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Study Abroad and Exchange Guide
2025/26

Where we are



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Lancaster University highlights

Top 15 in the UK

10th The Complete University Guide 2025

11th The Guardian University Guide 2024

14th The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024

Reputation

Lancaster University is among the best in the UK. We're top 10 in The Complete University Guide 2025 and consistently placed in the top 15 in major UK league tables.

We are also listed among the top 150 in the QS World University Rankings 2025 and our global reputation is demonstrated by our 5 Star award in the prestigious QS Stars rating system.



Environmental Impact



Employability



Internationalisation



Facilities



Teaching



Research



Community

When you join Lancaster as a student you will also join a college. These are more than just a place to live; they are often the focus of your social life and provide a strong sense of community. You can get involved in a wide variety of activities, events and socials on campus.



For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk



Location

Our parkland campus offers the vibrant feel of a busy community and the natural tranquility of the Lancastrian countryside. Our students benefit from a beautiful, thriving campus, and the historic and exciting city of Lancaster is a short bus or bike ride away.



Opportunity

We offer a variety of study options including summer schools and year abroad opportunities. We also offer a wide range of modules, which complement your home degree and provide you with a challenging and rewarding learning experience.



Discover your neighbourhood

Lancaster city is a relatively small but bustling city, and easily accessible from campus.

It has a rich history and you can explore its cobbled streets, museums, quirky outdoor spaces and landmarks. This includes the well preserved 12th century castle in the centre of Lancaster. It's also a thriving city with innovative industry, dynamic start-ups, free thinkers and creatives all producing something new.

Eat and drink

You'll find plenty of places to eat and drink. From a range of international cuisines, traditional English food and vegan specialists to a range of bars and cafes, including Atkinsons Coffee Roasters who have been roasting coffee beans for more than 180 years.

Shop

The easy to navigate city centre offers a full shopping experience. An eclectic selection of stalls make up our market, which you can browse between the large high street brands and independent boutiques spread.



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Take in the culture

Lancaster is home to several museums and galleries and there's lots to see in the various cinemas and theatres. The city itself is rich with culture and heritage, with a castle, Aston Memorial folly, a cathedral, Roman bath house ruins, the Priory and the historic Dalton Square.

There's also a calendar of exciting events, including a literature festival, music festivals, Light Up Lancaster, Highest Point, and international cultural celebrations.

Explore the region

The backdrop of Lancaster is one of beautiful nature and discovery. There's the spectacular coastline of Morecambe Bay, the open countryside of North Yorkshire and the mountains of the Lake District (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). And if you want to go further, excellent road and rail links give you easy access to cities like Liverpool, Manchester, London and Edinburgh.



Find out more about life in Lancaster through our virtual tour.



Check out this video about Lancaster and the wider region.



Everything on campus



Our campus offers everything we think you'll need during your time with us.

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|  Sports centre |  Cafes |
|  Theatre |  Pharmacy |
|  Art gallery |  Bakery |
|  Student-run cinema |  Doctor |
|  Hairdresser and beauty salon |  Bars |
|  Chaplaincy |  Petrol station |
|  Post office |  Prayer room |
|  Supermarkets |  Launderettes |
|  Cash machines |  Pre-school centre |
|  Restaurants |  Farmers' Market |



Why not **take a virtual tour of Lancaster University's campus?**



For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk



Support

The University provides a range of support across campus, with experts providing confidential support and guidance through our specialist services.

For example, we have specialised staff who can help you with academic skills, such as essay writing techniques and exam preparation strategies. And, we provide support for all students with disabilities, including assessment and support for dyslexia and assessments for study aids. We also provide specially adapted accommodation for students that require it. Support service areas include:

- Wellbeing, counselling and mental health
- Disability
- Diverse communities
- Study
- Visa and immigration
- Careers and employability

lancaster.ac.uk/ask

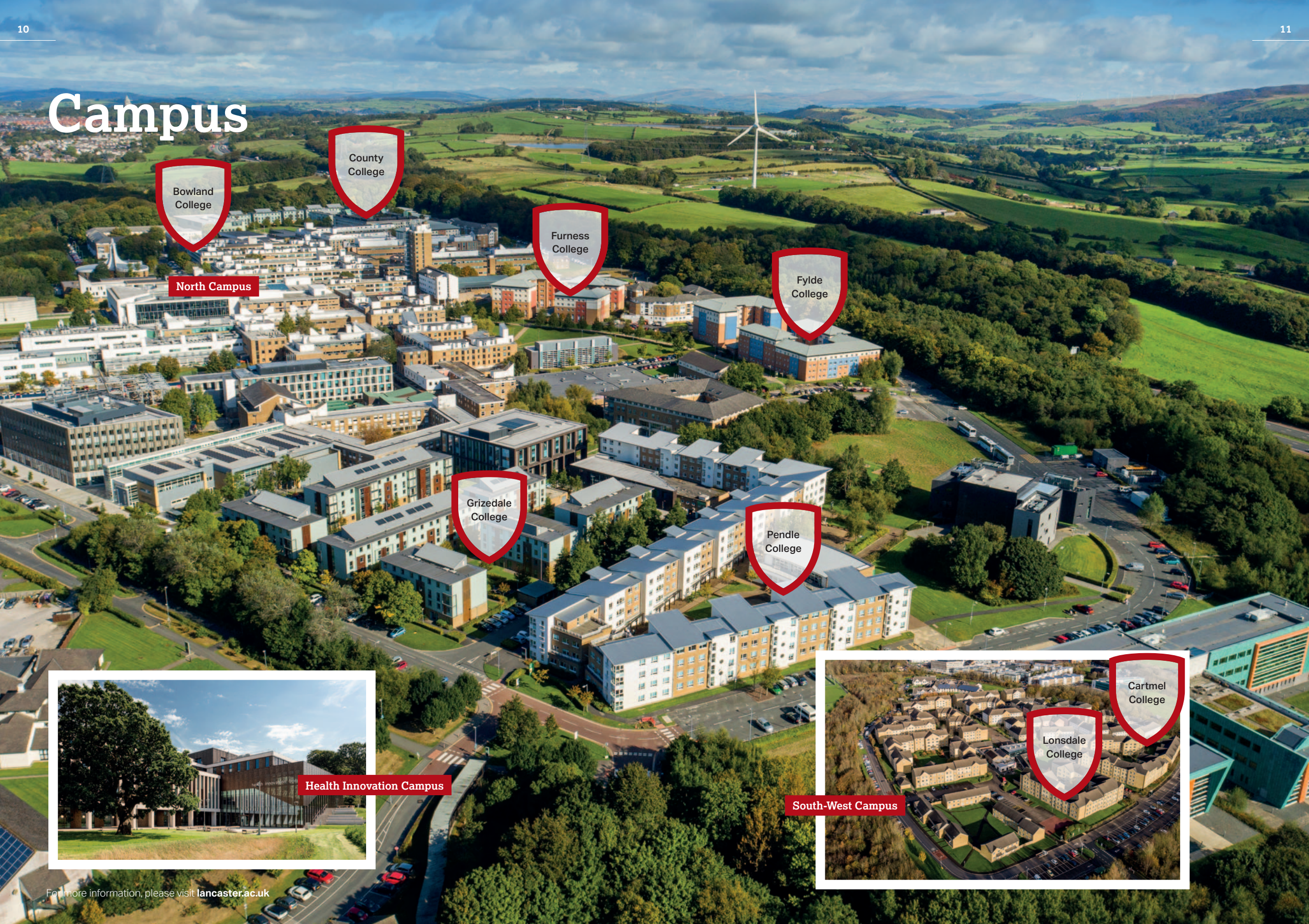


Societies and sports

There are more than 170 different groups including a wide range of sports teams; academic groups; arts, crafts and music societies; and much more. There's also lots of special interest groups and international societies. Some groups compete against other universities, some organise regular events on campus and others work in the community.

lancastersu.co.uk/societies

Campus



Bowland College

County College

Furness College

Fylde College

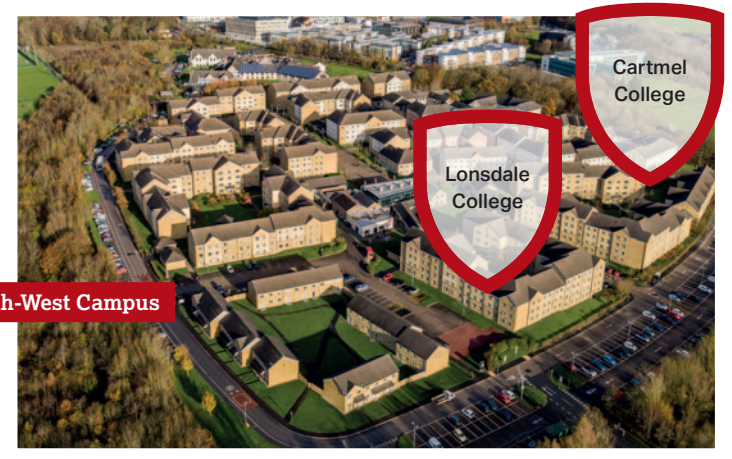
North Campus

Grizedale College

Pendle College



Health Innovation Campus



South-West Campus

Lonsdale College

Carmel College

Home away from home

Our colleges

Lancaster is one of the few universities in the UK to have a collegiate system. This means that you have extra support and opportunities to make friends outside of your course.

We have nine colleges and your choice of accommodation will decide which one you join. But it's more than just a place to stay, you'll have the chance to study and socialise there as well. So, when you've finished your work for the day, you can meet your friends in the social spaces, settle down to a film or even see a band play.

Your college becomes your team, your university family. It might take a little time to get to know the others on your course or to figure out which clubs to join. But your college is a ready-made set of friends and is the first port of call for any support. There are staff on duty round the clock, ready to help – whether it's a friendly word of advice, or something more serious.



For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk

Accommodation

We are proud of our student accommodation which, in the 2024 Global Student Living Awards, has been shortlisted for Inclusivity Impact and Best Specialist Housing. We have also been awarded 5 Stars by the QS for our facilities, including accommodation.

Accommodation types include:

Standard	Shared facilities	Individual facilities
Standard accommodation is available in most colleges. Shared facilities are for approximately six students. County and Bowland Colleges also offer Superior Standard accommodation, which includes a lounge area in each flat.		
En Suite	Shared facilities	Individual facilities
These rooms are available in all of our colleges. Shared facilities are for four to eight students.		
Townhouse	Shared facilities	Individual facilities
Each four-storey house has twelve bedrooms and six bathrooms with a large kitchen and lounge-diner on the ground floor.		
Key		

Off campus

Some rooms may be available in the city centre at the Lancaster University owned accommodation - Chancellor's Wharf.

If you want to find your own accommodation and rent from a private landlord, LU Homes can help you find quality accommodation in the city. Using LU Homes means that all properties have been inspected and meet current safety legislation and our specified standards.

lancasteruniversityhomes.co.uk



The cost of your accommodation will depend on the type of room you choose.

Prices for 2025/26 had not been set at the time of printing, but 2024 prices ranged from **£129.71** per week for a basic standard room to **£191.10** per week for a superior en suite room.

For more information about our accommodation options, please visit lancaster.ac.uk/accommodation.

Study abroad

Studying abroad is a great opportunity to develop as a global citizen. At Lancaster you will study alongside students from all over the world, gaining experience of life in the UK and gaining insights from a global community.

You can choose courses from across the University to create a tailor-made study plan that matches your academic plans and ambitions.

You can take modules in your major and minor, as well as other subjects that interest you. At Lancaster, you can create a truly diverse and intellectually stimulating study plan for your Study Abroad experience.

Subject options



Arts and Social Science

Art	French	Politics
Chinese	Gender and Women's Studies	Religion
Creative Writing	German	Social Work
Criminology	History	Sociology
Cultural Studies	Italian	Spanish
Design	Law	Theatre Studies
English Literature	Linguistics and English Language	
Film and Media	Philosophy	



Health and Medicine

Biochemistry	Biomedicine	
Biological Science	Sports and Exercise Science	



Management

Accounting and Finance	Entrepreneurship	Management Science
Business Analytics	Management	Marketing
Economics	Management and Organisation	Strategic Management



Science and Technology

Chemistry	Environmental Science	Research Projects
Computing and Communications	Geography	
Ecology	Mathematics and Statistics	
Engineering	Physics	
Environmental Biology	Psychology	

You can choose from over **900 modules** from more than **30 departments**.



Application information

The academic year is split into three terms, and we welcome Study Abroad students for the following study periods:

- Michaelmas term (October to December)
- Lent and Summer terms (January to June)
- Full academic year (October to June or January to December)

Study abroad tuition fees 2024/25*		Credit load	
Michaelmas (Oct–Dec)	£10,482	Michaelma (Oct–Dec)	12 US credits / 22.5 ECTS
Lent/Summer (Jan–Jun)	£15,724	Lent/Summe (Jan–Jun)	16–20 US credits / 30–37.5 ECTS
Full year (Oct–Jun or Jan–Dec)	£26,206	Full year (Oct–Jun or Jan–Dec)	32 US credits / 60 ECTS

Term dates

2025–26 Academic year	
Michaelmas (Oct–Dec)	Welcome Week: 29 September 2025 - 3 October 2025 Term dates: 6 October 2025 – 12 December 2025
Lent/Summer (Jan–Jun)	Welcome Week: 6–9 January 2026 Term dates: 12 January 2026 – 26 June 2026
Full year (Oct–Jun or Jan–Dec)	Welcome Week: 29 September 2025 - 3 October 2025 (October entry) or 6–9 January 2026 (January entry) Term dates: 6 October 2025 - 26 June 2026 (October entry) or 12 January 2026 – January 2027 (January entry)

*The 2025/26 fees had not been set at the time of printing. Please check our website later in the year for up-to-date fees information.

For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk



How to apply

You first need to be nominated by your home university or you can apply through one of Lancaster University's overseas representatives. We will then send you information on how to complete your application. Further details can be found at lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad.

Application requirements

- Current transcript
- Study plan
- If applicable, proof of your knowledge of the English language
- Copy of valid passport

Entry requirements

Completion of at least one year of university with a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0, a credit or grade B average or equivalent.

Students from non-English speaking countries must have an overall 6.5 IELTS score, with at least 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in the other elements. Please see our English language policy for other assessment methods we accept.

lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad



Summer schools

We offer a range of summer schools, providing you with a great opportunity to connect with students from around the world, develop key global competencies and experience a varied programme of lectures, small group work, field trips and social activities.

Recent summer school programme options have included:

- Environment and Sustainability
- Film
- Global Media Studies
- International Commercial Law
- Introduction to Law
- War and Diplomacy



Summer schools offer:

- Academic credit
- Development of critical thinking, analysis and observational skills
- Opportunity to adjust to UK academic practices
- Cultural and social events
- Personal feedback from tutors
- International student community

Our summer schools run in July and they are worth 4 US / 7.5 ECTS



To find out more, visit lancaster.ac.uk/global-summer-schools



Enhance your study abroad experience

Our **International Cultural Experience** summer school runs twice a year and the August programme is an excellent opportunity to extend and enhance your study abroad plans.

Students joining us in the Michaelmas term or for a full year of study abroad can complete the August International Cultural Experience and then spend a few weeks of their own time exploring the UK or settling into Lancaster before joining their study abroad programme in October. This is a great opportunity to discover local businesses, take part in community experiences, and learn about UK politics.

International Cultural Experience is worth 3 US / 5 ECTS credits.

Get in touch if you would like to know more about this by emailing globalschools@lancaster.ac.uk.



For more information, please visit lancaster.ac.uk



Adelyn Yap

**Sunway University,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

"The environment and people at Lancaster University are nice and friendly. The teaching styles and cultures at the University are very different from my home university, so it is good to learn about these new cultures."

Adelyn's advice:

"Travel around the UK and even Europe when you are free and enjoy your life and the nice weather here!"



Stef Tank

**Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU),
Amsterdam, Netherlands**

"The lectures and seminars and everything are interesting and fit what I've studied at my home university really well. I also had a lot of fun going to events at the University and in the city. I went with friends to a festival called 'Light Up Lancaster' in the city - we had no idea what to expect, but it was such a fun night."

Stef's advice:

"Go to the events! You're abroad and that doesn't happen every year. That concert you want to go to but couldn't in your home country, go here (I did this twice and it was so great). Honestly, just do things you normally wouldn't. It's so much fun to do spontaneous things with the friends you have here; it's a once in a lifetime experience and I do not regret any of the spontaneous things I did."



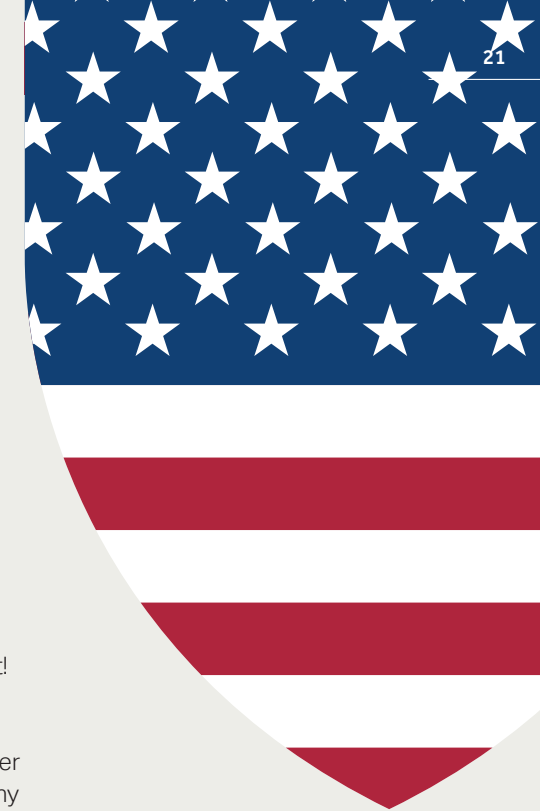
Kendyll Gabriel

**Texas A&M University,
Texas, USA**

"I've loved my time at Lancaster and leaving will be difficult! The staff and students are so welcoming and the campus is clean and safe. My accommodation is very nice and my flatmates are wonderful! Connecting with people from other parts of the globe and having the ability to travel to so many beautiful places around the UK made my time in Lancaster fantastic."

Kendyll's advice:

"Visit Lancaster Castle and Williamson Park when the weather is good. And there are lots of cafes and so many pubs and cocktail bars to try in the city."



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Important information

The information in this publication relates primarily to 2025–26 entry to the University and every effort has been taken to ensure the information is Placement Year correct at the time of printing (December 2023). The University will use all reasonable effort to deliver the courses as described but the University reserves the right to make changes after going to print. In exceptional circumstances that are beyond the University's reasonable control (Force Majeure Events), we may need to amend the programmes and provision advertised. However, in this event, the University will take reasonable steps to minimise the disruption to your studies.

You are advised to consult our website at: lancaster.ac.uk/studyabroad for up-to-date information before you submit your application.

Further legal information may be found at: lancaster.ac.uk/compliance/legalnotice.



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