

UNIVERSITY OF  
**EXETER**

**SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR**  
PENRYN CAMPUS





# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER'S PENRYN CAMPUS

This tour is designed to give you a flavour of the campus and facilities located here. Please feel free to explore the interior of each building, but be aware that some areas, particularly laboratories, have restricted access for health and safety reasons. If you are visiting during term-time, many of these spaces will be in use and we ask that you please avoid disrupting educational activities. You can use the plasma screen televisions in each building to see which rooms are occupied at a given time, and when they will be free for you to visit. Access will be limited at weekends and out of term-time.

The Penryn Campus is set into a hillside and has many slopes and staircases, as well as a few unpaved paths, so we would advise that you wear comfortable shoes for your tour. For those with limited mobility, ramps and elevators are available across the campus, and stair-free access to the lower campus can be gained by using the road that runs from the Heart past Reprographics and down to Glasney Lodge. Large, blue circular signposts painted on paths around campus also show disabled routes.

The Penryn Campus, uniquely shared by the University of Exeter and Plymouth University, was opened in 2004. Students choose to study here not just for the quality and strength of our research-led teaching, but also for the lifestyle. Set in 100 acres of the UK's most scenic countryside and close to the waterside town of Falmouth, our students enjoy and learn from a 'living classroom' in Cornwall's beautiful environment.

Our educational offering includes the Exchange Building, a learning/teaching/research hub; the Collaboratory, a custom-built business engagement facility; the Camborne School of Mines test mine; cutting-edge laboratory spaces; and a wide variety of local and international destinations for field trips and internships.

The University has invested significantly in all of its campuses over the past few years. At the Penryn Campus this includes the £30 million interdisciplinary Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI); the £5.5 million Science and Engineering Research Support Facility (SERSF); the new reception at the Heart with an adjacent shop; and a £4 million Sports Centre and nursery for staff, students and the public.

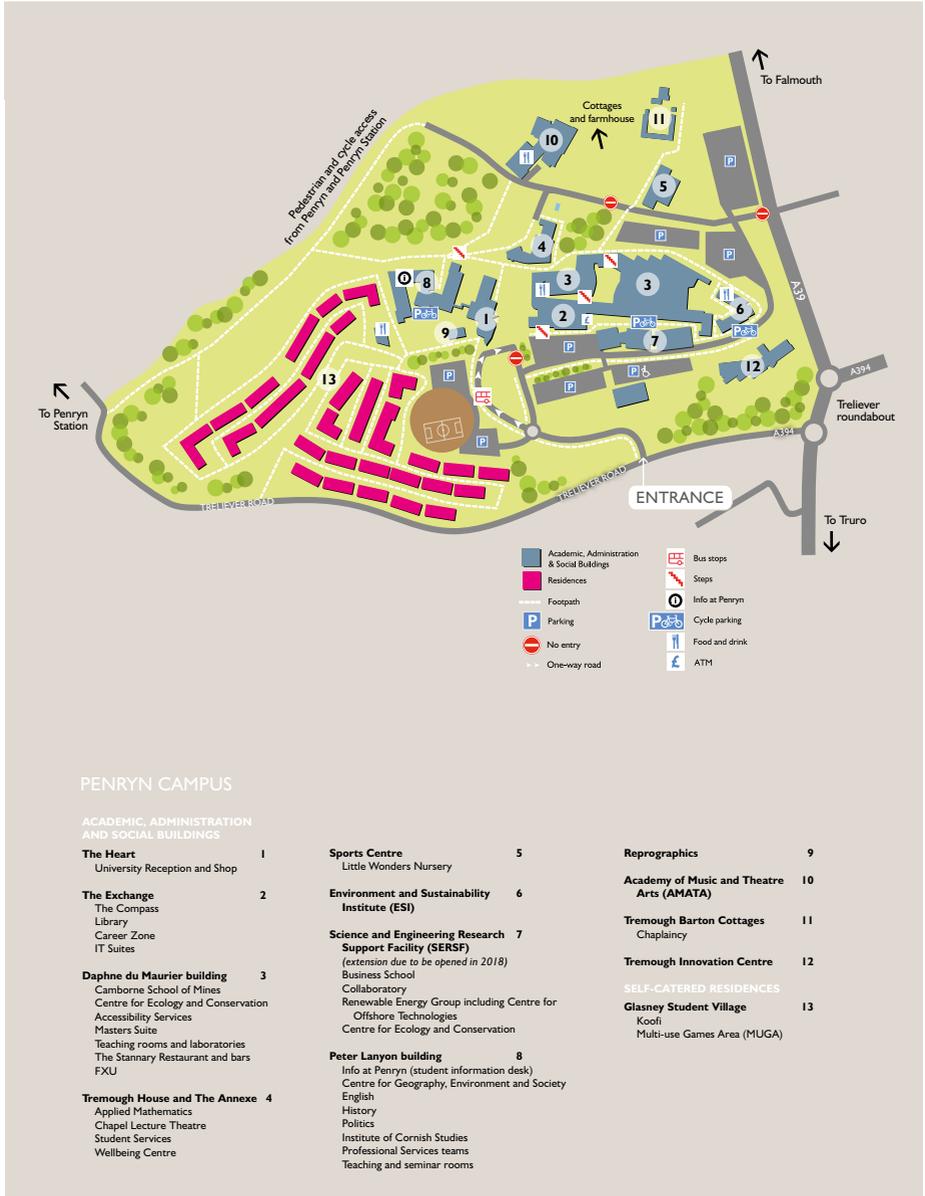
A top quality Masters Suite opened in January 2017 and £10.2 million has been committed to the SERSF extension which will open in 2018.

Further ahead plans are underway for the Renewable Energy Engineering Facility (REEF) where students can experience how knowledge gained in lectures or laboratories is applied to clean energy technologies in a real-world facility. This new flagship facility will enable expansion of our capacity for individual and small group research projects and industrial networking and collaboration.

As proud as we are of our state-of-the-art facilities, we recognise that they are only a part of what makes the campus so successful. The community here is friendly and close-knit – attributes shared by the nearby towns of Penryn and Falmouth, where most of our students and staff live. You may want to visit these towns to see where you would be living and socialising during your time here. If so, Penryn town centre is a 10-minute walk or short bus ride away, while you can reach Falmouth by bus (20 minutes) or train (eight minutes). Both towns provide plenty of opportunity to learn about the area's rich history of artistic and scientific innovation, browse through galleries and shops, sample delicious Cornish produce, or stroll by the sea. You can catch a bus from the bus stop near the Heart or walk to Penryn Train Station via a footpath at the bottom of the campus.



# CAMPUS MAP



## PENRYN CAMPUS

### ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL BUILDINGS

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University Reception and Shop
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Teaching rooms and laboratories  
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FXU
- Tremough House and The Annexe** 4  
Applied Mathematics  
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Little Wonders Nursery
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*(extension due to be opened in 2018)*  
Business School  
Collaboratory  
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Info at Penryn (student information desk)  
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- Glasney Student Village** 13  
Kooft  
Multi-use Games Area (MUGA)

The department locations are correct as of February 2017

# THE TOUR

**You are now ready to start the tour, which begins in the Exchange Building in The Compass ②.**



The Compass in the Exchange Building

① The Exchange Building is a multi-functional space shared by University of Exeter and Falmouth University students. The ground floor is home to the Career Zone, where you can get advice on all things job-related, and The Compass, where our friendly staff can help you access the many services offered by our Student Support team. If you head up the stairs you will see the Exchange Lecture Theatre on your right. Take a left to enter the Penryn Campus Library.

The library has a wide range of materials, including books, journals, films, and music. Penryn Campus students also have access to the entire catalogue offered at Falmouth University's other campus in Falmouth and the two Exeter-based libraries; they can also request items from other institutions throughout the country via the inter-library loan scheme. The Penryn Campus Library features a special collections area, a periodicals section, quiet study areas, and spaces where you can work individually or in groups. Follow the signs around to the left of the front desk and you will find yourself in the IT Suite.

Computers in the IT Suite are loaded with a variety of software, from word processing and statistical analysis packages to GIS and

image manipulation programmes. If the main IT Suites here are full, you can work in one of the dedicated Exeter IT Clusters distributed across campus. Should you have any IT questions, you can visit the IT helpdesk for assistance. If you head back out the way you came, you can take the next set of stairs to the top floor of the Exchange.

The four seminar rooms in the Exchange are located here on Level 2, as well as several group study spaces with outlets for plugging in your laptops, screens for broadcasting images directly from your computers, and white boards for jotting down brainstorming – or just doing a bit of doodling.



SERSF

② Exit the Exchange Building through the automatic doors and walk towards the green SERSF building ⑦ in front of you. You will need to cross over the main campus road while work on the SERSF extension is going on.

③ As you walk, you'll see to your right the Academy for Innovation and Research (AIR), a Falmouth University facility focused on digital economy and sustainable design. Just beyond this is the Tremough Innovation Centre (TIC), a Cornwall Council facility which houses several local businesses and associated support services. Finally, at the top of the hill, you'll see the Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) ⑥, an interdisciplinary centre leading cutting-edge

research into solutions to problems caused by environmental change. Cross back over the road and turn left at the far end of the ESI to enter through the front door.



ESI Building

**4** The ESI was built to a BREEAM Outstanding rating, recognising its environmentally friendly design and construction. As its upper levels house laboratories with sensitive equipment and delicate experimental setups, these areas can only be accessed by the students and staff who conduct research there. However, the ESI café and exhibition space, both located on the ground floor, are available to all. Exit the ESI via the glass door opposite the front door (the reception desk will be on your right) and walk back towards SERSF **7**. This time, follow the path to the right hand side of SERSF.

**5** SERSF brings business, science and engineering together at our campus in an interdisciplinary space housing the Business School, the Renewable Energy team, and members of the Centre for Ecology and Conservation. It is also home to the Collaboratory, a state-of-the-art conference suite designed to facilitate collaborative collaborations between businesses and Penryn Campus researchers – including students.

The phased (parts 2 and 3) extension of SERSF will allow further growth of the University of Exeter Business School, the College of Engineering, Mathematics and

Physical Sciences and the College of Life and Environmental Sciences.

**6** Continue walking on the pavement to the right of SERSF and you will see a large piece of granite marking the entrance to the Camborne School of Mines (CSM) Museum.



Camborne School of Mines

CSM was founded in 1888 and was incorporated into the University of Exeter in 1993. The museum houses its impressive mineral collection and trophy cabinet. CSM students can also see minerals in situ at the CSM test mine, located approximately 20 minutes from campus; this facility provides a space in which to learn mining techniques (including detonations) first-hand. Exit the Museum to your left, through the double doors leading into the Biosciences corridor.

The majority of Biosciences researchers within the Centre for Ecology and Conservation (CEC) are based here in the Daphne du Maurier Building (DDM) **3**. You'll find many staff offices on this hallway, as well as some of their research facilities (lab space and purpose-built temperature controlled rooms). Leave the hallway through the double doors, cross through the foyer, and go through the next set of double doors.

You'll pass by the CEC specimen cabinets, which house a range of biodiversity from many continents. This hallway is home to teaching laboratories used by the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences (CEMPS), as well as by the College of Life and Environmental Sciences (CLES). Head to the far end to peek into the CLES lab.

In addition to providing an incredible view of the campus, Penryn, Falmouth and the harbour, the laboratory offers a cutting-edge space in which to conduct scientific practicals. There are several screens around the room so that students can always see slides projected by the lecturer; there is also a suite of iPads that can be used for virtual dissections and fieldwork. Walk back the way you came, to the foyer leading to the CEC hallway in front of you, with a staircase to your right and an exit to an exterior bridge to your left. Take the bridge and cross over into the other half of the Daphne du Maurier (DDM) building.

**7** You are now in one of the main teaching centres on campus. Many of the walls in this half of the DDM building are collapsible, which allows rooms to be made larger for conferences, fairs, and other events. In their standard configuration, they provide space for two lecture theatres (A and B), a dozen seminar rooms (C-N), and five tutorial rooms (O-S). Feel free to peek into these facilities before going back across the bridge and taking the steps down into the DDM entryway, where you'll see the campus cash point. Head out the doors and walk down the staircase to your left. Halfway down on your right you will find the entrance to the headquarters of FXU, the Students' Union representing the University of Exeter in Cornwall (Penryn and Truro campuses) and Falmouth University (Penryn and Falmouth campuses).



FXU Entrance

FXU is responsible for coordinating many of the main social events on campus, and is your gateway to the huge variety of sports clubs and societies on campus. FXU is also heavily involved with a number of local groups, and members are very active in volunteering, fundraising and green initiatives. The FXU headquarters is home to student-elected representatives and support staff, and is where you'll want to head if you need to buy tickets to FXU events, speak with your dedicated Presidents, or ask questions related to Students' Union activities.

**8** Walk down the final portion of the staircase and on your right will be the entrance to the University of Exeter Masters Suite, which opened in January 2017.



Masters Suite

The new, dedicated Masters suite provides an interactive study space for masters students and short, industry-led professional courses. It offers private study space; small working group space; seminar facilities and break-out spaces, and is supported with state-of-the-art teaching aids. These exemplar facilities underpin the unique and outstanding Penryn experience we offer all our students.

**9** Across the courtyard from the Masters Suite is the Stannary. First, go up the left hand stairs into the Stannary Bar, also known as the Upper Stannary.

The Upper Stannary acts as a central hub for students living on campus. It offers a variety of opportunities to socialise, including film and quiz nights. If you head to the railings and look below you, you'll see the campus refectory, also known as the Lower Stannary. You can access this area by heading back out the way you came and going down the stairs to your left; alternatively, there is also an indoor staircase between the bar and the door you just came through.

In addition to providing a space where you can eat breakfast and lunch (or just meet with friends over a hot drink), the Stannary is also one of the largest performance venues in Cornwall, and is regularly used for theme nights, society nights, and concerts. All Stannary food is locally sourced, and local food vendors set up each day in the courtyard (between the Masters Suite and the Stannary) in order to offer specialty food options such as falafel, curry, churros and locally sourced bacon, sausages and seafood.

**10** Go out of the main Stannary doors, facing the Masters Suite and turn left. Follow the round signs on the path to the new Sports Centre **5**.



The Sports Centre

One of our major investments, this opened in September 2016 and includes a 700sqm multi-use sports hall; a 350sqm fully-equipped gym; a 150sqm exercise studio; changing rooms, lockers and showers. Classes include spinning, body pump, yoga, Pilates and even cardio cinema! The centre is open to the local community as well as staff and students. Students get discounted membership rates via a variety of deals.

Other sports offerings on campus include a regular running club, signed running trails and an outdoor multi-use games area (MUGA) located near the accommodation – which can be hired out for football and tennis.

The rear of the building also houses Little Wonders Nursery – a day nursery for children aged up to five. The nursery benefits local families by offering excellent childcare from high quality and experienced staff. It includes plenty of safe and secure outdoor space to encourage play and learning on a picturesque campus.

**11** Retrace your steps back towards the Stannary. Pass the fresh herbs growing to your left. Keeping the Stannary on your left you will see Tremough House Annex on your right **4**. You may find yourself in Tremough House for a variety of reasons: it is home to the Penryn Surgery, which provides medical care for students five days a week; it houses a number of seminar rooms; and it provides office space for Mathematics, Geography, and Biosciences lecturers. It is also home to the Chapel Lecture Theatre, currently the largest lecture space on campus, used not only by academics, but also by visiting speakers invited by the staff and students of both universities.



The Heart

**12** Keep the Annexe on your right and walk past the Stannary (on your left) until the space widens out to a 'village green'.

Diagonally in front of you, to your left, you will see a distinctive bronze, angled roof. This building is home to the Heart – a campus shop and our new reception building **1**.

**13** Walk past the shop and turn right just after the reception. As you walk, you'll see our Reprographics facility on your right **9**; the colourful slogans on the outside of this building make it hard to miss! This is where you can print up everything from flyers and posters to your dissertation.

**14** Take the first road right, before Glasney Lodge, and follow signs round to the right to the Peter Lanyon Building **8**.

This houses Info@Penryn (formerly the Student Information Desk) as well as the Centre for Geography, Environment and Society, five Peter Lanyon lecture theatres and most of the University of Exeter's administration and support staff. Upstairs are some of the dedicated Exeter IT clusters and offices of English, History, Politics and Institute of Cornish Studies staff.



Info@Penryn Reception

**15** Come back out of the main entrance to the Peter Lanyon Building, cross the courtyard, go right and, slightly downhill to your right and you should see Koofi Café, which serves hot and cold drinks as well as snacks, pizzas and light meals. It is a popular meeting space for both students and staff, has a great outside patio for sunny days and provides job opportunities for students who wish to work whilst pursuing their studies.

**16** Retrace your steps back up to Glasney Lodge. This is staffed 24/7 and provides access to security personnel, first aiders, and a handyman. Residents can pick up their mail here and use this as a point of contact for deliveries from take-away restaurants and supermarkets.

**17** Turn right to walk to Glasney Student Village **13**, our on-campus halls of residence. All blocks within Glasney Student Village are built to the same specification: on each floor you'll find seven rooms and one kitchen – a communal space with cooking facilities, TV, Freeview box and DVD player. There is a launderette every three blocks, and you can find plenty of outdoor spaces for picnicking, barbecuing or studying in the sun. If you have a bike or watersports equipment, you can store them in the bike sheds here in the Village. You might recognise some of the street names here – they were inspired by some of Cornwall's most famous beaches.

**You have now seen the main facilities where you will spend your time on campus but there are several more hidden gems in the award-winning grounds.**

If you'd like to see some of these, walk back up to the Peter Lanyon Building **8**. Instead of going into the main entrance, walk to your right, between Peter Lanyon and Falmouth University's Institute of Photography.

18 Keep walking through a small courtyard and turn right to go up a flight of steps.

Turn left at the top of the first flight.

As you are walking straight ahead you will see, to your right, the main part of the iconic Tremough House 4, which dates back to when the campus was used as a convent and school.



Tremough House

To your left is Tremough House lawn, which is carpeted with primroses and bluebells in the springtime, and provides a perfect slope for our annual slip-and-slide event. At the very bottom of the lawn is a path that provides pedestrian access to Penryn Train Station, our off-campus student accommodation The Sidings, an Asda superstore and other local shops.

19 When you reach a crossroads, you will see Falmouth University's Academy of Music and Theatre Arts (AMATA)

10 in front of you. This is home to the Performance Centre, where you can see a variety of acts throughout the year. It also houses a café. Without going into the AMATA car park, take a right at the crossroads and walk up the hill to the well-hidden, walled garden. The doorway is tucked away in the rhododendrons to your left.



Walled Garden

This beautiful space contains a miniature apple and pear orchard where you can help yourself to fresh fruit in the autumn (there's also an apple pressing day), and benches where you can relax and enjoy the sunshine. Nature lovers with keen eyes will be able to find several active beehives here, and may spot some of the small songbirds that have been ringed by our Biosciences researchers during annual mist-netting activities. Feel free to venture in and walk a circuit around the garden; when you are done, head back out the same way you came in, and turn left, up the hill towards Tremough House 4.

Outside this historic building, you'll find some more lovely green spaces where you can enjoy the gorgeous Cornish sunshine. In the autumn and spring, you'll frequently see seminars being held on the grass next to the Tremough House pond – which used to be a swimming pond for the convent girls. Cross through this lawn and head left up the stairs through the terraced Italian gardens; at the top you will find a small shelter where you can sit and read quietly while listening to the birds sing.



Tremough House pond and steps to Italian garden

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20 Take a right at the stop of the staircase and then curve around and take your next left, along the path that runs between the gardens and the car park; signs here will point the way towards Tremough Barton Cottages 11. As you walk towards the Cottages (passing the Sports Centre), you'll see the thriving student allotment on your left.

As well as being home to several administrative teams, Tremough Barton Cottages provide a base for the Multifaith Chaplaincy and the Oasis, a space for quiet reflection. There are also several small apartments here for students who would like an alternative to Glasney Student Village. Just beyond the Cottages is the Farmhouse, which is home to researchers from the Centre for Ecology and Conservation.

**This gives you a large overview of our campus but there's still plenty more to discover. We hope you find this useful and enjoy exploring.**

#### Useful websites:

Undergraduate study site – [www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate)

Postgraduate study site – [www.exeter.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/postgraduate)

Accommodation site – [www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/cornwallcampuses/students](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/cornwallcampuses/students)

Penryn Campus films – [www.exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/studying](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/studying)

About Cornwall – [www.exeter.ac.uk/thesouthwest/cornwall](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/thesouthwest/cornwall)

Live It, a Student's Guide to Life in Cornwall – [www.exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/studying](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/studying)



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