

**A GUIDE FOR
PARENTS &
GUARDIANS**

**FROM APPLICATION TO
THEIR FIRST DAY**



**UNIVERSITY
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MANCHESTER**

WE ARE UA92

Degrees awarded by Lancaster University

A Lancaster University degree is highly sought after by employers and recognised all over the world. UA92 courses are subject to the same approval process and quality checks as degrees delivered by Lancaster University.

Above National Average for Graduate Outcomes

UA92 is above the national average for graduate outcomes, with 91% of graduates engaged in employment or further study within 15-months of graduation*.

*Graduate Outcomes Survey Results released in 2024. National Average is 89%

Most Supportive in Greater Manchester

Rated the most supportive in Greater Manchester, having scored higher than all Greater Manchester universities for Academic Support and Mental Health Support Services in the most recent National Student Survey.**

**The NSS results referred to above compares UA92's results against the 4 Universities in Greater Manchester.

Silver Award Overall for Teaching

The youngest higher education provider to be awarded Silver in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), demonstrating a very high-quality teaching and learning experience.



THIS IS MORE THAN A QUALIFICATION - IT'S PREPARATION FOR LIFE.

In every survey we've conducted, where we ask students who influenced their decision about which university to go to, parents always come out on top. It may not feel like it sometimes, but your opinion and reassurance matters and we want to make sure you have all the information you need to guide them through this journey.

When I speak to parents, they often ask me the following questions: How do you make sure your students get the most relevant skills for their future career? Will they be supported in a safe and inclusive environment? And, why should they choose to come here over somewhere else?

Hopefully this guide will answer all your questions and more. UA92 has so many unique aspects that you won't find at other institutions, from our fixed timetable to our promise of no end of year exams. I want to take this opportunity to assure you that you're in safe hands – we provide a personalised student experience that puts teaching quality, learning environment, and student outcomes at the heart of everything we do. **This is much more than a qualification – it's preparation for life.**



Gareth Smith, Executive Director of Student Life and Strategy

THE 92 PROGRAMME

“We know, from our own experience, some of the challenges that our young people may come up against, whether that’s in their personal or professional life. We know the importance of education and the value of their academic qualifications, but we also know that there are other factors at play when they enter the world of work.

No one is born with the skills to be a great leader or communicator, with natural resilience or an unwavering self-belief. These are qualities that are learnt through experiences and from those around you. And it’s our job as parents, coaches and mentors to develop our young people to have great work ethic, integrity and communication skills, because without these skills you are going to fall short in life.


As a parent, I want my children to grow into confident young adults with a great work ethic, discipline and resilience that enables them to show up every single day, even when they are finding things hard. I want them to take responsibility for their own success and be independent thinkers.

I was lucky enough to have amazing influences growing up – Sir Alex Ferguson, Brian Kidd, Nobby Stiles MBE – they had a massive impact on me during my formative years and the skills I developed at Manchester United went far beyond football.

This is what inspired me to create the 92 Programme. Yes, qualifications are very important and on paper will get them the interview, but when they walk into that interview room, it’s them as a person, their character, their confidence, their ability to communicate that will get them the job.”

Gary Neville, UA92 Co-Founder



A portrait of Gary Neville, a man with short dark hair and a slight stubble, wearing a dark blue t-shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark, and there is a bright pink circular graphic element in the top right corner.

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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE 92 PROGRAMME

APPLICATION TIMELINE

There's lots of dates and deadlines to remember when applying to university. Here are some of the key dates:

MAY UCAS SEARCH GOES LIVE ON THE UCAS WEBSITE & APPLICATIONS CAN BE STARTED, BUT NOT SUBMITTED YET

(Approx 18 months before)

Add key dates to your calendar and set reminders.
Discuss course choices and career aspirations and check entry requirements for courses.

SEP UCAS CAN RECEIVE APPLICATIONS

(Approx 12 months before)

Start to shortlist universities and courses. Visit Open Days.

JAN EQUAL CONSIDERATION DEADLINE FOR MOST UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

(Approx 9 months before)

We recommend trying to submit UCAS applications on or before the equal consideration deadline to make sure it's considered equally by universities.

FEB UCAS EXTRA OPENS

If applicants didn't use all five choices on their initial application, or haven't received any offers, they can add another choice.

MAR STUDENT FINANCE APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applicants can start their application for Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loans. Also, look out for invites to applicant events.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DATES AND
DEADLINES VISIT UCAS.

APR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION BOOKING PROCESS OPENS

Make sure you don't miss the window to register for student accommodation.

MAY APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE HEARD BACK FROM UNIVERSITIES AND RECEIVED OFFERS IF THEY APPLIED BEFORE THE EQUAL CONSIDERATION DEADLINE

JUN APPLICANTS WILL NEED TO HAVE MADE A DECISION ON THEIR TOP TWO (FIRM AND INSURANCE) CHOICES AND DECLINED ANY OTHER OFFERS THEY MIGHT HAVE

(Approx 3 months before)

Check UCAS Hub for your specific reply date.

JUL CLEARING OPENS

Applicants can apply for any courses that still have vacancies.

AUG A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY

Celebrate the student getting into their first or second choice university or find a place through Clearing.

SEP WELCOME WEEK FOR SEPTEMBER STARTERS

Remember we offer five other start dates throughout the year.

This timeline is a guide for applicants in their final year of college and aiming to continue straight into higher education. Everyone's journey is unique and may not follow this guide. Dates are subject to change.

**TOP
TIPS!**

Discuss Student Finance and plan a budget together.

Understand Clearing and how to support the applicant if they need to use it.

Be supportive and engaged in the process at each stage.

STUDENT FINANCE

We know Student Finance can be a confusing subject, but these top tips will help you navigate it.

At UA92, all our courses are eligible for Student Finance. Students can apply for a Tuition Fee loan to cover their course fees and a Maintenance loan to help with living costs. Maintenance loans are means-tested and are based on things like household income and where the applicant plans on studying.

To find UA92 courses on the Student Finance Application portal:

- > Select Lancaster University (UA92 degrees are awarded by Lancaster University.)
- > Search for UA92 in the course area.
- > Select your course (All UA92 courses will have 'UA92' at the start and (NEW) at the end).



Make it for Real Package



Student Finance England

TOP TIPS!

FOR COMPLETING A STUDENT FINANCE APPLICATION:

- > Make sure you have the applicant's passport, bank details and National Insurance number to hand.
- > If they're asked to provide evidence make sure they upload it to avoid delay in processing the application.
- > If needed, they can make changes to personal information or university/course details via the online account.

Key things to note about Student Finance:

- > Students won't start repaying loans until the April after they complete or leave their course and they are earning over the repayment threshold of £25,000 per year.*
- > Once graduates earn over the threshold, repayments begin and they pay 9% on the amount they earn over £25,000. For example, if they earn £30,000 a year, they'll pay 9% of £5,000 – which is £450 per year. This is automatically deducted from their pay.

*Correct at time of printing. Due to change each April.

ACCOMMODATION

Moving away from home and becoming independent for the first time can be a big change for the whole family. You'll probably want to make sure they are safe and comfortable in their student accommodation and have access to everything they need. We have a number of modern student accommodation options to choose from that are close to both our campuses.



DISCOVER UA92 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

STUDENT SUPPORT & WELL-BEING

Having a proactive Student Support and Well-being Service, and a dedicated Counselling Service gives you the peace of mind that there is always somewhere they can turn for help.

What do we do to help students settle in?

There are lots of activities at the start of the academic year to familiarise students with their new environment, introduce them to the support services and provide opportunities to get to know their peers.

How do we support students through their studies?

The Student Support Service run weekly drop-in sessions at both our Old Trafford campus and UA92 Business School and our Chaplaincy Service offers pastoral support to students of any faith, or no faith. The 92 Programme creates awareness around promoting good physical health and mental well-being and we have more than 100 student and course reps advocating for students' needs.

What can they do outside of their studies?

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in student life. With sports teams, societies, student volunteering and peer support groups

How can Student Support be accessed?

Support can be provided on a 1-2-1 basis or through group well-being sessions. We regularly run free group sessions as well as useful workshops, giving advice on topics such as managing money.

Can I contact someone if I have a concern?

We encourage parents to get in touch if they have a specific worry or concern for the well-being of one of our students. Contact our Student Support Service at **well-being@UA92.ac.uk**.

INCLUSIVE SUPPORT

It is important that we are aware of any disabilities or learning difference so we can make reasonable adjustments or provide additional support where needed.

What do you consider a disability to be?

Any condition that could affect a student's ability to study including a specific learning difference or long-term health condition.

When and how should a disability be disclosed?

We advise disclosing a disability on the student's UCAS application or self-referring to our Disability and Inclusion Adviser as soon as possible by emailing **inclusivesupport@UA92.ac.uk**.

Do we need to provide evidence from a medical professional?

If the applicant has a learning difference, long-term health condition, mental health condition, or disability, they should apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA) before starting UA92. This grant provides support such as study skills, mentoring, or transport to university if needed. To apply, they will need medical evidence from a recognised professional, such as a doctor or educational psychologist.

What support do you provide to students with disabilities?

Every student is assessed on an individual basis and where appropriate an individual Learning Support Plan will be created.

How accessible is your building for students with physical disabilities?

Our campus has been accredited by AccessAble and there are detailed guides available online.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STUDENT SUPPORT.



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