

UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER

LIBERAL ARTS

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KEY INFORMATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
BA Single Honours Liberal Arts	LA99	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34
Liberal Arts with Study Abroad*/with Employment Experience*/with Employment Experience Abroad	LA97/LA94/LA95	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34

*for details about Study Abroad please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/libarts

We make every effort to ensure that entry requirements are up-to-date in our printed literature. However, because brochures are produced well in advance, our entry requirements and offers may be subject to change.

For up to date details regarding entry requirements and programme specifics, please see our Liberal Arts pages at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/libarts

We strongly advise that you check current requirements 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.

International students

The University welcomes applications from international students and recognises a wide range of international qualifications as well as A levels and the International Baccalaureate. You can find further information about academic and English language entry requirements at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international

Applying

For information on the application, decision, offer and confirmation process, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/applications

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LIBERAL ARTS

The Liberal Arts approach to undergraduate study enables you to combine in-depth specialisation in the subject of your choice with opportunities to acquire further skills and experience in a wide range of fields

You will develop expertise through an individual pathway of study, allowing you to specialise in a subject of your choice – your ‘Major’

You will develop your language skills, alongside a breadth of other skills including communication, problem solving and critical analysis

A global model, Liberal Arts is ideally suited for study abroad, with options in the EU, USA, Asia, and Australasia

What is a Liberal Arts degree?

Liberal Arts is a nationally and internationally recognised approach to undergraduate study. Liberal Arts is not a subject of study itself but is an interdisciplinary approach to study in business, humanities, and social sciences, and is about developing your interests and taking control of your studies.

Its premise is that in-depth study is most effective when it is combined with a comprehensive experience of the concepts, methods and debates which connect all forms of academic enquiry. Across the world Liberal Arts graduates are recognised as exceptionally well equipped, with a unique blend of specialist knowledge and a wide-range of analytical, communication and computational skills essential in the contemporary workplace.

Through its considered balance between breadth and depth of study, it will equip you with the critical skills, experiences, innovative attitudes and cultural intelligence which are valued by global employers. As a result, Liberal Arts programmes produce world leaders in politics, business, technology, public service and the media.

Liberal Arts at Exeter

Our Liberal Arts programme is an innovative, challenging and interdisciplinary programme, specifically designed to develop your intellectual capabilities and critical skills. It offers flexibility and breadth, complemented by in-depth learning in your chosen field of specialisation – your Major.

Alongside your Major you will have the freedom to explore, choosing modules from across the humanities, social sciences and business. You will also develop or extend your language skills and gain a global perspective through addressing contemporary worldwide issues.

Through our Liberal Arts core modules you will develop confidence applying a range of approaches and methodologies. You will also work directly with employers and external organisations, researching real-life problems through our innovative *Think Tank* module. With options to gain work experience as part of your degree programme, you can further develop your employment potential.

Our programme is aimed at ambitious and versatile students with interests across humanities, social sciences and business. Not limited by traditional discipline boundaries, you will enjoy the prospect of taking control of your studies whilst still being supported by a structured programme.

Major subjects offered:

- Anthropology
- Arab and Islamic Studies
- Archaeology
- Art History & Visual Culture
- Classics and Ancient History
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- Film Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Marketing/Management
- Modern Languages
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Sociology
- Theology and Religion

BA Liberal Arts degree titles

Your final degree title will reflect your Major subject, for example, BA Liberal Arts (English), BA Liberal Arts (Archaeology), or BA Liberal Arts (Politics).

MODULES

You will study a combination of our carefully designed Liberal Arts core modules; modules from your academic specialism (your Major), and a modern or ancient language. Our programme structure also enables you to explore your interests through studying a broad range of optional modules.

Please note that the availability of all modules is subject to timetabling constraints and that not all modules are available every year. The modules detailed below are just examples of those offered recently.

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and all the available optional modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/libarts

How your degree is structured

The programme is divided into core and optional modules, giving you the flexibility to structure your degree according to your interests. Individual modules are worth 15 or 30 credits and full-time undergraduates need to take 120 credits in each year. The interdisciplinary nature of Liberal Arts allows you to choose from an extensive range of optional modules drawn from a number of different subject disciplines. Details of core modules can be found in this brochure.

Year 1

The first year of the programme will provide you with the interdisciplinary training you need to take a Liberal Arts approach to your studies. Through the core module *Being Human in the Modern World* you will engage with a variety of critical approaches and methods. You will also study a modern or ancient language and start developing your area of specialism – your Major. Crucially, you will still have the freedom to explore by choosing modules from a broad range of subjects.

Compulsory core modules

Being Human in the Modern World (30 credits) This core module is concerned with some of the most crucial questions, locally and globally, about human behaviour and social interaction. You will explore the construction of identities and beliefs (past and present) using a range of interdisciplinary approaches and methods. You will begin to develop your skills of critical analysis – focusing on artefactual, literary, digital and visual materials; be introduced to qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, and hone your persuasive oral and written styles.

A Modern or Ancient Language (at least 15 credits) You will take a module in a modern or ancient language of your choice; Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Latin, Biblical Hebrew or Classical Greek.[▲]

Optional modules

Major (30 credits) At least 30 credits will be chosen in your area of specialism – your Major.
With your remaining credits you have the freedom to explore, choosing modules from across a broad range of subjects.

Year 2

In your second year you will build your academic expertise in your area of specialism – your Major. You will also widen your horizons by focusing on real-life challenges through our innovative *Think Tank* module. There is still freedom to explore other subjects, including the option to further develop your language skills.

Compulsory core module

Liberal Arts Think Tank (15 credits) You will work together in small groups or ‘think-tanks’ to develop problem-solving skills by exploring a specific social, political or economic issue in the contemporary world. Research questions are set each year by external partners in conjunction with the academic specialists who lead the groups. You will investigate the academic research and explore how it can be used to help solve the challenges set by external partners. Each group will be mentored and guided through a combination of lectures, workshops and group-supervisions.

Optional modules

Major (60 credits) At least 60 credits will be chosen in your area of specialism – your Major.
With your remaining credits you have the freedom to explore, choosing modules from across a broad range of subjects.

Year 3[^]

Your third year allows you to build expertise in your area of specialism – your Major. You will undertake a dissertation, demonstrating your independent research skills. Though the focus of your final year is your Major, you still maintain the freedom to explore and choose modules from a range of subjects.

Compulsory core module

Dissertation (Major) (30 credits) The dissertation is an opportunity to carry out independent research in the Major field you have selected.

Optional modules

Major (60 credits) At least 60 credits will be chosen in your area of specialism – your Major.
With your remaining credits you have the freedom to explore, choosing modules from across a broad range of subjects.

For up-to-date details of our programme and modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/libarts

[▲] our languages are available at a broad range of levels. Whilst it is only compulsory to study a language in Year 1, you can continue to study languages in Years 2 and 3 should you wish to



LEARNING AND TEACHING

The nature of learning at university, especially in the humanities and social sciences, involves a lot of self-directed study and research. As well as lectures, seminars and tutorials, led by internationally respected academics at the forefront of research, you will be encouraged to take the initiative by organising study groups, taking advantage of online and traditional learning resources, and managing your own time and workload.

We integrate the latest approaches to give you a varied and challenging programme. In core modules you will learn through analysis, questioning, discussion and debate, practical work, problem-solving, research projects and teamwork, all of which are designed to help you develop key skills for success in the rest of your degree and your future career.

Academic support

You will have an academic tutor who is available for advice and support throughout your studies. There are also a number of services on campus where you can get advice and information, including the Students' Guild Advice Unit, the Career Zone, and the Employability and Study Abroad Office. You can find further information about all the services in the University's undergraduate prospectus or online at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate

Contact time

Contact time via lectures and seminars will vary depending on your Major and optional modules, although it should be at least 10 hours a week in your first year. You will need to allow for additional hours of private study, and you should expect your total workload to average about 40 hours per week during term time.

Team-teaching

Given the diverse and interdisciplinary nature of the Liberal Arts programme, and to ensure that you benefit from the exciting breadth and depth of expertise across the institution, we will also use team-teaching so that you can get the most out of Exeter's collective expertise. This means that while modules will be convened and led by specialist academics, experts in other disciplines will deliver many lectures, seminars and workshops.

Research-inspired teaching

The University of Exeter is a research-intensive institution. This means that our academic staff teach you and, in parallel, conduct high quality, ground-breaking research in their specialist subject areas. Your lecturers will be contributing to the latest developments in their field and ensure that their teaching is highly relevant to contemporary issues and current debates in academic scholarship.

Online and virtual learning

We are actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including the increasing use of interactive computer-based approaches to learning through our virtual learning environment, where you can access detailed information about the programme, the modules and interact with your peers and lecturers through activities such as discussion forums.

Other opportunities

There are many other opportunities for you to enrich your overall learning experience. Depending on the modules you choose you may be able to participate in mini-conferences, where students present papers to fellow students and staff, plus research seminars and societies run by departments and the Students' Guild around your subject(s) of interest. You may wish to join the student-run Liberal Arts Society which organises a range of events throughout the year.

The University of Exeter is nationally renowned for its student engagement, so you can also make your mark on your programme through involvement in the Student-Staff Liaison Committee and other student-led projects.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a variety of methods, which will vary greatly depending on your academic choices. These could include coursework, exams, written reports or seminar presentations. You must pass your first year assessment in order to progress to the second year, but the results do not count towards your degree classification. In order to be eligible for 'with Study Abroad' programmes you will need to attain an average of 60 per cent or more in your first year. The assessments in the second year, year abroad or year of employment experience (if applicable) and final year will contribute to your final degree classification.

For full details of the assessment criteria for each module, please see the individual module descriptions which can be found on our website www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/libarts



me from other candidates when applying for jobs.

Harriet Hix, second year, BA Liberal Arts

Liberal Arts is an excellent fit and I can't imagine studying anything else. Any other degree programme would not have given me such a diverse university education. I have had lectures delivered by staff from Archaeology, Film Studies, Theology, History, English, Economics, Politics, Art History and the Foreign Language Centre. This has given me a unique university experience and will differentiate

CAREERS

Study Abroad

Studying Liberal Arts at Exeter offers you the exciting possibility of spending up to a year abroad. With Study Abroad you could learn a new language and experience different cultures, become more self-confident and enhance your global connections. You could also get the chance to specialise in areas that aren't available within your programme, and when it comes to a career, your skills and knowledge of another country will prove invaluable to many employers. In today's global job market, taking advantage of the chance to study abroad equips you with intercultural awareness that is required to succeed in the most competitive fields. This programme is available equally to overseas students coming to study at Exeter.

By studying a Liberal Arts degree at Exeter you will get the opportunity to extend your horizons and graduate with a global outlook. We encourage you to take the opportunity to study abroad as an important part of the experience.

Further details about study abroad and our partner institutions can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/studyabroad

Employment Experience in the UK or abroad

Spending up to a year carrying out a graduate-level work placement or placements as part of your degree programme is an invaluable opportunity. This unlocks a world of experience, allowing you to develop essential employability and interpersonal skills that relate to your degree and future career. You will take full responsibility for finding and organising your placement (either in the UK or abroad), with preparation, support and approval from the University. This is a great way to demonstrate to employers your adaptability, cultural awareness, independence and resourcefulness.

Foreign language proficiency

If you achieve at least 60 credits in a language via our Foreign Language Centre you may be able to have the words 'with proficiency in' and the language added to your degree title. Further details about the FLC can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/flc

A degree in Liberal Arts provides you with a range of transferable skills that are valued by employers across a variety of sectors. Studying Liberal Arts at Exeter allows you to develop specialisms that suit your career goals. These will be of benefit whether you plan to progress straight to employment or pursue further study. You will also be able to demonstrate your breadth of knowledge through gaining language skills and developing an understanding of quantitative methodologies.

As part of our programme, you will have the opportunity to undertake a work placement, or work with our network of employers to research an industry-related scenario set by an experienced professional. This will enable you to show potential employers how you can apply your skills and knowledge in the workplace.

You will develop skills in critical thinking, assessing and evaluating information, research and oral and written communication, all of which will enable you to pursue work in a range of sectors, including:

- Management Consultancy
- Business
- Education
- Heritage
- Law
- Public Sector
- Third Sector (including charities)
- Media and Journalism
- Marketing and communications
- Public Relations
- Arts Management

You may choose to pursue further study at postgraduate level, or undertake professional training in areas such as teaching, law, journalism, social work or finance.

Careers support

Our careers service can help you plan your future irrespective of whether you are firmly committed to a particular career or undecided about which path to follow. You will be able to access a comprehensive programme, including annual Careers Fairs, individual guidance, employer presentations, a career mentor scheme, mock interviews with employers and advice on preparing your CV and making applications.

Many students take part in the Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award. These schemes encourage you to participate in employability-related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making and success in the employment market.

For further information about what the careers service at Exeter offers visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/careers

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

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

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

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

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

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



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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

* Pre-registration only 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.

Exeter campuses:

Friday 2 June 2017

Saturday 3 June 2017

Saturday 2 September 2017

Campus Tours

We run campus tours at the Streatham Campus each weekday during term time. You'll be shown round 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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