





World-class education rooted in relevance

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) was founded in 1828 as the 'Institution for the Diffusion of Knowledge'.

In the 21 years since becoming a university in 1992, UCLan has helped 75,000 students from all walks of life to make the most of their potential and succeed in their life ambitions.

Centred in Preston, UCLan has further campuses at Westlakes in West Cumbria (nuclear and energy-related research programmes), Burnley and Cyprus.

Today we have a staff and student community approaching 38,000. In terms of overall student numbers we are comfortably within the UK's top 10 universities.

Local commitment with global ambition

UCLan is ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide for the number of international students that it educates.

The University has an annual turnover of nearly £200 million and every year it contributes indirectly in the region of £300 million to the local economy.

The University has students and researchers from over 100 countries and partnerships with 125 international institutions.

UCLan has a base in China's Shenzhen Virtual University Park, conducting collaborative research with some of China's leading universities into nanotechnology with applications in drug delivery, water purification and fire toxicity.

In the past decade UCLan's Centre for Volunteering and Community Leadership has supported more than 7,000 volunteers, who have contributed over £8 million to the local community in volunteer time alone, and attracted in excess of £3 million in external funding for local community projects.





Bold, imaginative and inclusive

With 350 undergraduate and nearly 250 postgraduate programmes UCLan has always been a trailblazer when it comes to creating new courses and pioneering new styles of course delivery.

UCLan was at the forefront of developing degrees in the emerging disciplines of journalism, fashion and sports science, subjects in which it is still a market leader.

It is estimated that over 60% of British Sign Language/English interpreters working in the UK have been taught on UCLan courses.

Our range of programmes extends to the areas of architecture, pharmacy and the UK's first new School of Dentistry to be launched in over a century.

The University continues to run the UK's only astronomy degree designed specifically for distance learning students. UCLan is also the largest higher education provider of forensic science, policing and related subjects in the world.

A stimulating student-centred environment

In recent years UCLan has invested over £100 million on infrastructure and technological support projects for both academic and non-academic activities.

Key facilities include:

The £12.5 million JB Firth Building which caters for courses and research programmes in forensic science, fire engineering and chemistry.

UCLan's Olympic standard £13 million Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, located at the heart of the Preston Campus.

The £15 million Media Factory which incorporates state-of-the-art facilities for digital media and performing arts students, together with a business incubator facility.

UCLan's £5.3 million Allen Building includes some of Europe's most advanced facilities for students studying within the School of Medicine and Dentistry.





Undergraduate research pioneers

UCLan has established one of the UK's largest undergraduate research internship schemes.

The initiative enhances a variety of academic and employability skills, leading to some fantastic outputs including presentations at the Houses of Parliament and published journal articles.

Research projects include the areas of digital publishing, wind power analysis, facial composite development and smart bandage exploration.

Since the scheme launched in 2008, nearly 350 interns have worked directly alongside UCLan researchers.

In 2011 UCLan hosted the first British Conference of Undergraduate Research at the Preston Campus.

Great expectations: meeting our students' ambitions

UCLan achieved its highest ever result in the 2013 National Student Survey with an overall satisfaction score of 84%.

A total of 18 subject areas are ranked in the top 20 nationally. These are:

Accounting, architecture, aural and oral science (sign language and deaf studies), computer science, electronic and electrical engineering, fine art, forensic and archaeological science, general engineering, history, law, management studies, marketing, media studies, mechanical, production and manufacturing engineering, microbiology, philosophy, physical geography and environmental science, publicity (public relations).

In the annual Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey, the UCLan library, which operates 24 hours a day and seven days a week, is consistently ranked in the UK's top 10.



Shaping global citizens

Each year over 2,000 international students study at the University's Preston Campus.

UCLan was the first modern university in the UK to be included in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings.

In 2013 QS awarded UCLan the full five stars for its approach to 'Internationalisation' with a proven track record for specialising in all aspects of international educational provision.

UCLan has over 3,000 students enrolled offshore, across a diverse range of countries including China, Greece, India, Mauritius, Singapore and the USA.





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International outlook

Through its pioneering Student Travel Bursary Scheme, over £1 million of University funding has enabled more than 1,000 UCLan students to undertake a work placement or study period overseas.

UCLan is amongst the leading UK universities in terms of in-country student numbers in China.

There are 45 nationalities represented within UCLan's academic staff body.

Within the University's School of Languages, Literature and International Studies, staff speak 30 languages and represent 22 nationalities.



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World-leading research with real-world impact

UCLan has 85 professors, over 600 research or knowledge transfer-active members of staff, and 700 research students.

With 11 areas of research judged 'world-leading' in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, the University has identified four research strands to demonstrate how its academics are addressing the big research questions and making a difference in the real world.

The four strands are:

Health and Wellbeing

Society and Environment

Science and Technology

Culture and Communication



Dr John Everett Marsh, Guild Research Fellow in Psychology



Professor Nicola Lowe

Health and Wellbeing

For over a decade **Nicola Lowe, Professor of Nutritional Sciences**, has been working alongside the Abaseen Foundation to help eliminate malnutrition, reduce infant mortality rates and enhance educational opportunities for communities living in North West Pakistan. In 2010 her work won the Times Higher Education's International Collaboration of the Year Award.

Caroline Watkins, Professor of Stroke and Older People's Care, leads UCLan's nurse-led stroke research unit - the only one of its kind in the UK – and is advisor to the Department of Health. She has recently been made a Fellow of the European Stroke Organisation for the decade of ground-breaking research she has undertaken at UCLan.



Society and Environment

Dr Philip Stone is Executive Director of UCLan's Institute for Dark Tourism Research (iDTR). Bringing together internationally recognised research relating to tourist sites of death, disaster or the seemingly macabre, iDTR contributes to the ethical and social understanding of dark tourism and dark heritage.

Richard Taylor, Professor of English Law, is a qualified barrister and winner of the Society of Legal Scholars prize for best conference paper. He heads up UCLan's criminal law academic team and is the author of a leading criminal law text used in high court decision-making. In the current QS World University Rankings, UCLan's Lancashire Law School is placed within the elite top 200 law schools.

Dr Philip Stone



Science and Technology

Dr Matt Baker is part of a UCLan research team which is developing a revolutionary technique to cut brain cancer diagnosis times from two or three days to just 30 minutes. The research, currently undergoing a patent application, uses a non-invasive diagnosis technique to analyse patients' blood samples using a combination of infrared lighting and protein biomarkers.

Dr Roger Clowes is a member of UCLan's world-renowned Jeremiah Horrocks Institute for Astrophysics and Supercomputing. Working as part of a team of international astronomers, Dr Clowes recently discovered the largest structure in the Universe, a cluster of young galaxies stretching across four billion light years.

Dr Matt Baker



Culture and Communication

Professor Ulrike Zeshan is the Director of the University's International Sign Languages and Deaf Studies Institute (iSLanDS), a unique centre for world-leading research on sign languages and deaf studies.

As part of a €1.16 million grant from the European Research Council, the Institute is researching multilingual behaviours in sign language users, in partnership with academics in the Netherlands, Turkey and India.

Lubaina Himid, Professor of Contemporary Art, is a world-renowned painter, writer and curator, who participates internationally in exhibitions, conferences, books and films on the visual art of the Black Diaspora, and whose work has been celebrated at Tate Britain and the V&A Museum.

Professor Ulrike Zeshan

A culture that breeds enterprise and innovation

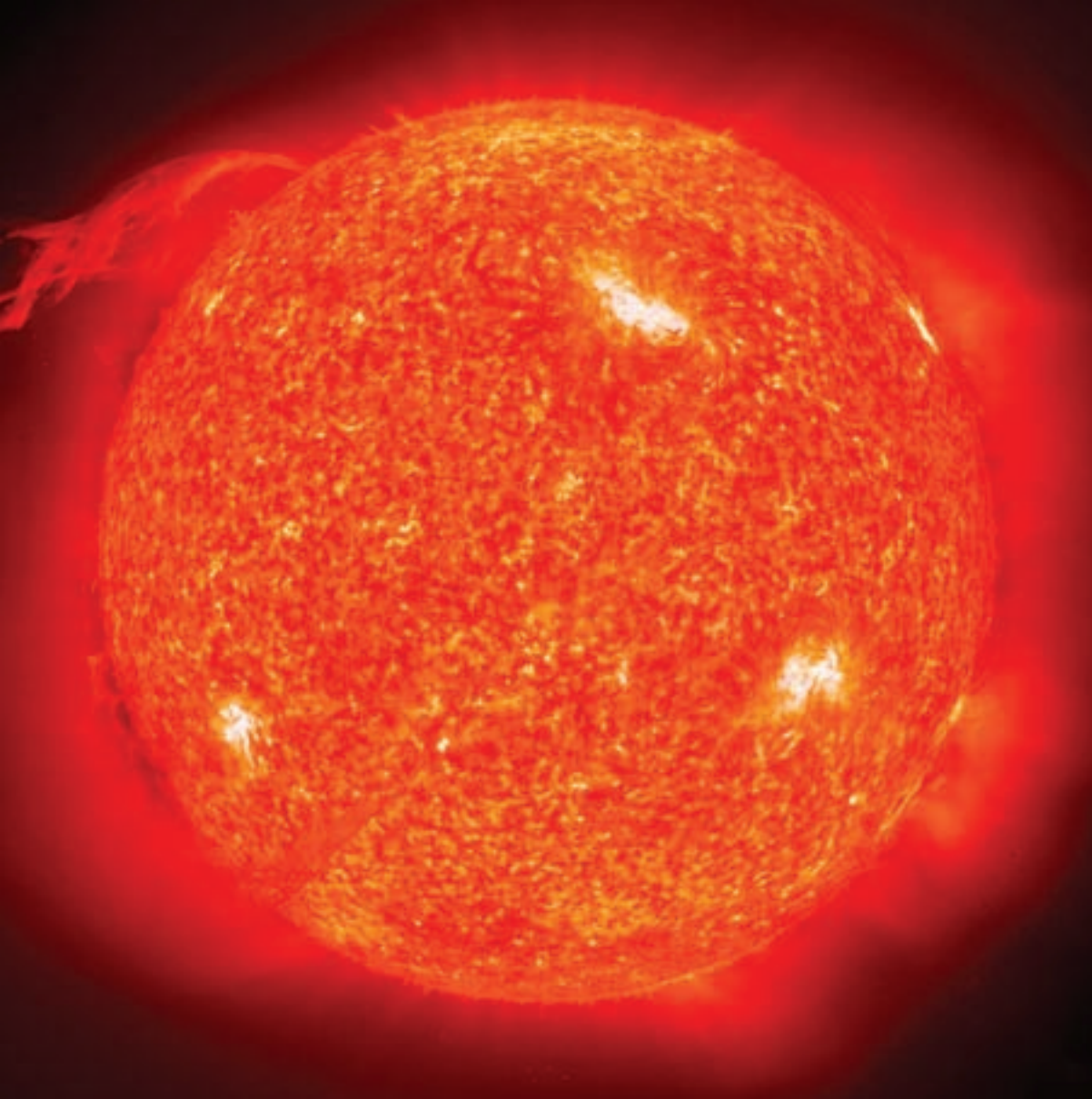
Approaching 1,000 UCLan students/graduates started a business or became self-employed in last five years.

In the last 12 months alone the University supported the launch of 191 of these start-up ventures - the second highest in the UK.

UCLan is consistently in the UK's top three for the number of graduate start-ups. Latest statistics show that 77% are still trading after two years.

Through the European Regional Development Fund, UCLan provides business support across the North West, specialising within the advanced digital manufacturing, creative and energy sectors.





An active partner for business and research

UCLan's collaborative partners include:

Atkins Academy at UCLan: UCLan is working alongside Atkins, a leading engineering consultancy, to develop courses aimed at nuclear professionals.

BAE Systems: energy systems research.

Cuadrilla: socio-economic studies, skills and regulation.

NASA: research into the structure of the solar atmosphere and space weather.

National Nuclear Laboratory: nuclear materials and processes research.

Samsung: UCLan is the only UK university where undergraduate product design students work on confidential live briefs in conjunction with the company's European Product Innovation Team.

Creating impact, changing lives

A focus on employability is at the heart of UCLan's culture. Nearly 90% of our graduates are in employment or further study six months after graduation and many are helping to make a real difference to economies and people's lives across the world.

The University has a global family of over 130,000 former students and notable members of UCLan's Alumni community include:

Richard Frediani, Programme Editor of ITV's early evening news programme, PGDip Journalism, class of 1990.

Dr Darren Groombridge, Senior Nuclear Safety Consultant, BSc (Hons) Astrophysics, class of 1997.

Alfred Hitchcock, Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police and former Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, MBA, class of 2002.

Asif Iqbal, MBE, Public Appointment Ambassador, Equalities Office and Cabinet Office, BA (Hons) Deaf Studies and Education Studies, class of 1999.





Environmental champions

For the past six years UCLan has retained a top 10 position for environmental and ethical performance in the Guardian newspaper's People & Planet Green League.

UCLan is one of only five UK higher education institutions to hold both ISO14001 certification and the Carbon Trust Standard.

Only 2% of UCLan's waste goes to landfill sites and 92% of its electricity is generated from renewable sources.

UCLan offers a number of sustainable development courses and modules enabling students to specialise in the evolving green economy.

At a glance: performance overview

UCLan Student Numbers 2011/12

Level of Study	No. of students	%
Full-time	20,765	65.9%
Part-time	10,764	34.1%
Total	31,529	100%
Domicile	No. of students	%
UK	28,469	90.3%
EU	917	2.9%
Non EU	2,143	6.8%
Total	31,529	100%
UG/PG	No. of students	%
Undergraduate	27,008	85.7%
Postgraduate (research)	578	1.8%
Postgraduate (taught)	3,943	12.5%
Total	31,529*	100%

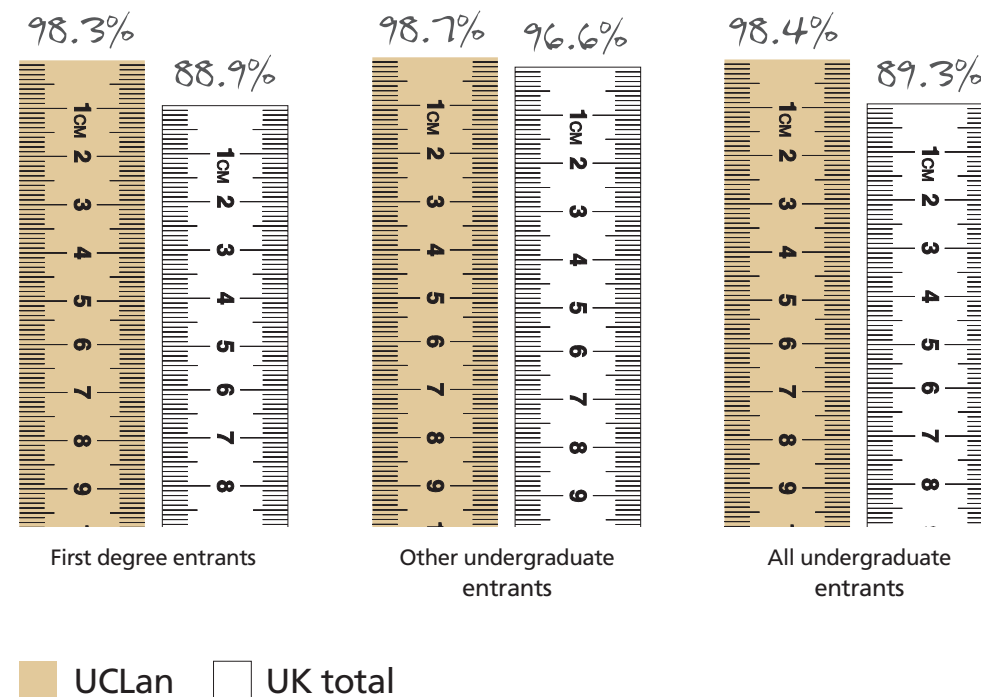
Source: HESA 2011/12

* Not including 3,395 off-campus (non-UK) students following UCLan programmes

Participation

Participation of under-represented groups in higher education

Percent of young full-time students from state schools or colleges - 2011/12 Entrants



Academic



Management



Staff

Data includes hourly paid lecturers and casuals

Support



FEMALE TOTAL = 1530

MALE TOTAL = 1105

OVERALL TOTAL = 2635

INCOME

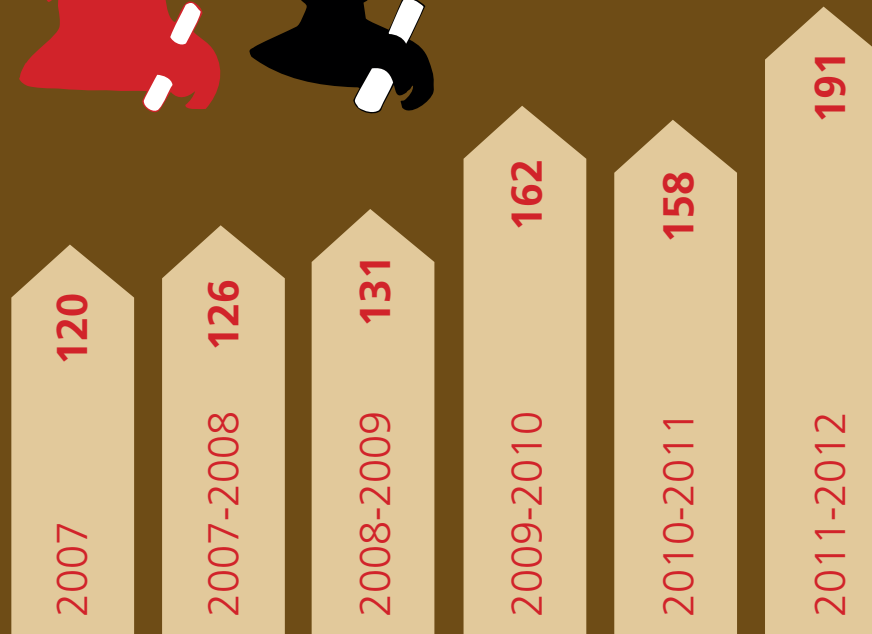
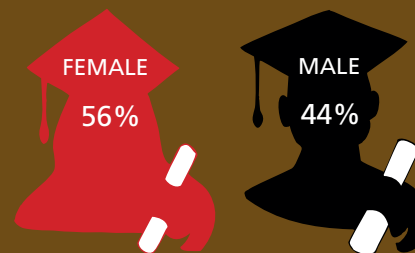
2010/11 £206,735k

2011/12 £198,700k

EXPENDITURE

2010/11 £200,723k

2011/12 £184,102k



Graduate and student start-up businesses created at UCLan

Source: Higher Education Business and Community Interaction Survey

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