

Summary of Student Policies

Applicable from September 2026 to Present

Potential applicants should be aware that a number of policies listed below are under review in light of newly introduced regulatory requirements from the Office for Students. It is anticipated that it will be republished before 31 October 2025. Once republished a summary document will be included on the University website summarising changes made.

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Below is a summary of the University's policies. It is important that you understand the policies and regulations that will apply to you while enrolled at the University. The policies in Section 1 apply to all students studying at the University unless otherwise stated in the table below. Further along this document at Section 2 is a table drawing attention to additional policies applicable to students enrolled on research programmes.

This table is intended to draw your attention to the key policies, explain their purpose and why they are important. The full policies are all available at <https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/studentcontract> and you are encouraged to familiarise yourself with them.

Section 1 - Policies applicable to all students

Academic Regulations for taught programmes	The Academic Regulations contain a wide range of information about academic matters including the awards of the University, the approval and review of courses, and assessment.
Academic Appeals Procedure	This Procedure is to be used when a student requests a review of an academic decision made by an academic body which is responsible for making decisions on student progress, assessment and awards. It applies to all students registered for a University award including those studying at partner institutions in the UK and abroad. It applies to all University awards including taught programmes and postgraduate research degrees, professional doctorates and professional awards.
Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure for Academic Misconduct	This document sets out the University's approach to maintaining academic integrity and the process that will be followed in the event of suspected academic misconduct in a student's work.
Admissions policy & Applicant complaints procedure	This policy applies to students and applicants. It contains a requirement that applicants undergo an enhanced Disclosure Barring Service check (organised by the University) before they can be enrolled on certain courses. Depending on the outcome of that check, the applicant may not be eligible to enrol on those courses. There is a complaints procedure through which applicants can challenge the operation of the policy.
Code of Practice to ensure Freedom of Speech	Procedures which must be followed by staff, students and visitors to the university in order to maintain freedom of speech within the law on University premises.

Disability policy	This policy applies to students with a disability. It explains the University's commitment and its legal obligations to those students. The University will not always be in a position to make adjustments that students request. It also provides detailed information about the process from disclosure of a disability to the implementation of reasonable adjustments.
Domestic Abuse Policy for Students	This policy sets out the University's commitment to prevent and to protect students from behaviour that constitutes domestic abuse.
Email use policy	This policy sets out what is considered to be acceptable and unacceptable use of the University's email system. Breaches of the rules in this policy may result in the imposition of sanctions set out in the Rules for the Use of IT facilities and/or formal disciplinary action being taken pursuant to the Regulations for the Conduct of Students.
Fitness to Practise Procedure	This policy applies <u>only</u> to students studying on professionally regulated courses which lead directly to or which satisfy the conditions of a professional qualification or which confer a direct licence to practise a particular profession – examples of such courses are Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Teaching. A failure to observe the professional requirements may call into question a student's fitness to practise and result in a disciplinary process and the imposition of sanctions, including expulsion. Information about the student may be passed on to the relevant professional body where the University is required to do so and other third parties where appropriate.
Harassment Policy for Students	This Policy sets out the University's commitment to prevent and to protect students from harassment and related unacceptable behaviours.
Support to Study Policy and Procedure	The Support to Study (STS) policy and procedure is a supportive process used when a student's health or wellbeing is having a detrimental impact on their (or others') ability to progress academically and/or live and study independently and safely in the university community. The aim is to ensure that wherever possible, students are offered the right support to enable them to complete their studies and have a positive university experience.
Intellectual Property Regulations	This policy sets out the circumstances when the University will own the intellectual property made or created by its students, the automatic licence granted to the University to use the intellectual property owned by students and the obligations on students in relation to the intellectual property owned by the University.

IT Security Policy	The IT Security Policy sets standards outlining the way electronic information and IT systems should be managed and operated to ensure the University complies with its obligations in relation to IT Security. The policy sets out how all users of University IT systems and the information they contain must act to ensure these standards and obligations are met.
Mitigating Circumstances Policy and Procedure	During the course of their studies, students may suffer from some illness or misfortune that adversely affects their ability to complete an assessment. This Policy sets out the University's arrangements for considering requests for mitigation in such circumstances. This Policy applies to Undergraduate, Postgraduate Taught, and Postgraduate Research students.
Network Lite Fair Usage and Security Policy	Network-Lite is a dedicated wired network providing internet connectivity to students in the University's halls of residences and a number of privately owned student halls. Users of this network must ensure that their machines have current anti-virus software running and Microsoft security patching enabled in order to keep them safe.
Procedure for Reporting and responding to incidents of Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and Domestic Abuse	This procedure sets out the reporting pathways and steps for the University to respond to student reports of harassment, sexual misconduct and domestic abuse.
Refund and Compensation Policy	This Policy sets out the University of Central Lancashire's position and the circumstances where refunds and compensation may be paid out to students and applicants in the unlikely event that we are unable to preserve the teaching on one of our courses.
Regulations for the Conduct of Students	This policy contains the (non-academic) rules that students must comply with whilst studying at the University with regards to the behaviour that is expected of them. It sets out the disciplinary procedure that will be invoked for breaches of this policy and potential sanctions that may be imposed which include suspension and expulsion from the University. It also contains the dress code at appendix 2.
Regulations governing posters, notices, temporary signs and the distribution of literature	This policy contains the rules for displaying and distributing literature on campus. Breaches of these Regulations by students may be treated as misconduct under the Regulations for the Conduct of Students invoking the disciplinary procedure.

Rules for the Use of the Library	This policy provides the rules that students must comply with when using the library. Breaches of the rules may result in the student being unable to use the library and its IT facilities and/or formal disciplinary action being taken pursuant to the Regulations for the Conduct of Students. The policy also confirms the rules for loaning items from the library. Fines are imposed for late returns. Please note that there must be no use of mobile phones or technology in the 'silent areas' of the library which are intended for quiet reading and working only.
Rules for the Use of IT Facilities	This policy sets out the rules for using the University's IT facilities. There is important information which prohibits use of the IT facilities for the creation, display, storage or transmission of certain material. Breaches of the rules in this policy may result in the student being unable to use the University's IT facilities and/or formal disciplinary action being taken pursuant to the Regulations for the Conduct of Students.
Sexual Misconduct Policy	This policy sets out the University's commitment to prevent and to protect students from behaviour that constitutes sexual misconduct.
Smoking and Vaping policy	This policy prohibits smoking all substances (including electronic cigarettes and shisha pipes) in University buildings, areas designated as non-smoking and in University vehicles.
Student Complaints Procedure	This policy sets out the process for students to complain about any programme of study or related facility or any other service provided by or on behalf of the University. The Complaints Procedure can be used to appeal all decisions made by the University (once the rights of appeal under the relevant policy have been exhausted) save as where those decisions come within the categories excluded within the policy.
Student Protection Plan	This Plan has been produced in line with the requirements from the Office of Students and outlines the measures in place within the university to protect the interests of students and prospective students.
Technical Services Loans policy	This policy relates to the loaning by students from the University of technical resources/equipment. Fines are charged for late returns and breaches of the policy may result in withdrawal of the right to use the facilities and/or formal disciplinary action pursuant to the Regulations for the Conduct of Students.
Student Transfer Policy	The purpose of this Policy is to set out the necessary institutional arrangements that enable a student (taught or research) to transfer in a manner that facilitates the continuation and quality of study for all students whenever a transfer occurs.

Tuition fee policy	This policy sets out the terms on which the tuition fees and any deposits are payable to the University and the sanctions the University may impose if the fees are not paid which could include termination of enrolment, withdrawing its services and/or your right to use the University's facilities.
University Student Handbook	This handbook provides information and guidance on how to obtain advice on a range of matters to support you during your study.
Wireless Fair Usage and Security policy	This policy governs your use of the University's wireless network service. Breaches of this policy could result in the suspension or termination of your connection (potentially without notice).

Section 2 - Research Student Policies

Below is a summary of the University's policies that apply solely to students studying for the following awards:

- Doctor of Philosophy - PhD
- Doctor of Medicine - MD (Res) or MCh (Res)
- Master of Philosophy - MPhil
- MA (by Research)
- MSc (by Research)
- LLM (by Research)
- PhD (by Published Work)
- PhD (by Portfolio)

Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Research Degrees	The regulations and contain a wide range of information about academic matters. They set out the University's expectations as regards student attendance, academic due diligence, and academic progress. Failure to meet these expectations may mean that you are not permitted to progress with your research degree. The policies also set out the University's rules regarding academic misconduct, such as plagiarism. Breach of these rules may result in a disciplinary process and the imposition of the academic penalties and/or expulsion.
Academic Regulations for Professional Doctorate Awards	These regulations apply to students only on Professional Doctorate Awards. They contain a wide range of information about academic matters. They set out the University's expectations as regards student attendance, academic due diligence, and academic progress. Failure to meet these expectations may mean that you are not permitted to progress with your Professional Doctorate. The regulations set out the University's rules regarding academic misconduct, such as plagiarism. Breach of these rules may result in a disciplinary process and the imposition of the academic penalties and/or expulsion.
Ethical Principles for Teaching, Research,	This policy contains the key principles which are intended to protect human, animal and other living subjects as well as the

Consultancy, Knowledge Transfer and Related Activities	environment in all activities carried out in the University. The policy sets out the ethical principles for work with human participants, animals, micro-organisms, genetic modification, chemicals, radiation, the environment, art and military weapons, and artificial intelligence, and contains the key considerations that must be taken into account when undertaking research in respect in any of those areas, including the process for obtaining consent.
Postgraduate Research Studentships: Conditions of Award	These conditions of award apply to all University funded research studentships including fully funded studentships, fees-only studentships, and maintenance stipend only studentships. Regulations relate to starting sates and duration of the Studentship, absence, employment, Maternity/Adoption/Paternity/Shared Parental Leave, holidays, continuation and termination of awards, and payments in respect of studentship awards. Conditions of award may vary for international students as detailed in the policy.