

Applying for a short course

To apply for a short course offered in Linguistics and English Language, you need to create a user account to make your application.

1. Go to the webpage [Applying for postgraduate study at Lancaster](#).
2. Read the application information in the sections **Before you apply** and **Applications for 2026 entry**. If you are applying for a short course in the academic year 2025/26 – i.e., October 2025 to July 2026 – this information also applies to you. **When you apply, as well as submitting an application, you are strongly recommended to contact us directly by email (see below)**. Information on the university's application pages is now focused on applications for academic year 2026/27, but it is still possible to apply for the short courses starting before June 2026.
3. Click **Create an account** and complete your details.
For Academic Level, select as your chosen level of study **Postgraduate Taught (e.g. MA, MSc, LLM)**.

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Postgraduate Taught (e.g. MA, MSc, LLM)

Postgraduate Research (e.g. MPhil, PhD)

Then, select **the programme** (short course) you wish to apply for from the Academic Programme drop-down list. The courses are listed alphabetically by scheme (type). If you're not sure which course you should select, please contact us by email to check (see below). For administrative reasons only, *Issues in Language Testing* is currently listed as **Postgraduate Certificate of Achievement** rather than **Institutional Credit (Postgraduate)**. Also note that the language testing short courses are part time, not full time as shown.

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Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Corpus Based Discourse Analysis](#) - Part Time

Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Corpus Based Grammar and Vocabulary](#) - Part Time

Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Corpus Design and Data Collection](#) - Part Time

Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Fundamentals of Corpus Linguistics](#) - Part Time

Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Language Test Construction and Evaluation](#) (distance) - Full Time

Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Statistical Analysis for Language Testing](#) (distance) - Full Time

Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Statistics and Data Visualization](#) - Part Time

Institutional Credit (Postgraduate) [Using Corpora in Language Teaching](#) - Part Time

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PGCert of Achievement [Issues in Language Testing](#) (distance) - Full Time

4. Finally, select **the term** you wish to apply for from the Academic Term drop-down list.
If only one start date is available but you want to apply for a different academic year, you should:
 - a) select whichever date is available for the short course – this allows you to complete and submit the application – then, additionally,
 - b) send an email to us stating **when** you want to start the course – this allows us to amend the submitted application to have the start date you want. Send your email to the Student Programmes Coordinator, [Ms Elaine Heron \(e.heron@lancaster.ac.uk\)](mailto:e.heron@lancaster.ac.uk).

5. **Contact us by email** if you have any questions about the courses, the application process or the entry requirements for the short courses (e.g., English language requirements). We will be very happy to provide more information by email or arrange an online meeting to discuss your questions. We will also be able to monitor your status and provide relevant information to the University Admissions Teams once you tell us that you have submitted an application.
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