

Catching the Train to Preston from Manchester Airport

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To catch a train to Preston, please follow the signs to 'The Station', and then follow the signs for 'Trains and Trams'.

Trains start running from Manchester Airport to Preston at around 6am each day (On Sundays the first train may be a little later).

Trains run every 30-60 minutes throughout the day, usually 7 days a week. The last train each day is around 9:30pm.

If you get certain trains you will have to change at Manchester Piccadilly, so make sure you check whether your train is direct or if you have to change.

Please be aware, frequencies, times and routes are always subject to change due to engineering works which we at UCLan may be unaware of.

Please ask staff at the station if you are unsure.

To catch a train, you will need to purchase an 'Anytime Day Single' ticket to Preston. (You may be able to get an 'Off-Peak Day Single' ticket, which is a little cheaper but it can only be used on certain trains so be careful of these. Ask staff at the station if you are unsure.)

Tickets can be purchased from staff at the Ticket Desk, or you can use the 'Fast ticket' machines.

Make sure you keep your train ticket with you until you have arrived in Preston and are out of the station as train and/or station staff may ask to see it at any time and you will be asked to pay again if you do not have your ticket to show them.



Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic you MUST wear face coverings on all public transport in the UK.

Taxis

Alternatively, you can take a taxi from the Airport directly to Preston. For your safety, if you have not booked a taxi in advance, please book from the StreetCars desk in the terminal rather than booking via a taxi rank. This way you can ensure you will be taking a fully licenced taxi. We would normally expect a taxi to cost £50 -£70 from Manchester Airport to Preston. We would advise that you ask for a quote before you set off and also check what forms of payment they will accept.

Where to go if you need some help

When you arrive at Manchester Airport, if you get lost or have any problems, look out for the Information Desks in each of the terminals and at other places around the Airport. The staff there will be able to help you find the station.



Where to go when you reach Preston

After arriving in Preston, UCLan's Campus is a short walk from the train station. You can find a copy of our campus map [here](#).

Alternatively, you can take a taxi from the train station to campus, but do be aware, some black cabs which wait in the taxi rank at the front of the station can be expensive. As such you may want to call a local mini-cab company such as New City VIP Taxis on +44 01772 556655.

If you are going to be staying in UCLan's own accommodation, please check the emails you will have received confirming how and where to collect your keys. Usually this will be from the Student Accommodation office in the Students Union Building (in the Orange Zone on the campus map) or from the Security Control Centre (in the Purple Zone, indicated by the  Symbol on the Campus map).

If you are going to be living in private accommodation, you would normally go direct to the accommodation to collect your keys, unless you have been told otherwise. Be sure to check paperwork and emails from the lettings agent or company before you arrive for further details on this.

Where to go if you have not booked Accommodation

We strongly recommend that you secure accommodation before prior to your arrival at UCLan. If, for some reason, you have not been able to arrange this prior to arriving in Preston, please contact the *<i>* during their [opening hours](#) who will advise if it will be possible to put you in touch with the Accommodation team at that time.

If you arrive outside of the *<i>*'s opening hours, please go to the Security Control Centre who will assist you in booking a hotel for a night or two until the Accommodation Office is next open.

Please be aware that if you have chosen to arrive without any accommodation booked, the University will not pay for your hotel, you will need to arrange payment for the hotel room yourself when you book or check in.

Contact details

If you are unsure about anything in this document or have any problems getting from Manchester to Preston, please contact The *<i>* who will be able to assist

Telephone: +44 01772 895000

Email: internationalstudent@uclan.ac.uk

UCLan Security information

If The *<i>* is closed or unavailable, you can contact UCLan Security who will be able to give guidance on how to get to Preston safely. UCLan Security can be contacted at any time on any day of the year.

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