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**CUMBRIA**

**POSTGRADUATE**

**PROSPECTUS**

**2026/27**

**IN, FROM AND BEYOND CUMBRIA**



**NO. 1** UNIVERSITY IN THE UK FOR OVERALL  
PGR STUDENT EXPERIENCE\*

**NO. 1**  
UNIVERSITY IN THE NORTH  
OF ENGLAND — AND 6TH IN  
THE UK — FOR PRODUCING  
ENTREPRENEURS°

 **2ND**  
IN THE NORTH WEST FOR  
QUALITY EDUCATION†

**RANKED TOP 41% OF  
UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE  
FOR SOCIAL AND  
ECONOMIC IMPACT‡**

**A SILVER RATED  
UNIVERSITY FOR STUDENT  
OUTCOMES+**

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

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\* Postgraduate Research Experience Survey 2025, ° Novuna Business Cash Flow 2025, † Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022, + Teaching Excellence Framework 2023, ■ Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022, ♦ 97% of graduates, Graduate Outcomes Survey, HESA 2025

# WELCOME FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

**FIRSTLY, I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING A LIFE-CHANGING INVESTMENT INTO YOUR FUTURE. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA, WE ARE FOCUSED ON TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING, APPLIED RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE — BOTH FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

We are committed to delivering quality higher education throughout the county of Cumbria and beyond, empowering students with advanced skills and knowledge that can be effectively applied in the workplace.

Our postgraduate teaching is informed by industry insights and research-active academics. We offer flexible modular learning options, allowing you to manage your studies around work, family, or life commitments.

You will gain knowledge and experience in a safe space through critical exploration, and through interaction with our academic institutes, centres, and networks.

With headquarters in the incredible county of Cumbria, we offer rewarding places for student

communities to nurture academic learning and passion through practice-based and applied research methods in fantastic locations.

Choosing a postgraduate course opens new and exciting doors, no matter where you choose to start or continue your career. We want to be part of your journey; we encourage you to explore our postgraduate opportunities and discover how you can develop your career further at the University of Cumbria.

I wish you the best of luck with your studies and hope to meet you at your graduation.

**Professor Julie Mennell, DL**



# HERE FOR YOU

## TRANSFORM YOUR FUTURE

Ready for a thrilling adventure? There's a whole new world to be discovered as a postgraduate student! Whether it's unlocking career opportunities, changing direction or studying something that truly inspires you, we are here to support you. Together, we'll transform your future and help you get the most out of your postgraduate experience.

At the University of Cumbria, you'll become part of a welcoming, vibrant community of like-minded individuals within a supportive and collaborative environment.

Our expert academics will teach you in smaller groups, providing tailored guidance and expert supervision whilst

connecting you with industry professionals and real-world opportunities. With a focus on employability, you'll gain the skills, knowledge, and practical experience that employers value—preparing you to take the next step in your career with confidence.

You'll be inspired, stretched, and challenged to achieve your professional goals while benefiting from tools and support for your health, wellbeing, and personal development. Embarking on postgraduate study is a life-changing investment in yourself and your future.

Ready to take the next step?



# GET TO KNOW US

We offer a range of postgraduate events, both on campus and online, so you can learn more about us and our courses in a way that's convenient for you. These events are designed to support informed decision-making, allowing you to connect with our academics and support teams, explore your postgraduate study options, and get answers to your questions.



FIND OUT ABOUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



## FUNDING YOUR STUDIES

### Investing In Your Future

Postgraduate study gives you the opportunity to specialise in your field, advance your career, and develop your knowledge to the highest level. It's important to secure your funding ahead of time so you can focus on what matters most – learning.

### Tuition Fees

Postgraduate tuition fees vary depending on the length and intensity of your chosen course. Full fee details are available on each course page on our website – simply scan the QR code on the relevant course pages in this prospectus to find out more.

You can also visit our postgraduate student finance page for information on grants, scholarships, and bursaries available to support low-income students, those from partner organisations, and students progressing to a PGCE. For more information, visit [cumbria.ac.uk/study/student-finance/postgraduate](http://cumbria.ac.uk/study/student-finance/postgraduate).

### Your Living Expenses

Whether you choose to live on campus, in local accommodation or commute from home, the cost of living can vary greatly depending on your needs and personal lifestyle choices. Generally speaking, living expenses in the North West, where most of our campuses are based, tend to be lower than in other places in the UK.

\*This is for awards of up to a maximum of 180 credits and does not apply to PGCE students. [Click here for more information on eligibility criteria.](#)



### ALUMNI DISCOUNT

**20% OFF FEES ON TAUGHT COURSES OR 10% OFF RESEARCH DEGREES FOR ALUMNI RETURNING TO STUDY AT POSTGRADUATE LEVEL.\***



FIND OUT MORE

## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

We collaborate with a wide range of partners to share resources and expertise, enriching your student experience. These close partnerships play a vital role in enhancing learning and employability, while also supporting the social, cultural, and economic development of the wider region.

Through these collaborations, we work with organisations such as the National Trust to develop and deliver new courses, contribute to initiatives like the Northern Powerhouse, and raise the profile of Carlisle as a place to live, work, invest, and visit – creating opportunities that benefit both our students and the communities they are part of.

### OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE

- Northern Powerhouse
- Cumbria Tourism
- Lancaster & District Chamber of Commerce
- National Trust
- Carlisle Ambassadors
- Britain Energy Coast Business Cluster
- NHS
- Imperial College London



## WHY CUMBRIA?

Join a dynamic academic community where you can conduct groundbreaking research, make a meaningful impact, and drive global change.

We offer a range of postgraduate options, including full-time and part-time programmes, research degrees, master's qualifications, and diplomas, allowing you to tailor your studies to your ambitions.

## GREAT REASONS TO CHOOSE CUMBRIA

### Greater Earning Potential

Whether you want to deepen your expertise, enhance your employability, increase your earning potential, or move in a completely new career direction, a postgraduate qualification from Cumbria can help you get there. With a strong focus on practical experience and personal development, you'll graduate with the confidence and skills to take the next meaningful step in your professional journey.

### Industry Recognised Courses

Our courses are designed and delivered by industry experts, and many are accredited or approved by academic and industry professional bodies. You can therefore be confident that our courses are highly regarded and will increase your employability.

### Flexible Course Options

Our flexible courses enable you to study at your own pace alongside work and other life commitments. You will gain the critical skills, knowledge, and qualifications to succeed and progress in your chosen career.

### Industry Networking

We have strong partnerships with widely known associations, governing bodies, and major businesses on a local, national, and global scale, including BAE Systems, BBC, Rolls Royce, and the NHS. These partnerships provide opportunities to build your professional network.

### Impactful Research And Innovation

Built upon 150 years of higher education, our research delivers real positive change on an international scale. We are making a global impact, driving positive change, and innovation to help transform people's lives.

### Taught by World-Class Academics

Our teaching is led by practice, industry and research-informed academics. With real-world experience, strong industry links and involvement in cutting-edge research, our academics are renowned experts in their fields.

### Gain Experience While You Study

Our courses offer work-integrated learning, such as placements, live briefs, and project-based work, providing you with further hands-on experience that will give you an edge in your career.

### Personal Study Guide

We have the advantages of a large academic institution, but in more intimate and bespoke settings, encouraging confidence and personal growth. Our academics get to know you as an individual and offer personalised guidance.



Ready to apply? Click here to learn how you can start the application process for your postgraduate course.



# INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

We are constantly investing by developing our campuses and enhancing the environment in which you learn, study and ultimately achieve.

## RECENT INVESTMENTS INTO NEW, LEADING-EDGE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- **Research facilities**  
State-of-the-art scientific teaching and research laboratories at our Fusehill Street campus in Carlisle.
- **Sustainable development**  
An environmentally sustainable teaching block at our Lancaster campus.
- **Accommodation modernisation**  
Redevelopment of our Ambleside campus with bespoke, modern accommodation.

## SHAPING THE FUTURE OF BARROW

Aligned with our Towards 2030 strategy, we are committed to becoming a university for Barrow, supporting local people, businesses, and communities to thrive. Our campus, which welcomed its first students in 2025, offers degree programmes in Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, and Adult Nursing.

Developed in partnership with organisations including BAE Systems, Furness College, Westmorland and Furness Council, and others, the campus reflects our close collaboration with local employers. Together, we design programmes that meet regional skills needs, open brighter futures, and help attract and retain talent. As the largest of the government-backed Brilliant Barrow projects, the campus forms a key part of collective investment in the area's long-term future.

Alongside our partners, we share a bold ambition to revitalise Barrow and the wider Furness region, creating a place where people choose to live, work, and thrive.

## THE PEARS CUMBRIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

In partnership with Imperial College London, the University of Cumbria opened The Pears Cumbria School of Medicine in 2025, uniting our expertise in the education of nurses, midwives, and allied health professionals with Imperial's reputation as one of the world's best medical schools. The development and launch of the medical school was supported by a £5 million donation from Pears Foundation. Based at the Fusehill Street campus in Carlisle, it offers a bespoke four-year medical degree. Supported by regional NHS partners, the School's vision is to improve the health outcomes for the people of Cumbria by training compassionate, adaptable, and innovative doctors, in Cumbria, for Cumbria.

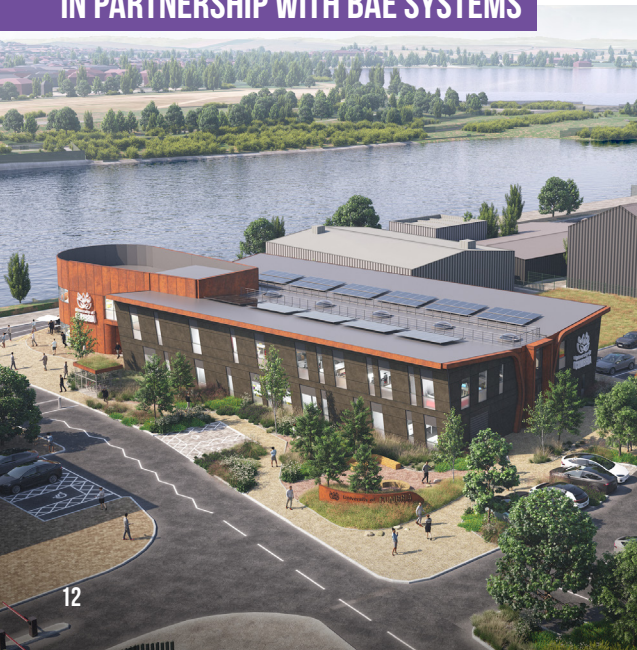
Visit [cumbriamed.ac.uk](http://cumbriamed.ac.uk) for more information.



## CARLISLE CITADELS DEVELOPMENT

Our latest transformational project will see the construction of an exciting new home for teaching, creativity, and business interaction in the heart of Carlisle. Positioned at a gateway location to the city, our new site will boost the vibrancy and vitality of both the city and the wider region, providing accessible, flexible, and digitally advanced teaching and academic facilities. With an expected opening in 2028, the development will feature state-of-the-art teaching and group study areas, alongside social spaces designed to bring students and staff together.

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BAE SYSTEMS



**“BARROW-IN-FURNESS HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NATION'S DEFENCE AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WE WILL WORK WITH PARTNERS INCLUDING BAE SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT BARROW'S SKILLS, PRODUCTIVITY, AND ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE. WE WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITIES BY PROVIDING INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY AND PROGRESSION ROUTES THROUGH TO HIGHER EDUCATION.”**

Professor Brian Webster-Henderson OBE,  
Deputy Vice Chancellor

## CARLISLE CITADELS DEVELOPMENT



## **Careers & Development**

We know how important your career is to you. That's why we are committed to boosting your job prospects and ensuring that your postgraduate journey is as smooth as possible.

At every campus, we offer a range of support services, including careers and employability events, workshops, drop-ins, and advice on career management, skills development, and how to find work opportunities.

You can access our services via our careers hub My Career Enriched, the Student Enquiry Point, or via phone and email.

If you are an aspiring entrepreneur looking to chase your dream whilst studying, our Careers and Employability Service can help. From start-up advice and funding opportunities to marketing strategies and pricing considerations, we provide expert guidance at every stage. Whether you're launching a new venture, developing a start-up, or growing a freelance enterprise, we offer the resources and support to help you achieve your business and career goals.

## **Student Services**

### **Chaplaincy**

The Chaplaincy team works within the ethos of a Cathedrals Group University to support and encourage staff and students on their journeys through life. Chapels on our Fusehill Street and Lancaster campuses are places of welcome and sanctuary, offering quiet, comforting spaces to all regardless of belief. Regular times of prayer, exploration of faith, and meditation are offered as well as spaces for conversation and listening. These can be accessed on campus or online.

Key Christian festivals and those of other faiths are acknowledged and supported, and students are encouraged to take time during their studies to reflect on what makes a good life and to pursue a spirituality that will help them flourish and build good relationships with themselves and others.

### **Disability**

We are all unique individuals who have our own ways of learning. Our aim is to provide a supportive environment in which everyone can flourish.

We actively encourage applications from disabled students. Designed to provide any extra support needed to excel in your studies, we offer students an individualised Student Support action plan, alongside other services that enable those with a disability or specific learning difficulty to access their chosen course.

### **Finance**

Our confidential advisory service is free for applicants and students.

With expert advisers across the university, we can provide help and information on a wide range of issues, such as funding eligibility and student loans.

If you need any support in managing your money whilst you're studying, we can also help you to plan your finances.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

We all go through times where we need a helping hand or someone to listen to our problems. Personal, emotional, and psychological issues can impact your ability to study.

Your wellbeing is very important to us, which is why our Mental Health and Wellbeing team are on hand to help and support you. They offer a range of support services, including talking therapy, therapeutic groups, self-help tools, and workshops.

### **Healthy Relationships Hub**

The University of Cumbria's values articulate our commitment to mutual respect and understanding, placing an emphasis on underpinning all our practices with trust and honesty. The University of Cumbria's Healthy Relationships Hub is our dedicated Harassment and Sexual Misconduct information hub, serving as a central, accessible resource for all relevant policies, procedures, and support pathways.

Here, you can make a report or seek information about sexual misconduct, harassment (physical or online), bullying, hate crimes, hate incidents, domestic abuse, and spiking, as well as find guidance on what to do if you need support. These pages clearly outline our stance on harassment and sexual misconduct, provide guidance on reporting and investigations, and include information on staff-student relationships. They are designed to be easy to navigate and understand. Through this resource, we demonstrate our proactive commitment to preventing and responding to harassment and sexual misconduct within our university community.

Visit our Healthy Relationships Hub at [my.cumbria.ac.uk/Student-Life/Healthy-Relationships-Hub/](https://my.cumbria.ac.uk/Student-Life/Healthy-Relationships-Hub/)

# HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS



## JADE'S STORY

After completing her MA in Literature, Romanticism and the English Lake District in November 2024, Jade became a published author less than a year later with *The Wordsworth Way* guidebook! Inspired by her studies and love of walking, Jade developed the trail during a module focused on literary tourism, collaborating closely with the Friends of the Ullswater Way and Wordsworth Grasmere.

What began as a student project grew into a 60-page published guide, launched at our Ambleside campus in April 2025. Jade's journey demonstrates the meaningful, applied experiences our students gain here at the University of Cumbria.

**"I never anticipated that this would be the outcome of my degree. The experience has been incredibly rewarding. There are huge amounts of literary work out there relating not only to the Lake District but to Cumbria, and I would probably be none the wiser about their existence if it wasn't for what I was taught by the tutors on the MA."**



Visit our website to read Jade's story in full and to learn more about the development of *The Wordsworth Way* guidebook.

## STUDENT LIFE

### OUR COMMUNITY

Choosing to undertake a postgraduate course can feel like a big step, especially if it's been some time since you last studied. At the University of Cumbria, we know that having a supportive and welcoming community matters, whether you're on campus or learning remotely. We are excited for you to be part of our wonderful community while we guide you on your path to success.

Whatever your interests, you'll find a group, society or network to immerse yourself in and meet like-minded people.

### Supporting Local Communities

We are dedicated to helping our local communities thrive. Through hosting charity fundraisers, supporting local festivals, and running our Young Care Leavers programme, we continuously foster the development of the communities to which we belong.

Our communities, which are surrounded by inspiring and innovative businesses, offer valuable opportunities for you to get involved.

### Equality, Diversity And Inclusion

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

Whether it's diverse reading lists, stalls at our local Pride events, or free courses to educate students and staff on equality, we are continuously reviewing and improving the environments in which our students live and work.



### University of Cumbria Students' Union

Once you begin your studies at the University of Cumbria, you automatically become a member of our vibrant and active University of Cumbria Students' Union (UCSU).

Led by students for students, the UCSU's mission is to represent and support you in every way possible.

Whether you need study advice, are looking to meet new people, or want to get involved and make a difference to the university, the UCSU is here for you. Visit: [ucsu.me](https://ucsu.me) to find out more.

### Groups And Societies

Continue a hobby you love or explore a new interest with our wide range of student-led societies and groups, which range from mountaineering and badminton to midwifery, wildlife and crafting.

### Events

From workshops to training courses to volunteering fairs, we aim to provide events and opportunities that all students can enjoy.

## YOUR FACILITIES

### Your Library

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, search skills, academic writing, and more.

### Flexible Study Spaces

All our campuses have designated study spaces that offer comfortable and productive environments to suit your learning and research needs.

Where possible, this includes social spaces for collaborative work with others, as well as bookable study rooms and silent zones for when you need a distraction-free environment. Plus, we have many great spots around campus that provide perfect places to relax whilst studying or taking a break.

### UoC Active Sports And Fitness

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



## EXPLORE OUR CAMPUSES

### CARLISLE

Our Fusehill Street Campus champions its roots in health and science. The specialist facilities here, including an immersive simulation suite, outdoor teaching classroom and mock hospital ward, are helping to train the healthcare professionals, teachers and scientists of tomorrow.

The Brampton Road Campus serves as Cumbria's hub of the arts, where like-minded creative students come together to turn their passions into careers. With its modern workshops, studios and design labs, you'll have all the tools you need to explore your artistic voice.

### AMBLESIDE

As one of the only UK university campuses located in a national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, our Ambleside Campus is a truly unique place to study.

While you'll spend lots of time outdoors in the Lake District National Park, you'll also have access to a range of specialist facilities on-site, including science labs, a bouldering wall, an equipment hire department, and our very own nature reserve!

### LANCASTER

Our Lancaster Campus, close to the city centre, combines innovation and culture. Filled with advanced practical facilities, including sport performance labs, an X-ray and ultrasound suite, training wards, ambulance simulators, and immersive teacher training rooms, you'll develop the skills

and experience needed to take you to the very top. There are spaces to catch up with friends and stay active, too – grab a bite to eat at The View café or take a yoga, Pilates or cardio class at the Sports Complex.

### LONDON

Our roots may be in Cumbria, but our ambition stretches across the UK.

Located just steps away from the iconic Canary Wharf, our East London Campus is the home of opportunity for entrepreneurial leaders and inspiring teachers.

With its own library, cafeteria, and dedicated study spaces, it has everything you need to thrive in your studies and beyond.

## ACCOMMODATION

For many postgraduate students, halls of residence remain a practical option alongside work commitments. If you are hoping to live in Halls of Residence, our accommodation offers a safe and welcoming place to study, socialise and settle into university life.

We offer a choice of campus-based accommodation to suit a variety of budgets, with good-value options across different room types, making it easy to find a comfortable home-from-home at Cumbria.

Our dedicated Accommodation team provides practical advice and ongoing support, helping you settle in quickly and enjoy a smooth, rewarding university experience.

All of our accommodation is covered by The Student Accommodation Code which protects your rights to a safe, good quality place to live.



- AFFORDABLE LIVING
- ENSUITE OPTIONS
- SHARED FACILITIES
- GREAT LOCATIONS
- CLOSE TO CAMPUS
- SAFE AND GOOD QUALITY ACCOMMODATION



Click here for more information on available accommodation.

## ENHANCE YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS

Our specialist areas range from health, science and environment to business, leadership, the arts and education, with a variety of flexible, multidisciplinary courses to choose from. Each department is home to expert research academics who not only have a wealth of professional experience but are committed to helping you achieve your dream career.

Develop your knowledge and advance your specialist research skills where 42% of our research was classified as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' in the last Research Excellence Framework (REF, 2021).



## PGR AND OUR RESEARCH IMPACT

Since the University of Cumbria was established in 2007, our research has been continuously delivering real-world benefits to local, national, and international communities, practitioners, and industries. Built upon 150 years of higher education, our reputation for research excellence and innovation is ever-growing. 42% of our submission to the Research Excellence Framework 2021 was rated 'internationally excellent' or better, and 54% of our research impact was also rated 'internationally excellent'.

Through our range of research-informed courses, we aim to enhance our students' education by providing the opportunity to participate in research that positively impacts the wider world. Our expert academics are leading researchers who are committed to providing excellent support and supervision that enables students to make a valuable contribution in their field.

### Research Spotlight at Cumbria

Research Spotlight at Cumbria is our newest podcast series profiling our researchers and their impact driven work; 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 here](#)

### Our Research

#### **Health And 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.

#### **Creative Practice**

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

#### **Environment And Geography**

Led by the Centre for 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.

#### **Business, Leadership And Visitor Economy**

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

#### **Education And Outdoor Learning**

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

## COURSE LEVELS

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 degree, 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

A Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is a Level 7 qualification worth 60 master's-level credits and typically completed over one year. We offer two routes: PGCE with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), which prepares and qualifies you to teach in the classroom across secondary subjects or primary specialisms including early years or inclusion/SEND; and PGCE-only, which provides academic study of education but does not confer QTS.

### TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREES

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.



# POSTGRADUATE COURSES



Found a course you like? Click 'find out more' at the bottom of each page to be taken directly to the course page for more information.

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PGCE Secondary With QTS –Campus Based

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PGCE Non QTS Online

**37**

School-Based Teacher Training

**38**

MA Creative Practice

**40**

MA Literature, Romanticism, And The English Lake District

**42**

MA Outdoor Experiential And Sustainability Education

**43**

MSc Marine And Coastal Ecology

**44**

MSc Conservation Management

**46**

MSc Forest Science

**48**

MA/PGDip Counselling And Psychotherapy

**49**

MSc/PGCert/PGDip Medical Imaging: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

**50**

MSc/ PGCert/ PGDip Medical Imaging: Ultrasound

**52**

MSc Midwifery (Pre-Registration)

**53**

MSc Pre-Registration Nursing/Registered Nurse: Adult Nursing

**54**

MSc Pre-Registration Nursing/Registered Nurse: Mental Health Nursing

**55**

MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)

**56**

MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)

**58**

MSc Psychology: Environment, Health And Wellbeing

**59**

MSc Psychology: Legal And Criminological

**60**

MPH Master Of Public Health

**62**

MBA Business Administration

**63**

MSc International Management

**64**

MSc Project Leadership

**65**

MBA Tourism And Visitor Economy Management

**66**

DBA Doctor Of Business Administration

# EDUCATION

MA



This course offers an opportunity to expand your professional knowledge and enhance your career prospects across a wide range of education roles. Designed to help you respond effectively to the changes and challenges shaping education today, the course provides a global outlook, encouraging you to examine cultural fluency and the importance of social change – key attributes in today's employment market.

Alongside academic study, you'll benefit from employer-led events, career guidance, and introductions to organisations offering optional voluntary practical experience, enabling you to develop your professional profile and accelerate your career progression.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Our full-time MA Education is designed to help you achieve mastery in your field – building the knowledge, understanding, and skills needed to thrive in diverse educational settings. Offering a choice of specialist themes, this course supports the development of your educational knowledge, skills, and interests for specific career paths in teaching, leadership, governance, and consultancy.

Modules draw on current international research and are delivered within a dynamic academic community on campus. You will engage with critical debates, innovative

practices, and will also be supported with opportunities to submit work for publication, helping you establish your own voice within the education sector.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Join our established education department to complete a one-year master's level qualification recognised globally.
- Be guided by expert tutors specialising in achievement, motivation, and overcoming disadvantage in diverse educational contexts.
- Join an academic community with a reputation for excellence.
- Benefit from career progression and graduate outcomes that open doors to exciting employment opportunities.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](http://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

**Location:** Lancaster  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MA  
**Delivery style:** In person



# EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

MA



Our MA Education Leadership offers an excellent opportunity to gain a master's-level qualification in just one year, preparing you for leadership roles in both local and international educational settings.

Designed to build on your existing experience in education, this full-time, face-to-face course immerses you in a focused and dynamic academic community on campus, fostering collaboration and professional growth.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course draws on current international research, offering a broad perspective on education leadership in the UK and globally. You will examine the theoretical foundations of leadership, enhancing your practice and understanding of its role as a catalyst for social change and education improvement.

At the dissertation stage, you will have the flexibility to tailor your research to align with your interests and career aspirations, ensuring your work reflects your professional growth. Throughout the course, you will engage with leadership, governance, teaching, and management from multiple professional perspectives, supported by modules designed to advance your expertise and confidence as an educational leader.

**Location:** Lancaster  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MA  
**Delivery style:** In person



# EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (ONLINE)

MA



# LEARNING & TEACHING IN PROFESSIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION

PGCERT



Our esteemed MA Education (Professional Practice) offers a rich academic experience across multiple education specialisms, including SEND and Inclusionary Practice, Early Years Education, Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, and our Charlotte Mason studies pathway, for those interested in this distinctive educational philosophy. This flexible, fully online course allows you to enhance your teaching, explore diverse educational issues, and develop expertise in your field – all at a pace that fits your professional commitments.

Through the integration of theory and practice, you will deepen your professional skills by applying real-world experience to advanced academic learning. With a variety of specialist resources, you can tailor the course to align with your unique professional interests and career goals.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Guided by our research-active tutor team, you will receive expert support throughout this exciting and challenging learning journey. The course is structured to promote flexibility and autonomy, allowing you to study at your own pace while benefiting from interactive online seminars, discussion forums, and collaborative projects.

**Location:** Online  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Part time: 3 years  
**Start date:** October, February, June

**Award:** MA  
**Delivery style:** Online



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## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Customise your studies to align with your professional context and interests.
- Enjoy the flexibility of a fully online learning experience.
- Achieve an MA where you can specialise in either Leadership, Inclusion and SEND, Higher Education or the new Charlotte Mason Studies route.
- Join an academic community with a reputation for excellence.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent.
- Applicants must currently be working in, or have access to, an educational setting for the duration of the course.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

This fully online course equips you with essential skills in research-informed teaching, curriculum design, and reflective practice to enhance your career progression and enrich your teaching approach.

Guided by experienced educators, you will study at your own pace while building the confidence and expertise to excel in a variety of educational settings, including healthcare, higher and further education, and the voluntary sector. To support independent learning, the course includes live online sessions to consolidate your studies.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

You will develop as a critically reflective practitioner, gaining the academic knowledge, skills, and confidence to thrive as an educator working with adult learners. The course comprises three 20-credit modules focused on engaging with research-informed teaching, learning and assessment approaches, curriculum design and development, and exploring how research can inform your practice.

Designed for distance learning, all activities and assessments are authentic and relevant to your professional context. This course is also an excellent option for those working or volunteering with adult learners and seeking career progression.

**Location:** Online  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Part time: 1 year  
**Start date:** January

**Award:** PGCert  
**Delivery style:** Online



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# PGCE PRIMARY WITH QTS — CAMPUS BASED

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION

Our Primary PGCE courses give you the skills, confidence, and Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) you need to create engaging, inclusive classrooms where every child can thrive.

Teaching at the primary level means introducing children to a broad and exciting curriculum, laying the foundations for lifelong learning. This course is designed for graduates who want to make a real difference during these formative years.

Our courses blend expert-led training with extensive school placements, preparing you to teach creatively and inclusively from Early Years to Key Stage 2. You'll develop specialist skills in phonics, reading, and SEND, alongside strategies for behaviour management and classroom leadership.

Aligned with national standards and delivered through strong school partnerships, this course ensures you graduate classroom-ready. Whichever pathway you choose, you'll gain the confidence and expertise to make a lasting impact on young learners.

## OUR COURSES

- Lower Primary (3–7 Years) Education with QTS
- General Primary (5–11 Years) Education with QTS
- General Primary (5–11 Years) with QTS: Environmental and Outdoor Learning
- General Primary (5–11 Years) with QTS: Inclusion/SEND

## WHAT IS QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS (QTS)?

Qualified Teacher Status, or QTS, is a legal requirement for teaching in schools that are funded by local authorities across England and Wales, and is widely regarded as a valuable qualification for teachers in the UK and internationally.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent.
- GCSEs at grade 4/C or above in English Language or Literature, Mathematics and Science/Combined Science.
- Satisfactory DBS and medical clearance completed via university procedures.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](http://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL ...

- Be mentored by experienced tutors and school-based professionals.
- Learn in diverse primary settings, from Early Years to Key Stage 2.
- Engage in practical placements that connect theory with classroom practice.
- Develop inclusive teaching strategies to support all learners.
- Build confidence to teach across the full primary curriculum.



**Location:** Lancaster, Carlisle, London.  
Some courses may not run at all locations. Check our website for up-to-date information.

**Course duration:** 1 year

**Award:** PGCE with QTS

**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/  
EU/EEA/International

**Start date:** September,  
January

**Delivery style:** In person



# PGCE SECONDARY WITH QTS — CAMPUS BASED

## POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION

Our Secondary PGCE courses prepare you to bring energy, expertise, and fresh ideas into the classroom, equipping you with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and the skills to inspire young people at a pivotal stage in their education.

This course offers the perfect foundation for a rewarding teaching career and is designed for graduates who want to combine subject passion with the ability to engage and motivate learners.

Training with us means joining one of the UK's largest teacher education communities, supported by long-standing partnerships with secondary schools across Lancashire, Cumbria, and Yorkshire. These regional networks provide diverse placement opportunities that reflect a wide mix of school settings, educational approaches, and pupil needs.

Furthermore, our extensive graduate network demonstrates the long-term impact of our training, with alumni holding key roles across schools nationwide and shaping the future of education through their leadership and practice.

### OUR SUBJECT SPECIALISMS

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Physics
- Religious Education
- Physical Education

### ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL ...

- Be supported by expert tutors and experienced school mentors.
- Gain hands-on experience through extensive placements.
- Develop strategies for inclusive teaching and classroom management.
- Build subject expertise and confidence to inspire learners.
- Prepare for a rewarding career in secondary education.

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent in a subject related to your chosen specialism, or equivalent qualification.
- GCSEs at grade 4/C or above in English Language or Literature and Mathematics.
- Satisfactory DBS and medical clearance completed via university procedures.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

### WHAT IS QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS (QTS)?

Qualified Teacher Status, or QTS, is a legal requirement for teaching in schools that are funded by local authorities across England and Wales, and is widely regarded as a valuable qualification for teachers in the UK and internationally.

Location: Lancaster

Course duration: 1 year

Award: PGCE with QTS

Recruiting to: UK/Rol/Settled in UK/  
EU/EEA/International

Start date: September

Delivery style: In person



# PGCE NON-QTS ONLINE

## POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION



Our online PGCE non-QTS course lets you gain a postgraduate qualification while working or volunteering in an educational setting.

This course is ideal if you want to deepen your understanding of teaching and learning, enhance your practice, or open doors to new opportunities in education and related sectors. Whether you support learners in schools, colleges, or community organisations—or are exploring alternative pathways into teaching—this course provides the knowledge and confidence to make a real impact.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will analyse learning and teaching, explore key theories, and critically reflect on their application in educational settings.

The course is taught through videos, webinars, discussion forums, and tutorials via our Virtual Learning Environment. Full access to library resources and academic support ensures you have everything needed to succeed.

Delivered online with a flexible, part-time structure, this course complements alternative routes into teaching—such as School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) or Direct Assessment Only—and supports progression for those already working in education or community-focused roles.

### ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Learn flexibly online, balancing study with work or other commitments.
- Engage with interactive resources and live tutorials.
- Explore key theories of learning and teaching in depth.
- Apply your learning to your own professional context.
- Gain a recognised postgraduate qualification to enhance your career.

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent.
- Must be working in an educational setting for the duration of the course.
- IELTS 6.5 Overall (with 5.5 minimum in each area). If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](http://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

**Location:** Online  
**Recruiting to:** UK/RoI/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Part time: 1 year  
**Start date:** January, April and September

**Award:** PGCE Non-QTS  
**Delivery style:** Online



# SCHOOL-BASED TEACHER TRAINING

On our School-Based PGCE courses, your training is delivered collaboratively by University of Cumbria tutors and experienced classroom practitioners within our partner schools. This blend of academic insight and practical expertise equips you to become a confident, critically reflective teacher ready to inspire students and make a difference from your very first day in the classroom.

### HOW TO APPLY

For our school-based PGCE courses, you will need to apply directly to your chosen training provider via the Department for Education (DfE) Apply website. To do this, you must know the name of your selected delivery partner, as you will need to search for them on DfE Apply when completing your application. You can find a full list of our delivery partners on our website at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/academic-departments/institute-of-education-arts-and-society/teaching-and-education/pgce-school-based-for-applicants](http://cumbria.ac.uk/study/academic-departments/institute-of-education-arts-and-society/teaching-and-education/pgce-school-based-for-applicants)

### OUR COURSES

We offer both Primary and Secondary specialisms on our PGCE (School Based) courses. Our Primary specialisms include:

- General Primary 5-11
- Lower Primary 3-7
- SEND (special educational needs and disabilities)

We also provide a variety of specialist routes on our Secondary course, including:

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| Art and Design                     | Geography           |
| Biology                            | History             |
| Chemistry                          | Languages           |
| Computing                          | Mathematics         |
| Design Technology                  | Music               |
| Drama                              | Physical Education  |
| English                            | Physics             |
| Environmental and Outdoor Learning | Religious Education |



# CREATIVE PRACTICE

MA



Whether you're progressing from undergraduate studies or are an established professional looking to diversify your craft, our MA Creative Practice offers the perfect platform to elevate your skills, expand your portfolio, and advance your career aspirations.

A defining feature of this course is its multidisciplinary approach, which encourages creative exchange, collaboration, and innovation within a dynamic learning environment. You will have the freedom to specialise in a single medium or to explore multiple disciplines, shaping a creative journey that reflects your individual ambitions.

**"I FOUND IT INCREDIBLY VALUABLE WHEN TUTORS ENCOURAGED US TO DISCUSS OUR PROJECTS IN CLASS, AS WE ALL HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE CHALLENGED AND IMPROVED BY PRACTITIONERS FROM DIFFERENT CREATIVE BACKGROUNDS TO OUR OWN."**

– Michelle Lam

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Throughout the course, you will draft, initiate, and project-manage your own creative briefs, guided by expert tutors and supported by experienced technicians.

With access to industry-standard facilities, you'll gain the practical, technical, and applied knowledge required to thrive in today's evolving creative and cultural landscape.

Your studies will culminate in a major MA project and a professional presentation at the final Master's exhibition, showcasing your work to peers, industry professionals, and the wider creative community.



## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Study in industry-standard studio spaces that include Mac and PC computer suites carrying the latest high-specification design and video production software and hardware.
- Benefit from opportunities to showcase your work within a professional context, including the final MA show.
- Have access to technical expertise and facilities including the printmaking studio, 3D workshop, audio-visual store, photography darkrooms, editing suites, motion-capture tech, and a production studio with a full lighting rig and multi-camera set-up.

- Gain from the professional development built into module content. Many of our tutors have great industry links, which gives you the opportunity to build a diverse and constructive network.
- Learn from academic practitioners who are experts in their field, have published and/or exhibited nationally and internationally, and are involved in practice-led research.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:1 Honours degree or equivalent in a related subject.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)



Location: Carlisle Brampton Road

Course duration: Full time: 1 year

Award: MA

Recruiting to: UK/Rol/Settled in UK/  
EU/EEA/International

Start date: September

Delivery style: In person



# LITERATURE, ROMANTICISM, & THE ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT

MA

This unique course offers the opportunity to explore a rich collection of literary and non-literary texts within the geographical landscape that inspired them.

Located in the heart of the Lake District National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, our Ambleside campus provides an exceptional setting to immerse yourself in the literature of Romanticism – surrounded by the scenery that influenced generations of poets and writers.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

You will explore critical ideas about the relationship between the creative imagination and place, and have the opportunity to visit some of the specific locations that have inspired and continue to inspire writers. This course also offers exclusive opportunities to engage with partner organisations such as Brantwood and the Wordsworth Trust, as well as to work with unique manuscript resources.

Exploring themes such as literary tourism, environmental issues, and cultural heritage, this MA enhances career prospects in publishing, the creative industries, and cultural heritage sectors. It also serves as excellent preparation for further research at MPhil/PhD level.

**“I HAVE A DREAM JOB AND I’M ONLY HERE BECAUSE MY LECTURER NOT ONLY INTRODUCED ME TO THE ROMANTICS BUT WAS A SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE WHEN IT CAME TO APPLYING TO BE A CURATOR. SAYING SHE IS INSPIRING IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT!”**

– Leo Finighan

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Study surrounded by the stunning scenery of the English Lake District, which has inspired many of the UK’s greatest writers.
- Take part in field trips to explore how the region has influenced literature.
- Be involved in Cumbria’s thriving literary scene and get the opportunity to work with local cultural heritage organisations.
- Benefit from small class sizes so we can help you to personally develop and flourish throughout your MA course.
- Be taught by literary experts and published academics, and have opportunities to develop real-world projects relating to the contemporary cultural heritage industry.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:1 Honours degree or above in English Literature or a related subject, or equivalent qualification.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](http://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)



Location: Ambleside

Course duration: Full time: 1 year,  
Part time: 2 years

Award: MA

Recruiting to: UK/Rol/Settled in UK/  
EU/EEA/International

Start date: September

Delivery style: In person



FIND OUT MORE



# OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

MA



# MARINE AND COASTAL ECOLOGY

MSC



Based at our Ambleside campus in the heart of the Lake District, our globally minded MA blends cutting-edge research with practical experience, providing a unique opportunity for you to explore the intersections of education, ecology, adventure, and sustainability in one of the world's most celebrated landscapes.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Through debate, reflection, and hands-on engagement with diverse cultural, ecological, and political perspectives, you will develop a critical and creative understanding of how outdoor and experiential education can respond to the social and ecological challenges facing our planet.

Our course adopts an open and exploratory approach to learning and assessment, encouraging reflective practice, collaborative inquiry, and immersive field-based projects. These approaches enable you to connect theory with practice in meaningful and professionally relevant ways.

Designed to support both practitioners and emerging leaders, you'll be prepared for careers in outdoor and sustainability education, environmental communication, storytelling, and adventurous learning, as well as progression into research and academic pathways.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Be mentored by lecturers active in outdoor, sustainability, and experiential education, and benefit from the expertise of partner organisations.
- Study within Cumbria's inspiring landscapes, with immediate access to fells, woodlands, rivers, lakes, and other living classrooms.
- Engage in fieldwork, craft-based learning, journeying, and creative practice to build professional and pedagogical expertise.
- Integrate workplace or voluntary practice into research projects and assessments, and design outdoor learning experiences that foster wellbeing and sustainability.
- Measure and reflect on the effectiveness of educational interventions, adopting adaptive and relational approaches to learning and sustainability education.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent or equivalent.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

Marine and coastal environments are under increasing pressure from climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution – the defining environmental challenges of our time. Our MSc is designed to provide the next generation of marine scientists with the knowledge and skills to address these issues and contribute to the protection, management, and restoration of ocean ecosystems.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Our course offers an interdisciplinary perspective on the complex challenges facing marine and coastal ecosystems. You will explore a broad range of conservation topics, including fisheries management, pollution control, and marine spatial planning, while developing expertise in methodological approaches drawn from both the natural and social sciences.

Working alongside the university's internationally renowned research staff, and collaborating with frontline organisations, you will gain practical experience in tackling real-world environmental problems. Through applied research, ecological training, and project management, the course will prepare you for careers in marine conservation, resource management, environmental consultancy, and policy development.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Study at our Carlisle Fusehill Street campus, with access to the Solway Firth, Morecambe Bay, and the Irish Sea for field-based learning in estuarine, intertidal, and fisheries ecology.
- Take part in a 7-day field trip focused on first-hand training in tropical marine ecology, including coral reef surveys and mangrove and seagrass assessments.
- Develop practical and analytical skills in geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, and marine spatial planning.
- Learn to evaluate environmental interventions and management strategies, fostering an evidence-based approach to marine conservation.
- Be taught by lecturers with international expertise in intertidal ecology, coral reef management, fisheries ecology, and environmental impact assessment.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree, or equivalent qualification, in a related biological or environmental subject.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

**Location:** Ambleside  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MA  
**Delivery style:** In person



**Location:** Ambleside  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** In person



# CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

MSC

Our planet is currently experiencing multiple unsustainable, anthropogenic pressures that are placing extreme strain on global resources and negatively impacting our ecosystems. Biodiversity is also declining faster now than at any point in human history.

This course focuses on developing and supporting you to meet the growing demands placed on professional conservationists today. It provides you with the skills and knowledge needed to address future global challenges, including biodiversity loss and environmental restoration.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

You'll gain an interdisciplinary perspective on the range of issues faced by conservationists, receive training across a broad spectrum of conservation topics, and gain experience with methodological tools spanning both the natural and social sciences. These skills are essential for modern conservationists to operate effectively and communicate their work.

Working closely with the university's globally renowned conservation staff and front-line organisations, you will develop the expertise required to address real-world environmental issues. Through applied conservation research and training in ecology and project management, you'll build the skills and knowledge needed for a successful career in the conservation sector.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Engage with, be mentored by, and learn from lecturers working across global conservation themes. You will also benefit from the expertise of our partner organisations.
- Conduct your studies at the uniquely located Ambleside campus within the Lake District National Park. As the only UK university campus situated in both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Park, you will have readily-accessible examples of conservation management on your doorstep.
- Develop skills across both natural and social science areas—applied to a range of environmental and socio-cultural scenarios—to address real-world conservation management.
- Master cutting-edge practical and analytical techniques

that will prepare you for a successful career in conservation science.

- Be equipped with the tools to measure and evidence working practices, enabling critical evaluation of effectiveness and impact across diverse situations, and fostering an adaptive mindset for effective conservation planning, implementation, and management.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent in a related subject.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

Location: Ambleside

Course duration: Full time: 1 year

Award: MSc

Recruiting to: UK/Rol/Settled in UK/  
EU/EEA/International

Start date: September

Delivery style: In person



# FOREST SCIENCE

MSC

Based in Ambleside at the heart of the Lake District, our Forest Science course tackles the complexities of contemporary forestry within a landscape shaped by temperate rainforests, woodland habitat conservation, and modern commercial silviculture.

You will explore the scientific foundations of forestry research, marrying increasing global demand for timber with the pressures of biodiversity loss, climate change, and deforestation. You'll learn how technology is employed to increase monitoring and management and to resolve ecological problems in forests, before applying your scientific knowledge in the dynamic forestry sector.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

You will study forestry from local to global scale to understand how forest ecosystems are responding to environmental and land-use change, with special consideration for deforestation, biodiversity loss, and countermeasures against the impacts of pests and diseases on forest health.

Guided by expert tutors, you'll investigate the impact of global climate change on forest ecosystems and become confident with the tools and technologies available to improve the forestry sector and bring a modern perspective to forestry practice. The course combines research and practical application, covering areas such as tree improvement, forest ecosystem management, forest climate resilience, and landscape-level processes.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Gain expertise in modern forestry practice driven by the latest technological advancements and data-driven insights, preparing you to become a leader in sustainable forest management.
- Benefit from long-standing industry connections between the National School of Forestry and leading employers in the sector, providing you with unique networking and career development opportunities.
- Receive a personalised learning experience, with expert tutors who will guide and mentor you throughout your studies.
- Explore your specific interests in areas such as sustainable forest management, ecology, conservation, and tree biology.

- Participate in hands-on research in our ancient seminatural oak woodland and join a study tour to visit forestry enterprises and research sites, broadening your understanding of forest science

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree, or equivalent qualification, in a relevant subject.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

Location: Ambleside

Course duration: Full time: 1 year

Award: MSc

Recruiting to: UK/Rol/Settled in UK/  
EU/EEA/International

Start date: September

Delivery style: In person



# COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

MA/PGDIP



If you're passionate about making a difference in the lives of others and are fascinated by the human psyche and its complexities, a career as a counsellor or psychotherapist could be your calling.

Our course will deepen your theoretical understanding and refine your practical skills, enabling you to support individuals as they explore their challenges, express their emotions, and work towards greater self-awareness and growth.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Develop as a therapist while exploring your own interests through engaging practical exercises and stimulating academic study. You'll consider key theories of psychological health and distress and have opportunities to work with clients presenting with a wide range of different experiences.

As you progress through the course, you'll be supported to build the emotional insight and resilience needed for a rewarding career in counselling and psychotherapy. By the end of your studies, you'll graduate as an ethical, reflective practitioner, confident in your ability to support meaningful and positive change in others through professional, compassionate therapeutic practice.

**Location:** Lancaster  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA

**Course duration:** Part time: 3 years (MA), 2 Years (PGDip)  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MA/PGDip  
**Delivery style:** In person



# MEDICAL IMAGING: MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)

MSC/PGCERT/PGDIP



This College of Radiographers accredited course is designed for radiographers eager to expand their practice and stay updated on the latest developments in MRI. It's ideal for those working in the NHS, university research departments, and other providers across the UK.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Our course combines academic modules with work-based clinical placements, supported by expert guidance from clinical practitioners and researchers. This integrated approach equips you with the knowledge to create a safe, efficient environment for patients and staff, while helping you master techniques for producing high-quality clinical images – even in challenging circumstances.

A key feature of our course is the support provided by a broad network of respected radiologists, physicists, and MRI radiographers (some of whom report images) who act as honorary lecturers and contribute to curriculum planning and delivery.

You will develop advanced critical thinking, research, and independent enquiry skills, putting you in an excellent position to advance your career and take on the challenges that clinical leadership and more senior clinical roles can bring.

**Location:** Lancaster  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK. Would also consider applicants in the UK on a working visa

**Course duration:** 3 years (MSc), 2 years (PGDip), 1 year (PGCert)  
**Start date:** October

**Award:** MSc/PGCert/PGDip  
**Delivery style:** In person



## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Access excellent networking opportunities within a facilitative and dynamic learning environment.
- Develop independent learning – allowing research into safety and advanced MR imaging techniques.
- Be taught in three one-week blocks spread throughout the academic year (typically in October, February and May).
- Receive mentorship from senior specialist clinical practitioners during your placements. .

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree.
- Undergraduate qualification in Diagnostic Radiography.
- Minimum 12 months' equivalent full-time post-registration clinical experience. You must demonstrate that you will be able to work in a MR department for a minimum of 2.5 days per week.
- Reference in support of your application.



# MEDICAL IMAGING: ULTRASOUND

MSC

Whether you are an existing healthcare professional or new to the field, our course—accredited by the Consortium for the Accreditation of Sonographic Education (CASE)—can be studied full-time as a two-year MSc (accelerated pathway) or part-time, enabling you to pursue a career as a sonographer at a pace that suits you.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Our CASE-accredited course offers two options: an intensive two-year MSc or a flexible part-time CPD route with MSc, PGDip and PGCert target awards. Both pathways provide the academic knowledge and clinical skills required to become a confident, competent ultrasound practitioner.

Your learning will be supported by supplementary hands-on training in our on-campus facilities, including modern ultrasound scanners and advanced simulators, designed to prepare you for clinical placement.

This course provides exposure to a wide range of sonography specialisms, including obstetrics, gynaecology, general medical (abdominal and small parts), vascular, and musculoskeletal ultrasound.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Gain the academic knowledge and clinical skills required to work confidently and competently in medical ultrasound, preparing you to become a skilled practitioner.
- Work with a placement hospital to experience a variety of sonography specialisms, such as obstetrics, gynaecology, general medical, and vascular.
- Engage in practical training to develop essential work-based skills, with full access to our cutting-edge ultrasound skills training hub.

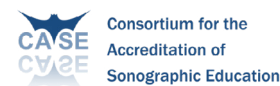
## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Full-time Route

- Minimum 2:1 Honours degree or equivalent in a related subject (2:2 considered).
- A Level Science at grade C or above (or equivalent).
- 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English Language and Science (or equivalent). GCSE Science must be grade B/5 or above (or equivalent).
- Satisfactory DBS and medical clearances completed via university procedures.

### Part-time Route

- Part-time entry requirements vary, and you must have already secured a suitable clinical placement before your application can be considered.
- Please scan the QR code to visit our website for more details.



**Location:** Lancaster, Placement and Online (blended delivery)

**Course duration:**  
Full time: 2 years, Part time: 3-5 years

**Award:** Full time: MSc. Part time: PGCert/PGDip/MSc

**Recruiting to:** Full time: UK/RoI/Settled in UK. Part time: UK/RoI/Settled in UK/In UK on VISA

**Start date:** Full time: January. Part time: September, January, May

**Delivery style:**  
Blended Learning



# MIDWIFERY (PRE-REGISTRATION)

MSC

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of women, birthing parents, newborns, and families during this transformative period of their lives?

Prepare for a rewarding and fulfilling career supporting the growth of families before, during, and after the birth process and become a highly educated midwife through this Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) accredited course.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

As a midwife, you will advocate for women, birthing parents, and newborns, working collaboratively with the wider healthcare team to ensure a safe and successful journey. You will gain the skills to provide compassionate and expert care, becoming a fully qualified midwife within three years.

Half of your course will be spent on placement, gaining hands-on experience across a variety of pregnancy and childbirth scenarios, including shorter placements in other diverse healthcare settings. This course will also equip you with postgraduate credentials and a prospective NHS Band 5 starting salary.

The NHS Learning Support Fund, offering at least £5,000 per year, is available to eligible students.

For more information and details of eligibility, visit [nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lmf](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lmf)

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Undertake work-based practice to reinforce the theory developed during on-campus learning.
- Be supported by lecturers who have extensive experience in clinical midwifery and are all registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.
- Access our midwifery clinical skills facilities, enabling you to develop your hands-on clinical skills in a safe and supportive environment.
- Learn through practical placements and a variety of academic assessments, including written work, presentations, practical exams (OSCEs), and professional discussions.
- Register as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in the UK upon graduation.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:1 Honours degree in a related subject such as Nursing.
- GCSEs in English Language, Maths, and Biology or Combined Science at grade C/4 or above.
- Satisfactory DBS and medical clearance completed via university procedures.

**Location:** Carlisle Fusehill Street, Lancaster  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK

**Course duration:** Full time: 3 years  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** Blended Learning



FIND OUT MORE

# PRE-REGISTRATION NURSING/ REGISTERED NURSE: ADULT NURSING

MSC

In just two years, you'll develop the skills and knowledge needed to become a competent, compassionate adult nurse registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Balancing theory with practice, our MSc is designed to prepare you for a career in a complex, demanding, and rewarding field, allowing you to build on your existing skills and transition into a fulfilling role.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

You will spend half of your NMC-accredited course on placement, gaining real-world experience across a variety of clinical environments, for example, accident and emergency, medical/surgical, older adults, orthopaedics, palliative care, biomedical sciences or health and social care. You will obtain highly sought-after postgraduate credentials, with an NHS Band 5 prospective starting salary.

The NHS Learning Support Fund, offering at least £5,000 of financial support per year of study, is available to eligible students. For more information, visit [nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lmf](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lmf).

**"I CHOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA BECAUSE IT IS NEAR TO HOME AND IT HAD AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR TURNING OUT GOOD QUALITY NURSES."**

– Catherine Hind, MSc Adult Nursing Alumni

**Location:** Carlisle Fusehill Street  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** Blended Learning



FIND OUT MORE

# PRE-REGISTRATION NURSING/ REGISTERED NURSE: MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

MSC

On this accelerated course, in just two years you will develop the skills and knowledge required to become a competent and compassionate mental health nurse registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Using a person-centred approach, you will learn how to facilitate the recovery of service users in various settings, and have opportunities to learn about partnership approaches to caring for service users, carers, and families.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides graduates from a range of backgrounds with the opportunity to transfer their skills, build on undergraduate experience, and become a fully qualified Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registered nurse in two years.

To gain vital real-world experience, half of your course will be spent on placement across a variety of professional environments, such as perinatal mental health, dementia services, forensic mental health, and dementia and memory matters. You will obtain highly sought-after postgraduate credentials, with an NHS Band 5 prospective starting salary.

The NHS Learning Support Fund, offers at least £5,000 per year to eligible students. For more information, visit [nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lsf](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lsf).

**Location:** Carlisle Fusehill Street  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** Blended Learning



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# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (PRE-REGISTRATION)

MSC

Our innovative 2-year pre-registration Occupational Therapy degree is accredited by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) and approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

The course is designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and professional qualifications required to become a compassionate, empathetic occupational therapist. You will learn how to support people to undertake the occupations they want, value or need to do, and champion the rights and beliefs of individuals and communities.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Building on your academic skills, you will take part in a range of clinical practice sessions and hands-on learning experiences, and will complete over 1,000 hours of clinical practice placements. There are also opportunities to work in various settings with children, adults, and older adults facing physical, social, or mental health challenges.

Our simulation labs, home space, and other specialist facilities will support your skill development before placement. Throughout the course, you will work alongside other health students to build confidence and prepare for a professional role.

The NHS Learning Support Fund, offering at least £5,000 per year, is available to eligible students. For more information visit [nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lsf](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lsf).

**Location:** Carlisle Fusehill Street  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** Blended Learning



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# PHYSIOTHERAPY (PRE-REGISTRATION)

MSC

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council



Our 2-year pre-registration MSc Physiotherapy course will equip you with the techniques, knowledge, and skills to rehabilitate people from injury and enhance their quality of life – a truly rewarding profession where you can make a lasting difference.

In just two years our course enables you to qualify as a Physiotherapist, allowing you to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and gain chartered status with the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP).

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Building on your existing academic knowledge, you'll complete over 1,100 hours of clinical practice placements, taking advantage of our exceptional industry links across a range of specialities and locations.

Our expert tutors will use their professional experience to provide you with theoretical knowledge and hands-on opportunities in our physiotherapy and simulation suites. You will develop your examination, treatment, and leadership skills and graduate with a strong profile, opening up opportunities to work in the NHS, private treatment, and sporting sectors.

The NHS Learning Support Fund, offering at least £5,000 of financial support per year of study, is available to eligible students. For more information, visit [nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lstf](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/lstf).

**Location:** Carlisle Fusehill Street  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in  
UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** In person



## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Learn the practical skills needed for the diagnosis and management of musculoskeletal, respiratory, and neurological conditions.
- Take part in pre-placement practical skills sessions and simulated learning scenarios to prepare you for your real-world placements.
- Be eligible to apply for membership to the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) and register as a Physiotherapist with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:1 Honours degree in a relevant science-based subject.
- GCSEs in English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above.
- For applicants where English is not their first language, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall score of 7.0 (with a minimum score of 6.5 in each area) is required.
- Satisfactory DBS and medical clearance completed via university procedures.



# PSYCHOLOGY: ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & WELLBEING

MSC

Are you a psychology or social science graduate interested in learning how you can use the environment to enact positive changes on health and wellbeing? Our innovative, fully online course will develop your critical understanding of the interrelationship between organisations and the environment and encourage you to explore how outdoor spaces can improve people's health and wellbeing.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Build on your academic knowledge and professional experience to take an in-depth and critical look at environmental psychology as a multidisciplinary area. You'll consider the influence that research, policies and practice have on your chosen discipline, and explore your values and ethics and the importance of these in your professional life.

We've earned a great reputation nationally for our cutting-edge research methods, and you'll be taught to use diverse specialist methods, equipping you for future challenges and advancing your career prospects.

**"BEING BASED IN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK AND WORKING REMOTELY, THE ONLINE FORMAT SUITED ME PERFECTLY. IT WAS FLEXIBLE AROUND MY CLIENT WORK AND DAILY ROUTINE, WHICH MADE IT BOTH MANAGEABLE AND ENJOYABLE."**

– Kaylee Cattano-Heard

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Explore and apply psychological literature to current issues, contexts, and experiences related to the environment, health, and wellbeing.
- Receive high-quality teaching, support, and guidance from our expert lecturing team, who are actively engaged in research and practice.
- Tailor your learning experience by choosing topics that suit your professional interests and career goals.
- Engage in primary or secondary research for your dissertation.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree in a relevant subject or equivalent.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

# PSYCHOLOGY: LEGAL & CRIMINOLOGICAL

MSC

Deepen your understanding of the criminal justice system and learn effective ways to work with justice-involved populations with our MSc in legal and criminological psychology.

Through a blend of theory and practice, you'll gain a comprehensive understanding of forensic psychology and its application across diverse settings, preparing you for advanced roles working with complex cases and specialist client groups.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Designed to advance both your academic and professional development, our course builds on your prior learning and expertise in psychology, sociology or criminology. You'll develop the specialised knowledge and skills required to work in legal and criminological psychology, graduating with a critical awareness of key issues and how psychology informs forensic and legal processes.

Teaching combines blended learning with on-campus sessions, offering flexibility while ensuring you gain practical experience relevant to diverse professional contexts.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Explore and apply psychological literature to current issues, contexts, and experiences around legal and criminological settings.
- Receive high-quality teaching, support, and guidance from our expert lecturing team, who are actively engaged in research and practice.
- Learn valuable transferable skills in postgraduate research, which are highly sought after by employers.
- Tailor your learning experience by choosing topics that suit your professional interests and career goals.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent in a related subject.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)

**Location:** Online  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year, Part time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** Distance Learning



FIND OUT MORE

**Location:** Carlisle Fusehill Street  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year, Part time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September

**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** Blended Learning



FIND OUT MORE

# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MPH

Rooted in contemporary global practice and policy, our globally-minded Master of Public Health blends rigorous scholarship with applied experience, giving you a distinctive pathway to protect and improve population health in a complex, contested world. With planetary health at its core, you'll learn to design upstream interventions that reduce inequalities, strengthen community wellbeing, and build resilient systems across local, national, and international contexts.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The course is designed to meet workforce development needs in the UK and global health systems, aligning with professional standards from the UK Faculty of Public Health, Royal Society of Public Health, and international frameworks endorsed by WHO and ICRC. You will critically explore the evolution of global health standards—from the UN's "Health for All" declaration to contemporary initiatives such as Health Care in Danger—while developing the skills to address complex health challenges in diverse contexts.

This course places planetary health at its core, preparing you to move beyond reactive fixes toward upstream interventions that promote equity, resilience, and wellbeing. Through transformative learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and applied projects, you will strengthen your ability to communicate, plan, and lead across key public health

domains: Health Promotion, Health Education, Epidemiology, and Resourcing.

Whether you are an experienced practitioner or aspiring leader, this programme equips you for roles across health improvement, health protection, environmental health, humanitarian response, and policy development — alongside pathways into specialist training and academic research.



## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Be mentored by experienced public health professionals and benefit from insights informed by global standards and practice.
- Study within a dynamic online learning environment that connects theory with real-world challenges in health and wellbeing.
- Engage in collaborative projects and applied learning to develop leadership and problem-solving skills.
- Integrate your professional or voluntary experience into research and assessment to enhance your career progression.
- Explore innovative approaches to improving health and reducing inequalities across communities and populations

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or above in a health related subject (public health or social care) or equivalent.
- Evidence of professional experience in public health if not a healthcare provider or clinician.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)



**Location:** Distance Learning

**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year,  
Part time: 2 years

**Award:** MPH

**Recruiting to:** UK/RoI/Settled in UK/  
EU/EEA/International

**Start date:** January

**Delivery style:** Online  
Learning



# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MBA

If you aspire to be a successful entrepreneur or obtain a high-level management position, our Master of Business Administration (MBA) will open doors for you to work anywhere in the world and prove your expertise within your industry.

Our MBA is designed to integrate your own work-based learning with your expertise, skills, and ethics to become a business leader who can think logically and independently.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Our globally recognised MBA will consolidate your understanding of contemporary business and management principles as well as the current issues impacting organisations. Over the course of the programme, you'll gain the confidence to make high-end business decisions and secure business sustainability.

The skills and knowledge you develop will enable you to progress your career into more senior roles or act as a stepping-stone into a new profession.

**“MY MBA WILL OPEN DOORS FOR ME TO WORK ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.”**

– Anderson Uvie-Emegbo

**Recruiting to:** Lancaster: UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International. London: UK/Rol/Settled in UK

**Location:** Lancaster, London  
**Course duration:** Full time: 1 year, Part time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September, January, May

**Award:** MBA  
**Delivery style:** Lancaster: In person. London: Blended and Evening Classes



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# INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT

MSC

Develop the skills and knowledge you need to thrive in the fast-paced global business world with a Master's in International Management.

Our course is designed to deepen your professional knowledge and bolster your career prospects working in multinational companies. You'll learn about international business practices, operations, sustainability, and strategic management in the context of today's complex and changing globalised marketplace.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

You will study in a 'global classroom' alongside international students, where you can experience a social and cultural understanding of practice in other countries. Our course will help to inform your cross-cultural business reasoning, practice, and problem-solving skills while providing you with the opportunity to build an international network of contacts.

Your studies will be enhanced through work-based projects and workshops, giving you every opportunity to build your business confidence and gain an authentic insight into the scenarios and challenges that you will face in your future career.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Explore and critically analyse international management papers and research to gain a well-rounded picture of the international business landscape.
- Evaluate how theory can be informed by and applied to the current economic climate, giving you the skills you need to manage and lead in the current world of business.
- Study at our dedicated and professional business school where you will meet like-minded people, make beneficial business contacts, and enhance your personal learning and skills for a successful career.
- Work with tutors who have a wealth of experience in organisations such as the United Nations.
- Have the flexibility to study part-time and continue working while you gain your MSc.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum First- or Second-Class Honours degree.



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# PROJECT LEADERSHIP

MSC



# TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY MANAGEMENT

MBA



Our unique postgraduate course is specifically designed to enhance your skills as a leader in a complex project environment. It is the first and only Masters course to be recognised by the Association for Project Management (APM) as providing you with the technical knowledge and professional practice requirements needed for chartership.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Led by our nationally acclaimed Project Management team, and developed in collaboration with Project Academy Ltd, our course is aligned to the APM Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) Standard, a globally acknowledged benchmark in the profession.

You will gain a recognised assessment in both project management professional practice and technical knowledge, a key requirement in support of an application for Chartered Project Professional status.

You will also be eligible to apply for ChPP status with the APM via the new Pathway 4 application process (formerly known as 'Route 2').



## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Apply your learning to your day-to-day role with a flexible delivery pattern that complements the workplace environment.
- Work with the leading providers of Project Management education in the UK. In recent years, we have partnered with employers such as Sellafield Ltd., BAE Systems, Rolls Royce, the NHS, and the BBC.
- Study a range of interactive project topics and develop your knowledge of essential project management concepts and principles.
- Learn from our expert lecturers, who have a wealth of hands-on experience from a multitude of different sectors, including IT, engineering, finance, and the Armed Forces.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent in Project Management; OR
- Minimum 2:2 honours degree or above in any subject plus an APM Project Management Qualification (PMQ); AND
- Current and ongoing experience in a Project Management role; AND
- Level 2 English and Maths.

Based at our Ambleside campus in the heart of the Lake District, our internationally focused MBA integrates industry experience with academic insight, offering a unique opportunity to explore sustainable tourism, visitor management, and destination development within one of the UK's most iconic landscapes and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Built around the UNESCO Sustainable Development Goals, our course develops your understanding of global frameworks for environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic sustainability, while equipping you with the practical tools to apply them within the tourism and visitor economy industry.

We adopt a practical and contextualised approach to learning and assessment, embedding industry insights, case studies, guest lectures, and real-world projects to ensure your knowledge and skills are professionally relevant and transferable.

Designed for both emerging leaders and current practitioners, our course positions you for meaningful career progression across tourism management, destination marketing, sustainable development, and research within national and international visitor economies.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Learn from academic staff with extensive industry experience, supported by guest lecturers from leading organisations.
- Study at our Ambleside campus in the Lake District, providing access to one of the UK's most visited national parks.
- Engage in fieldwork, industry placements, and consultancy projects to develop practical skills and professional networks.
- Apply theoretical frameworks and industry toolkits to authentic tourism challenges, enhancing your strategic insight.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:2 Honours degree or equivalent.
- If English is not your first language, please read our English Language requirements at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements](http://cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements)
- Applications may be accepted from those without standard qualifications, but they must demonstrate a high level of motivation, capacity for independent study, and the ability to achieve the proposed programme of work.

**Location:** Blended Learning  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK

**Course duration:** Part time: 2 years  
**Start date:** September

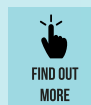
**Award:** MSc  
**Delivery style:** Online (2 days in person essential for induction and up to a day for final assessment necessary)



**Location:** Ambleside  
**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Course duration:** Full time: 18 months  
**Start date:** September  
**Award:** MBA

**Delivery style:** In person and work-based learning



# DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DBA



Our doctoral-level course is tailored for seasoned executives and accomplished professionals in leadership and management who are aiming to enrich their insights and expertise.

You'll have extensive opportunities to engage in applied research that not only advances your knowledge but also contributes significantly to the evolution of professional practice and related frameworks, theories and concepts.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course goes beyond traditional learning; it's a personalised experience where you refine your critical thinking, strategy development, and problem-solving skills, and customise your research in business, management, or leadership to strengthen your organisation and stakeholder engagement.

Guided by dedicated academic advisors, you will engage in a self-directed applied research project, participate in seminars and workshops, and complete modules covering critical thinking, leadership, research strategy, and advanced methods.

The course culminates in the submission of your DBA thesis and an oral exam, ensuring you not only earn a prestigious qualification but also emerge with refined skills crucial for leading in dynamic business landscapes.

## ON THIS COURSE, YOU WILL...

- Design and implement a research project that explores a specific management, leadership, and/or collaboration question.
- Critically assess, select, and implement applied research methodologies and methods within complex organisational, leadership, and collaboration contexts or more specific professional settings.
- Synthesise, interpret, and rigorously apply relevant theoretical frameworks and research findings in relation to complex business, management, and leadership contexts and issues.
- Develop high-level analytical and conceptual skills, facilitating questioning and critical debate about established theoretical orthodoxy and challenges to such orthodoxy.
- Engage in and manage a process of high level critical reflective personal and professional development, leading to the enhancement of your own professional practice within an organisational context or a specific domain.

## MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 2:1 Honours degree, or equivalent, in a related discipline from a recognised university in the UK or a comparable university overseas; or a master's degree.
- By exception, applicants will be considered with additional evidence of substantial relevant professional experience instead of relevant academic qualifications.



**Location:** Ambleside, Lancaster, Blended Learning

**Course duration:** Part time: 4–5 years

**Award:** DBA

**Recruiting to:** UK/Rol/Settled in UK/EU/EEA/International

**Start date:** September

**Delivery style:** In-person. Blended Learning



## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With flexible study pathways available to suit your lifestyle, our CPD courses are designed to complement the workplace environment.

CPD courses offer the opportunity to learn and develop new skills at your own pace through bitesize modules and qualifications. Depending on your goals, these can build towards a complete postgraduate qualification, offering a pathway that fits around your life and career, depending on what you wish to pursue.

From short courses covering essential fundamentals to full master's degrees, we work with you to tailor your CPD education to meet your personal and professional development needs.

We offer an array of CPD and professional qualification courses in areas such as health, education, business, project management and leadership, helping you stay ahead in a rapidly changing world.



FIND OUT MORE

To find out more please visit our CPD web page at [cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/cpd-and-short-courses](https://cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/cpd-and-short-courses).



## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREES

Study at the No.1 university in the UK for overall PGR student experience (Postgraduate Research Survey, 2025).

A postgraduate research degree is your opportunity to follow your passion, deepen your expertise, and make a real impact on the world through innovative research. At the UK's leading university for postgraduate research experience, you'll benefit from an environment designed to inspire and support you every step of the way. Our particular areas of research strengths are in: health; social work and social policy; geography and environment; education; art and design; and science and engineering.

We offer a range of postgraduate research degrees, so you can ensure your mode of research aligns with your interests and future ambitions. Whether this be a traditional PhD format, a PhD by Art Practice, a PhD by Publication, a Master of Research, Doctor of Business Administration, or a Professional Doctorate, you'll be empowered to pursue rigorous research and make an impactful contribution to your field of expertise.

From your first enquiry to your final submission and beyond, we're committed to helping you succeed.



FIND OUT MORE

To find out more please visit our Graduate School web page at [cumbria.ac.uk/research/the-graduate-school](https://cumbria.ac.uk/research/the-graduate-school).



## DISCLAIMER

This prospectus aims to answer your questions about life at the University of Cumbria and the postgraduate academic provision on offer. 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, for example, consist of variations to the content and the method of delivery of our programmes and other services; the discontinuation of programmes or other services; or the merging and combining of programmes.

If a programme change or closure is proposed, we will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to students. This will include informing applicants and students of any changes in advance.

For a complete list of courses currently on offer from the University of Cumbria, please visit our website [cumbria.ac.uk](http://cumbria.ac.uk).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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## CAMPUS DETAILS

### **Ambleside Campus**

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

### **Carlisle Brampton Road Campus**

University of Cumbria, Brampton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA3 9AW.

### **Carlisle Fusehill Street Campus**

University of Cumbria, Fusehill Street, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 2HH.

### **Lancaster Campus**

University of Cumbria, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, LA1 3JD.

### **London Campus**

University of Cumbria, 58 E India Dock Road, London, E14 6JE.

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