

# **INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS**

## **2026**

# WELCOME

## AS VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA, I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR VIBRANT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.

As the only UK university with a campus in a national park, our uplifting location and commitment to your future inspires our industry-informed curriculum. It is a credit to the dedication of our staff and the hard work of our students that we remain the highest ranked university in the north west for graduate employment.

We are proud to welcome international students from all over the world. Our international students are a critical part of our university community, bringing global perspectives, cultural diversity and energising ideas to our learning and social environment.

We understand that studying in a new country can be challenging. That's why we offer tailored support and flexible learning, led by experienced academics

grounded in industry, practice, and research. Our programmes are designed to develop the skills, experience, and critical thinking needed for global careers.

We are committed to providing the very best opportunities for our students and integrate closely with industry to ensure that when you graduate you are prepared for the world of work and for your future global success.

Studying at the University of Cumbria can be a life changing experience. We invite you to grow with us to become the change-makers of tomorrow.

**Professor Julie Mennell, DL**  
Vice-Chancellor



**NO.1**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**IN THE UK FOR**  
**PRODUCING CEOs**  
**AND MDs\***



**AWARDED SILVER**  
**IN THE TEACHING**  
**EXCELLENCE**  
**FRAMEWORK 2023**  
**FOR STUDENT**  
**OUTCOMES**

**2<sup>ND</sup>**   
**MOST AFFORDABLE**  
**UK CITY FOR STUDENT**  
**ACCOMMODATION†**

**INTERNATIONAL**  
**GRADUATES FROM**  
**CUMBRIA ARE**  
**WORKING IN OVER 80**  
**COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE —**  
**IN INDUSTRIES SUCH**  
**AS HEALTHCARE, BUSINESS,**  
**AND THE CREATIVE ARTS** 

**WE ARE ONE OF THE ONLY**  
**UK UNIVERSITIES WITH**  
**A CAMPUS LOCATED**  
**IN A UNESCO WORLD**  
**HERITAGE SITE —**  
**THE STUNNING LAKE**  
**DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK**

**NO.1**  
**UNIVERSITY IN THE NORTH WEST**  
**AND IN THE TOP 10 IN THE UK**  
**FOR GRADUATES INTO EMPLOYMENT**  
**OR FURTHER STUDY**  
**WITHIN 15 MONTHS. (97%) +**



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# HISTORY

The University of Cumbria was established in 2007 through the merger of St Martin's College, the Cumbria Institute of the Arts, and other educational institutions across the region. Together, these institutions laid the foundations for a new university with campuses spread across Cumbria and North Lancashire.

Our heritage dates back to 1822, and we are proud to continue a legacy of education, creativity, and service to the community.

## 1822

The Society of the Encouragement of Fine Arts (which later became the Cumbria Institute of the Arts) is founded.

## 1862

Skiddaw, the Grade II listed building that is now at the heart of our Fusehill Street campus in Carlisle, is approved as a workhouse by the Board of Health.

## 1897

The King's Own Royal Regiment builds the Bowerham Barracks in Lancaster.

## 1950

The Society of the Encouragement of Fine Arts relocates to Brampton Road and becomes the Carlisle College of Art.

## 1964

The Bowerham Barracks is transformed into St. Martin's College, offering degrees in education and health. The site is officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

## 1990s

St. Martin's College takes over the management of Charlotte Mason College in Ambleside.

## 2002

The Carlisle College of Art becomes the Cumbria Institute of the Arts.

## 2007

The University of Cumbria is officially created.



University of  
**CUMBRIA**

# BE A PART OF OUR GROWING UNIVERSITY

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This is an exciting time to join the University of Cumbria. We are entering a new era of inspirational, inclusive, and accessible higher education, supporting both students and communities.

**Bold campus developments** will continue to create outstanding, state-of-the-art facilities for our students, staff, and communities.

**Symbolic landmarks** will inspire creativity, enrich learning, and spark new ideas through research and innovation.

**Digital transformations** and technological advances will drive forward and expand how we teach and prepare you for a successful career.

At the University of Cumbria, you'll join a university with deep roots and bold ambitions, where cutting-edge facilities, creative thinking, and a commitment to inclusive education come together to shape a future full of possibility.



# WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

## A UK education is globally respected and opens doors worldwide.

Home to world-renowned universities, cutting-edge teaching, and leading academics, the UK offers everything you need to thrive. One in four world leaders has studied in the UK—proof that a UK education can take you far.

At the University of Cumbria, you'll benefit from:

- A globally recognised, high-quality education
- Tools and skills for a successful career
- A rewarding and vibrant student experience

## Why you should study abroad

Studying in a new country is a powerful way to grow—academically, professionally, and personally.

- Build valuable international experience and develop transferable skills
- Improve your language abilities and expand your global network
- Immerse yourself in a new culture and gain a broader worldview
- Stand out to employers with international education on your CV/résumé

### KAN'ICHI MIRIAM EBUNOLU | NIGERIA

“ I decided to study abroad just to gain that additional touchpoint when it comes to education, so that's basically my real aim. ”



### JAYDEN GLINKA | CANADA

“ I wanted to study somewhere natural, so Cumbria, with its easy access to the Lake District National Park had huge appeal. As a location, it was also very affordable - one of the most inexpensive universities in the country in my opinion. ”

### MUHAMMAD TALHA | PAKISTAN

“ Cumbria provided a wide range of support services that really helped me settle in. From the very beginning, they were responsive to all my immigration-related questions, explaining the visa process and giving clear information about my course. ”



### KRUPA JOHN KURIEN | INDIA

“ It is a really friendly university, every student that comes here is looking for that friendly atmosphere. Everyone I've communicated with has been really helpful and I would definitely recommend it. ”

### BIN SUN | CHINA

“ I wanted to learn more to help improve my school in China. Cumbria offered me something new and different. ”



# RESEARCH IMPACT

## Research

Since our formation in 2007, the University of Cumbria has built a growing reputation for impactful, innovative research that benefits communities, practitioners, and industries both in the UK and around the world.

Our research-informed courses offer students the chance to engage in real-world investigations that contribute to global progress. Our expert academic staff are active researchers, providing world-class support and supervision to help students make meaningful contributions in their field.

42%

OF OUR SUBMISSION TO THE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK 2021 WAS RATED 'INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT' OR BETTER

54%

OF OUR RESEARCH IMPACT WAS ALSO RATED 'INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT'

FIND OUT MORE



## Research Spotlight at Cumbria

Research Spotlight at Cumbria is our newest podcast series profiling our researchers and their impact-driven work – they're making a difference in mental health, fine art teaching practice, ecology and conservation, and community life. To get a taste of our exciting research, visit our Spotify channel by scanning the QR code.

LISTEN HERE



## OUR RESEARCH THEMES



### HEALTH & WELLBEING

Research in the Institute of Health contributes to the positive transformation of health and social outcomes, driving excellence in research, evaluation, scholarship, and practice.



### ENVIRONMENT & GEOGRAPHY

Led by the Centre of National Parks and Protected Areas (CNPPA), our research addresses complex local and global challenges and enables us to develop innovative practices that enhance landscapes and communities.



### EDUCATION & OUTDOOR LEARNING

The Learning, Education and Development Research Centre (LED) supports practitioners in publishing high-quality research that influences policy and professional development.



### CREATIVE PRACTICE

The Arts Research Initiative explores a range of creative disciplines and topics, such as environmental issues, mythologies, and political landscapes.



### BUSINESS, INDUSTRY & LEADERSHIP

Our work in the Institute of Business, Industry and Leadership focuses on regional development, sustainable leadership, project management, and tourism.

## Careers and Employability Service

**We understand how important your career is to you.**

**We're committed to enhancing your job prospects and making your transition into the workplace as seamless as possible.**

At every campus, we provide a range of support services, including careers and employability events, workshops, drop-in sessions, and expert advice on career planning and development.

You can access our Careers and Employability Service through the Careers Hub (My Career Enriched), the Student Enquiry Point, by phone, or online.

## Working as a student or a recent graduate

Many of our international students choose to complement their studies with part-time work, course-related placements, or internships.

Our Careers and Employability Service offers guidance on working in the UK, helping you understand work restrictions and immigration permissions.

If your immigration status allows you to stay beyond your studies, the service can also connect you with information and advice about working in the UK after graduation.



**THE SKILLS TEAM AT CUMBRIA ARE VERY HELPFUL. THEY ARE ABLE TO HELP YOU WITH REFERENCING AND ACADEMIC SKILLS, AND I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT.**

**Shannara Martinez, MSc International Management**



## My Career Enriched

**Use the Careers and Employability Service from the day you arrive, throughout your studies, and for up to three years after you graduate.**

You'll get help with:

- Finding graduate jobs, part-time work, work experience, volunteering, placements, and paid internships, in line with any conditions associated with your student visa.
- One-to-one advice and practice interviews.
- Careers fairs, webinars, and events.
- Personalised feedback on your CV, cover letter, or application.
- Short online courses to build your employability skills.
- Practical workshops on CVs, applications, interviews, and success in your chosen field.

**FIND OUT MORE**





# STUDENT SUPPORT

## Our Thriving Community

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**Choosing to undertake a university course can feel like a big step.**

At the University of Cumbria, you'll join a supportive and welcoming community of students, staff, alumni and international partners. We are just as excited for you to be part of our wonderful, vibrant community as we are to guide you on your path to success.

## Supporting Local Communities

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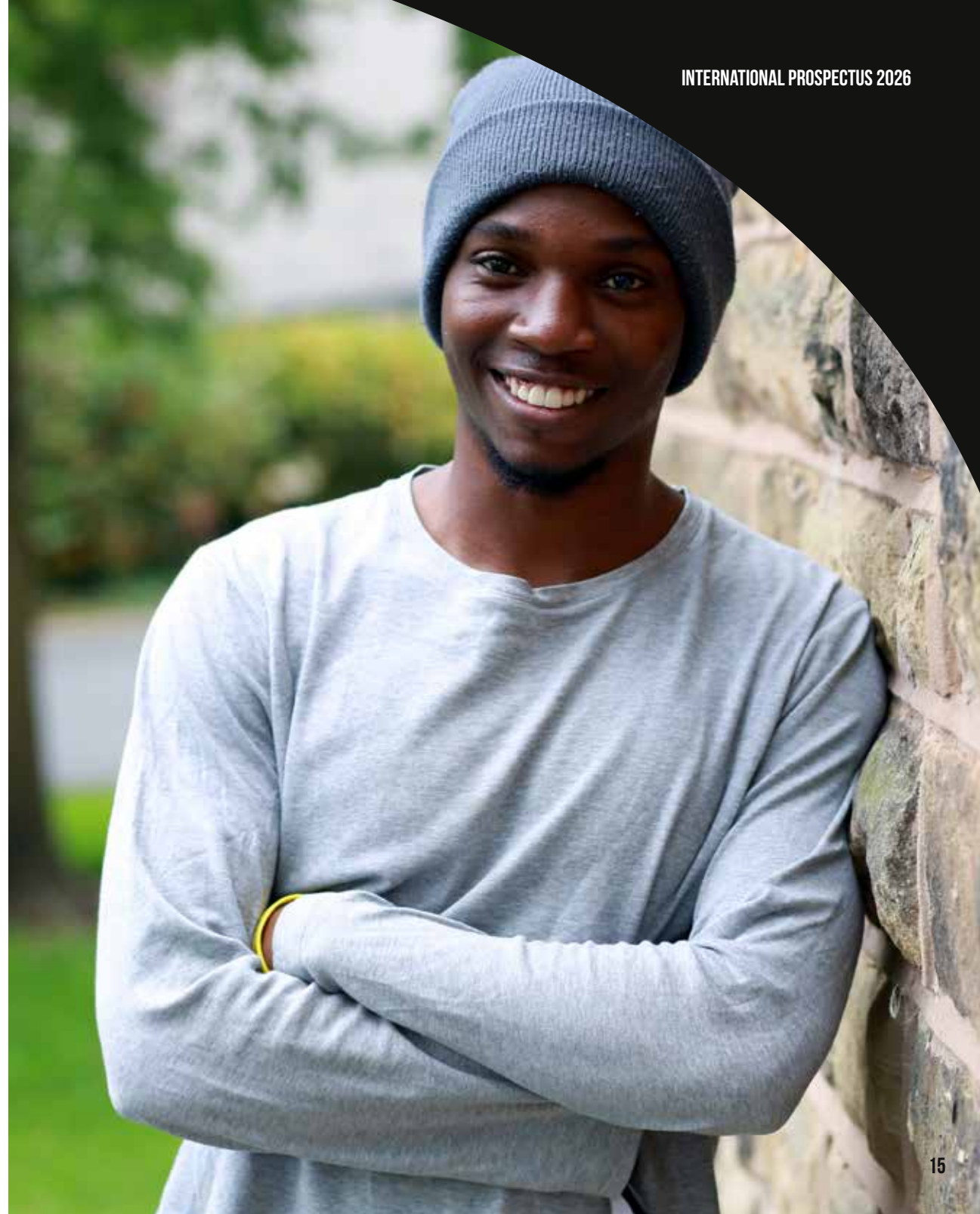
We're proud to play an active role in helping our local communities thrive. From organising charity fundraisers and supporting local festivals to running our Young Care Leavers programme, we're committed to making a positive impact.

Surrounded by inspiring and innovative businesses, our communities offer valuable opportunities for students to volunteer, learn and get involved.

## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

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At the University of Cumbria, we believe in equal opportunities for all. We welcome diversity and aim to foster inclusive environments so that all students can enjoy their time at university and achieve their career goals.





## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

### LIBRARIES

**Supporting your learning with access to thousands of books, journals, and electronic resource collections, our libraries provide a complete range of services and support to enhance your academic and study skills.**

Our campus libraries are friendly, welcoming, and safe spaces for you to use and enjoy. Our supportive Skills@Cumbria team offers appointments, workshops, webinars, online resources, and videos on a wide range of topics, including referencing, searching skills, academic writing, and more.

### HEALTH & WELLBEING

**We all experience challenges at times. Whether you need someone to talk to or support through a difficult period, our Mental Health and Wellbeing team is here for you.**

They offer confidential support to help you manage personal, emotional, or psychological difficulties so you can thrive in your studies and beyond.

### UoC ACTIVE

**UoC Active is here to help you maintain an active lifestyle. We offer a range of facilities and services, including:**

- Affordable memberships for university campus and local partner facilities
- Free activities and events
- A range of exercise classes
- Discounted sports hall hire
- Health & fitness award courses
- Expert advice and guidance

### VISA & IMMIGRATION

**Many international students will require a Student Visa to study in the UK and you will need to plan this as far in advance as possible.**

When it is time to apply for a visa, our Specialist Admissions Team can provide you with advice and guidance throughout the application process.

### DISABILITY

**The Disability and Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) Team provides support and advice to:**

- Develop your action plan to ensure academic staff are aware of your individual needs.
- Give you specialist support with note taking, study skills and mentoring.
- Provide you with screening for special learning difficulties (SpLD).

### CHAPLAINCY

**Our Chaplaincy team provides a safe place, a listening ear and personal support to all students and staff, regardless of their beliefs.**

The chaplains run contemplative prayer and meditation sessions, retreats and other events, as well as providing faith spaces and quiet rooms – including chapels and Muslim prayer rooms – across our campuses.

### MONEY ADVICE

**There's a lot to consider when making the decision to study overseas, so it's only natural that you have questions about your finances and life in the UK.**

The University of Cumbria's Money Advice Service is here to help you plan your finances and manage your money whilst you study, giving you useful skills that will last long after you graduate. The team can offer guidance on:

- Statutory funding
- Budgeting and saving money
- Dealing with debt
- Bursaries, scholarships and other financial support options

Our student money advisors work across all campuses and can provide support one-to-one, via Teams or at university events.

# UCSU STUDENTS' UNION

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SOCIETIES  
& GROUPS



**Hello! We are the University of Cumbria Students' Union (UCSU), and it's our mission to represent and support you. We're a charity set up by and for students, and we work independently with the university. We'll help you to develop and achieve your dreams, collaborating with our partners to deliver the best possible student experience during your time at the University of Cumbria.**

Each year, you'll vote to elect a team of Student Officers and Campus Representatives who form the Executive Committee. This team represents the student body at the university, ensuring that your voices are heard and your achievements are celebrated. This Team will represent the students at the university making sure the student voice is heard and successes are celebrated.

## Societies & Groups

We have a wide range of societies that cover everything from midwifery to paddle boarding, criminology to mountain climbing. Student groups are here to help you discover new activities and meet new friends. If something you want to do doesn't already exist, we'll help you set it up. Scan the QR code above to view a list of current societies & groups.

## Events

Events are offered both through UCSU and our Student Groups and include club nights, festivals, city events, volunteering fairs, workshops, training courses, and more. We aim to provide events and opportunities that everyone across the university community will enjoy.



NURSING SOCIETY



WOMEN'S HOCKEY



BUSHCRAFT SOCIETY



CHRISTIAN UNION



MEN'S HOCKEY



PARAMEDIC SOCIETY



# OUR LOCATIONS

## FOUR CAMPUSES. ONE STORY.

We are the only university in the UK to have a campus located in a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Surrounded by natural beauty, our campuses are located across the North West of England and are home to welcoming communities of staff and students.

### **Lancaster:**

Set in beautiful parkland, our Lancaster campus offers expert facilities and a friendly environment. It's also only a 10-minute walk from the city centre.

### **Ambleside:**

Based within a National Park, our Ambleside campus provides exceptional facilities and easy access to the Lake District, creating a unique student experience.

### **Carlisle Fusehill Street:**

Offering a welcoming environment, spaces for socialising, and specialist course facilities, our Fusehill Street campus is just a 10-minute walk from the city centre.

### **Carlisle Brampton Road:**

Home to our Creative and Media Arts degrees, Brampton Road has a friendly atmosphere and a creative environment – it's the perfect place for you to develop your skills.





# CARLISLE



Carlisle is a vibrant city with a great cultural scene and a lively student atmosphere. With excellent restaurants, welcoming parks, and hidden gems, there's always something new to discover. When you're not studying, you can visit local independent shops, enjoy live music at the Old Fire Station, or admire the historic beauty of Carlisle Castle and Cathedral.

Between lectures, the city offers many ways to stay active and have fun, from swimming to running clubs, bowling, and escape rooms. Carlisle's cultural calendar is full of exciting events throughout the year.

WITH VIBRANT NIGHTLIFE AND A GREAT SELECTION OF PUBS, COCKTAIL BARS, AND CLUBS, CARLISLE OFFERS A GREAT MIX OF ENTERTAINMENT, CULTURE, AND COUNTRYSIDE - MAKING IT THE IDEAL PLACE TO MAKE LASTING MEMORIES DURING YOUR TIME AT UNIVERSITY.

FIND OUT MORE



FROM	TO	BY TRAIN
Travel times from Carlisle:	Manchester	2 hours
	London	3.5 hours
	Lake District	45 minutes
	Edinburgh	2.5 hours



# LANCASTER



Lancaster is the ultimate university city, offering everything you need to make the most of your student life. Discover the city's rich history at Lancaster Castle, experience the vibrant local arts scene at the Grand Theatre, or wander the charming streets filled with local shops and comfortable cafés.

Markets bring the city centre to life with lots of food options for everyone. After trying new cuisines, take a peaceful walk along the canal or explore the beautiful Williamson Park. As the sun sets, experience Lancaster's lively student nightlife, with plenty of clubs, bars, and music venues to enjoy.

If you want a break from city life, the beautiful coastal town of Morecambe is just a short bus ride away. The stunning Lake District National Park is also nearby, offering endless opportunities for adventure and nature - perfect for capturing those special moments to share on social media.

FIND OUT MORE



FROM	TO	BY TRAIN
Travel times from Lancaster:	Manchester	1 hour
	London	2.5 hours
	Lake District	1.5 hours
	Edinburgh	2.5 hours

WITH ITS PERFECT BLEND OF CITY LIFE AND NATURAL BEAUTY, LANCASTER PROVIDES EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE TRULY UNFORGETTABLE.



# AMBLESIDE



Located in the heart of the Lake District National Park, our Ambleside campus offers a unique student experience. Surrounded by nature, it provides outstanding facilities and many opportunities for outdoor learning and adventure.

But it's not just about the outdoors. After a day of exploring, you can relax in a comfortable café with a hot chocolate, enjoy a delicious meal at a welcoming restaurant, or meet friends at one of Ambleside's vibrant bars and pubs.

FIND OUT MORE



FROM	TO	BY TRAIN
Travel times from Ambleside (Lake District):	Manchester	2 hours
	London	4 hours
	Edinburgh	3.5 hours

EXPLORE STUNNING LANDSCAPES AND GET INVOLVED IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - BOTH FAMILIAR AND NEW.



# YOUR HOME AT CUMBRIA

Living in university accommodation is a key part of the student experience for many. Our halls of residence offer more than just a place to stay – they provide a safe, supportive environment where you can live, study, and build lasting friendships.

We offer a range of on-campus accommodation to suit all budgets, combining comfort with value for money. And with a range of room types available, there's an option to match your needs and lifestyle.

If you're considering private housing, our Student Pad Database features accredited landlords to ensure that properties meet all Health and Safety standards. We also work in partnership with Lancaster University Homes to ensure a reliable and student-friendly rental experience:  
[www.lancasteruniversityhomes.co.uk](http://www.lancasteruniversityhomes.co.uk)

If you are staying in private accommodation, it's important that you are within a one-hour travel distance to your campus so you can easily attend your classes as part of your visa requirement.

## GUARANTEE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All international students at undergraduate level are guaranteed a place in university halls for their first year of study, providing they accept their offer before 29 August.



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EN-SUITE AND  
SHARED FACILITIES

GREAT LOCATIONS  
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GOOD QUALITY  
ACCOMMODATION



## BRAMPTON ROAD HALLS

**LOCATION:** Brampton Road, Carlisle **AVAILABILITY:** 112 bedrooms  
**ROOM TYPE:** 36 en-suite bedrooms and 76 standard single bedrooms  
**STUDENTS PER FLAT:** 5–7 students **PRICE:** Standard single £91.00 PW, en-suite £129.00 PW



## CARROCK HALL

**LOCATION:** Fusehill Street, Carlisle **AVAILABILITY:** 85 bedrooms  
**ROOM TYPE:** En-suite bedrooms  
**STUDENTS PER FLAT:** 5–7 students **PRICE:** £139.00 PW





## DENTON HOLME

**LOCATION:** Norfolk Street, Carlisle **AVAILABILITY:** 249 rooms within 25 townhouses  
**ROOM TYPE:** Fully furnished en-suite and standard rooms with 3/4 beds  
**PRICE: £125.75 PW** \*Denton Holme is a nominated partner of the University of Cumbria.



## FELL COURT

**LOCATION:** Rydal Road, Ambleside **AVAILABILITY:** 71 bedrooms, split across 7 townhouses  
**ROOM TYPE:** En-suite, open plan kitchen dining and lounge **STUDENTS PER FLAT:** 8–11 students  
**PRICE: £146.00 PW**



## WADDELL HALLS

**LOCATION:** Lancaster **AVAILABILITY:** 241 rooms **ROOM TYPE:** Mix of en-suite and standard single, with communal kitchen lounges **STUDENTS PER FLAT:** Between 6-7 students, in blocks of 6  
**PRICE: Standard single £103.00 PW, en-suite £139.00 PW**



## FAIRFIELD HALLS

**LOCATION:** Rydal Road, Ambleside **AVAILABILITY:** 40 bedrooms  
**ROOM TYPE:** En-suite, communal kitchen spaces per floor, with social lounge/common room on the ground floor. **STUDENTS PER FLAT:** 10 students **PRICE: £139.00 PW**







## HELVELLYN HALLS

**LOCATION:** Rydal Road, Ambleside **AVAILABILITY:** 20 bedrooms  
**ROOM TYPE:** Mix of standard and large single, spread across 3 floors  
**PRICE:** £103.00 PW



## WANSFELL HALL

**LOCATION:** Rydal Road, Ambleside **AVAILABILITY:** 11 bedrooms  
**ROOM TYPE:** Mix of standard and large single, with communal kitchens and dining areas, also with access to the social lounge based in Fairfield Hall **PRICE:** £103.00 PW



## THE COTTAGES

**LOCATION:** Nook Lane, Ambleside **AVAILABILITY:** 4–5 bedrooms  
**ROOM TYPE:** Self-catered standard and large single rooms, with both a front garden and a rear yard  
**PRICE:** £103.00 PW standard single, £116.00 PW large single



## PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

If planning to relocate with family, make sure you check government guidance for up to date information about families and partners accompanying international students ([www.gov.uk/student-visa/family\[1\]members](http://www.gov.uk/student-visa/family[1]members)). Please be aware that our on-campus residences do not accommodate couples or families. For those of you seeking this type of accommodation, we recommend visiting sites such as Rightmove ([www.rightmove.co.uk](http://www.rightmove.co.uk)) and Zoopla ([www.zoopla.co.uk](http://www.zoopla.co.uk)) or using the key words below in your search engines: "Private Accommodation available around Ambleside/Private Accommodation available around Carlisle/Private Accommodation available around Lancaster".

Feel free to contact our team if you'd like to explore your housing options further:  
[accommodationadmin@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:accommodationadmin@cumbria.ac.uk)



# INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

The University of Cumbria International College is operated by Malvern International to offer a suite of pathway programmes for international students preparing for undergraduate and postgraduate degree study in the UK, with guaranteed opportunity for progression to the University of Cumbria.

We are committed to helping you have an unforgettable experience at Cumbria. Our friendly staff at the International College will be on hand to provide support and advice, and we'll organise a range of exciting activities to help you get used to living in the UK. You will also have full access to university facilities, so you can get involved with campus life from day one.

## Why study at the University of Cumbria International College

As a student at the International College, you'll join a diverse and welcoming community, learning in a supportive environment designed specifically for international students.

All programmes include built-in language and academic support to help you reach your full potential. With small class sizes and weekly one-to-one tutorial sessions, you'll receive personalised guidance to strengthen your subject knowledge, academic skills, and English language proficiency.



## International Foundation Programme

The International Foundation Programme leads to a range of degrees at the University of Cumbria on one integrated visa for the full duration of your studies. Designed to prepare you for undergraduate-level study, the programme builds your academic confidence through interactive, supportive classroom teaching.

You will study core modules in academic English, critical thinking, and study skills, and tailor your learning through subject-specific streams aligned with your intended degree.

Foundation streams available:

- Business, Law & Social Sciences
- Computer Science
- Health & Medical Biosciences

## International Year One

The International Year One programme provides a direct route into Year 2 of select undergraduate degrees in Business and Management or Computer Science. Designed specifically for international students, this programme helps you strengthen your academic English, develop critical thinking and academic writing skills, and benefit from extra classroom support in a university-style learning environment while studying subject-specific modules aligned with your chosen degree.

## Pre-Master's Programme

The Pre-Master's Programme is designed for international students who hold an undergraduate degree but do not yet meet the academic or English language requirements for postgraduate study in the UK.

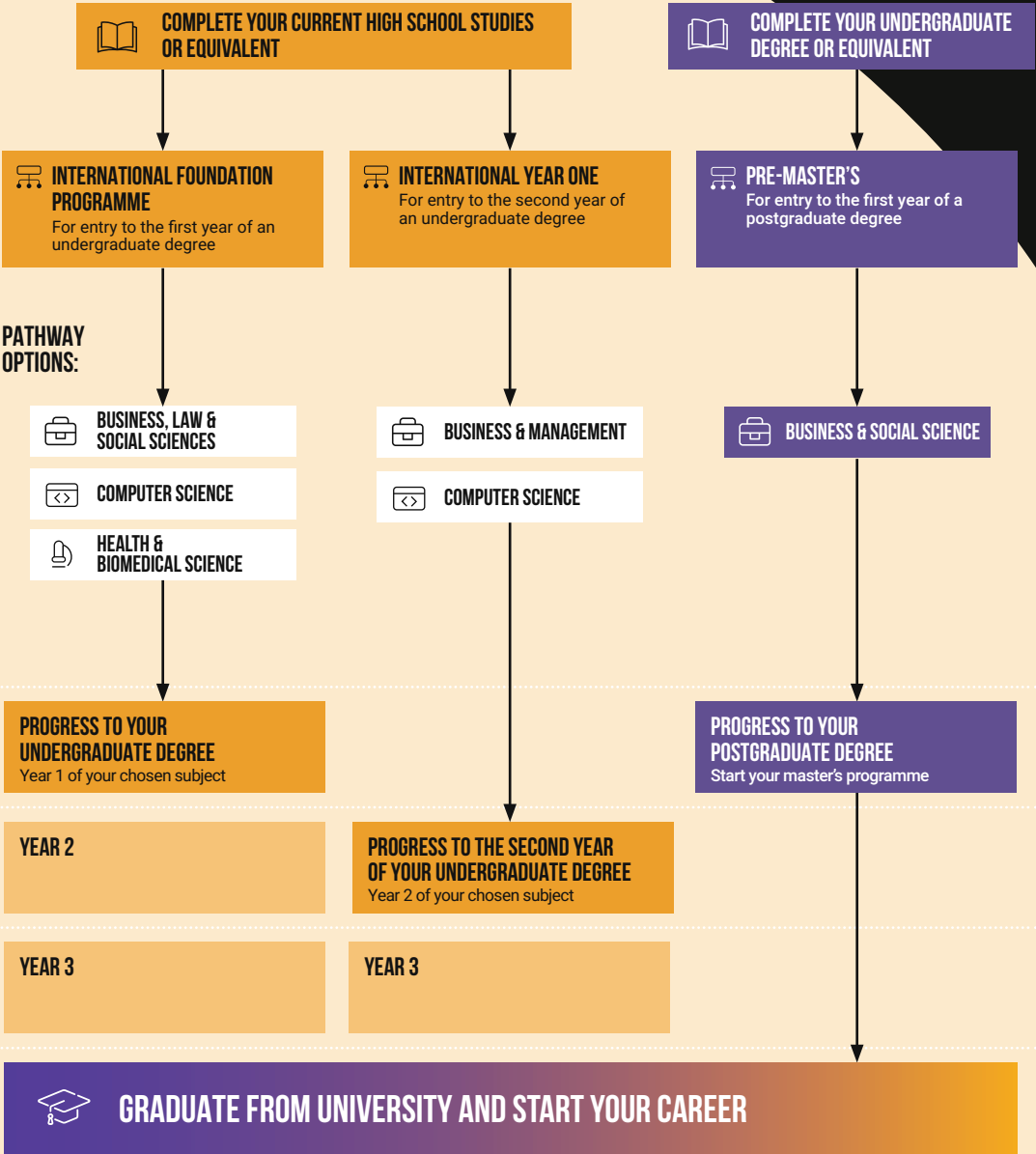
This programme helps you develop essential skills in research, academic writing, and critical thinking within a supportive and structured learning environment. It also prepares you for the academic expectations of a UK master's degree, which may differ significantly from postgraduate study in your home country.

# YOUR ROUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

You can qualify for entry to an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Cumbria depending on what pathway programme is right for you.

The International College can help you enter your chosen degree by bridging the gap between your current academic and English language qualifications and the knowledge you need for your degree.

FIND OUT MORE



# TYPES OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY



There are a variety of undergraduate courses available at Cumbria, providing flexible study options.

## BACHELOR (HONOURS) DEGREE

These degrees usually take three years to complete and depending on your subject of interest, you will be awarded one of the following:

- Bachelor of Arts – BA (Hons)
- Bachelor of Law – LLB
- Bachelor of Science – BSc (Hons)

## FOUNDATION AND TOP-UP COURSES

Our top-up courses allow you to top up your current qualification to a full degree by completing a further one or two years of full-time study. These courses help students who have already completed a Foundation degree, a HND or a DipHE course to gain their full Honours degree qualification.

# TYPES OF POSTGRADUATE STUDY

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Our postgraduate level courses can be divided into four main groups as shown below.

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA & CERTIFICATE

Diplomas and Certificates are Level 7 qualifications that are valued at two-thirds or one-third of a traditional master's, respectively, and take less time to complete. Some courses may provide the option to top up Diplomas and Certificates to a master's level qualification at a later date.

## PGCE

Equivalent to 60 credits of a master's degree and typically lasting one year, a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) prepares you to teach your subject in a classroom.

## TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREE

As a complete Level 7 qualification, studying a master's degree provides the opportunity to further explore an area of interest or take the next step towards a doctorate. This will give you the skills and knowledge to increase employability.

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH (PGR) DEGREES

Our MRES, DBA, and PhD programmes offer you the opportunity to make a significant contribution to your field and collaborate with others to conduct and publish a piece of research.



# CREATIVE & MEDIA ARTS



## UNDERGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
BA (Hons) Animation and Visual Effects	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) Film and Television	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) Fine Art	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) Games Design	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) Graphic Design	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) Illustration	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) Photography	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) User-Experience and User-Interface (UX/UI) Design	Carlisle Brampton Road
BA (Hons) Wildlife Media	Carlisle Brampton Road

## POSTGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
MA Creative Practice	Carlisle Brampton Road
MA Literature, Romanticism and the English Lake District	Ambleside

# BUSINESS

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## UNDERGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
BSc (Hons) Business Management	Lancaster
BA (Hons) Tourism and Visitor Economy Management	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) International Business Management	Lancaster

## POSTGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	Lancaster
MBA Tourism and Visitor Economy Management	Ambleside
MSc International Management	Lancaster

# COMPUTER SCIENCE

## UNDERGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
BSc (Hons) Computer Science	Lancaster

# EDUCATION

## UNDERGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
BA (Hons) Primary and Early Years Education (3-11) with QTS	Carlisle Fusehill Street or Lancaster
BA (Hons) Primary Education (5-11): Inclusion with SEND with QTS	Lancaster

## POSTGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
PGCE	Please refer to website for location of specific pathways
MA Education	Lancaster
MA Education Leadership	Lancaster

# HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS

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## UNDERGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
BSc (Hons) Midwifery	Carlisle Fusehill Street or Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Nursing/Registered Nurse: Adult Nursing	Carlisle Fusehill Street or Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Nursing/Registered Nurse: Children's Nursing	Carlisle Fusehill Street
BSc (Hons) Nursing/Registered Nurse: Learning Disabilities Nursing	Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Nursing/Registered Nurse: Mental Health Nursing	Carlisle Fusehill Street or Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Carlisle Fusehill Street or Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Carlisle Fusehill Street

## POSTGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
MSc Nursing/Registered Nurse: Adult Nursing	Carlisle Fusehill Street
MSc Nursing/Registered Nurse: Mental Health Nursing	Carlisle Fusehill Street
MSc Occupational Therapy	Carlisle Fusehill Street
MSc Physiotherapy	Carlisle Fusehill Street
MPH Master of Public Health	Lancaster



# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

UNDERGRADUATE	
COURSE	LOCATION
BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care	Carlisle Fusehill Street or Lancaster
BA (Hons) Social Work	Carlisle Fusehill Street



# LAW, POLICING AND SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

UNDERGRADUATE	
COURSE	LOCATION
LLB (Hons) Law	Carlisle Fusehill Street or Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Criminology and Forensic Investigation	Carlisle Fusehill Street



# OUTDOORS & GEOGRAPHY

UNDERGRADUATE	
COURSE	LOCATION
BSc (Hons) Geography	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) Outdoor Adventure and Environmental Studies	Ambleside
BA (Hons) Outdoor and Experiential Learning Top-up	Ambleside
BA (Hons) Outdoor Leadership	Ambleside



# PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

UNDERGRADUATE	
COURSE	LOCATION
BSc (Hons) Psychology	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) Psychology with Counselling and Psychotherapy	Carlisle Fusehill Street
BA (Hons) Sociology	Lancaster
POSTGRADUATE	
COURSE	LOCATION
MSc Psychology: Environment, Health and Wellbeing	Carlisle Fusehill Street
MSc Psychology: Legal and Criminological	Carlisle Fusehill Street



# SCIENCE, FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION

## UNDERGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	Carlisle Fusehill Street
BSc (Hons) Ecology and Wildlife Conservation	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) Environmental Science	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) Forestry (Top-Up)	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) Forest Management	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) Medical Biosciences	Yr 1 Lancaster, Yrs 2-4 Carlisle Fusehill Street
BSc (Hons) Woodland Ecology and Conservation	Ambleside
BSc (Hons) Zoology	Carlisle Fusehill Street

## POSTGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
MSc Conservation Management	Ambleside
MSc Forest Science	Ambleside

# SPORT

## UNDERGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
BA (Hons) Sport, Coaching and Physical Education	Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Sport Conditioning and Performance Analysis	Lancaster
BSc (Hons) Sport Rehabilitation	Lancaster
Bsc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Therapy (Top-Up)	Lancaster

## POSTGRADUATE

COURSE	LOCATION
MSc Sport and Exercise Rehabilitation	Lancaster



# HOW TO APPLY

Applying to the University of Cumbria is a simple process that can be completed quickly and easily online. We are here to support you every step of the way, so if you need to contact the International Team, complete an online enquiry form.

## UNDERGRADUATE OR POSTGRADUATE DEGREE APPLICATION

### STEP 1

#### Apply direct

Find the course you'd like to apply for on our website and click the **'Apply Now'** button on the page. You will be taken to our online application platform where you can create a new user profile. Here, you will need to enter your personal details, qualifications, work experience, references and personal statement. Make sure you also visit [cumbria.ac.uk/all-countries/](http://cumbria.ac.uk/all-countries/) to check the specific entry and language requirements for your country. Please note, if you're applying for an undergraduate course and have already applied via UCAS, you cannot submit a direct application.

#### Apply via UCAS

There are a small number of programmes that can only be applied for via **UCAS.com**. Here you will gain access to the UCAS application system where you will need to enter your personal details, your chosen course and our UCAS institution code (C99). You'll also need to provide your personal statement and information about your education.

APPLY NOW



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### STEP 2

#### Track your application

You can track the progress of your application on your online account. You will receive notifications throughout the application process, so it is important to check your emails and online account regularly. Please be aware that you could be invited for an interview or be required to submit additional information.

### STEP 3

**Once we have reviewed your application, we hope to be able to make you an offer.**

- **Conditional Offer** - If we give you a conditional offer, this means you will need to fulfil certain conditions before you will be accepted onto the course.
- **Unconditional Offer** - If we give you an unconditional offer, this means you already meet the required entry criteria and have been offered a place on the course.

### STEP 4

#### Accept your Offer

Once a decision regarding your application has been made, we will notify you via your online account and by email. We'll also provide guidance on how you can accept your offer. Please note: if you have applied to university via the UCAS Hub, UCAS will notify you of the outcome of your application.

### STEP 5

#### Visas and Immigration

If you require a student route visa, you will be invited via email to log into CAS Shield (our CAS request platform). Complete your information on CAS Shield and upload the supporting documents.

If you already have a visa that allows you to study in the UK, ensure that you have uploaded evidence of this and focus on meeting any outstanding conditions of offer.

### STEP 6

#### Credibility interview

Student route visa applicants may need to record a credibility interview via CAS Shield. Credibility interviews allow us to learn more about you and the reasons you are choosing to study under a Student Route Visa.

### STEP 7

#### Pay your deposit

If you require a student route visa, you will be told within CAS Shield when to pay your deposit (this will typically be after you have passed your interview) or when your offer is unconditional if you are not required to record an interview.

### STEP 8

#### Receive your CAS and apply for your visa

Once your deposit has been confirmed and all documents have been checked, we aim to issue your CAS within 3-5 working days.

### STEP 9

#### Keep us updated

Keep CAS Shield updated with your visa progress and arrival information. Don't forget to notify us once your visa has been received and inform us of your flight arrival details. Before you arrive, you'll need to register online and attend an online pre-departure briefing.

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREE APPLICATIONS

If you're interested in applying for one of our Postgraduate Research courses, we highly recommend that you contact our Research Admissions team. They will be able to confirm that we have the supervisory capacity for your research proposal before you begin your application. Please send an email to [rsa@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:rsa@cumbria.ac.uk)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To check that your qualifications meet our entry requirements, scan the QR code. The entry requirements for each degree course can be found on the relevant course website page.

CHECK HERE



#### English Language Requirements

As an international student, you may need to show that you have the required level of English language proficiency. We accept a variety of standard English language tests, as well as some in-country qualifications which can be found by scanning the QR code.

FIND OUT HERE



ENGLISH TEST

We also offer our own internal English language tests, which can be booked by scanning the QR code.



#### Online Pre-Sessional English (OPSE) Course

If you fall short of the required English language test scores for your chosen degree, we also offer short pre-sessional courses online via Oxford Digital Institute, which can be booked using this QR code.

BOOK HERE





# FEES & FUNDING

## Tuition Fees

At the University of Cumbria, we offer affordable tuition fees for international and EU students. International fees are dependent on the course and level of study you choose, so please refer to our website for the latest entry fees.

## Living Expenses

Your living costs will depend on your personal lifestyle needs, which makes budgeting a crucial part of student life. As well as tuition fees and rent, you'll need to think about food, transport, course materials, clothes and toiletries. We appreciate that the cost of living in the UK may be different to that of your home country, so we can help you with this transition and provide guidance if required.

A great benefit to living in the North West of England is that it's one of the best value regions. In the UK, and you will find the cost of living is much lower than in southern cities such as London. Lower accommodation and everyday living costs mean your money will go further.

## Make a Payment

Before you can get started with your course you will be required to pay a deposit of 50% of the substantive programme fee prior to registration, a proportion of which will be due before your 'Confirmation of Acceptance to Study' (CAS) will be issued. The full amount of any pre-session fees will also be required.

MAKE A  
PAYMENT



## Fees and Regulations

Your offer letter will provide more information on how to pay your deposit. Payment will only be accepted via our online payment page.

Please note that the deposit is non-refundable unless your visa is refused due to exceptional circumstances.

The balancing amount of your substantial programme fees can be paid following receipt of invoice after you have started your course and can be split over 5 monthly instalments to support budgeting.

If you require more information on course fees or other living expenses, please contact International Admissions via our website pages. If you would like more information on how to pay for your fees please contact the finance team at [fees@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:fees@cumbria.ac.uk).

Please also ensure you refer to our Student Finance Regulations and ensure you are fully aware of them prior to starting your course.

FEES &  
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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Scholarships & Funding Opportunities

We understand that studying abroad is a big investment, and we're here to support you. At the University of Cumbria, we offer a range of scholarships to help make your journey more affordable.

To find out more information, please visit our website by scanning the QR code below.

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With so much going on at the University of Cumbria, one of the best ways to keep up to date is to follow us on all your favourite social platforms. Learn more about our campus locations, hear what current students have to say about their university experiences, and discover our groups and societies, plus much more.

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This prospectus aims to answer your questions about the lifestyle and academic provision on offer at the University of Cumbria. We have made every effort to ensure the prospectus is accurate at the time of printing. In exceptional circumstances, it can be necessary to make changes, for example to courses, facilities or fees.

Changes to courses may include variations to the content and method of delivery; the discontinuation of some programmes, courses and other services; the merging or combination of programmes or courses. If a course change or closure is proposed, in such circumstances, the university will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to students.

This will include informing students of the changes in advance. A course would only be closed in exceptional circumstances.

For a complete list of courses currently on offer from the University of Cumbria, as well as information on any changes to courses currently listed in the prospectus, please check our website: [www.cumbria.ac.uk](http://www.cumbria.ac.uk)

## Contact information

If you have any questions about Cumbria, our courses, campuses, or facilities, please contact us.

CONTACT US



## Campus details

**Carlisle Fusehill Street Campus**  
University of Cumbria, Fusehill Street,  
Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 2HH

**Carlisle Brampton Road Campus**  
University of Cumbria, Brampton Road,  
Carlisle, Cumbria, CA3 9AW

**Ambleside Campus**  
University of Cumbria, The Barn, Rydal Road,  
Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 9BB

**Lancaster Campus**  
University of Cumbria, Bowerham Road,  
Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 3JD





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