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**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FACT SHEET
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i. CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME OF UNIVERSITY	University of Central Lancashire
NAME OF DEPARTMENT	Study Abroad – External Relations
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ii. ACADEMIC INFORMATION -

<https://msuclanac.sharepoint.com/sites/StudentHub/SitePages/Academic-dates.aspx>

MANDATORY WELCOME WEEK	23/09/24 – 27-09-2024
SEMESTER 1	Mon 30 th sept – Fri 17 th Jan
SEMESTER 2	Mon 20 th Jan – Fri 16 th May
FULL YEAR	Mon 30 th Sept 2024 – Fri 16 th May 2025

Incoming exchange students must attend Welcome Week and are required to arrive at UCLan no later than Sunday 29th September TBC. Students MUST NOT purchase plane tickets / travel until placement has been confirmed by all parties and dates have been confirmed.

APPLICATION DEADLINES	Semester 1 (Autumn) / Full Year – Nomination deadline 30 th March. Application deadline 30 April Semester 2 (Spring) – Nomination deadline 30 th September. Application deadline 31 October
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iii. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

*ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT	IELTS Standard Academic – minimum score 6.0 with minimum 5.5 across subcomponents (reading, writing, speaking, listening). For <i>Study Overseas</i> , IELTS Standard Academic – minimum overall score 4.0. IELTS UKVI Academic would only be required if a student were not to meet the required English Language requirement for undergraduate study and were to apply for a joint CAS number to allow them to enrol onto an intensive Pre-Sessional English programme after which they would enrol directly onto a degree level programme. This would mean that after finishing the intensive English language programme the student would not need to return home to apply for a Student Visa TOEFL IBT – minimum overall score 80 with the minimum sub-score: Reading 10, Listening 10, Speaking 17, Writing 19.
STUDY OVERSEAS PROGRAMME	UCLan’s Study Overseas programme (English Language & Culture) allows international students to experience life and study in a UK university. We offer this to our incoming exchange students who have not managed to achieve the required English Language entry levels. The minimum overall IELTS score is 4.0. https://www.uclan.ac.uk/cpd/courses/study-overseas-programme-short-course There is normally a fee for this course but we will waiver for Exchange Students from Partner universities
OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	Minimum one-year study at home institution at Undergraduate level education for all degree level programs * For International Business Communication – minimum two years’ study. For any practical courses Art, photography or dance you will need to provide a portfolio /video of work *Available modules may depend on previous study
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	Incoming Application Form Valid Passport Official University Academic Transcript (Must be in English) Proof of English Language Proficiency (if native language isn’t English)
EUROPEAN STUDENTS	Following the UK’s Departure from the EU, European Students are now considered as International Students and are required to apply for a student visa. European Students will also be required to demonstrate evidence of their English Language in accordance with the UKVI regulations which should be B2 level or above and should be evidenced by IELTS or TOEFL iBT as per the English Language Proficiency Requirement above* We are no longer allowed to accept letters from your English Language Departments or ERASMUS OLS Results UCLAN’s English Language Academy offers an on-line E-TELL Test and to book a test you can contact the Academy at languageacademy@uclan.ac.uk
CREDITS	Students must take a maximum of 60 credits per semester (30 ECTS) and 120 credits (60 ECTS) per academic year.

MODULES / COURSES	<p>Modules must be pre-approved BEFORE an application is submitted by your academic course leader and International Office. Module approval from UCLAN will be assessed on previous academic study.</p> <p>The Study Abroad Team will send students a list of modules for students to choose from. Once students have enrolled, they must check their timetables. Once teaching starts students will no longer be able to make changes to their timetables. The Study Abroad Team will provide a final date by which students will be able to make changes for both Full Year/Sem 1 and Sem 2 – changes will only be possible if there is a clash between modules.</p> <p>Semester 1 students must check if they have exams in January as they will need to stay in the UK to take these or arrange to take them remotely if possible.</p>
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iv. FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

<p>TUITION FEES</p>	<p>Students participating in this exchange are required to pay tuition fees to their home institution but not to UCLAN.</p>
<p>ACCOMMODATION</p>	<div data-bbox="646 376 1361 660" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>UCLan has been named as the most affordable students' accommodation in the UK 2023.</p> <p>On campus accommodation prices start from (as of September 2023 subject to change in future years):</p> <p>Full Year 20/09/23 – 14/07/2024 - £3537.26 Sem 1 – 20/09/23 – 19/01/2024 - £1436.27 Sem 2 – 17/01/24 – 14/07/2024 - £2124.73</p> <p>Each hall is self-catering, and prices include all fuel and water bills.</p> <p>https://www.uclan.ac.uk/accommodation/</p> <p>Private accommodation is available off campus with the average cost of a shared house £67.50 per student per week and contract lengths normally vary from 38 to 52 weeks. These details are only a guide, and you should check the cost and contract length with your landlord. For more information contact privateaccommodation@uclan.ac.uk</p> <p>If you upgrade your accommodation, you will be responsible for these costs direct to our accommodation office.</p> <p>Accommodation contracts have fixed lengths and cannot be changed. They can differ from the academic calendar such as semester 1/ semester 2/ full year term dates.</p> <p>Please note that students applying for private off campus for semester accommodation may be liable to pay Council Tax – these are the rules for Students and Council Tax - Student discount - Preston City Council We advise students applying for a semester to stay in on-campus or UCLAN owned accommodation.</p> <p>These costs are approx. and students should refer to our website for latest costs.</p> <div data-bbox="743 1883 1273 2179" data-label="Image"> </div>

ACCOMMODATION TYPES	<p>There are around 2200 accommodation places in University owned and leased halls of residence. On campus accommodation is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>En-suite options are available to full year students only.</p> <p>Although we do not recommend this, it is possible for students to live off campus. Students wishing to live off campus in private accommodation are responsible for making their own arrangements with the Landlord.</p>
HEALTH INSURANCE	<p>Incoming exchange students must provide their own personal and travel insurance. International Exchange students must need private medical insurance for emergency care – this is their responsibility to check with insurers.</p> <p>All students can register with our Student Health Centre. It is free to see a doctor, but students must pay for medication. Prescription charges apply to all at the current price of £9.65 per item (as of Sept 2023).</p>
LIVING COSTS	<p>The approximate cost of living per month (including rent) is £1023. This is only an estimate according to the UK Home Office.</p> <p>As all accommodation is self-catering you will find very reasonably priced shops and food outlets on or close to the campus such as Aldi/Lidl and Tesco. You can find more information about living costs on https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/cost-studying</p>
VISA APPLICATION	<p>Student Visa - £490 + £470 Health Surcharge Fee (as of October 2023)</p> <p>Standard Visitor Visa - £115.00 (up to six months) https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor</p> <p>Short Term Study (STSV) visa - £200.00 (up to 11 months for English Language courses only) + 470 Health Surcharge Fee.</p> <p>Prices are approximate and will depend on the country from which the application is being made. Check UKVI Website for up-to-date information: https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas</p>
OTHER FEES	<p>Class materials / books – depending on the course.</p>

v. ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

ACCESSIBILITY	<p>Accessibility - we will make reasonable adjustments to make our services and accommodation accessible to all. The Universities facilities for students with disabilities are constantly improving. UCLan has several specially adapted rooms on campus, and you will be given extra consideration if you have a disability or medical condition that requires you to live on Campus.</p>
APPLICATION	<p>For accommodation applications: http://www.uclan.ac.uk/accommodation/how_to_apply.php</p> <p>General accommodation enquiries: studentaccommodation@uclan.ac.uk</p>
AIRPORT COLLECTION	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>The airport transfer service from Manchester Airport is free of charge for all international students and will run from 6am to 6pm daily on: (Dates to be confirmed)</p> <p>To book a place on the collection you will need to complete the booking form: http://www.uclan.ac.uk/international/airport-pickup-form.php dates to be confirmed.</p> <p>*Bookings for January 2024 Pick-ups will be available Nov/Dec 2023</p> </div> </div>
WELCOME WEEK	<p>During your first few weeks we will be running a Welcome Week programme to help all students settle into life at the University of Central Lancashire and in the UK. UCLan Welcome is a festival of activities and information sessions designed to help you get used to life at UCLan as well as life in the UK; along with a calendar of social events where you can meet other new students.</p> <p>Students will be issued with the International Arrival Guide before August, as well as a link to the Freshers' Week Programme of Events.</p> <p>Welcome Week is <u>mandatory</u> for all international students.</p> <p>The Global Opportunities Team also hold a free getting to know you, welcome event in early October and early February, in which exchange students meet the team and other exchange students.</p>
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL	<p>All students should provide their passport for proof of ID. Passports and visas will be checked during enrolment. Students are also advised to bring copies of their offer letter/CAS Letter and original academic transcript.</p>

vii. OTHER INFORMATION

TRANSCRIPTS	Transcripts will be sent directly to the home institution following Assessment Boards in April (Sem 1) and August (Sem 2 / full year).
STUDENT SUPPORT	<p>Wiser provides academic support to all students and can help with adapting your study skills to a UK university</p> <p>https://www.uclan.ac.uk/students/support/wiser/index.php</p> <p>Student health and wellbeing is very important to UCLan. We have various teams to support you during your time here, including a Counselling, Mental health and Wellbeing service and a medical centre.</p> <p>https://www.uclan.ac.uk/students/support/wellbeing.php</p>
WORLDWISE LANGUAGE SUPPORT	<p>UCLan’s Worldwide Learning Centre at the School of Humanities, Language and Global Studies is dedicated to offering support, training and professional development opportunities to UCLan students, members of staff, the public and the business community of England’s North West.</p> <p><u>Paid Worldwide Internships</u> Worldwise recruit Language Assistants in various languages including Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.</p> <p>The language assistants facilitate the Conversation classes, which support degree students as well as other language learners to practice their speaking skills.</p> <p>These paid, part-time internships are ideal for international students who want to gain valuable work experience before graduation.</p> <p><u>Language Exchange Scheme via MS Teams</u> We have a virtual language exchange program hosted in our public MS Teams.</p> <p>What is it? It is a great opportunity to meet other students from around the world and learn about their language and culture in exchange for sharing yours.</p> <p><u>Worldwise Languages with Rosetta Stone</u> The Worldwide Languages programme enables all UCLan students to learn a language for free. Workshops run weekly and more information can be found on the Student Support portal here. Languages on offer include Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and many more! Contact us to find out how we can help you to get on track with learning a new language or brush up on your existing language skills.</p> <p>https://www.uclan.ac.uk/worldwise/index.php</p>

<p>UNIVERSITY LOCATION</p>	<p>Situated in the heart of the Northwest of England, the Guild City of Preston is vibrant, cultural and friendly with plenty of activities and events to keep you entertained. 30,000 students live in Preston, making the city a lively, diverse and contemporary place to study.</p> <p>Located a short distance from the coastline, the Lake District, and the larger cities of Manchester and Liverpool, both of which have international airports; Preston is also one of the most networked cities in the country. The railway station is just a 10-minute walk away from campus.</p>  <div data-bbox="624 734 1323 994" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">  <p>Fun fact: Did you know the Student Centre & University Square at UCLan won the prestigious Regional Award at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) North West Awards 2023</p> </div>
<p>SOCIAL MEDIA</p>	<p> https://www.instagram.com/uclanglobalopportunities/</p> <p> https://www.facebook.com/InternationalOfficeUCLan/</p>

viii ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Unfortunately, UCLan cannot guarantee in advance that students will be eligible for courses indicated in their application. In addition, we cannot guarantee that courses will be running after the student has enrolled. Students must check their timetable upon enrolment to ensure there are no timetable clashes