

Erasmus Policy Statement

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) began life back in 1828 as the Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge, and 'Ex solo ad solem' or in translation 'From the Earth to the Sun' has been our motto since the very beginning. That's because, whilst our name may have changed, our mission has not. Helping people with talent and a thirst for learning to make the most of their potential by benefiting from excellent higher education – whatever their background – is what UCLan is all about.

True to our mission, UCLan is amongst the leading universities for supporting people from underrepresented groups to access higher education. In 2014, UCLan introduced a comprehensive range of Foundation Year entry programmes to further strengthen our commitment to being an accessible university.

OUR VALUES

- The pursuit of excellence in all that we do
- Equality of opportunity for all, supporting the rights and freedoms of our diverse community
- The advancement and protection of knowledge, freedom of speech and enquiry
- Supporting the health, safety and wellbeing of all

UCLan has been a significant player in international higher education for many years. We have extensive franchise arrangements across

the world; our student body comprises of people from 120 different countries – all benefiting from our multi-cultural learning environment and opportunities to study in a different country; our staff actively collaborate with academic institutions overseas to further enhance their teaching and research; and we have an increasingly thriving campus in Cyprus delivering UCLan programmes and original research in a UCLan environment.

The University of Central Lancashire has been awarded the Charter for Higher Education for the Erasmus+ programme 2014-2021. The Erasmus Policy Statement below sets out our institutional strategy in relation to the charter. UCLan has an Internationalisation Strategy (EU and non-EU) that builds on the long standing global reputation. We have agreements with nearly 200 Universities across the globe (both EU and non-EU)

UCLan have key partners in Cyprus, Mauritius, China, Sri Lanka and Malaysia.

The University is unique in its core competencies around its ability to deliver a range of international activities which includes Erasmus+ programme.

UCLan is committed to offering every student an international experience. UCLan have set KPI's for students studying or working overseas, to reach these ambitious goals.

We are always looking at ways to expand the range of International Opportunities to both students and staff. We continue to work with students and staff on new initiatives through short term programmes.

To improve the quality and increase the volume of students and staff mobility throughout Europe. To contribute to the international strategy which ultimately feeds into the Universities overall strategy.

We will be ambitious in our implementation of the Internationalisation Strategy, attracting quality students, staff and partners, diversifying where necessary to provide sustainable and appropriate opportunities both overseas and in the UK.

In the context of a holistic strategic approach, we believe that internationalisation will enhance and shape our graduates, staff and institution within an environment that embraces and encourages internationalisation.

The university operates on a global market and we need to ensure that we move with the times and keep our university a truly global campus.

Internationalisation has been at the heart of our corporate strategy for some time, with the international student recruitment, global experiences for our students and overseas partnerships all forming part of the approach. Our Internationalisation strategy sets out a broader strategic vision, embedding global reach and profile across student and staff experiences, research, innovation/enterprise and the curriculum.

Our International Strategy was created through wide consultation with the University community, including staff, students and internal stakeholders, and with our external partners.

UCLan created an Internationalisation strategy 2016-2020:

Globalisation provides

Life

Opportunities that

Broaden the

Academic community's approach to

Learning, teaching and research

In pursuit of excellence in all that we do, UCLan will grow its global reputation and reach, providing our students and staff with unique opportunities and cultural experiences that impact, influence and encourage innovation.

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Development of International Partners – we will develop strategic partnerships that are not one-dimensional and enhance our global footprint in strategic geographical locations, provide growth across a number of subjects and activities eg research, joint bids and exchange. When choosing international partners our academic staff take a lead role in identifying these potential partners to ensure they are academically suitable.

We will promote what we do, showcasing at appropriate

Having a range of partners all over the world helps UCLan to work with the most suitable Universities to achieve our goal in international collaboration.

We aim to have partners on every continent to ensure that we have full coverage of the world.

Our International partners are diverse, reflecting the different needs and priorities of our partners and our own student and staff.

We will work with academic staff to develop partnerships in subject areas that we currently do not have partners. We will also look at enhancing the partnerships that we currently have by offering shorter exchanges via our travel bursary programme.

Enhance of Student and Staff Global Experience – We will provide students and staff with international opportunities and experiences to influence and enhance their work and outlook.

We will increase the number of students going overseas through various programmes which includes short term programmes, study and work placements.

We will work with the Student Union to establish societies that provide opportunities for students and staff to learn more about other countries / cultures.

We will attract world – class, leading academics from throughout the world to UCLan to undertake guest lectures, seminars and permanent teaching positions.

We will seek to significantly increase the number of UG students who experience mobility within and outside of Europe during their degree.

The University will encourage underrepresented groups and non-traditional groups to apply to study or undertake a work placement overseas.

UCLan will work with the Heads of Schools to encourage them to sign up to the staff Erasmus mobility scheme which will increase their professional, social and intercultural skills, learning from good practice from overseas partners.

Global Research & International Innovation and Enterprise – We will increase promotion of UCLan's research activity on the international stage, actively and aligning against key Government agendas.

We will increase joint research with international partners and academics, developing new strategic partners and utilising UCLan's existing institutional relationships.

We will provide international support to the academic community to maximise the impact from research through commercial partnership development.

We will develop expertise in engaging in enterprising activity on a global scale, and with global partners, developing a culture in which enterprise is encouraged and fostered as part of the core business, overseas as well as in the UK.

We will identify opportunities to provide our students and graduates with international work placements with key industry partners.

Internationalisation of the Academic Offer – We will further enhance and implement internationalisation of the curriculum, developing a clear understanding about what this means, ensuring that we encourage a culturally inclusive learning environment. We will continue to work

improving the quality and relevance of Higher Education by equipping our staff and students with the values, skills and experience living and working in a globalised world.

We will develop a number of courses with multiple entry points that would be attractive to the international student market and also support semester-based Study Abroad opportunities.

We will actively promote international opportunities to students at events, for example, open days, applicant days, marketing events, international events, departmental presentations, ESN and our Social Media Platforms.