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 ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING AT UCLAN

“It was great that even though my application was quite late, there were still accommodation options for me here in Preston.” Anirudha Singh Bhadoria
LIVING AT UCLAN

Living in our accommodation is an exciting experience and provides a fantastic way to immerse yourself into University life at UCLan. We want you to enjoy living and studying with us, ensuring that you feel fully supported during your stay, and we are dedicated to ensuring that you enjoy a high standard of accommodation throughout your time at UCLan.

The allocation of accommodation seeks to encourage integration and ensure that international students enjoy the best possible experience during their time here, bringing people together from different backgrounds and circumstances to enrich your experience. We want to make your transition to University life as easy and enjoyable as possible and find that lifelong friendships are often formed through this experience.

All the halls are located on campus and are either owned or leased by the university. Each flat contains a kitchen, dining and a communal area, and your water and energy bills are all included in the price. There are on-campus laundrettes available with washers and driers that are open until late, seven days a week.

All rooms have free internet and WiFi access, and every bedroom contains a study desk, chair, chest of drawers and wardrobe. All en-suite rooms contain a shower and toilet with all other room types containing a wash basin and mirror. All of the halls have 24/7 security provision.

The cost of living in the Preston area is generally lower than many other parts of the UK and although all accommodation is self-catering you will find it is located close to many food and shopping outlets.

More details including photographs of all the halls can be found [here](#).

PRICES & PAYMENTS

The weekly contract price will vary depending upon the halls of residence in which you choose to stay. For example, the weekly price will increase if you select accommodation with en-suite bathroom facilities compared to those without.

The standard price ranges from £79.45 per week to a maximum of £128.38 per week (2020/21), which is the price for a self-contained flat. Once you have received your offer of accommodation, you are required to pay a 25% deposit, with full payment of the balance to be paid no later than 14 days after arrival.

If you are a sponsored student you will not be required to make a deposit payment for your accommodation, although you will need to provide evidence of sponsorship.

Click here for details of the different contracts and price structures.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

UCLan can guarantee a room in halls, on campus, for every new full-time student.

All the halls of residence are located within a 7-minute walk of all teaching buildings on campus.
The UCLan Student Accommodation Service staff are dedicated to ensuring that you are able to secure accommodation and an enjoyable standard of living throughout your period of study with us. Our Customer Service Team are the people who you will communicate with before you first arrive. When you make an application for accommodation, they process your request and deal with room allocation, deposit payments and any questions that you may have. You can discuss the option of living in UCLan halls of residence or private sector registered accommodation with them.

If you opt to live in UCLan owned halls, during your stay the Residences Officers will be available during working hours throughout the week to assist you with any problems you encounter.

The Private Sector Team will provide you with assistance and support if you decide to live in private registered accommodation with one of UCLan’s registered landlords. All landlords on the register are compliant with UCLan’s Core Requirements for Landlords. You should be aware that some unregistered landlords sometimes make additional charges that you may not expect for utilities such as gas, WiFi access and service fees. To avoid any potential problems, we strongly advise you to discuss any potential contract with the Accommodation Team before you sign it. We would also recommend, where possible, that you secure accommodation through the Accommodation Service to avoid potential problems.

“I am in Ribble Halls and have been made very welcome. Everything is on hand and I am close to campus.” Elizabeth Pare

A SECURE UNIVERSITY

It is our intention to ensure that all students, staff and visitors are able to enjoy a safe and secure environment throughout their stay on campus and while living in UCLan student accommodation. The University actively promotes safety measures to students and does everything it can to ensure safety.

The Campus Security and Community Safety team comprises of qualified professionals who provide a permanent point of contact throughout the year, maintain a visible and approachable presence, and deliver support, advice and emergency response. They work alongside Student Support Officers, to not only provide a secure environment but who are also able to provide a rapid response to any emergency situations that may arise. Security personnel regularly patrol the campus premises and can be contacted 24 hours a day throughout the year should they be needed.

The Purple Flag status is awarded to towns and cities that exceed the standards of excellence in managing their evening and night-time economy. Although the award indicates that towns and cities should provide an entertaining, diverse, safe and enjoyable night out a spokesman confirmed that: “Cities must be welcoming to everyone, offer safe ways for visitors to travel home and be appealing not just at night but during the day too.” Preston was awarded Purple Flag “safe” city status in 2011 and has held this every consecutive year since.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a small team of Student Support Officers working within the Student Accommodation Service. They can be found around the accommodation halls on campus all through the year with some members of the team accessible throughout the evening.
**HOW DO I APPLY?**

You should apply for accommodation through our online application service as soon as your CAS has been issued.

You can either apply online for accommodation owned and managed by the UCLan Student Accommodation Service or you can submit an application form (available online) if you would prefer to stay in private accommodation that is owned by a landlord who is on the UCLan official register.

Rooms will be allocated once your application has been processed. Places are offered in order based on the date of the applications received and availability. You will be asked to indicate a number of preferred halls of residence choices when applying in addition to the type of room you would prefer. We will acknowledge receipt of your application and during the allocation process we will attempt to meet your requirements.

Once an offer of accommodation has been made you will complete your reservation by paying your reservation fee deposit. If you are unhappy with your accommodation you can submit a request to change which we will try to fulfil, subject to availability.

Full details are available on the UCLan Student Accommodation website.

**WHAT SHOULD I BRING?**

You will need your own bedding, including pillows and duvet, however, you will be able to purchase these cheaply from the numerous shops local to campus.

You will also need minimal kitchen equipment. Again, no need to bring these in your suitcase as you can shop for the rest with your fellow students once you arrive.

Read more from one of our current international students and her *Top Tips Before Arrival*.

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**ACCOMMODATION FAQS**

1. We recommend that you book accommodation BEFORE you arrive in the UK, even if that’s a hotel for your first night. This will allow time to secure permanent accommodation if you have not pre-booked.

2. If you arrive to your booked accommodation outside of the accommodation office opening hours, you will be able to have your keys issued and gain access to your new home at anytime, thanks to the 24 hour security service at all the halls of residence. Your arrival instructions will have full details included.

3. A 25% accommodation payment is due to reserve your accommodation with the remainder of the full payment to be made no later than 14 days after your arrival.

4. If you need something to be repaired or replaced contact the Residences Team and they will be able to assist you.
We hope you've found this edition of International at 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.

The information contained in this literature was compiled in March 2020 and all reasonable care has been taken to ensure its accuracy at that time of printing. Please check our website www.uclan.ac.uk for updates. The University cannot guarantee that all courses will be available in exactly the form and detail described and it may be necessary to vary the content or availability of some courses. Material changes will be highlighted in course documentation and also at the time an offer to study on a particular course is made.

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**STUDENT LIFE AT UCLAN**

International students contribute to the thriving global community at UCLan.

Our mission is to create a vibrant, engaging, inclusive community within our halls of residence. We want all residents to have a place they belong to the moment they step onto campus and our halls community is one way you can make that happen.

We work hard to create a safe, comfortable environment that both challenges and supports the social and academic development of our residents. Please get involved throughout the year in our events and activities. If you want more information, please contact your Residences Officer.

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. 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, as well as the thriving café culture with its numerous modern and vintage teashops and coffee houses.

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.

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**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.

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**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 the International Admissions Team about your application.