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Lancaster

Lancaster University is located five kilometers from the city center and has 15,000 students studying in over thirty academic departments. Of particular interest to BC students is the University’s strength in collegiate sports and leadership development, which is one of the best in the country. All students are fully integrated into university courses and life, and reside in one of eight undergraduate colleges.

LIVERPOOL

With 400,000 inhabitants, Liverpool is a student-friendly city known for its maritime heritage. It is considered one of Europe’s most ethnically diverse cities and a leader in cultural studies. The city is known for its strong community spirit and is part of the University of Liverpool. It is home to the Liverpool School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) and is part of the University of London.

London

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Famous for its beautiful castle and cathedral, which are a World Heritage Site, Durham has a history spanning over a thousand years. The city is located in northeast England, just four hours from London and fifteen miles from Newcastle, and is one of the top five most liveable towns in the university is in the pedestrian-friendly center of town.

The Program

Founded in 1832, the University of Durham is the third oldest university in England and is renowned one of the best British universities. Many of its 27 academic departments rank in the top five in the world. The university offers many undergraduate programs. Academic strengths include English, economics, history, accounting, finance, chemistry, philosophy, and theology. BC students are fully integrated into university life. Students reside in residence halls or student houses, and are housed in one of eight undergraduate colleges.

Program Highlights

• Credit-bearing internships in various fields
• Numerous volunteer opportunities
• Fall term pre-session programs in British History
• A third of the student body from abroad
• An emphasis on small group teaching
• A vibrant arts and cultural life
• Full-time pre-session programs in British History
• 20% of students from abroad

London

One of the world’s largest and most diverse cities, London is a thriving cultural, economic, and political center with a diverse population of about seven million. The city encompasses a variety of historic, commercial, and residential areas, with neighborhoods that have retained a distinct character and community feel. London’s street markets, parks, galleries, historic sites, and waterfront offer contrasting views of a vibrant city.

The Program

• Located in London, a city of the future, the University of London offers a broad range of disciplines and is at the forefront of educational innovation. Over 20,000 students attend the university, including 2000 from abroad. Of particular interest to BC students are programs in the arts and humanities, and the sciences. Management. BC students are fully integrated into university courses and life, and reside in either residence halls or student houses.

Program Highlights

• Twenty percent of students from abroad
• Student union judged second most ethical in the U.K.
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Lancaster

A short distance from the Lake District and Manchester, Lancaster is the oldest university in Lancashire and is one of the most ethnically diverse cities and a leader in environmental science. Lancaster University is located five kilometers from the city center and has 11,500 students. Students reside in university residence halls or local apartments. An active coordinator organizes monthly BC activities.

The Program

• Located in the heart of London, LSE is one of the premier social sciences research and teaching institutions in the world. Its high percentage of students and academics from all over the world gives LSE a vibrant and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Study abroad students have a variety of course options available to them.

Program Highlights

• Home to the British Library of Political and Economic Science
• 36 programs that allow students to combine different academic interests

Bath

Located nine minutes west of London, Bath is a historic spa town with many famous Roman baths, museums, galleries, and commerce.

The Program

Founded in 1845, the University of Bath is one of the newest universities in the United Kingdom. Of particular interest to BC students are programs in management, pre-medical program, and environmental sciences. Located in the city’s West End, with proximity to museums, parks, shopping, and entertainment, Bath is a vibrant, culturally diverse, and environmentally friendly in England.

Program Highlights

• Fall term pre-session programs in British History
• A wide variety of social, cultural, and recreational activities offered by its clubs, societies, and undergraduate colleges

Program Goals

• Students have a variety of activities and clubs available to them.
DURHAM
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Lancaster University is located fifty kilometers from the city center and has 11,500 students studying in over thirty academic departments. Of particular interest to BC students are programs in medicine, social sciences, arts, humanities, and sciences. BC students are fully integrated into university courses and life, and reside in single rooms or small apartments.

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The Program

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Program Highlights

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• 36 programs that allow students to pursue courses in approved external programs. For more information, visit www.bc.edu/prospective-students/international.

Lancaster University

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