

UNIVERSITY OF  
**EXETER**

# BA/BSc FLEXIBLE COMBINED HONOURS

UNDERGRADUATE SUBJECT BROCHURE 2018  
PENRYN CAMPUS, CORNWALL



# KEY INFORMATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
<b>BA/BSc Combined Honours</b>		
Flexible Combined Honours	Y003	A*AA-ABB; IB: 38-32
Flexible Combined Honours with Study Abroad*	Y012	A*AA-ABB; IB: 38-32
Flexible Combined Honours with UK Work Experience	Y011	A*AA-ABB; IB: 38-32
Flexible Combined Honours with Work Abroad	Y009	A*AA-ABB; IB: 38-32

If you are an international student you should consult our general and subject-specific entry requirements information for A levels and the International Baccalaureate, but the University also recognises a wide range of international qualifications. You can find further information about academic and English language entry requirements at [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international)

For further details about entry requirements and how to complete your UCAS form for Flexible Combined Honours, see [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/ucas](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/ucas)

You can choose to submit a separate personal statement if your Flexible Combined Honours subject combination is different from your other applications. Details of how to do this are at [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/ucas-personal-statement](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/ucas-personal-statement)

For general and subject-specific entrance requirements, please see our Flexible Combined Honours pages at [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/entry](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/entry)

We strongly advise that you check this before attending an Open Day or making your application. Some programmes require prior study of specific subjects and may also have minimum grade requirements at GCSE or equivalent, particularly in English Language and/or Mathematics.

## **PENRYN CAMPUS, CORNWALL**

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I highly recommend you look at Exeter. It goes beyond developing your academic skills and employability... It enhances you as a person.

Antonia Perez, Flexible Combined Honours



# FLEXIBLE COMBINED HONOURS

Create subject combinations not otherwise available

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Study two or three subjects, or create your own pathway to suit your interests and career ambitions

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Leads to a named degree title of the subjects you study

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Add vocational elements to your studies

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Opportunities for study or work abroad, or UK-based work experience

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Flexible Combined Honours (FCH) at the University of Exeter offers a unique and appealing degree structure which lets you study a range of subjects, related or totally diverse, in a very flexible manner.

The FCH degree programme allows you to develop a particular blend of knowledge and skills in line with your own subject interests and career objectives. You are guided in this development throughout your degree by the FCH staff, academic staff in each of your subject areas (FCH subject coordinators) and your Academic Tutor. All are there to help you choose the most appropriate academic pathways and to get the most out of your degree and time at Exeter.

At its simplest level, FCH allows you to combine two subjects for which there is no currently existing 'established' Combined Honours degree on the Penryn Campus, for example, 'Geography and Mathematics' or 'Business and International Relations'.

You can study a combination of subjects from those offered by most of the departments on the Penryn Campus. This includes combining subjects across the areas of humanities, sciences and social sciences.

Alternatively, you can take a thematically linked programme of modules from a variety of departments, to create your own unique, and specifically named, degree programme. Such thematic pathways can form the whole of each academic year or part of it. For example, to follow a degree in International Relations combined with a pathway in Global Futures, or Geography combined with a pathway in Society. Usually students start with a combination of 'established' subjects and then create thematic pathways from their second year.

There is the option to spend up to a year studying or working abroad, and you can include the study of French or Spanish within your programme if you need to develop language skills to go to countries speaking those languages. We also offer a four-year programme with a year's work experience in the UK, which will greatly enhance your employability skills. You can also add to your employability by including some work experience or management modules in any of the FCH programmes.

The title of your degree will reflect your areas of study, for example BA English and Politics, BSc Mathematics and Sustainability or BA Geography with Business.

You can study on the FCH degree from your first year or transfer onto it later. If you enter the University on another degree programme and you find it does not allow you to follow the particular interests you wish to pursue, transferring to FCH from your second year can allow you to develop a programme better matched to your own particular interests and ambitions.

FCH can be taken either full or part-time.

# DEGREE PROGRAMMES

FCH gives you the opportunity to study otherwise unavailable or unusual subject combinations and to customise your degree programme, making it distinctive and different. This is usually done by choosing two subject areas for your first year. It is sometimes possible to take a third subject, such as a foreign language – please ask about this before applying. You can also follow one of the readily available themed pathways such as Sustainability or Environment and Human Health from your first year.

You can combine subjects in various proportions and the proportion can change each year, provided any core, compulsory modules are taken. You can also drop a first year subject and start a new one or follow a new themed pathway from the second year.

All FCH students study the same modules as those taken by other students at the University, so you will be studying alongside others with the same interests. These degrees offer the widest possible access to Exeter's range of subject disciplines on the Penryn Campus.

Each first year pathway usually has a combination of one or more core compulsory modules, and optional modules which you choose from those available in that year.

In your second and final years, you will have more choice of modules and you will be able to structure your degree to reflect your own preferences. During your final year you can also include research-based independent study or a dissertation with individual supervision in a subject of your choice.

Please note that all modules are offered subject to availability, module capacity and timetable constraints.

For full details of all the FCH subject pathways, including module descriptions, check the relevant subject on the FCH web page for first-year programmes – [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/first-year-study](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/first-year-study) There are also links from this page for the modules in other years of study.

When you apply via UCAS for FCH you need to specify the subject areas you want to study – for details of how to do this, please see [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/ucas](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/ucas)

Please contact the FCH Director if you want to talk through possibilities – [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/contact](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/contact)

## How your degree is structured

All undergraduate degree programmes in the University are made up of a number of modules, each of which has a particular credit value, usually 15 or 30 credits. You take modules up to the value of 120 credits in each year. So, for example, if you choose a FCH degree of two subjects, you could take 60 credits each year from each subject, and if three subjects are followed, the areas could be arranged as 45/45/30 credits. If you are following a themed pathway, the modules simply need to add up to a total of 120 credits each year.

For up-to-date details of all our programme and modules, check [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch)

The following FCH subject areas are available at Penryn – you can combine any two or three (see left, about three-subject combinations) unless the combination readily exists as an 'established' Combined Honours degree (see [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/all-courses](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/all-courses) for the list of 'established' combined degrees):

- Business
- English
- Environment and Human Health
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Science
- French
- Geography
- Geography and Environment and Human Health
- History
- International Relations
- Mathematics
- Politics
- Science, Technology and Society
- Spanish
- Sustainability



# LEARNING AND TEACHING

You'll learn through lectures, tutorials and seminars, with a growing emphasis at each successive level on student-led learning. Our teaching emphasises the need to analyse, discuss and deploy ideas in a variety of settings and not simply on the ability to memorise. Modules are also designed to encourage you to think and write analytically about broad subjects. You'll have on average 10 hours of teaching per week and will need to allow for additional hours of private study.

## Study or work abroad

Studying for your degree at Penryn offers you the exciting possibility of spending up to one year abroad studying or in a work placement. All FCH students are encouraged to do so. Last year almost 500 Exeter students studied at one of our partner universities, which are in more than 40 countries around the world. You could learn a new language and experience different cultures, become more self-confident and widen your circle of friends. You could get the chance to specialise in areas that are not available at Penryn, and when it comes to a career, your skills and knowledge of another country will prove invaluable to many employers. This of course applies equally to overseas students coming to study abroad at Penryn.

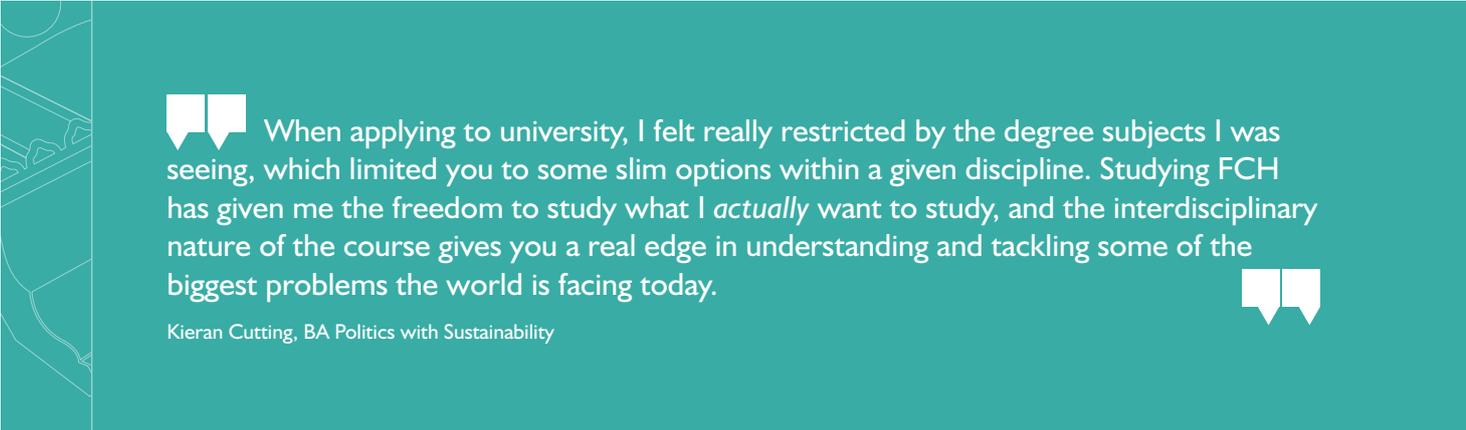
You may apply directly for the four-year programme or transfer from another programme once you are at Penryn.

For full details please check the FCH study abroad web page [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/abroad](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/abroad) and the International Office website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/international/abroad/erasmus](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international/abroad/erasmus)

## Work experience

The four-year 'with UK Work experience' degree programme allows you to spend your third year in a UK-based work placement. You can apply directly for the four-year programme or transfer to this once you are at Penryn. Alternatively, a work experience module, with the work being in the UK or abroad, can form part of your second or final year, to add to your employability.

Full details about work experience are at [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/work-experience](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch/work-experience)



When applying to university, I felt really restricted by the degree subjects I was seeing, which limited you to some slim options within a given discipline. Studying FCH has given me the freedom to study what I *actually* want to study, and the interdisciplinary nature of the course gives you a real edge in understanding and tackling some of the biggest problems the world is facing today.

Kieran Cutting, BA Politics with Sustainability

# CAREERS

A FCH degree from Exeter will provide you with a wide range of skills which will be useful in your future study or employment. The FCH scheme allows you to develop a particular multidisciplinary blend of knowledge and skills, and to take responsibility for your own pattern of learning in a way that is particularly attractive to employers. Once you graduate you'll have access to a wide range of job opportunities that are frequently made more accessible because of the atypical subject combinations that you will have studied.

Exeter has an excellent reputation with graduate recruiters and our students and graduates compete very successfully in the employment market. Many employers target the University when recruiting new graduates.

For further information about what our careers service offers, please visit: [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/careers](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/careers)

Examples of the destinations of our recent graduates:

## Occupations

Account Co-ordinator // Trainee Accountant // Graduate Scheme // Management Consultancy // Researcher

## Employers

Saatchi & Saatchi // Ernst & Young // British Embassy, China // Accenture // Cabinet Office



# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Top 1% of universities worldwide (*Times Higher Education*)

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9th in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017*

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Six months after graduation, 94% of our first degree graduates were in employment or further study (*HESA 2014/15*)

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Our teaching is inspired by our research, 98% of which is of international quality (*2014 Research Excellence Framework*)

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We have 21,000 students from 181 countries, and they are the most satisfied in the Russell Group (*NSS*)

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## VISIT US TO FIND OUT MORE

### Open Days

You can register your interest now for our Open Days and receive priority access to book your place\* visit [www.exeter.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/opendays)

\* Pre-registration guarantees priority access to the booking system and is not an absolute guarantee of a place at any of our Open Days. Booking is essential and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Penryn Campus, Cornwall:

**Saturday 10 June 2017**

**Saturday 23 September 2017**

### Campus Tours

We run campus tours at the Penryn Campus on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. You'll be shown around by a current student, who'll give you a first-hand account of what it's like to live and study at the University.

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