

## Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.

I am an undergraduate student studying finance at the Telfer School of Management. I decided to go **on an exchange for a year** (October-June) at Lancaster University. The following table shows what courses I took.

Modules Enrolled	US Credits	ECTS Credits
SCC.111: Software Development - Full Year Only	5	10
SCC.121: Fundamentals of Computer Science - Full Year Only	5	10
ENSI222: Skills for Entrepreneurship - Michaelmas Term Only	4	7.5
MKTG227: Marketing Management Essentials - Lent / Summer Terms Only	4	7.5
ENSI210: Entrepreneurial Mindset - Lent / Summer Terms Only	4	7.5
ENSI211: Business Start-up - Lent / Summer Terms Only	4	7.5
OWT.101: Managing Organizations, Human Resources and Technology - Lent / Summer Term	6	12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>62</b>

The following is information on how my Fall Term (Michaelmas Term) went.

### SCC.111: Software Development - Full Year Only, 5 US credits, 10 ECTS credits

**Course Description:** Software now forms a central aspect of our lives. From the applications we run on our phones to the satellites in space, all modern technology is enabled by software. This module provides an introduction to the field of Software Development - the processes and skills associated with designing and constructing computer programs. Assuming no previous knowledge of the field, we study the contemporary knowledge, skills and techniques needed to develop high-quality computer software. This includes a thorough treatment of the principles of computer programming and how these principles can be applied using a range of contemporary and established languages such as Python, JavaScript and C. We discover how programming languages can be classified and how to choose the best language for the task at hand.

#### Class Hours:

- **Lecture(s):** There are 2 lectures, each 1 hour long.
- **Lab(s):** 1 combined lab that is 2 hours long. This is a combined lab for students in SCC.111 and SCC.121

#### Assessment Proportions:

- Coursework is worth 30% of your grade. Assessed quiz worth 5% of the total mark and contain content from modules SCC.111 and SCC.121
- Exam is worth 70% of your grade.

## **SCC.121: Fundamentals of Computer Science - Full Year Only, 5 US credits, 10 ECTS credits**

**Course Description:** Computing and data drive many critical elements of modern society, directly or indirectly. It's vital that there is a strong theoretical foundation to Computer Science. This module begins by examining the hard questions central to Computer Science and reasoning itself to prepare you for the in-depth critical thinking and discussion required at university level. It then proceeds to cover the fundamentals in logic, sets, and mathematics which have practical applications in software such as computer graphics. Algorithms, abstract data types, and analysis of algorithms is introduced to allow you to make reasoned decisions about the design of your programs. Finally, we investigate and apply the principles of Data Science and examine the way programs and systems can be designed to efficiently support work with data and question the limits of conclusions that can be drawn from such systems.

### **Class Hours:**

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- **Lab(s):** 1 combined lab that is 2 hours long. This is a combined lab for students in SCC.111 and SCC.121

### **Assessment Proportions:**

- Coursework is worth 30% of your grade. Assessed quiz worth 5% of the total mark and contain content from modules SCC.111 and SCC.121
- Exam is worth 70% of your grade.

## **ENSI222: Skills for Entrepreneurship - Michaelmas Term Only, 4 US credits, 7.5 ECTS credits**

**Course Description:** This course provides a critical introduction to key concepts to facilitate a broad understanding and application of developing and selling a new product through an interactive and socialized lens. It is targeted at students on business-related degrees and in particular those undertaking the Business and Management (Entrepreneurship) specialism. It provides a broad and holistic view of the entrepreneurial process and focuses on the agency and activities of the entrepreneur as the main driver of new products and businesses.

### **Class Hours:**

- **Lecture(s):** There is 1 lecture, that's a 1 hour long.
- **Workshop(s):** (AKA DGDs) 1 workshop, that's also a 1 hour long.

### **Assessment Proportions:**

- Coursework assignment will be taken towards the end of the course. This will comprise of a detailed analysis of a new product case study using the concepts from the module. (70% of final grade)
- Groups will be assessed on video presentations developed as part of workshop topics and activities. This will allow them to explain as groups their particular product and the development processes they undertook. (30% of final grade)

## **The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.).**

### **24/25 Academic calendar:**

- Welcome Week: 30 September 2024 – 4 October 2024
- Michaelmas term: 4 October 2024 – 13 December 2024
- Lent term: 10 January 2025 – 21 March
- Summer term:
  - Week 1 teaching: 24-28 March 2025
  - Week 2 teaching onwards: 28 April 2025 – 27 June 2025

**Exams:** If you are coming during the fall term (Michaelmas term) then your exam will be in December, and that is if the courses you choose to take have exams.

**Holidays:** 16 December 2024 – 10 January 2025 → Christmas Break

### **Number of Semesters: 2**

- Fall Term → Michaelmas Term
- Winter Term → Lent/Summer Term

## **Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution.**

### **Registration and course selection. Social activities.**

#### **Scholarships/Bursaries:**

- **Mobility Scholarship Int. Exp** - \$500.00 → \$500 per semester on exchange
- **Student Mobility – Telfer** - \$500.00
- **Power Corp. uOGlobal** - \$1,500.00

## **Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).**

### **Flight**

- \$1,050.50 for one way ticket and one luggage bag included.
  - Ottawa → Paris, France → Manchester
- Free shuttle provided by Lancaster University (sign up as soon as possible, spots fill up quickly)
  - Manchester Airport → Lancaster University

### **Housing**

Collage: Fylde // Ensuite bathroom. For 281 nights' accommodation...

- 29-Sep-24 - 09-Jan-25 // University Accommodation Fees Due on or before: 04 Oct 24 // **GBP 2,784.60**
- 09-Jan-25 - 24-Apr-25 // University Accommodation Fees Due on or before: 10 Jan 25 // **GBP 2,866.50**
- 24-Apr-25 - 07-Jul-25 // University Accommodation Fees Due on or before: 25 Apr 25 // **GBP 2,020.20**

## **Food**

- I purchased groceries once a week and sometimes lunch or dinner from one of the campus restaurants.
- If you eat out twice a day, then I suggest you get a Freedom Eat or Freedom Eat+ (weekend included) because this will help save money. Please note Freedom Eat give you **DISCOUNTS** on selected campus restaurants, it's not like uOttawa's meal plan.
- I bought a small instant pot from amazon and just cook at home.

## **Daily Traveling Costs**

I have so far traveled to Manchester (carpooled) and Preston (Train).

- The train is the best way to travel. If you are planning to travel by train, get a rail card (£30 for a year → 1/3 off train tickets for anyone age 16-25)
- Download Trainline. You can buy tickets from the app and use/buy rail card from the app too.

## **Textbooks**

I did not purchase any textbooks. Most can be found online for free. My entrepreneur course has articles as reading material, which is uploaded by the professor. PowerPoint and sometimes lecture recording are also provided.

## **Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).**

### **Costs associated with Visa application:**

Amounts can vary:

- Immigration Health Surcharge: \$ 1,023.67 USD
- UK Visa & Immigration: \$645.00 USD
- VFS Global (Visa Application Centre): \$100.00 USD

### **Visa Deadlines:**

After getting your CAS, start applying for your student VISA. I don't remember the actual deadline, but I submitted my visa application at the end of the first week of July. I read online that some students had to

wait a long time for their passport to come back, which is why I tried to submit as fast as possible, but my passport came back after a week.

### **Documents Required for Visa:**

Bring the following to Visa Application Centre

- Valid passport or travel documents
- Print out the appointment confirmation letter, which shows the latest documents uploaded and a printout of a checklist from GOV.UK

I uploaded the following documents

- Accommodation – Permanent / Temporary
  - Confirmation of Acceptance (CAS)
- Sponsor Evidence
  - Official Acceptance Letter
- Additional Documents / Other
  - Passport
- Financial Evidence
  - Bank Statement
  - Recent RESP statement
  - Sponsorship Letter for Student Visa (search for a sample on google)

### **Course Registration:**

Don't remember a specific date, but I applied after I had access to my Lancaster email. The last day to drop or add courses at the end of the first week of class.

### **Housing Deposit:**

- **£200.00** → this amount will be deducted from your first accommodation fee

## **Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.**

**Address:** Lancaster University, Fylde Avenue, Lancaster LA1 4YF

**Description:** exactly like the pictures provided in the Lancaster University's website. You are giving a mattress, that's all (blankets, pillows and bedding must be bought by you).

I choose Fylde collage and an ensuite bathroom. For 281 nights' accommodation...

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Please note you do not get a blanket or pillow. I bought mine from Sainsbury and got covers from amazon.

## Other comments or recommendations.

### Bussing

Usually, £2 per bus ride so £4 for the whole trip. The charge changes to £1 around 10pm or 11pm (not like OC Transpo where one ticket can be used within a selected amount of time)

You enter the bus and say, “one ticket to town” or “one ticket to uni”.

- 1 or 1A bus is the fastest bus to get to town (20 mins)
- 100 bus goes around the neighborhood and then go to town (30 mins)
- Last bus is 3:30 AM, incase you decide to stay in town late.
  - You can get a taxi or call an Uber (not the popular option though)

### Shopping

To tour around town (or shop) get off at “Common Garden,” that’s where most of the stores you will regularly go to are. Some suggestions ...

- Primark: Cheap clothes but also sometimes good quality // it is like Urban Planets (Bayshore)
- T.K Max: Clothing and home stuff // it’s like Winners // it’s more expensive than Primark.
- Poundland: like Dollar store

Using my Lancaster email, I set up an amazon prime account (6-month fast delivery). Delivery goes to the porter, and you will receive an email when it is ready for pick up. (located on the left of Fylde bar)

### Groceries

- Online order from ASDA
  - ASDA has good prices but it’s far by bus. Delivery chargers range from 1-4 pounds.
- Sainsbury (take the 1A and get off at Lancaster Cable St)
  - I did my first groceries here and bought a plate, dish, and cup. For 26 items I paid £56.
- SPAR (in campus)
  - I usually get milk and snacks from there. Not the greatest option but definitely convenient
- Student Union Shop
  - Most students get their alcohol from here.

### Mobile Sim

Get your Sim card from VOXI, super cheap and worth it. I am paying £15 for 105 GB, unlimited text and calling. VOKI uses the same network as Vodafone, which is a well-known service provider but expensive. Another option is O2, which I hear good things about.

However, I suggest you ask any of the people you meet what sim card they would suggest and are using (that is how I found out about VOXI).

### **Banking**

I don't recommend getting a bank account because setting it up and then closing it is such a big hassle.

I recommend setting up a WISE account and ordering yourself a WISE debit card (free). Use that everywhere you go and use it to e-transfer whenever you have it to. Super easy to set up and use, and it's used by students here too.

### **Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience.**

My exchange experience in the UK has been amazing so far. I got used to life at Lancaster University and have settled in and really enjoy the peaceful atmosphere here. I also joined a few societies and was super active during welcome week so could make friends. The weather is not as cold as Canada, though the wind can be pretty strong at times. I love how quiet it is on campus, and the nights are so peaceful, which makes studying and relaxing so much easier. I've had the chance to travel to Manchester and Preston so far but I'm saving the big cities for when my friends from Canada come to visit during their reading week. The whole experience has been a great opportunity to learn about different cultures, and I'm looking forward to making the most of my time here.