Travel Information – to get to the University

By Rail

There are direct rail links between Lancaster and many of the UK's major cities and airports. For train times, visit National Rail Enquiries. The X4 runs every 20 minutes, and 3A every 30 minutes, between the University and the Railway Station (hourly on Sunday afternoons and evenings) or see ‘By Bus’ below (Common Garden Street is about a 5 minute walk from the station). Taxis are available at the station, which is a five minute walk from the city centre.

Local taxi services can be contacted on: +44 (0)1524 32090; +44 (0)1524 35666 and +44 (0)1524 848848.

By Bus

For bus information call 'Traveline' on 0871 200 22 33. Alternatively, visit the Stagecoach website for current timetables and further information.

In the City: The bus station is situated on Damside Street in the City Centre. Buses (services 2, 2A, 3, 4, X4, 41 and 42) leave for the University every five minutes on weekdays and most services also stop at Common Garden Street (shown by the arrow), with a journey time of 15-20 minutes.

On Campus: All buses drop off and collect passengers in the Underpass, situated underneath Alexandra Square. Additionally, services 3 and 4 serve the southern perimeter road around Alexandra Park. There is also a bus stop directly outside the Sports Centre on the main drive.

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There are daily scheduled coach services from the underpass to destinations across the UK. These are operated by Megabus and National Express.

By Car

Leave the M6 motorway at Junction 33 and take the A6 north towards Lancaster.

For Lancaster University main campus - turn right at the third set of traffic lights on the A6 into the University main drive.

Take the first exit left from the roundabout at the top of the main drive, then the first avenue on your right. This brings you to the Reception Lodge where security staff will direct you to your destination on campus.

For Alexandra Park (south end of campus) - turn right at the second set of traffic lights on the A6 into Barkers Drive and turn left at the roundabout into Alexandra Park Drive.

You can use either the RAC or AA route planners to view and print directions for your journey.

If using an online route planner or satnav, please note that the university postcode is LA1 4YW.

By Air

Take the train - an hourly rail link runs directly between Manchester airport and Lancaster, taking about 1.5 hours. For train times, visit National Rail Enquiries.

From Manchester International Airport take the M56 motorway at Junction 5 and join the M6 motorway at Junction 20 (north), then follow the 'By Car' directions as above.