

University of Cumbria International College (UCIC)

Pathway programmes guide — courses, entry requirements, fees & visa information for international students

Location	University of Cumbria, Lancaster Campus, Lancashire, UK	Operated by	Malvern International (10-year partnership, since Sept 2025)
Programmes	Int'l Foundation, Int'l Year One, Pre-Master's	Visa	Integrated Student Route (pathway + degree on one CAS)
Intakes	Sept & Jan (IFP/IYO); Sept & May (PMP)	Contact	admissions@ucic.malvernplc.com

1. International Foundation Programme (IFP)

RQF Level 3 • prepares for Year 1

Duration: 1 academic year

Intakes: Sept 2026 / Jan 2027

Tuition: £16,000 Scholarship up to £3,000

Minimum age: 18 at enrolment

English: Academic IELTS 5.5 (no band below 5.5)

Progression scholarship: £1,000/yr UG, £4,000/yr Nursing

Pathway	Progression degrees at Cumbria
Business, Law & Social Sciences	BSc Int'l Business Management • BSc Business Management • BSc Tourism & Visitor Economy Management • LLB Law • BSc Psychology • BSc Psychology with Counselling & Psychotherapy*
Computer Science	BSc Computer Science
Health & Medical Biosciences	BSc Medical Biosciences • BSc Health & Social Care • BA Sport, Coaching & Physical Education • BSc Nursing (Adult / Child / Mental Health)** • BSc Occupational Therapy** • BA Social Work**

* Requires Overseas Police Check + UK Criminal Background Check. ** Subject to professional body requirements, interview, criminal background & medical checks, and a higher IELTS at entry.

2. International Year One (IYO)

RQF Level 4 (CertHE) • progress to Year 2

Duration: 1 academic year

Intakes: Sept 2026 / Jan 2027 (CS: Jan 2027 only)

Tuition: £16,000 Scholarship up to £3,000

Minimum age: 18 at enrolment

English: Academic IELTS 5.5 (no band below 5.5)

Academic: 3 A-Levels / recognised foundation / completed Yr 1

Pathway	Progression degree (Year 2 / Level 5)
Business & Management (CertHE)	BSc Int'l Business Management • BSc Business Management
Computer Science (CertHE)	BSc Computer Science

3. Pre-Master's Programme (PMP)

Graduate Diploma • 1, 2 or 3 terms

Intakes: May 2026 / Sept 2026 / May 2027

Minimum age: 18 at enrolment

English (1 term): IELTS 6.0 (no band below 5.5)

Progression scholarship: £2,000/yr of PG taught degree

Academic: Pass in an undergraduate degree (or 3–5 year Diploma) with suitable grades in a related subject

Length	Tuition	Scholarship up to	Master's area	Progression Master's degree
1 term	£9,500	£1,000	Business	MBA • MSc International Management
2 terms	£12,000	£2,000	Psychology	MSc Psychology Legal & Criminological
3 terms	£14,500	£3,000	Education	MA Education / Education Leadership
			Outdoor & Lake District	MA Outdoor & Experiential Learning • MA Literature, Romanticism & the English Lake District

4. Entry Requirements for Nepalese Students (Joint CAS)

Programme	Academic requirement	Mathematics (where required)	English	Study gap
IFP 2 semesters	Completed HSSC / Year 12 with aggregate 40%+	Science / CS routes: 50% / GPA 2.4 / C+ in Grade X Maths	IELTS 5.5 (no band below 5.5)	Max 7 years*
IYO 2 semesters	Completed HSSC / Year 12 with aggregate 50%+	CS route: 60% / 2.8 / B in Grade X Maths, OR 50% / 2.4 / C+ in Grade XII Maths	IELTS 5.5 (no band below 5.5); waiver option below	Max 7 years*
PMP 2 semesters	3-Term: Bachelor's with min 45% (higher grades for shorter variants)	—	3-Term: IELTS 5.5 (no band below 5.5) or equivalent; MOI waiver below	Max 10 years*

* For study gaps over 5 years, a CV and work-experience letters (or equivalent supporting evidence) are required.

Key highlights for Nepalese applicants

- **IELTS waiver:** available for IYO (Grade XII English 2.4 + MOI letter) and PMP (MOI letter from TU / KU / PU).
- **Joint CAS:** one visa covers both the pathway and the full degree.
- **Study gaps tolerated:** up to 7 years (IFP/IYO), 10 years (PMP); supporting documents required if over 5 years.
- Every application is assessed individually — borderline cases may require a credibility interview.

5. Visa, Deposit & Proof of Funds

Deposit process

- **£300 deposit** required to book the P-CAS interview (pre-CAS check).
- After passing the final CAS interview, the **remaining deposit** stated on the offer letter must be paid before the CAS is issued.

Funds to show & visa type

- Remaining first-year tuition fees (after deposit paid).
- **£10,539** living expenses (UKVI maintenance, outside London).
- **Integrated Student Route Visa** — one visa for pathway + full degree.

6. Useful Links & Contact

UCIC: internationalcollege.cumbria.ac.uk

University of Cumbria: cumbria.ac.uk/study/international-students/international-college/

Malvern International: malverninternational.com

Admissions: admissions@ucic.malvernplc.com

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