Welcome to the International at UCLan Newsletter, designed to keep you informed about the latest developments at UCLan.

INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

Each edition of the International Newsletter will focus on a specific area of interest that we believe will help you in your journey to becoming a student at UCLan. We look forward to welcoming you to be part of the UCLan global community.

All editions of the International Newsletter are available on the International Applicants page of the UCLan website here.

THIS EDITION IS ALL ABOUT STUDENT LIFE IN PRESTON AND CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

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WHY CHOOSE UCLAN?

The University of Central Lancashire is the perfect destination if you're looking for a world-class education and an unforgettable student experience. UCLan has risen 30 places in The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020, making us the second highest riser in the UK. This follows on from being the biggest riser in the Complete University Guide 2020, and The Guardian’s 2020 University Guide highlighting our improvement in career prospects.

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT REASONS TO CHOOSE UCLAN ...

• Guaranteed Accommodation: All new full-time students are guaranteed a room in one of our halls of residence. From the moment you arrive, our friendly Residences Team will be on hand to help you settle in.

• Low cost living: Preston is one of the cheapest cities for students and is a value for money destination. Preston has a friendly atmosphere and a thriving community of over 30,000 students.

• £200m campus investment: Our Preston Campus is undergoing a radical transformation as our £200 million Campus Masterplan takes shape.

• Free Sports Centre membership: Our outstanding facilities include a fully equipped gym and fitness suite, sports hall and outdoor sports pitches.

• Learn a language for free: We offer all our students the chance to learn another language for free through our Worldwise Learning Centre. UCLan also offers free English Language Support for students who do not speak English as their first language.

Find out about the other reasons to choose UCLan [here](#).

ASK A STUDENT

Our [online chat facility](#) enables you to contact one of our current students and have a chat with them. There are a number of courses covered and the students are UK, EU and International students so you can get a great outlook on student life here at UCLan.

Francis from Anambra, Nigeria
MSc Applied Public Health

Garima from Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
MBA Master of Business Administration with Professional Placement

360 VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR

As an International applicant, you may not have the opportunity to visit UCLan before the start of your course. If you’re wondering what it’s like to study at the University of Central Lancashire, take a tour of our Preston City Campus from the comfort of your own home, checking out the teaching buildings, accommodation and student life on campus.
Here in Preston you’ll get the best of both worlds, an exciting student city right on your doorstep as well as links to nature and the great outdoors.

In the city centre you can discover some beautiful green spaces, including the charming Georgian setting of Winckley Square; an ideal place to escape the high street and watch the world go by, as well as the tranquil surroundings of Avenham and Miller parks, set on the banks of the River Ribble, which are the perfect place for a quiet stroll.

You’re never short of choice for a place to eat in Preston. The city centre is full of well-known and independent restaurants with a range of traditional and international menus to suit every taste. You’ll find many places in the centre but don’t forget to venture down Preston’s many side streets to find independent steakhouses and restaurants tucked away. There is also a thriving café culture with its numerous modern and vintage teashops and coffee houses. Whether you need to sit with your laptop to complete an assignment in peaceful surroundings or catch up with friends, there’s a café for you.

If it’s sports and activities outside of the classroom you are looking for, Preston has plenty of choice. You may want to take advantage of the free sports membership for access to our state-of-the-art Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre at UCLan or hire out the various sports facilities at the fantastic UCLan Sports Arena.

There are plenty of fun activities in and around Preston to entertain you. Why not head to Level - Preston’s newest leisure venue, based in the Guild Hall in the city centre. There’s everything from bowling, crazy golf and darts to an assault course, karaoke booths and laser tag.

Don’t just take it from us, you can read one student’s first-hand experience of Preston here.
UCLAN CAMPUS DEVELOPMENTS

Timelapse footage filmed since the first phase of works started has captured the construction of the newly-opened £35 million-plus state-of-the-art facility, part of the University’s £200 million Masterplan. The EIC will enable Lancashire to take centre stage in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, mirroring its importance as the beating heart of the original Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries. It will play its part in producing an increase of hundreds of locally trained graduates per year in areas including aerospace, mechanical and energy technologies and engineering.

Ground work has already begin for the Student Centre and New Square, which will draw the City and the University together like never before. Creating a space with aesthetics mirroring Fishergate Preston, the project and its associated highways will generate a new vision for the Adelphi Quarter.

The Student Centre building will create a much-needed gateway into campus, with a reception area and grab and go coffee shop to welcome staff, students and visitors alike. Providing a home for the various student services at the University, the building will contain offices, meeting rooms, workstations and event venues. This investment will help staff to continue the outstanding support they provide for students and welcome local communities into the University.

More information about the ongoing campus developments, as well as an interactive map showing the transformations can be found here.

BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

UCLan has numerous bursaries and scholarships available for International students. The ones below are automatically assessed at application stage and will show on your offer letter, so no need for a separate application to them:

- **International Bursary**
- **Merit Scholarship**
- **Excellence Scholarship**

You can check the criteria by visiting your Find Your Country / Territory page.

- **Alumni Scholarship**

  Information on these and our other available scholarships can be found on our website.

NEXT STEPS

As you have received an offer of a place of study, we will continue to send you important information to read over the next few months, including advice about the decisions you will need to make and guidance about what you need to do next.

There is lots of information available on our International Applicants webpages to help you continue on your journey and prepare to become a UCLan student.

If you have any problems, no matter how small, we are here to help you, so please don’t hesitate to contact us.

We hope you’ve found this edition of International@UCLan Newsletter of interest. We are always interested to know if you have anything you want to tell us about, or if there’s anything in particular you want to know about UCLan, please get in touch with us at: International@uclan.ac.uk

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