked back up the hill, you can cross back over the road, and you will be back at the University Square (US).

UCLan Sports Arena is 10 minutes away, by car or free shuttlebus for students. The Sports Arena offers a variety of activities and high-quality facilities for both students and the community to enjoy recreational and competitive sport. The multi-million arena provides facilities for athletics, rugby league, rugby union, football, hockey, netball, tennis and cycling. There are also seven floodlit training grids, a 19-station fitness suite and an indoor room activity, theory session and fitness training. It’s a 64-acre site and is always on the lookout to introduce new sports and different ways to involve our students, staff and the community in sport and fitness.

To visit the arena by car use postcode PR2 1SG.
Preston Campus is located within a short walk of the city centre.

UCLan Sports Arena postcode is PR2 1SG.

Great location in the heart of Lancashire, yet close to the major cities of Manchester and Liverpool.
For SatNav users, our postcode is PR1 2HE

How to get here

Our postcode is PR1 2HE or you can find our main buildings and car parks in Google Maps

On foot from the Railway Station (10 mins)

Exit from the station’s main entrance, up the ramp past the taxi rank, turn right, cross over Butler Street.
Take the road diagonally to the left, Corporation Street. Cross the Ringway, then take first left down Corporation Street. Head straight down Corporation Street where you will see our original red brick building Harris Building. Continue straight up Fylde Road and the Students’ Union is on the right-hand side.

On foot from the Bus Station (15 mins)

Walk north on Carlisle Street towards North Road, turn right on North Road and the Ringway/A59. Continue along the side of the ringway, passing the Market/Magistrates Court. Cross the Ringway at the traffic lights at the Friargate junction and follow Friargate to the end. At the end of Friargate turn left and walk towards the University’s Engineering Innovation Centre (EIC), taking a right onto Fylde Road.
Continue straight up Fylde Road and the Students’ Union in on the right-hand side.

From the Bus Station

The number 31 bus service runs every 15 minutes from the bus station and stops outside the Computing and Technology Building on Fylde Road, which is opposite the Students’ Union/Venue 53 building.

By car

The University is signposted from Junctions 29, 31 and 32 of the M6 which are the easiest approach routes and there are yellow AA signs to the University en-route.

From the North or the West Coast

Leave the M6 at junction 32 (M55) and take Exit 1(A6) to Preston/Garstang. Follow the A6 Garstang Road to Preston. After crossing the Aqueduct Street/St Georges Road junction take the next right turn diagonally onto Moor Lane following the signs to Liverpool. The University is on the right-hand side and signposted along this route. Turn right onto Victoria Street for visitor car parking.

From the South or East Coast

Motorways M6, M61 or M65. Leave the M6 at junction 29, the M61 at junction 9 or leave the M65 at its end. Follow the A6 Preston through three roundabouts. You will pass The Capitol Centre to the left. Continue to follow the A6 signposted Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool and the University.

The Tourist Office

visitpreston.com
There are many different ways of travelling to UCLan

To help reduce the congestion, pollution and carbon emissions associated with car travel, please consider using public transport. As a city centre campus, we are within easy reach of both the bus and railway stations.

We have a Travel Plan in place which aims to make the University and Preston a more sustainable city in which to work, study and visit. See uclan.ac.uk or email commutertravel@uclan.ac.uk

Chat to current students - uclan.ac.uk/chat
More information on the Students’ Union - uclansu.co.uk

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