

FURTHER PARTICULARS

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The ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science (CASS): The ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science (CASS, director: Professor Elena Semino), Lancaster University, UK is one of the world's leading research centres in corpus linguistics and was awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education in 2015. The centre specializes in applying corpus linguistic techniques to a number of research areas including education, language learning and teaching, and social sciences. CASS is also widely renowned for its commitment to training and development and offers a free online teaching course (MOOC) on corpus linguistics, which has attracted to date over 35,000 participants.

The Department: Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster is one of the largest and best known Linguistics departments in the UK and internationally, with over 30 academics, about 160 PhD students, 120 MAs on campus-based and blended learning programmes, and about 300 undergraduates. It is currently rated 12th in the world in the QS World University rankings.

The Linguistics department has a phonetics lab, an eye tracker lab with desktop and a portable Tobii eye trackers, a lab for behavioural studies with children and adults, and is currently setting up an EEG lab. The Linguistics department also has research links with the Psychology department with further research facilities and a large group of researchers interested in Developmental Psychology and Linguistics.

The University: Lancaster University (www.lancaster.ac.uk) has a world-class reputation as a centre for excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. It is ranked in the top 10 in all three major UK university league tables: the Times/Sunday Times, the Guardian and the Complete University Guide. Internationally, it is ranked 128th in the 2020 QS World University Rankings. It was named International University of the Year in the Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020.

The University is set near the Lune Valley and the Forest of Bowland – areas of outstanding natural beauty – and on the edge of the Lake District. More than £450m has been invested into the campus since 2002 creating new academic facilities, student social facilities and improved teaching space.

The City: The campus is located a short distance from the vibrant and historic city of Lancaster, which has excellent schools. Lancaster is a city of about 55,000 people, with a largely Georgian and Victorian core of sandstone buildings, overlooked by a medieval castle and priory church. It has independent shops, an alternative cinema and theatre, lively markets on Wednesday and Saturday, and easy access to the surrounding countryside on paths, bikeways, and canals. Lancaster is easily accessible by road (M6 Junction 33) and rail (west coast mainline). It is approximately an hour to Manchester International Airport, and about 2.5 hours by train to London.