


# Coventry University

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<b>Former names</b>	Coventry Polytechnic (1987–1992) Lanchester Polytechnic (1970–1987)
<b>Type</b>	<a href="#">Public</a>
<b>Established</b>	1992 – Coventry University (gained <a href="#">university status</a> ) 1970 – Lanchester Polytechnic
<b><a href="#">Endowment</a></b>	£56.8 million <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Budget</b>	£347.8 million (2016-17) <sup>[2]</sup>
<b><a href="#">Chancellor</a></b>	<a href="#">Margaret Casely-Hayford</a>
<b><a href="#">Vice-Chancellor</a></b>	John Latham <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Academic staff</b>	1,890 <sup>[4]</sup>
<b>Students</b>	31,690 (2016/17) <sup>[5]</sup>
<b><a href="#">Undergraduates</a></b>	25,705 (2016/17) <sup>[5]</sup>
<b><a href="#">Postgraduates</a></b>	5,985 (2016/17) <sup>[5]</sup>
<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">Coventry</a> , England
<b>Campus</b>	Urban
<b><a href="#">Colours</a></b>	 Blue <sup>[6]</sup>
<b>Affiliations</b>	<a href="#">Association of Commonwealth Universities</a> <a href="#">University Alliance</a> <a href="#">Universities UK</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.coventry.ac.uk">www.coventry.ac.uk</a>

**Coventry University** is a [university](#) in [Coventry](#), England. It was known as **Lanchester Polytechnic** until 1987. From 1987 it was known as **Coventry Polytechnic**. It became a university in 1992.

## History

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Coventry Municipal Art School Prospectus for the academic year  
1927-1928

Coventry School of Design was created in 1843. It was renamed Coventry School of Art. Then it was renamed Coventry Municipal Art School in 1902. another name change took place in the 1950s. It became known as Coventry College of Art.<sup>[7]</sup>

Lanchester College of Technology opened in 1961. It was named after the engineer [Frederick Lanchester](#).<sup>[7]</sup>

In 1970, three organisations were merged. These were Lanchester College of Technology, Coventry College of Art, and Rugby College of Engineering Technology. The new organisation was called Lanchester Polytechnic.<sup>[8]</sup>

In 2010, the university opened a campus in [London](#). This was done to attract more international students.<sup>[9]</sup>

In July 2017, the university announced [Margaret Casely-Hayford](#) as its new chancellor. She replaced [Sir John Egan](#).<sup>[10][11]</sup>

## Organisation

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The "Chancellor" is the formal head of the university. This is a mostly ceremonial role. The current chancellor is [Margaret Casely-Hayford](#). The Chancellor is appointed by the university's Board of Governors. The Chancellor is supported by six [Pro-Chancellors](#).<sup>[11]</sup> The Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors are appointed for a five year period. The Chancellor can serve for several of those periods. Pro-Chancellors are limited to two periods.<sup>[11]</sup> The day-to-day management of the university is by the Vice-Chancellor. There are also four Deputy Vice-Chancellors and three [Pro Vice-Chancellors](#).<sup>[12]</sup> The is Vice-Chancellor John Latham. He has been Vice-Chancellor since March 2014.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Faculties and schools

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Coventry is divided into four [faculties](#). Each faculty is divided into different schools.<sup>[13]</sup>

### Faculty of Arts and Humanities

- Design and Visual Arts, now part of the School of Art and Design
- School of Humanities
- [Media](#) now part of the School of Media and Performing Arts
- Performing Arts, now part of the School of Media and Performing Arts
- Industrial Design, now part of the School of Art and Design

### Faculty of Engineering, Environment and Computing

- Computing
- Civil Engineering, Architecture and Building
- Geography, Environment and Disaster Management
- Mathematics and Physics
- Mechanical, Automotive and Manufacturing Engineering

## Faculty of Business and Law

- [Coventry Business School](#)
- Coventry Law School

- Aerospace, Electrical and Electronic Engineering

## Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

- Biomolecular and Sport Sciences
- Food Science and Nutrition
- Health Professions
- Nursing and Health Studies
- Psychology and Behavioural Sciences
- Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies

## Notable people

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## Principals (Polytechnic)

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The head of the polytechnic was titled "Principal", and later "Director":<sup>[14]</sup>

- Alan Richmond (1970-1972)
- Keith Legg (1972-1975)
- Geoffrey Holroyde (later Director; 1975-1987)
- Michael Goldstein (Director; 1987-1992)

## Vice-Chancellors

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- Michael Goldstein (1992-2004)
- [Madeleine Atkins](#) (2004-2013)
- John Latham (2013-)

## Alumni

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See also: [Category:Alumni of Coventry University](#)

Notable students of Coventry University (and its previous incarnations Lanchester Polytechnic and Coventry Polytechnic) include:

- [Neil Carson](#), CEO of [Johnson Matthey plc](#)<sup>[15]</sup>
- [Nick Buckles](#), CEO of security firm [G4S](#)<sup>[16]</sup>
- [John Iley](#),<sup>[17]</sup> Aerodynamicist

- [Riccardo Montesanto](#), Growth Executive of [InstaShop](#) and ex-Manager Palermo F.C.
- [David Yelland](#),<sup>[18]</sup> Writer and journalist
- [David Borrow](#),<sup>[19]</sup> Politician and MP for [South Ribble](#) (1997-2010)
- [Andrea McLean](#),<sup>[20]</sup> Television presenter
- [Adaora Onyechere](#), Nigerian TV/radio presenter, entrepreneur, motivational speaker and author
- [Emma McGann](#),<sup>[21]</sup> Singer-songwriter and live-streamer
- [John Kettley](#),<sup>[22]</sup> Meteorologist
- [Simon Hayhoe](#), Educationalist and Author
- [Gerry McGovern](#), Design director of [Land Rover](#)
- [Spencer Kelly](#), presenter of the BBC's technology programme

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