



University of  
**CUMBRIA**



# INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

2025-26





*"We are looking forward to welcoming you to the University of Cumbria International College.*

*Throughout your studies here, you will have the chance to build your network of friends and contacts, learn from experienced staff with real-world industry experience and prepare for your future.*

*You'll join a vibrant student community here at the University of Cumbria, and we look forward to helping you make Lancaster your home away from home."*

**ANDREIA AREAL,  
ACADEMIC DIRECTOR**

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

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA

The University of Cumbria’s vision is to transform lives and livelihoods through learning, applied research and practice - for now and for future generations.

Boasting over 14,000 students, the university has a presence in Lancaster, London, Carlisle, Ambleside, and Barrow (from 2025), offering access to historic campuses, vibrant student communities, and breathtaking natural surroundings. Notably, the university is the only institution in the UK with a campus surrounded by a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

By studying at the University of Cumbria, students can develop the skills and confidence needed to pursue their passions, reach their full potential, and succeed in their chosen fields.

## VISION 2030: THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA ENTERING A NEW ERA

The University of Cumbria’s student and graduate focus towards 2030 recognises changing needs and expectations. The student body will continue to grow and diversify, reflecting the university’s role, locations and the needs of learners, employers, and the economy.

Supported by strong partnership working with our students and Students’ Union, the university equips graduates with the skills, confidence, and attributes to realise their potential, to succeed in their workplace and careers and to be active global citizens.

## ACADEMIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH FOCUS

Cumbria’s five academic institutes provide the core elements of academic focus and strengths, drawing on applied research, practice, and partnerships to equip our students and to support the region and beyond.

Degree programmes accredited by:





Collaboration with a wide range of partners to enrich the student experience:







**NO.1** UNIVERSITY IN THE NORTHWEST  
AND IN THE TOP 10 IN THE UK  
for Graduates into employment or further study within 15 months  
HESA 2024

**2ND** IN THE NORTHWEST  
for quality education  
Times Impact Rankings 2022

**AWARDED SILVER OVERALL**  
Teaching Excellence Framework 2023

**FOUR SUBJECT AREAS IN THE TOP 30**  
Guardian University Guide Subject Rankings 2025

<b>15TH</b> FOR LAW	<b>26TH</b> FOR ZOOLOGY
<b>17TH</b> FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY	<b>23RD</b> FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS





# OUR INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

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

## YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM:



### SMALL CLASS SIZES

You will study a range of subject modules in small interactive and supportive classes with a focus on your personal development to help you achieve, succeed, and grow.



### DEDICATED SUPPORT TEAM

Your personal tutor will meet with you regularly to ensure you are on track to pass the programme and progress to your chosen degree and support you to resolve any issues you have inside or outside classes.

The International College is located at the Lancaster campus, right in the heart of beautiful parkland but only a 15-minute walk away from Lancaster city centre. You can enjoy the campus atmosphere whilst having access to the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster.



### UNIVERSITY-STYLE TEACHING

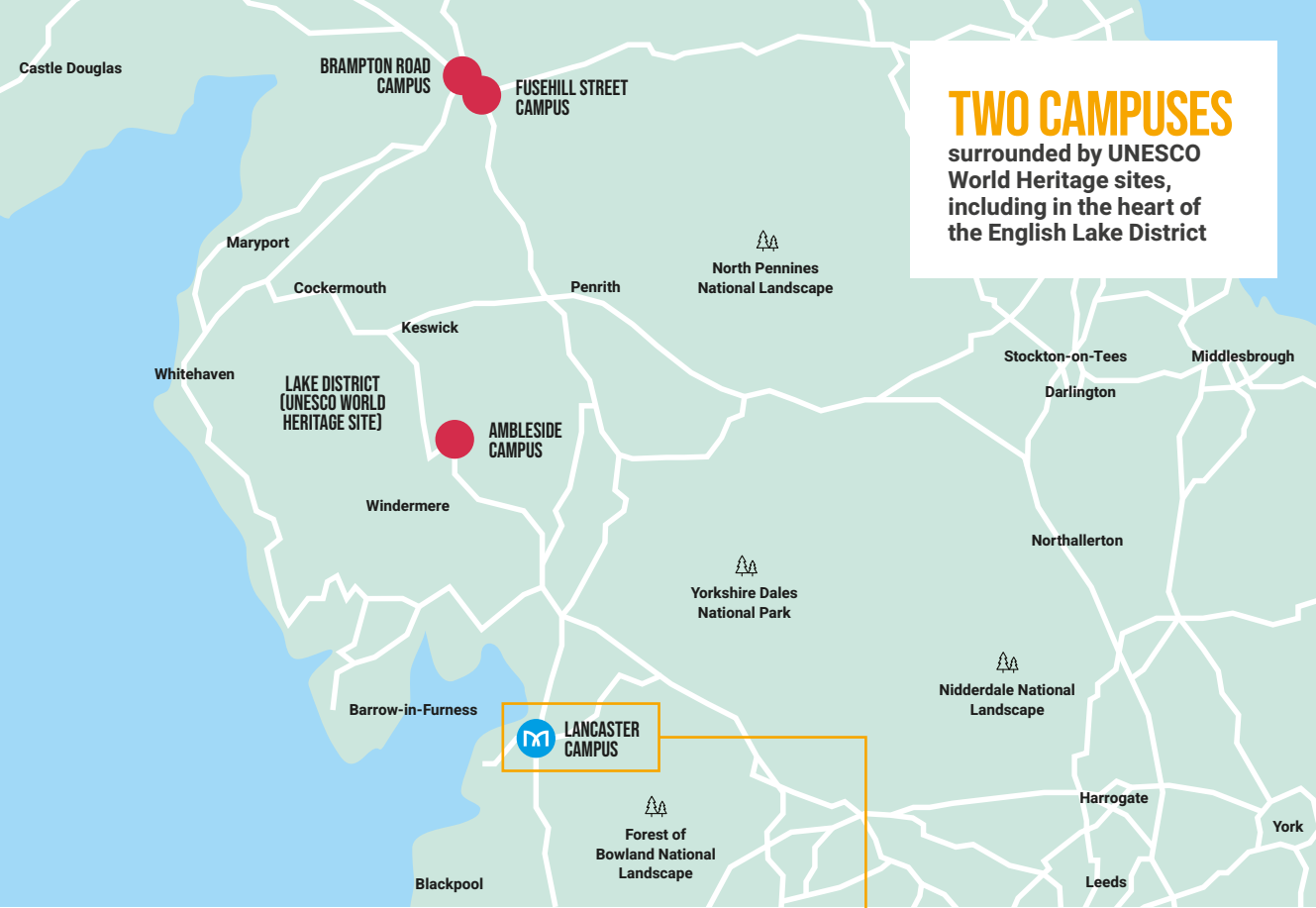
Through every step of your journey with us, you will be supported by highly qualified teachers. You will adapt to university-style teaching whilst building your abilities to study effectively through 24 hours of class teaching per week and regular personal tutorial sessions.



### ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY FACILITIES FROM DAY ONE

You will have access to the fully equipped library and online resources, student union and the student support team which will fully immerse you in the on-campus student study experience.

# UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA CAMPUSES



## LANCASTER CAMPUS

The International College is located at the Lancaster campus.







## STUDENT LIFE

Located in Lancaster, Cumbria's student life is ideal for international students. Studying at Cumbria offers all the benefits of a bigger city but with the comfort of campus learning.

Your experiences will go beyond your academic studies as you join an international community of students and staff, providing many different opportunities for you to develop new skills, make new friends and create some lasting memories.



Name:	<b>Chantel</b>
Country:	<b>South Africa</b>
Studied:	<b>BSc (Hons) Midwifery at the University of Cumbria</b>

**"My life has completely changed through retraining. I am studying for a career that I love and that feels right for me. I am very proud of what the university has enabled me to achieve. For me, the University of Cumbria is the place to study if you want to study at an up and coming, supportive university."**



### SPORTS CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

We want you to keep healthy and enjoy every aspect of your life whilst at university. Students have access to a range of health and sports facilities and clubs across our sites, taking advantage of local sports facilities.

Join one of many sports clubs - from badminton to paddle-boarding — or explore your interests through a diverse range of student societies, from film to gardening. Getting involved is key to a fulfilling university experience.



Studying at the University of Cumbria gives you access to a student experience rich in sporting potential. Here are just some of the Sports Clubs available to you as a student:

- Badminton
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Paddle-boarding

There's a huge range of societies to explore, including:

- Literature
- Film
- Gardening
- Mountaineering
- Wildlife

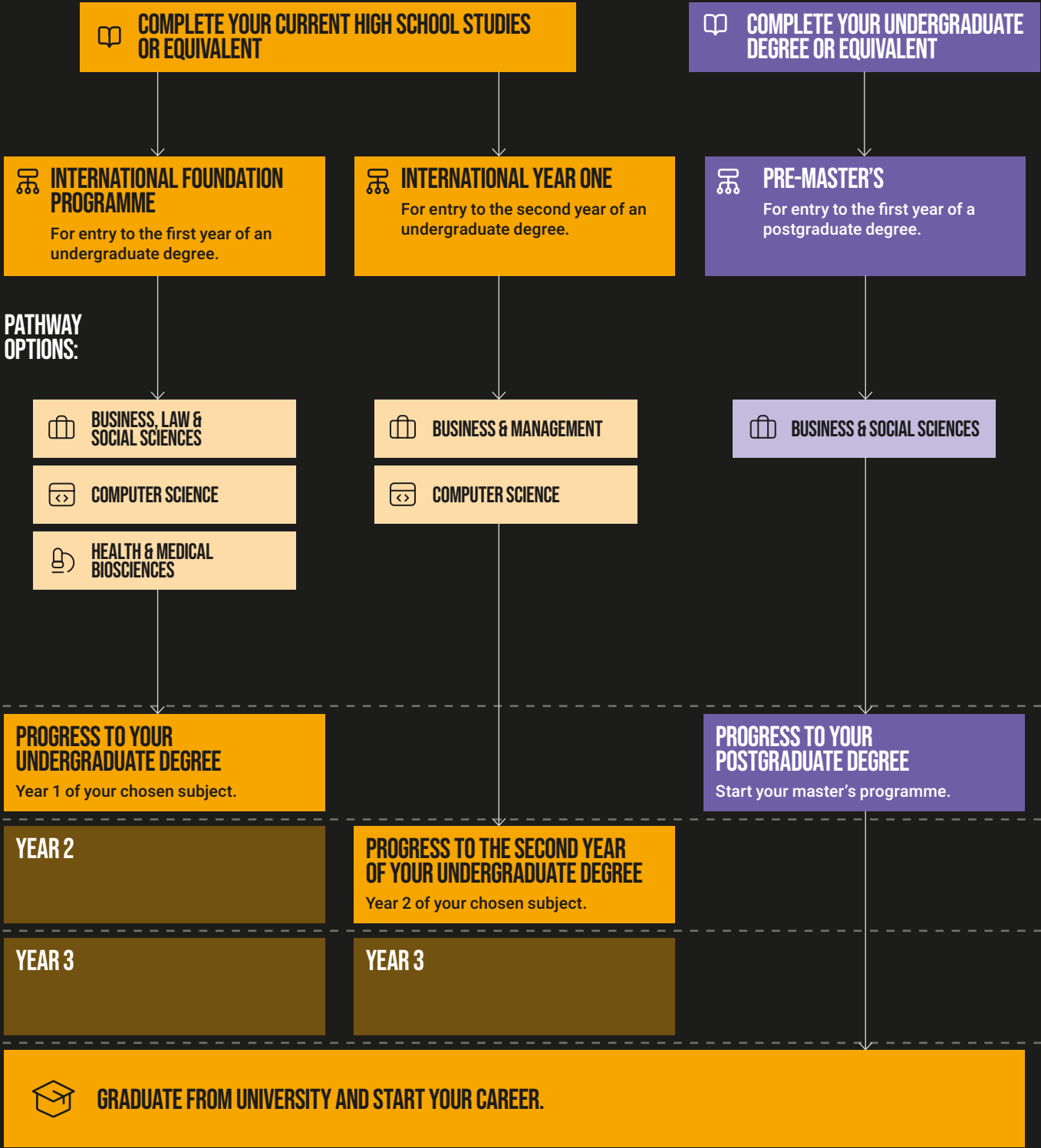




# YOUR ROUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA

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

A foundation programme can help you enter your chosen degree by bridging the gap between your current academic and English language qualifications and the knowledge you need for your degree.



# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

## 4-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMME

This integrated programme is designed to give you a seamless transition from foundation to your degree programme.

It will prepare you for studying at undergraduate level. You will gradually be developing the skills needed for university study with classroom teaching that is interactive and supportive.

You will study core modules including English and tailor your learning by taking related streams for your chosen progression degree.

Key facts	
Qualification level:	RQF Level 3
Visa type:	Integrated Visa (International Foundation + Degree Programme).
Start date:	September 2025 January 2026
Tuition fee:	£14,900*

### ENTRY CRITERIA

Minimum English language level:	Academic IELTS 5.5 overall (with no component below 5.5).
Academic entry requirements:	Please see country specific entry requirements. Each application will be considered individually and assessed on their ability to succeed on the programme.
Minimum age requirement:	All students must be 18 years of age at the time of enrolment for their programme.

For a full list of progression degrees please see page 18.

\*Pricing is indicative and is subject to an incremental increase. Scan the code for up-to-date pricing:



Name:	Archit
Country:	India
Studied:	BA (Hons) Film & TV at the University of Cumbria

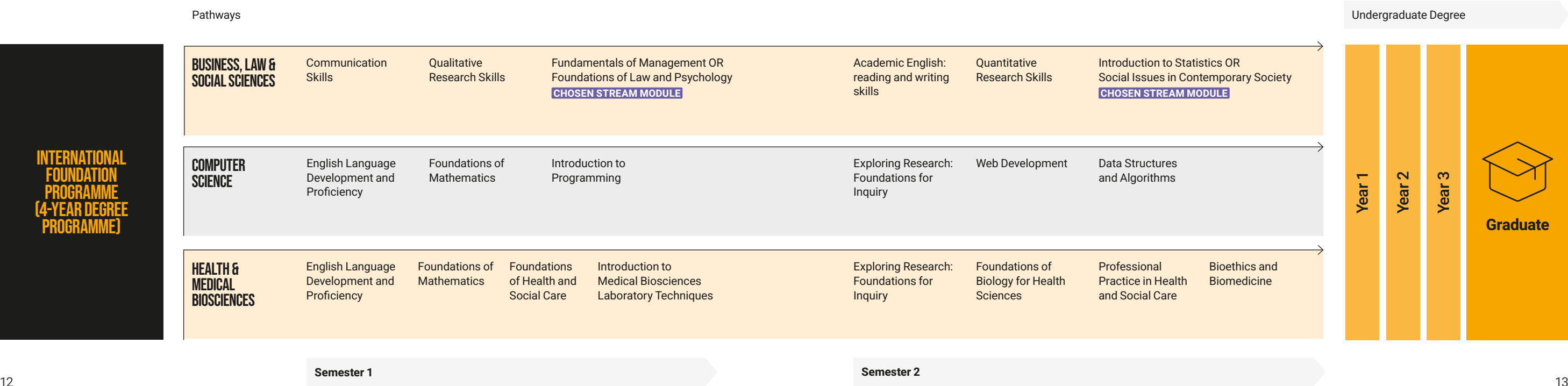
“More than the degree modules themselves, it was what the lecturers brought from their past, real-world experiences to the programme that captivated and inspired me most. All had previously worked in the TV or film industry and brought a unique, hands-on insight into that world.

I loved the small class sizes, and personal attention - always feeling supported and motivated. The whole experience pushed me and encouraged me to work hard, to achieve – to be the best I could be. Since graduated I've had the privilege to work with the teams at MGM Studios on 'Boys in the Boat' – an upcoming American drama film directed by and starring George Clooney, Marvel's Ant-Man and The Wasp, and the 'Three-Body Problem' Netflix series.”

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Contact us or your Education Counsellor for more details.

## PROGRESSION ROUTE





# INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE

This programme is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree.

As part of the International Year One, you will study in university-style classes and learn with a combination of classroom teaching, small group tuition and personal tutorial sessions with lecture-style classes and you will progress to Year 2 of your undergraduate degree.

This programme is designed to significantly improve your academic language skills, including critical thinking and academic writing, whilst allowing you the additional classroom support you need from our qualified teachers.

Key facts	
Visa type:	Integrated Visa (International Year One + Degree Programme).
Start date:	September 2025 January 2026
Tuition fee:	£14,900*

## ENTRY CRITERIA

Minimum English language level:	Academic IELTS 5.5 overall (and no component below 5.5) or equivalent.
Academic entry requirements:	Completion of 3 x A Levels (or equivalent) or to have completed a recognised foundation programme or first year of an overseas degree with good grades (or equivalent). Each application will be considered individually and assessed on their ability to succeed on the programme.
Minimum age requirement:	All students must be 18 years of age at the time of enrolment for their programme.

For a full list of progression degrees please see page 19.

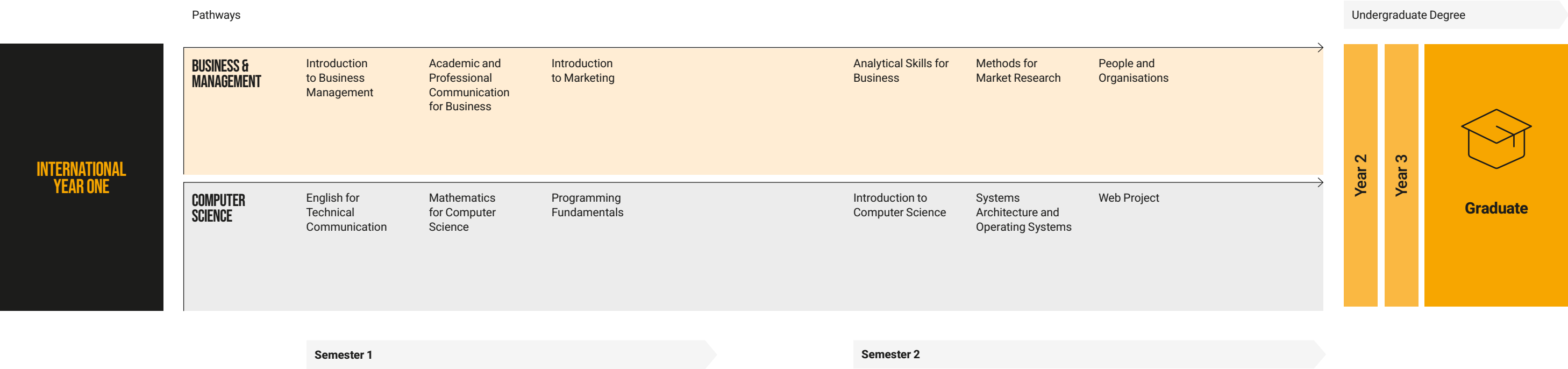
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**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

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## PROGRESSION ROUTE





# PRE-MASTER'S PROGRAMME

This programme is designed to prepare you for your studies by allowing you to practice your academic skills in a supportive environment.

Though you may have experience of studying at undergraduate level in another country, the expectations of postgraduate study can be very different in the UK.

Through interactive classes and university-style research sessions, by the time you finish this programme, you will have the fundamental skills you need to attain your master's degree.

Key facts	
Visa type:	Integrated Visa (Pre-Master's Programme + Master's)
Start date:	September 2025 May 2026
Tuition fee:	£14,500* (3 Terms) £12,000* (2 Terms) £9,500* (1 Term)

For a full list of progression degrees please see page 20.



## ENTRY CRITERIA

Length of programme	1, 2 or 3 Terms
Minimum English language level:	Academic IELTS 5.5 overall (and no component below 5.5) or equivalent.
Academic entry requirements:	<p>A pass in an undergraduate degree or a Diploma (3–5 years) with suitable grades or equivalent.</p> <p>Successful completion of higher/advanced diploma in a related subject area.</p> <p>All students must have studies in the relevant field to continue in those degrees.</p> <p>Each applicant will be considered individually and assessed on their ability to succeed at this level.</p>
Minimum age requirement:	All students must be 18 years of age at the time of enrolment for their programme.

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Name:	Anderson
Country:	Nigeria
Studied:	MBA at the University of Cumbria

“When I came to Lancaster, I did not know anyone, but I quickly settled into student and academic life. I am now an International Student Ambassador offering advice and guidance to new students which I really enjoy.

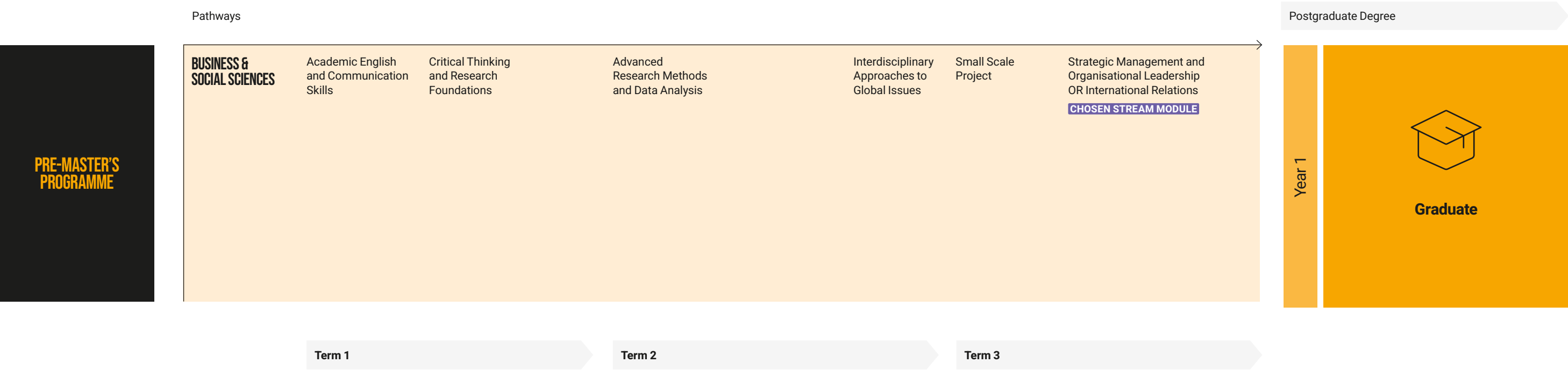
If I had to pick one thing that stands out from the course; it would be the ‘Sustainability Issues in Business’ module – a real highlight for me. This module gave me a very great perspective and has encouraged me to involve sustainability in everything that I do, and everything I will do in the future when I return home to Nigeria – that is a very big driver for me.

In my spare time, I like walking along the seafront and taking walks around Lancaster. I go to Marketgate and enjoy shopping in the city centre. I also visit the local African market in Lancaster and worship at a local church where my family has found many new Nigerian friends and a supportive, caring community network.”

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

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## PROGRESSION ROUTE







# UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES YOU COULD PROGRESS TO

Students who successfully complete their programme and meet the required entry criteria will have the opportunity to progress onto one of the following undergraduate degrees at the University of Cumbria.

For full progression details, please scan here:

### International Foundation Programme

Business, Law & Social Sciences
BSc (Hons) International Business Management
BSc (Hons) Business Management
BSc (Hons) Tourism and Visitor Economy Management
LLB (Hons) Law
BSc (Hons) Psychology
BSc (Hons) Psychology with Counselling & Psychotherapy

Computer Science
BSc (Hons) Computer Science
Health & Medical Biosciences
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science*
BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care
BA (Hons) Sport, Coaching and Physical Education
BSc (Hons) Registered Nurse (all fields)*
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy*
BA (Hons) Social Work*

\*Progression to these degrees is subject to meeting professional body requirements and successfully passing an interview.

### International Year One

Business & Management
BSc (Hons) International Business Management
BSc (Hons) Business Management
Computer Science
BSc (Hons) Computer Science



Name:	Alexandros
Country:	Cyprus
Studied:	BA (Hons) Wildlife Media at the University of Cumbria

“I was very happy with the support I received from all my lecturers; they would always get back to me quickly and were helpful, clearly just wanting us to all do well in our studies. They were inspiring and helped me to look at the world differently.

My degree has given me lots of useful, relevant experience and examples to showcase my work to future employers. I feel incredibly fortunate that my field projects have given me the opportunity to film otters on the Eden River, urban foxes in London and red squirrels in the Eskrigg Reserve and that the knowledge I’ve gained from my time in Cumbria will help advance me to the next stage of my media career whether that’s as a wildlife photographer or filmmaker for a TV production company.”





# POSTGRADUATE DEGREES YOU COULD PROGRESS TO

Students who successfully complete their programme and meet the required entry criteria will have the opportunity to progress onto one of the following postgraduate degrees at the University of Cumbria.

For full progression details, please scan here:

### Pre-Master's Programme

Business & Social Sciences
MA Outdoor and Experiential Learning
MA Education/Education Leadership
MBA
MSc International Management
MA Literature, Romanticism and the English Lake District
MSc Psychology Legal & Criminological



Name:	Annie
Country:	Hong Kong
Studied:	PGCE at the University of Cumbria

“I consider studying at University of Cumbria as the beginning of the second part of my life. I moved to a new country and city and met many friendly and welcoming friends and teachers. I also learned to be more independent and to reach out for support when I needed it. After all, it is not easy to step out of any comfort zone. I am so glad that I made the decision and have achieved more than I ever thought I could. I am so ready to be teaching in my own classroom this September.”



# YOUR GUIDE TO LANCASTER

Bursting with picturesque charm and a lively student scene, Lancaster offers the best of all worlds – it has the amenities of a bigger city but a more homely atmosphere, gorgeous countryside, and wonderful cultural heritage.

The Lancaster campus is just a 10-minute walk from the city centre, there is so much to discover right on your doorstep.

If you want to experience the hustle and bustle of a larger city from time to time, there is easy access to Liverpool or Manchester. Plus, London is only 2.5 hours away by train.



## Williamson Park

Home to 54 acres of park and woodland. Enjoy spectacular views across Morecambe Bay and the Lake District fells.



## Salt Ayre Leisure Centre

This large sports and leisure centre offers a range of classes and facilities, including two pools, a 100-station gym, and an immersive cycle studio.



## Lancaster City Football Club

The Dolly Blues are a semi-professional non-League football club based at Giant Axe.



## Lancaster Castle

Dominating the local skyline, this roman fort provides a fascinating glimpse into England's rich history through guided tours and special events.



## The Grand Theatre

One of England's oldest theatres, The Grand offers a wide range of live shows, including top comics, musicals, bands and more.



## Lancaster on Ice

Winter wonderland is held in Dalton Square every December and features ice skating, market stalls and a Ferris wheel.



## Lancaster City Museum

Through fine art collections and exhibits, the Lancaster City Museum provides insight into the people who have made Lancaster what it is today.

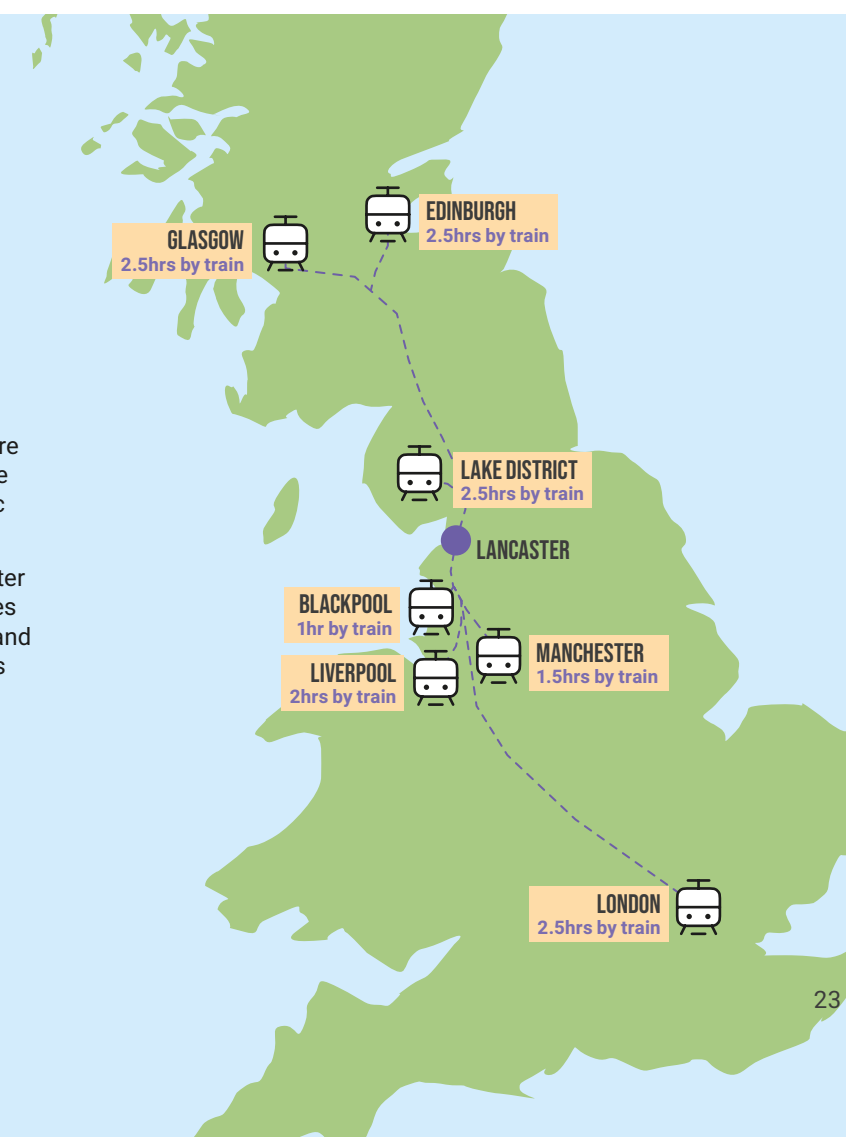


## Highest Point Festival

Held at Williamson Park each May, Lancashire's biggest open-air music festival welcomes some of the UK's most popular artists.

Lancaster is the perfect base to explore some of the UK's most incredible coastlines and countryside, with the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales, Morecambe Bay, and Blackpool all close by. Each destination offers a range of fantastic activities and adventures to enjoy.

Situated on the West Coast Main Line, Lancaster also has excellent transport links to major cities like Manchester, Liverpool, London, Glasgow, and Edinburgh, making it easy for you to enjoy days out and weekends away across the UK.







# ACCOMMODATION

Where you live is an important part of your university experience. Lancaster is a vibrant university city offering all the benefits of a great student life experience within a small and welcoming community.

The university provides a range of campus accommodation to cater for all budgets, offering excellent value for money. It provides a safe environment for you to live, study and socialise. Accommodation options include standard single and en-suite with pricing starting from £103 per week.



## WADDELL HALLS\*

Situated on campus, Waddell Halls ensure convenient access to lectures and seminars while offering a peaceful retreat from the main campus bustle. The centre of Lancaster is just a 10-minute walk away.

Waddell Halls offer a total of 241 rooms, including 227 standard single bedrooms and 16 ensuite options. Each flat accommodates between 6 to 7 students, providing a comfortable living environment with shared facilities.

### Features:

- Events organised by the Residence Life Assistant for both on- and off-campus activities
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area, complete with a communal lounge and shared bathrooms
- Adapted rooms available for students with mobility or hearing impairments
- On-site bike storage and included contents insurance
- Laundry facilities
- Wi-Fi

\*Please note: On-campus accommodation is available to students who are over 18 years of age.

## SHARED HOUSE

For students who do not wish to live at Cumbria’s Lancaster campus, there are affordable house share options in Lancaster to choose from.

If you choose to live in private rented accommodation, you must not live more than one hour away from campus. See below example locations within close distance to campus and our International College:



## COULSTON ROAD, LANCASTER

Distance to campus: 12-minute walk

### Features:

- Four en-suite double bedrooms
- Great location for access to the university
- Large, modern kitchen with dining area
- Washing machine, tumble dryer and dish washer
- Includes an energy allowance, internet, water and TV licence
- Wi-Fi



## HOPE STREET, LANCASTER

Distance to campus: 9-minute walk

### Features:

- Four en-suite double bedrooms, perfect for privacy and convenience
- Large, modern kitchen with a spacious dining area for socialising and shared meals
- Fully equipped with washing machine, tumble dryer, and dishwasher
- Wi-Fi



## QUEEN STREET, LANCASTER

Distance to campus: 20-minute walk

### Features:

- 8-bedroom property located on Queen Street in Lancaster city centre
- High street stores and essential amenities are all on the doorstep
- Offers very easy access to public transport
- Fully furnished double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and a kitchen diner
- The property includes a dishwasher, washer dryer, and two large fridge freezers
- Wi-Fi

This is a sample of accommodation options available, please scan here for more information:





# NEXT STEPS

## 1. APPLICATION:

Submit your application online: [internationalcollege.cumbria.ac.uk/apply](https://internationalcollege.cumbria.ac.uk/apply) or scan the QR code below



Our team will contact you to submit your supporting documents:

- A copy of your passport
- A copy of your academic transcript and certificate
- Proof of your English language level (UKVI IELTS or equivalent)
- A Personal Statement

Additional documentation may be required depending on your application. If our team need more information, we will let you know.

## 2. ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT:

Our Admissions team will review your application and documents. Some students may be called for pre-screening so keep an eye out for a call from us.

## 3. OFFER LETTER:

We will send you an offer letter. It may be conditional, and we'll let you know what we will need from you, or it will be unconditional.

If we think the course is not right for you, we will suggest an alternative.

## 4. ACCEPT YOUR OFFER:

To hold your place on the course, you will need to meet all the remaining conditions. We can only confirm your place once all conditions have been met and the deposit paid. Please note that if you require a visa to study with us, you may need to provide additional evidence to comply with the visa regulations in the UK. You may also need to pass a credibility interview. We'll let you know more about how to prepare.

## 5. CAS ISSUED:

Once you have paid your remaining fees, met all the conditions of offer, and passed a credibility interview if required, we will confirm your place and send you a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). You will need this to obtain a visa. Please note a CAS can only be issued up to six months before the start of the course (if you apply from outside the UK) or up to three months (if you are eligible to apply from within the UK).

## 6. APPLY FOR VISA:

You will then need to apply for your visa. It is your responsibility to obtain a visa before you travel to join the course. If you do not have a valid visa for studies in the UK, you will not be able to join the course.

## 7. ARRIVAL:

You should arrive on the weekend before the start date of the course. Please tell us when you are coming. We will send you pre-arrival information about your course and life in the UK.

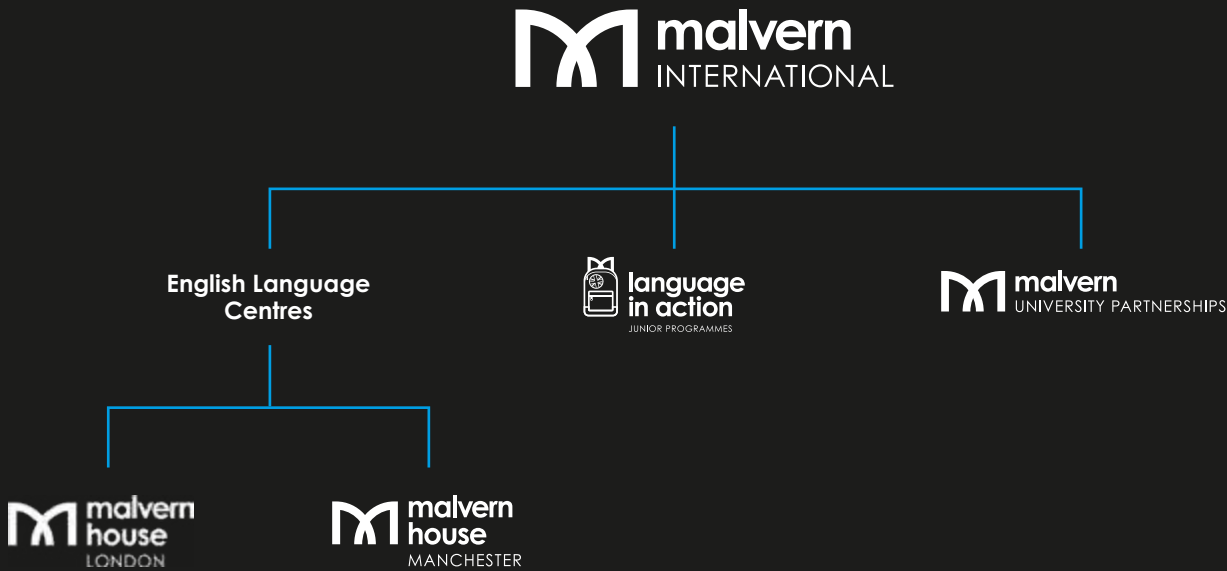
We look forward to welcoming you.



## Malvern International

Creating exceptional education experiences for 25 years

The University of Cumbria International College is operated by Malvern International and our international foundation programmes are developed in collaboration with academics from the University of Cumbria.





Get in touch, we'd love to hear from you:

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Malvern International reserves the right to amend, add, combine, merge, or remove any programme and/or services set out in this brochure and/or the timetable, delivery, content syllabus and assessment of our programmes. All information is correct at the time of issue and all programmes described within this publication are those that Malvern International are planning to offer.

Malvern International reserves the right to, where applicable, amend the regulations governing the programmes at the University of Cumbria International College. We would always strongly recommend that prior to placing an application or to accepting an offer to study with us, you refer to the website for the most up-to-date programme descriptions and specifications.

Applicants will be notified as soon as practicable of any material changes likely to have a bearing on their application, such as cancellation of, or major modification to programmes offered, changes to accommodation provision or fees and charges to be levied.

All applications placed to the University of Cumbria International College are subject to the Terms and Conditions of the University of Cumbria.