

Double Degree Programme University of Padua – Lancaster University

MA English Literature/MSc Social Research

1. What is the Double Degree Programme?

The Double Degree Programme allows four selected students enrolled in **Mobility Studies at the University of Padua** to complete **two full Master's degrees** in two years:

- **MA in Historical Sciences – Mobility Studies** (University of Padua)
- **MSc in Social Research/MA English Literature** (Lancaster University)

Students spend **Year 1 at Padua** and **Year 2 at Lancaster**, and upon successful completion receive **two separate degrees**, one from each institution.

2. Who can apply from the University of Padua?

The programme is open to students who:

- Are enrolled in the **MA in Historical Sciences – Mobility Studies** at Padua
- Are in their **first year of study**
- Meet the academic and language requirements

Selection is competitive and based on **academic merit and motivation**.

3. What academic requirements must I meet?

To progress from Padua to Lancaster, students must:

- Hold a relevant undergraduate degree with a **final grade of at least 95/110** (or 27/30; equivalent to UK 2:1)
- Successfully complete **Year 1 at Padua** with an **average grade of at least 27/30** (selection of students remains conditional until completion of Year 1)
- Demonstrate good academic progress in Mobility Studies

4. How many students are selected each year?

Up to **4 students per academic year** may be selected from Padua to participate in the Double Degree Programme, two students for each Master programme

5. When and how do I apply?

Students apply through an **internal selection process at the University of Padua**.

The call will open on **2nd March 2026** and can apply until **March 17th**.

When applying for the Double Degree Programme, students are required to upload the following documents:

- an official transcript of records downloaded from the University of Padua student portal;
- their current study plan
- a valid English language certification (if already available)
- a one page motivation letter explaining their interest in the Double Degree Programme and in studying at Lancaster University

Selected students must then:

- Submit a **formal application to Lancaster University** via its postgraduate application portal
- Respect Lancaster's application deadlines (usually during the final semester at Padua)

Padua will formally notify Lancaster of selected candidates.

6. What English language level is required?

Students must meet Lancaster's standard English requirements. Students are advised to check Lancaster's website for up-to-date requirements.

7. Which exams shall I have completed in Padua before leaving for Lancaster?

Students enrolled in Mobility Studies at Padua, shall normally complete the following exams during their first year:

- 18 ECTS in group A (Migrations in world history, Ideas and cultures in motion, Communication and media in history, History of Tourism)
- 12 ECTS in group B (Transport History, Museums, collections and heritage, Demography and migration, Work, migration and globalization, Politics and institutions on the move)
- 6 ECTS in group C (Space, Place and Mobility, Urban Mobilities, Sociology of ideas and intellectuals, Cultural encounters, Afro-Asian Mobilities)
- 6 ECTS in group D (Archives and Libraries on the Move, Big Data and Social Network Analysis)
- 6 ECTS Internship
- 3 ECTS Workshop (Public digital history, Data visualization, Textual Narratives, Map Mobilities)
- 9 ECTS (Integration of the Dissertation after the time spent in Lancaster)

8. What will I study at Lancaster University?

At Lancaster, MA programmes are in a process of being redefined, so these are suggestions based on how the situation is now, and can change a bit in the future. What cannot change is the amount of credits that students will have to complete in Lancaster.

Padua students will enrol either in the **MA in English Literature or MSc in Social Research** and complete:

For MA English Literature

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduate-courses/english-literature-ma/2026/#structure>

- 2 core course and 2 optional courses in English Literature
- A 24-credits Master's dissertation

For MSc Social Research

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduate-courses/social-research-msc/2026/#structure>

- 2 core courses and 2 optional courses in Social Research (possibly: Qualitative Research, Research Project in Practice, Principle of Research Methods)
- A 24-credits Master's dissertation

The dissertation is written in English and is assessed according to Lancaster regulations. Its topic should be discussed in advance with supervisors at both institutions to ensure coherence with the Double Degree framework.

9. How are credits recognised between the two universities?

Credits earned at Lancaster are formally **recognised by the University of Padua** and vice versa. The dissertation completed at Lancaster counts towards both degrees according to the agreed recognition mechanism set out in the programme appendix.

10. Do I pay tuition fees at both universities?

No, Padova students will pay tuition fees at their home university and benefit from Erasmus scholarship. They will be responsible for:

- Travel costs
- Accommodation
- Living expenses during their year abroad

11. How are exams and assessments organised?

Assessments:

- Are conducted by the **institution delivering the course**
- Follow **local regulations and grading systems**

Students must pass all required assessments and successfully complete the dissertation to obtain both degrees.

12. In which language is the dissertation written?

The dissertation is written **in English**, in accordance with Lancaster University regulations.

13. What degree certificates will I receive?

Upon successful completion, students receive:

- A **Master's degree from Lancaster University in English Literature or Social Research**
- A **Master's degree from the University of Padua in Historical Sciences-Mobility Studies**

Each diploma is accompanied by a **Diploma Supplement** indicating participation in the Double Degree Programme.

14. What happens if I do not complete all requirements on time?

If a student does not complete the agreed study plan within the expected timeframe:

- The academic boards of both institutions will jointly decide whether an extension can be granted
- The student must submit a written explanation
- The decision will be communicated formally in writing

15. Who should I contact for further information?

For academic and administrative questions, students should contact:

- The **Mobility Studies coordination team at the University of Padua** (paola.molino@unipd.it; cdl.mobilitystudies@unipd.it)
- At Lancaster University: Prof. Lynne Pearce (l.pearce@lancaster.ac.uk) for general questions about the programme, Prof. Clare Egan (c.egan2@lancaster.ac.uk) for information on the MA English Literature, Prof. Stefanie Doeblner (s.doeblner@lancaster.ac.uk) for the Msc Social Research