

# LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

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# Welcome to Liverpool Hope University

**Thank you for considering a postgraduate course at Liverpool Hope University.**

As the Vice-Chancellor & Rector of Liverpool Hope, I am delighted to be part of this University. I am proud of our reputation for high quality that is growing around the world.

Liverpool Hope is a unique University by virtue of its rich and distinctive 19th century foundations. It has been at the forefront of opening doors to higher education for over 170 years. Many of Liverpool Hope's graduates hold distinguished careers around the country, and indeed, elsewhere in the world.

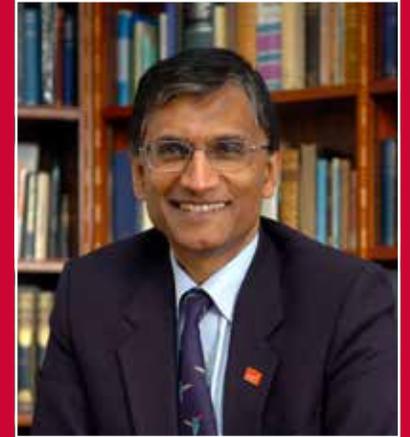
Our postgraduate courses offer students choice and flexibility, and the opportunity to study in a vibrant, supportive academic environment. Our postgraduate taught courses are underpinned by the research and scholarly activity which takes place at Liverpool Hope and teaching is driven by staff expertise.

As a postgraduate student at Hope, you will have the opportunity to become involved in high quality research across a range of disciplines. There are a number of research areas of national and international excellence at Liverpool Hope, with categories of our research classified as 'world-leading' in the national Research Excellence Framework.

Liverpool Hope is committed to creating opportunities for all students to ensure that they receive a top-class education, going on to become graduates who really make a difference.

I wish you every success in your postgraduate studies at Liverpool Hope University.

**Professor Gerald J Pillay**  
FRSA DL PhD DTheol DPhil  
Vice-Chancellor & Rector



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# Welcome to the City of Liverpool

**Liverpool is a thriving and vibrant riverside city with plenty of cultural, sporting and social opportunities.**

With its world famous historic waterfront the city is home to a wealth of culture, with more museums and galleries than any other city outside of London. With iconic architecture and magnificent cathedrals, the Liverpool skyline seamlessly blends the old with the new. This proud city boasts an unrivalled musical heritage alongside an ever present sense of identity, energy and passion.

There is a well established international community in the city, which is home to the first mosque in Britain and the oldest Chinese community in Europe. The student population has a wide mix of European, American, Asian and African students.

Liverpool is an iconic student city. It has a globally acclaimed music scene that's bigger than just The Beatles, a city centre bursting with shops, clubs, pubs, bars, restaurants and cafés, not to mention beautiful parks and outstanding countryside just a short journey from the city centre. Liverpool is also a city that is very supportive of all the students who live, work and study here. With such a warm and friendly culture – Liverpool is the perfect place to continue your studies.



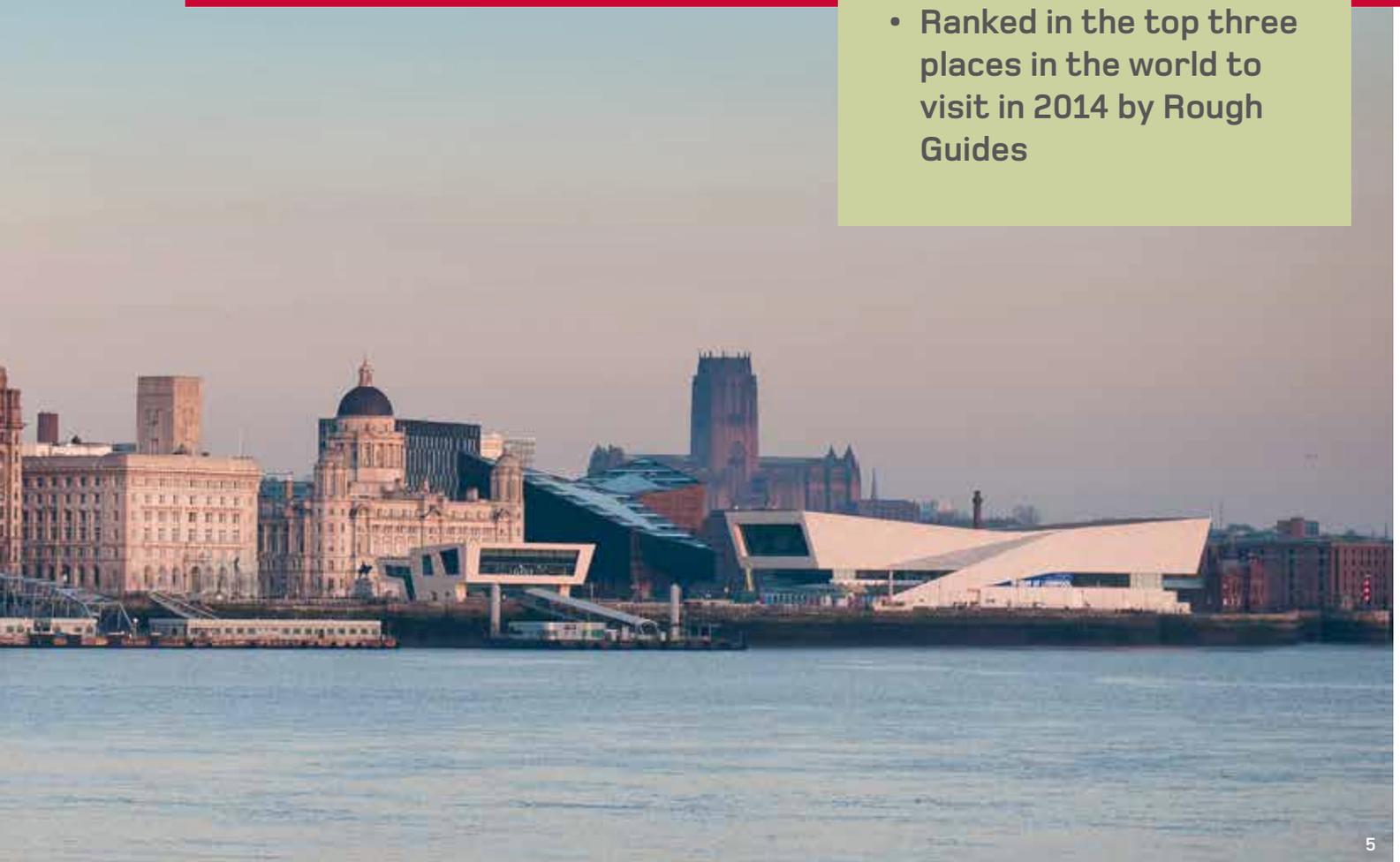
# Liverpool Hope University – at the heart of the city’s cultural development

**Being a student at Liverpool Hope offers you the chance to get involved in the city’s cultural scene.**

The University has strong partnerships with the Playhouse and Everyman theatre, Tate Liverpool and the Bluecoat art galleries, The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Foundation for Art and Creative Technology (FACT), The Royal Court Theatre, European Opera Centre and National Museums Liverpool.

The University has worked on a variety of community based projects with both Everton FC and Liverpool FC, the Rotunda Community Arts Centre and many local churches and schools.

- Home to more than 50,000 students
- Liverpool is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Second safest city in the UK – UK Statistics Authority, 2012
- Ranked in the top three places in the world to visit in 2014 by Rough Guides



# Why Choose Liverpool Hope?

**With a history extending 170 years, Liverpool Hope has developed a strong tradition of scholarship and research in key disciplines.**

The excellent academic record of our students is supported by pastoral care and, as one of Britain's smaller universities, Liverpool Hope values the individual. Care, concern and support for students are always a priority.

Liverpool Hope has two main teaching campuses. Hope Park is situated in a leafy suburb of Liverpool and is a mini educational village. The Creative Campus in Liverpool city centre is the home to our creative and performing arts subjects. Both campuses have seen major investment over the last five years, so traditional architecture now sits beside contemporary buildings and facilities.

The University places great emphasis on the bringing together of research excellence and top-quality teaching. This is facilitated by a community of academics and scholars who are of the highest calibre.

- **92.8% of students enter employment or further education after six months of graduation (on average over the last five years)**
- **Over £50 million has been invested in buildings and equipment over the last five years**
- **The only ecumenical university foundation in Europe**
- **The highest number of doctorates amongst its staff of all post-92 universities in England**





## Career Development and Employability

**At Liverpool Hope, we want our students to have the best possible chance to have stimulating, rewarding and successful careers.**

Our Careers & Employability team provide careers information, advice and guidance and aim to inspire, inform and encourage by providing up to date information and intelligence on the changing world of work. Career Development offers everything that you would expect – including careers information, drop-in sessions, one-to-one guidance interviews and careers workshops.

In addition to strong academic qualifications, it is also one of our key priorities to develop well rounded individuals who have more to offer. We like to help our graduates acquire skills which will enable them to play a full role as active citizens in modern society – at a local, national or global level. Our new Employability Hub is dedicated to helping our students and graduates become more attractive to employers, by focusing on work related learning, work experience and professional development.

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# Support for Students

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND STUDY SKILLS

**As a postgraduate student, you will develop a new range of skills including, high level academic writing, independent thought and critical analysis and reflection on yourself as a learner. In order to make the transition from undergraduate study constructive and enjoyable, Liverpool Hope University has a range of academic support and study skills services.**

### Support from your academic subject

Every lecturer at Hope is committed to excellent teaching. Every subject has small group teaching sessions, which allow you to get to know a specific member of staff who will be your point of contact for academic guidance.

### Personal academic support

At Hope we understand that sometimes students may need support which is different to that offered by their academic subject. We also understand that students may prefer to talk to someone who is not directly related to their studies. The Faculty Senior Academic Advisers can offer you guidance on University regulations and progression, whilst

the Postgraduate Taught Course Leaders are available for advice on other academic matters. Students can also access support from our Student Support & Well-being services and the Chaplaincy also provides a listening service.

### Virtual Learning Environment

In order to enhance your learning experience, many subjects at Liverpool Hope make use of Moodle, a web-delivered Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). This provides access to learning materials outside of the normal taught sessions and contains a range of tools to help you with your studies.

### Library Resources and Support

Our Library and Learning Support offers a wide range of information sources, including print and electronic journals, electronic books and information sources, indexes, abstracts, datasets and research facilities.

Following a complete refurbishment in 2012, The Sheppard-Worlock Library now includes more relaxed spaces for students to study as well as dedicated postgraduate study areas. There is also an environmentally controlled vault for our growing collection of rare books and manuscripts.





## STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Based in the Gateway Building, Liverpool Hope's Student Support & Well-being service operates as a 'one-stop shop' for support. General information, advice and guidance are available and students can also access more specialist advice and support. The team can answer all of your student services and academic queries.

The services offered by the Student Support & Well-being team include:

- Accommodation
- Career Development
- Chaplaincy
- Counselling and Health
- International Student Support
- Student Administration
- Student Funds
- Support For Disabled Students.

# International Students

Liverpool Hope University has a thriving international community with growing numbers of academic staff and students from all over the world. Hope offers a special welcome programme for international students and programmes of events to help you settle in and feel at home.

Hope provides access to high-quality study, support facilities and the opportunity to become fully integrated into university life, learning and living alongside British and EU students.

International students make a significant contribution to the University community and we are committed to providing you with excellent services through our International Unit. The International Unit is a one-stop shop for international applicants, students and graduates.

The International Unit at Liverpool Hope focuses on the international student experience from initial enquiry through to graduation. The team includes specialists in international recruitment, admissions and student support.

## Entry Requirements

The entry requirements for postgraduate taught programmes differ between awards and country of origin, reflecting their specialist nature. Specific indicative entry requirements are detailed on the website. All of our programmes are taught and assessed in English. To ensure that you meet the compulsory visa requirements proof of English Language level is essential.

## Scholarships and Support

Liverpool Hope is committed to encouraging applications from international students with high academic qualifications who will benefit from study in the UK through our generous scholarships and special package prices. **For more information, visit [www.hope.ac.uk/international](http://www.hope.ac.uk/international)**

## How to Apply

Postgraduate Taught Applications should be sent by email to [internationaladmission@hope.ac.uk](mailto:internationaladmission@hope.ac.uk) (non-EU students) or [admission@hope.ac.uk](mailto:admission@hope.ac.uk) (EU students). Forms can be downloaded from [www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply](http://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply)

## Postgraduate Research

For information on the application process for postgraduate research, visit our website at [www.hope.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearch](http://www.hope.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearch)

- 600 students from more than 64 countries worldwide
- Staff representing more than 29 nationalities

More information about Liverpool Hope University can be found at your nearest British Council office.

We are always happy to hear from you, so if you have any questions you can email [international@hope.ac.uk](mailto:international@hope.ac.uk), give us a call on +44 (0)151 291 3389 or visit [www.hope.ac.uk/international](http://www.hope.ac.uk/international)



“I made lots of new friends in Liverpool. People are friendly and helpful. My tutors and the University staff are excellent. My advice to students is to come to Hope. Liverpool Hope is fantastic.”

**Uthpala Rajapakshage**

MA Early Childhood and Education, Sri Lanka



# Accommodation

**Liverpool Hope University has a range of campus accommodation (halls of residence) that will provide a secure and comfortable base for you while you study, at a price to suit your budget. There are halls of residence at both Hope Park and The Creative Campus and also at Aigburth Park, our dedicated accommodation campus.**

What's available?

- Standard rooms with shared showers, toilets and a shared kitchenette
- Standard self-catering rooms, in clustered flats with shared shower rooms, toilets and a fully fitted kitchen/dining area
- Superior self-catering rooms, in clustered flats with en-suite shower rooms and toilets, sharing excellent kitchen/dining facilities.

Key features

- All rooms are fully furnished including a bed, desk, chair and storage facilities
- All fuel bills included in your rental price
- Single gender halls/flats are available
- Mobility standard rooms are available
- A free shuttle bus between Hope Park, the Creative Campus and Aigburth Park
- 24-hour security at all locations
- Online application procedure
- Choice of payment plans
- Dedicated dining-in nights and social activities.

For full details of accommodation types, prices, and how to apply, visit the Accommodation Office website, [www.hope.ac.uk/halls](http://www.hope.ac.uk/halls)

# Hope Alumni Association

**Your link with Hope does not end when you graduate.**

All leavers automatically become members of the Hope Alumni Association, which keeps you connected with the Hope Alumni community and has many benefits including:

- Regular news updates through publications and email newsletters
- Invitations to Hope events and reunions
- Ongoing access to the services offered by the Career Development team
- Student rates at Hope's Strive Fitness Suite
- Alumni membership of the University's libraries at Hope Park and the Creative Campus.

Liverpool Hope's Alumni Association also hosts and facilitates a number of reunion and Alumni events at key times throughout the year and can keep you informed about University occasions such as the Distinguished Lectures series, the annual Cornerstone Arts Festival and other important events happening at Hope Park, the Creative Campus and Network of Hope locations.

For further details, visit [www.hope.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.hope.ac.uk/alumni) or call **0151 291 3219**



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# Research at Hope

Research at Liverpool Hope University takes place across a range of disciplines – including humanities, education, and the sciences & social sciences. There are a number of research areas of national and international excellence at Hope.

In the national Research Excellence Framework (REF), more than a third of research produced at Liverpool Hope was rated as world leading (4\*) or internationally excellent (3\*). The Times Higher Education's analysis of the REF has also ranked us fourth in the North West for research intensity. For more information about our REF success, visit [www.hope.ac.uk/REF](http://www.hope.ac.uk/REF).

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

A sample of just some of the areas of potential study available for postgraduate research follows. For more information on these and any other areas of interest, please contact the Postgraduate (Research) Administrator on 0151 291 3089 or [researchdegrees@hope.ac.uk](mailto:researchdegrees@hope.ac.uk)

### Applied Social Sciences

- Child Protection
- Globalisation
- Social Care
- Social Welfare & Social Policy

### Business Management & Organisation Studies

- Business Ethics & Corporate Social Responsibility
- Inter-Cultural Management
- Spatial Factors & Liminality in Organisations
- International Finance & Economic Development in Transition States

### Mathematics and Computer Science

- Theoretical Computer Science
- Intelligent Systems
- Software & Systems Engineering
- Networks & Communication Systems
- Applied Mathematics
- Computational Mathematics

### Creative and Performing Arts

- Film, especially American Film
- Popular Theatres
- Storytelling & Theatre
- Media & Popular Culture
- Performance Studies and Dance
- Art History

### Education

- Cultural Representations of Disability
- Pupil Outcomes
- School Culture & Ethos
- Identity in Relation to Disability, Body & Mind
- Teaching & Learning

### English

- American Literature
- Literary Theory
- Modernism
- 18th Century Descriptive Poetry
- Popular Literatures

### Health

- Genome-wide Disease Susceptibility Markers
- Cell Biology
- Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases
- Bioinformatics
- Nutrition

### History

- Modern History: English and European
- Maritime and Colonial History
- Irish History
- Russian and East European History

### Music

- Music, Cultural History, Politics & Identity
- Musical Composition
- Musicology
- Women and Music

### Psychology

- Colour Perception & Categorisation
- Perception, Attention & Motor Control
- Cognition & Emotion
- Literacy & Child Development
- Dementia
- Political Violence, Peace Building and Reconciliation

### Political Science & International Relations

- American & European Politics
- European Integration
- International Relations Theory
- Peace Building
- UN and EU Peacekeeping & Conflict Resolution

### Sport & Exercise Sciences

- Exercise Physiology and Health
- Human Movement Science and Biomechanics
- Motor Imagery & Performance in Sport
- Sport Psychology: Motivation, Engagement and Coaching Science

### Theology, Philosophy & Religious Studies

- Buddhism and Islam
- Interfaith Relations
- Jewish Studies
- Pastoral Theology
- Wesleyan Tradition
- World Christianity



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# Postgraduate Research Degrees

## Liverpool Hope offers research opportunities leading to the degrees of MPhil and PhD and EdD.

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### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Postgraduate research students can study a range of subjects in areas in which the University has current active research; this is across a broad range of disciplines in the arts and humanities, science, business and computing, education and the social sciences. We encourage applicants to review the staff pages of academic departments to determine what support is available to supervise specific research areas. However, if you are unsure if your topic can be supported, please contact us to discuss possibilities which might be open to you.

For more information on postgraduate research please contact us via email [researchdegrees@hope.ac.uk](mailto:researchdegrees@hope.ac.uk) or visit our webpages [www.hope.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearch](http://www.hope.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearch)

### Duration of PhD/MPhil programmes

From the date of first registration, completion times are normally as follows:

- MPhil (full-time) – a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years
- MPhil (part-time) – a minimum of two years and a maximum of four years
- PhD (full-time) – a minimum of two years and a maximum of four years (expected completion time three years)
- PhD (part-time) – a minimum of four years and a maximum of six years
- EdD (part time only) – a minimum of four years and a maximum of eight years

Potential MPhil students can choose to apply for transfer to a PhD after a minimum of 12 months full-time study (or part-time equivalent). Your supervisor would help you through this application process.

### Programme content

All research degrees require students to undertake a programme of original research, culminating in the submission of a thesis, which is then defended in an oral examination. Theses may be up to 60,000 words for an MPhil or EdD, and 100,000 words for a PhD depending on the subject. You will be allocated at least two supervisors who will provide guidance and support.

All students' progress is reviewed on an annual basis. In addition, students admitted to read for a PhD are required, within two years of initial registration [full-time] or four years [part-time], to undertake a formal interim assessment of whether they are on track to meeting the University's expectations for a PhD.

All MPhil and PhD students are required to complete a Postgraduate Research Development Programme. The Programme offers a mixture of subject-specific and generic research training, as well as a range of transferable skills. Constituent components include key elements like research skills and career skills development. The Programme is individually tailored for each student and may include research seminars and events based at Liverpool Hope as well as nationally arranged events such as UK GRAD schools/conferences, at which you can meet with researchers from other institutions and develop your own skills.

The EdD is a professional doctorate, aimed at students with at least three years' significant and relevant experience in an educational setting. It has two parts, with Part One comprising of taught courses, culminating in the forming of a research proposal, and Part Two consisting of individual research contributing towards the final thesis.

For information about possible sources of funding, entry requirements and the application process, please see pages 26 to 29.

# Postgraduate Taught Programmes

**The University offers a substantial range of MA, MSc, postgraduate diplomas and postgraduate certificates and practitioner focused courses such as the IMBA and MEd. Postgraduate taught courses are underpinned by the research and scholarly activity which takes place at Hope, with teaching at postgraduate level driven by staff expertise in particular subject areas.**

## Duration of taught programmes

Most Masters programmes can be taken on a full or part-time basis. Full-time students normally complete a Masters degree in 12 months and part-time students in 36 months. For postgraduate diplomas, the normal study period is two semesters full-time and four semesters part-time. In the case of postgraduate certificates, the normal study period is one semester full-time and two semesters part-time.

The precise format in which our taught postgraduate programmes are delivered varies across programmes and may include day and/or evening sessions, weekends, fieldwork etc. In addition to the module sessions, seminars and talks are planned as part of postgraduate and research activity and postgraduate students are expected to attend as part of their academic experience.

## Programme structure

Our taught postgraduate programmes have a modular structure. Taught modules carry 10, 15 or 30 credits at Masters level and these combine to contribute to postgraduate certificates and diplomas and the taught element of Masters degrees.

For Masters degrees, there is also a research element (the Masters stage), in which students are able to develop their research skills and special interests to produce a piece of research-driven work.

The credit ratings for the different awards are:

- Masters degree – 180 credits – comprising 120 credits from taught modules and 60 credits from the Masters stage. The precise structure of the Masters stage varies between awards but may, for example, comprise a dissertation or research report
- Postgraduate diploma – 120 credits (all from taught modules)
- Postgraduate certificate – 60 credits (all from taught modules)

Each individual award offers a distinct combination of modules, which may vary from year to year.

## Programme assessment

The assessment requirements for each taught module are designed to meet specific learning outcomes. Various assessment methods are used including project reports, portfolios, group/individual presentations, essays and examinations. The precise combination of these methods differs between the different programmes.

During the Masters stage, students are expected to attend research preparation sessions and work closely on an individual basis with their dissertation supervisor who will help guide their studies.

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## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The University offers a range of other opportunities for graduates which include:

### **Graduate Certificates**

Mathematics Education – Award of the Mathematics Development Programme for Teachers.

For details:

t: 0151 291 3278

e: [ask-education@hope.ac.uk](mailto:ask-education@hope.ac.uk)

### **Graduate Routes into Teaching**

For details:

t: 0151 291 3111

e: [enquiry@hope.ac.uk](mailto:enquiry@hope.ac.uk)

w: [www.hope.ac.uk](http://www.hope.ac.uk)

# Arts & Humanities

At Hope Park, situated in the leafy suburb of Childwall in South Liverpool, the Faculty offers courses in the humanities, arranged into the following departments:

- English
- History and Politics
- Media and Communication
- Theology, Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Liverpool Hope Business School
- Law
- Social Work, Care and Justice
- Social Science

The Creative Campus is a vibrant campus dedicated to the creative arts and is situated within walking distance of Liverpool city centre. The Faculty offers courses in the departments of:

- Drama, Dance & Performance
- Fine & Applied Arts
- Music

The Faculty prides itself on its strong emphasis on high quality research and postgraduate students benefit from the support of excellent and reputable researchers who are eminent in their fields. The majority of the Faculty's postgraduate provision consists of full Masters programmes. However, in most cases, students can opt to exit with the intermediate awards of either a Postgraduate Certificate or a Postgraduate Diploma.

For the current list of subjects available to study, visit [www.hope.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.hope.ac.uk/coursefinder)

## Research Centres

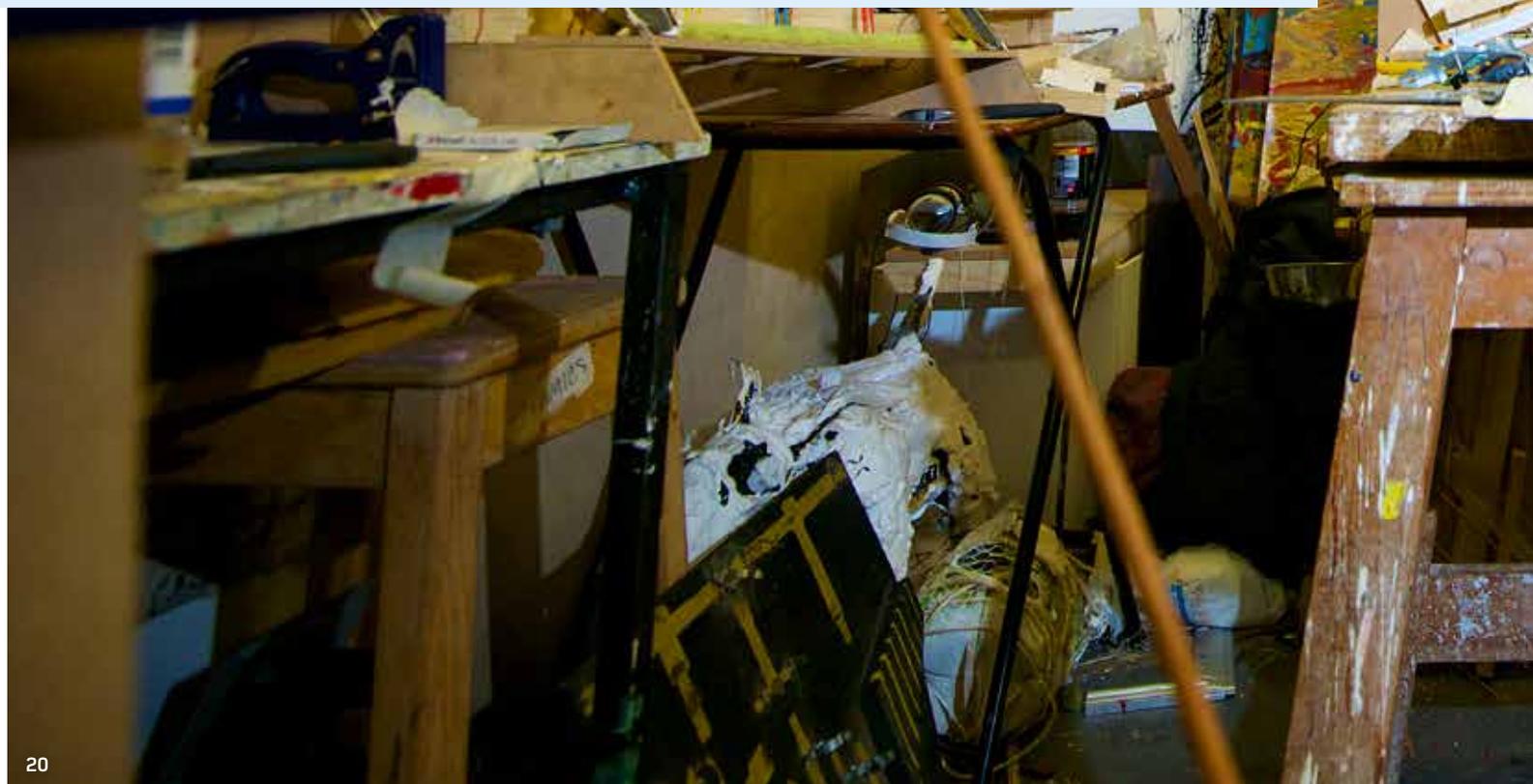
The Faculty is also home to major research centres including:

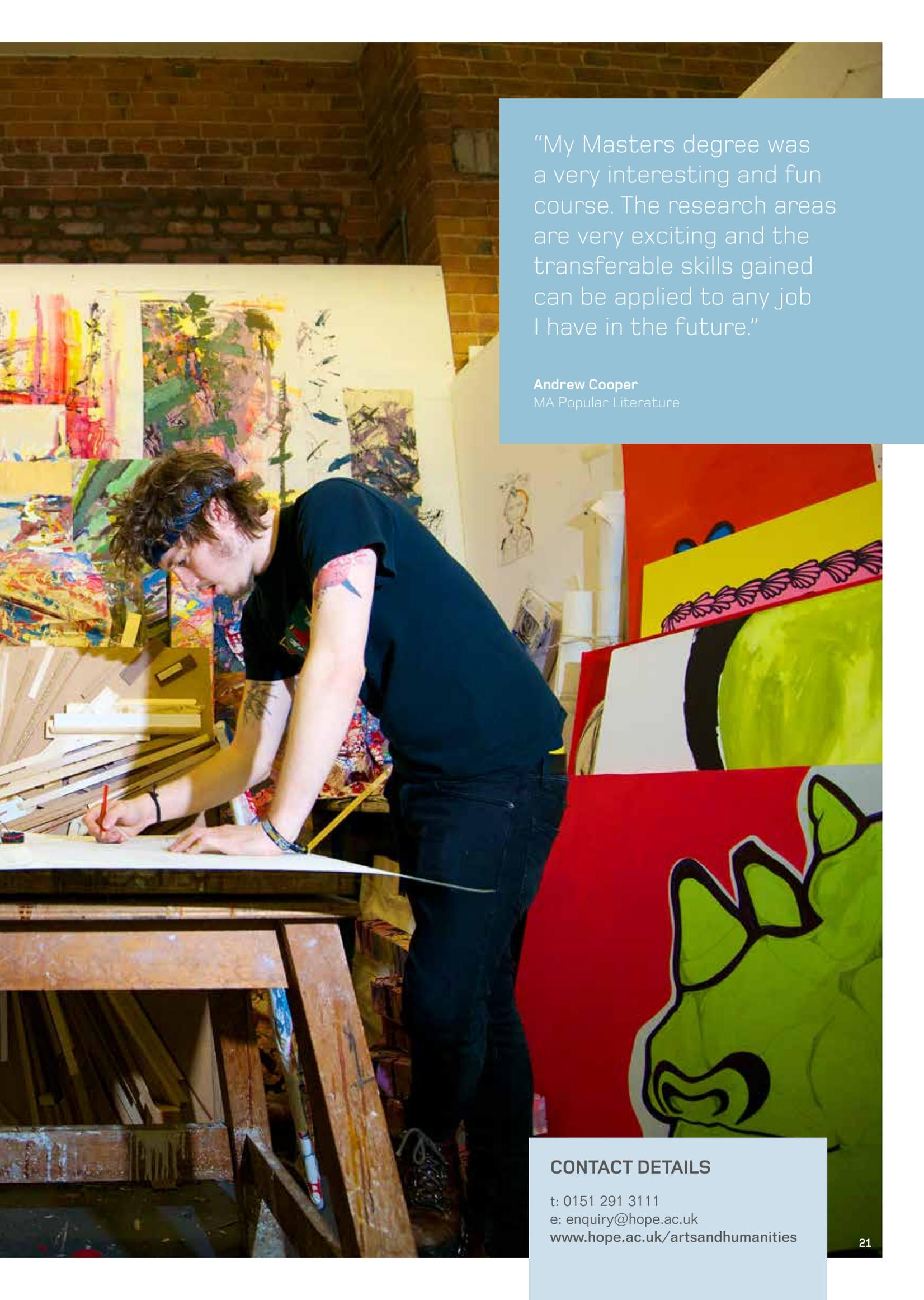
- The Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies
- The Andrew F. Walls Centre for the Study of African & Asian Christianity & Global Cultures
- The Centre for Applied Research in Security Innovation (CASI)
- Centre for Christian Education and Pastoral Theology
- Socio-Economic Research Centre (SERCH)
- National Centre for Indian Arts (with Milapfest)

## Partnerships

The Faculty enjoys strong and valuable partnerships with:

- The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
- National Museums Liverpool
- European Opera Centre
- Milapfest
- Steinway and Sons
- Tate Liverpool
- Ensemble 10/10
- Person Shaped Support (PSS)
- Film and Creative Technology (FACT)
- The Bluecoat
- The Beatles Story





“My Masters degree was a very interesting and fun course. The research areas are very exciting and the transferable skills gained can be applied to any job I have in the future.”

**Andrew Cooper**  
MA Popular Literature

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[www.hope.ac.uk/artsandhumanities](http://www.hope.ac.uk/artsandhumanities)

“I found the student support systems at Liverpool Hope just what I needed to enable me to study hard and to achieve. I also enjoyed the smaller University and the way that people knew me and were always very friendly and supportive.”

**Stephen Newport**  
MA Disability Studies graduate



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# Education

**The Faculty of Education has a long and proud tradition of excellence going back to the foundations of the University when, as a teacher education college in 1844, it began to educate teachers in the Christian tradition for the rapidly growing communities of Liverpool and the North West. The Faculty has built on the great work of those educational pioneers and has today developed into a global hub for educational studies and research, reaching out to international communities and providing exciting and innovative opportunities for study and professional development.**

## Research

Academics within the Faculty of Education have a wide range of research, teaching and professional experience in the UK and overseas. This includes working in formal education programmes, further and higher education institutions, governments and international development agencies. Research in the Faculty is organised around two centres and research groups:

- Centre for Culture and Disability Studies (CCDS)
- Centre for Education Policy Analysis (CEPA)
- Childhood Research Forum (CRF)
- Forum for Interdisciplinary Research in Education (FIRE)

Academic staff within the Faculty of Education have been successful in attracting funding for their research from a range of sources including the UK Research Councils, public bodies, businesses, the European Union and other international funders. Academic colleagues publish their research in a range of national and international peer reviewed formats.

## Partnerships

The Faculty of Education works in close partnership with 200 primary and secondary schools throughout Greater Merseyside as well as parts of Lancashire, Cheshire and Greater Manchester. It also works in

close partnership with a wide range of organisations and educational settings in the voluntary and statutory sectors. Community partnerships represent the diverse range of educational provision and education issues studied by our students.

## Doctoral programmes

- PhD (full and part-time)
- Doctor of Education (EdD) (part-time only)

## Postgraduate taught programmes

The Faculty offers postgraduate programmes to study, either as full-time or part-time courses including the following disciplines:

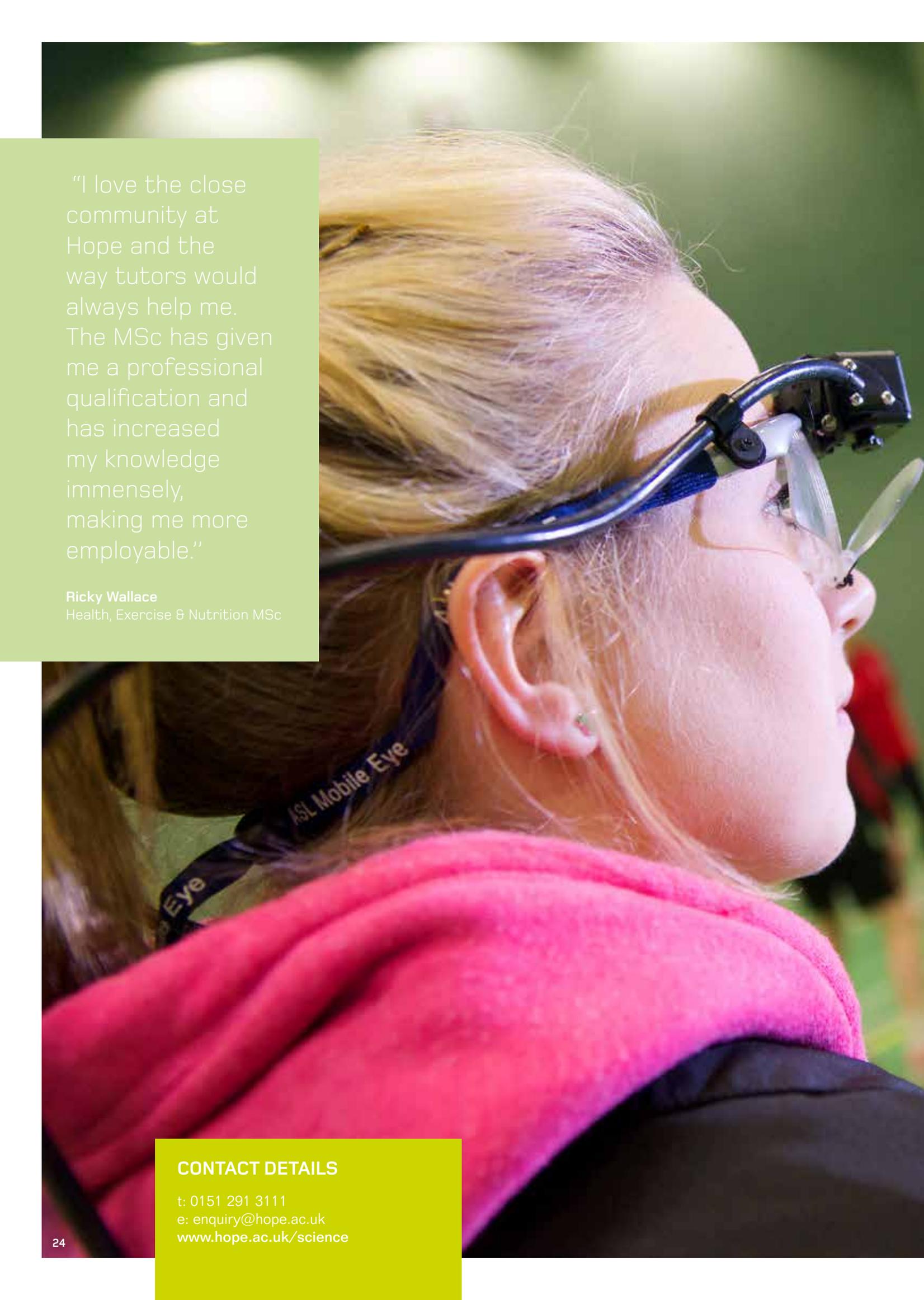
- Developmental Psychology
- Disability Studies
- Early Childhood
- Education
- Education Leadership and Management
- Music
- Religious Education
- Special Educational Needs

Teachers already working in the profession also have the option of completing an MEd, which allows them to develop their practice and professional expertise with a view to developing their career.

This is a 180 credit course and those who have also already completed a PGCE or four year BA QTS have the benefit of contributing 60 credits to this programme. The remaining 120 credits are taught modules as there is no dissertation element.

For a full list of award options please visit the website: [www.hope.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.hope.ac.uk/coursefinder)

The Faculty also offers a range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) study opportunities at postgraduate level. We have teacher-friendly modes of attendance including twilight sessions and online approaches, which can also be negotiated with groups. We also provide school-based sessions in the local area where group size allows.



“I love the close community at Hope and the way tutors would always help me. The MSc has given me a professional qualification and has increased my knowledge immensely, making me more employable.”

**Ricky Wallace**  
Health, Exercise & Nutrition MSc

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[www.hope.ac.uk/science](http://www.hope.ac.uk/science)

# Science

**The Faculty of Science offers an innovative and contemporary range of postgraduate taught and research programmes in Biological, Health, and Sports Sciences, Geography and Environmental Sciences, Psychology, and Computational and Mathematical Sciences. The Faculty's postgraduate provision builds on staff research expertise, as well as underpins the University's ethos and values to support excellence in theoretical sciences as well as the application of science for the benefit of humanity. The Faculty strives for excellence in both its research and learning and teaching whilst continually working to provide exceptional levels of student support.**

## Research

Hope subscribes to the concept of 'research-informed teaching' and the Faculty of Science is staffed by a vibrant group of academics, who are researchers in their specialised fields, and supported by a group of excellent technical staff. The Faculty enjoys an international reputation in areas of Psychology, Computer Science and Mathematics, Geography and Environmental Sciences, and Bio-medical Sciences.

Our academics are active within a number of cross-disciplinary research groups within the Faculty, expertly placed to respond to some of the most pressing challenges facing society, and drawing on the exemplary strengths at the heart of scientific enquiry. A number of Faculty members are editors of leading journals, authors of academic books, publish in internationally leading journals, Chair conferences, and work on collaborative initiatives not only within the University but with colleagues from around the world. There is a broad and varied research culture within the Faculty, with research groups focussing on, amongst other things, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases, Sports Performance, Sand Dune Ecosystems, Geohazards,, Spatial Analysis and Geostatistics, Applied Mathematics, Computer Science and Informatics, Biomedical Informatics, and various aspects of Psychology.

## Partnerships

The Faculty of Science works with a range of organisations in partnerships to provide development opportunities for students.

These partnerships include:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
- Chester Zoo
- The Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery NHS Trust

For a full list of courses available to study, please visit the website: [www.hope.ac.uk/coursefinder](http://www.hope.ac.uk/coursefinder)

# Fees & Funding

The cost of funding a postgraduate course is most often met through self funding as money from other sources is either limited or only applies to distinct groups. The following information is not exhaustive and is for guidance only as circumstances can change. Further information is also available on the postgraduate website and at [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

## Liverpool Hope University Postgraduate Scholarships

There are a number of postgraduate scholarships for students who have achieved a First Class Honours Degree (1st) or a Second Class Honours Degree (2:1). Please visit [www.hope.ac.uk](http://www.hope.ac.uk) for further information.

## International Scholarships

Liverpool Hope is committed to encouraging applications from international students with high academic qualifications who will benefit from study in the UK.

A postgraduate scholars bursary of £1,000 is available to students who have received UK equivalent 2:1 honours or first class honours degree during their undergraduate study. An unlimited number of these scholarships are available each year and there are also five International Postgraduate Scholarships available to postgraduate applicants, which are worth half the recipient's tuition fees. For further information on either of these scholarships, please go to [www.hope.ac.uk/international](http://www.hope.ac.uk/international)

## Funding from Research Councils

Obtaining funding from Research Councils is highly competitive and only a small number of applicants are successful – having a place on a course does not guarantee funding. For more information visit [www.rcuk.ac.uk](http://www.rcuk.ac.uk)

## Professional Career Development Loan (PCDL)

Professional Career Development Loans (PCDL) are available for vocational programmes (i.e: job related), which are full or part-time, and are no longer than two years. Residency and other conditions apply. For information and an application form, please call **0800 100 900**.

## Welfare Benefits

Students studying full-time cannot usually claim Income Support, Job Seekers' Allowance or Housing Benefit unless they belong to a particular group of eligible students such as lone parents. For more information please contact the Welfare Benefits Adviser at Hope on **0151 291 3458**.

## Disabled Students' Allowance

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) are grants to help pay the extra study costs students may have as a direct result of a disability, long-term health condition, mental-health condition, or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia. DSAs are paid on top of other student finance and don't have to be repaid. How much a student receives depends on their individual needs – rather than their household income. For more information please contact Student Development & Well-being on **0151 291 3427** or email [sdw@hope.ac.uk](mailto:sdw@hope.ac.uk)

## Educational trusts and charities

Generally, you need to demonstrate you have exhausted all other possible financial support. Most educational trusts and charities have exact eligibility conditions, e.g. age, gender, residency. For more information, contact Education Grants Advisory Service on **020 7241 7459** or visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## Further Information

Up-to-date information about fees for full and part-time postgraduate studies and research is available at [www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesandfunding](http://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesandfunding)



## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

For general information and guidance, please contact Student Funds on 0151 291 3435/3464/3488 or email [studentfunds@hope.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunds@hope.ac.uk)



# Entry Requirements & How To Apply

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Liverpool Hope programmes are taught in English. Applicants must be competent in English as a spoken and written language and must have a minimum grade C in GCSE (or equivalent). For international students, the minimum requirement is IELTS Academic 6.5 including 6.0 in reading and writing.

### Postgraduate research programmes

For postgraduate research programmes our entry requirements are normally a Masters degree with Distinction from a UK University, or Masters with Merit from a UK University, including a Distinction.

### Postgraduate taught programmes

The entry requirements for postgraduate taught programmes differ between awards, reflecting their specialised nature.

Specific indicative entry requirements are detailed on the website. However, the normal requirement for entry to a postgraduate taught course is that the applicant should have a first class or upper second class honours degree [or an equivalent qualification from outside the UK].

Exceptionally, applicants who do not hold such a qualification may be accepted if they can demonstrate, via a sample of academic writing and performance in an interview, the potential to achieve UK national standards for postgraduate awards.

## MAKING YOUR APPLICATION

### Postgraduate research programmes

Applicants are welcome to contact the University at any time to make enquiries about applying to study on one of our programmes. All applications are dealt with via our online application system and candidates should be mindful of our submission deadlines for applications to start at one of our two entry dates 1st October and 1st February each year. Applicants will be expected to take part in an interview and provide a detailed research proposal [3,000 – 4,000 words] as part of the application process.

Details of how to apply can be found on our postgraduate research applicant web pages [www.hope.ac.uk/research/](http://www.hope.ac.uk/research/)

### For further information:

For more information on postgraduate research please contact us via email [researchdegrees@hope.ac.uk](mailto:researchdegrees@hope.ac.uk) or visit our webpages [www.hope.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearch](http://www.hope.ac.uk/research/postgraduateresearch)

### Postgraduate taught programmes

Applications for all postgraduate taught programmes (except the MA in Social Work) should be sent to Liverpool Hope. Application forms can be downloaded from the University website or can be sent on request. There is no specific deadline for most programmes, but we would advise you to apply early to enable the team to process your application. Deadlines can be given to international applicants to ensure all the necessary administration, especially

relating to visa applications, is completed on time.

Applications for the MA in Social Work should be made via UCAS at [www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk) Details of the UCAS application deadlines can also be found at this address.

All applicants must submit two references. In a small number of cases, you may be called for an interview. and in some cases, an additional one may be requested. In a small number of cases, you may be called for an interview.

### Disability Support

If you have a disability, specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia or dyspraxia, long term health condition or mental health difficulty that may impact on your studies, please contact Student Development & Well-being to discuss your support needs, 0151 291 3427 or email [sdw@hope.ac.uk](mailto:sdw@hope.ac.uk)

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