



LIBERAL ARTS

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The core modules offered by Exeter stood out as both fascinating and truly interdisciplinary. I've been able to take a wide range of modules from across disciplines and the stipulated language credits have been a godsend, as I started studying Japanese in my second year and haven't stopped.

Liberal Arts has allowed me to focus on my strengths. It has been more flexible than I could have hoped and has given me the freedom and time to discover what I'd like to pursue in the future. It was the ability to pursue my thematic Major that made me stay on to study an MA programme, as well as being able to continue working with my dissertation supervisor, who has been amazingly supportive.

Zara, studying BA Liberal Arts (Conflict and Identity) with proficiency in Japanese



LIBERAL ARTS

Gain in-depth specialisation in a subject of your choice, while expanding your skills studying modules from other fields alongside

Offers balance between breadth and depth of study

Develop your ancient or modern language skills

Ideally suited for study abroad, with destinations across Europe, the USA, Asia and Australasia

Acquire skills suited for the global economy

WHAT IS A LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE?

This internationally recognised, interdisciplinary approach to undergraduate study offers a considered balance between breadth and depth of study.

You will select one subject as your specialisation (your Major) and cherry-pick modules from other disciplines within the 'Arts' to create a flexible and bespoke field of study; with the opportunity to take a language, spend time abroad and undertake a work placement.

There is a broad scope of subjects that are considered to fall within the Liberal Arts, but these are generally recognised to be topics within the Humanities, as well as Social Sciences.

The premise of Liberal Arts is that in-depth study of a subject is most effective when it is combined with a comprehensive experience of the concepts, methods and debates which connect all forms of academic enquiry.

Learning in this way will provide you with the critical skills, experiences, innovative attitudes and cultural intelligence valued by global employers.

Across the world Liberal Arts graduates are recognised as exceptionally well-equipped, with a unique blend of specialist knowledge and a wide range of skills essential in the contemporary workplace. As a result, Liberal Arts programmes have produced world leaders in politics, business, technology, public service and the media.

LIBERAL ARTS AT EXETER

The innovative and challenging programme is aimed at ambitious and versatile students who do not want to be limited by traditional discipline boundaries. You can enjoy the prospect of taking control of your studies while still being supported by a course structure.

It offers in-depth learning in your chosen field of specialisation (your Major), complemented by the study of subjects alongside; selected from the Business School, Humanities and Social Sciences. You will also develop or extend your language skills, taking credits in either an ancient or modern language.

There are core Liberal Arts modules designed to develop your confidence in applying a range of approaches and methodologies, giving you a holistic and joined up approach to your studies.

Our Think Tank module gives you direct experience working with employers and external organisations, researching real-life problems. You will also have the option to gain work experience as part of your degree programme, either in the UK or abroad, which can further develop your employment potential.

You will benefit from a global perspective, addressing contemporary worldwide issues, and will develop your intellectual capabilities and critical skills.

Major subjects offered:

The Business School

- Economics
- Marketing and Management

Humanities

- Archaeology
- Art History & Visual Culture
- Classics and Ancient History
- Drama
- English
- Film Studies
- History
- Modern Languages
- Theology and Religion

Social Sciences

- Anthropology
- Arab and Islamic Studies
- Criminology
- International Relations
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Sociology

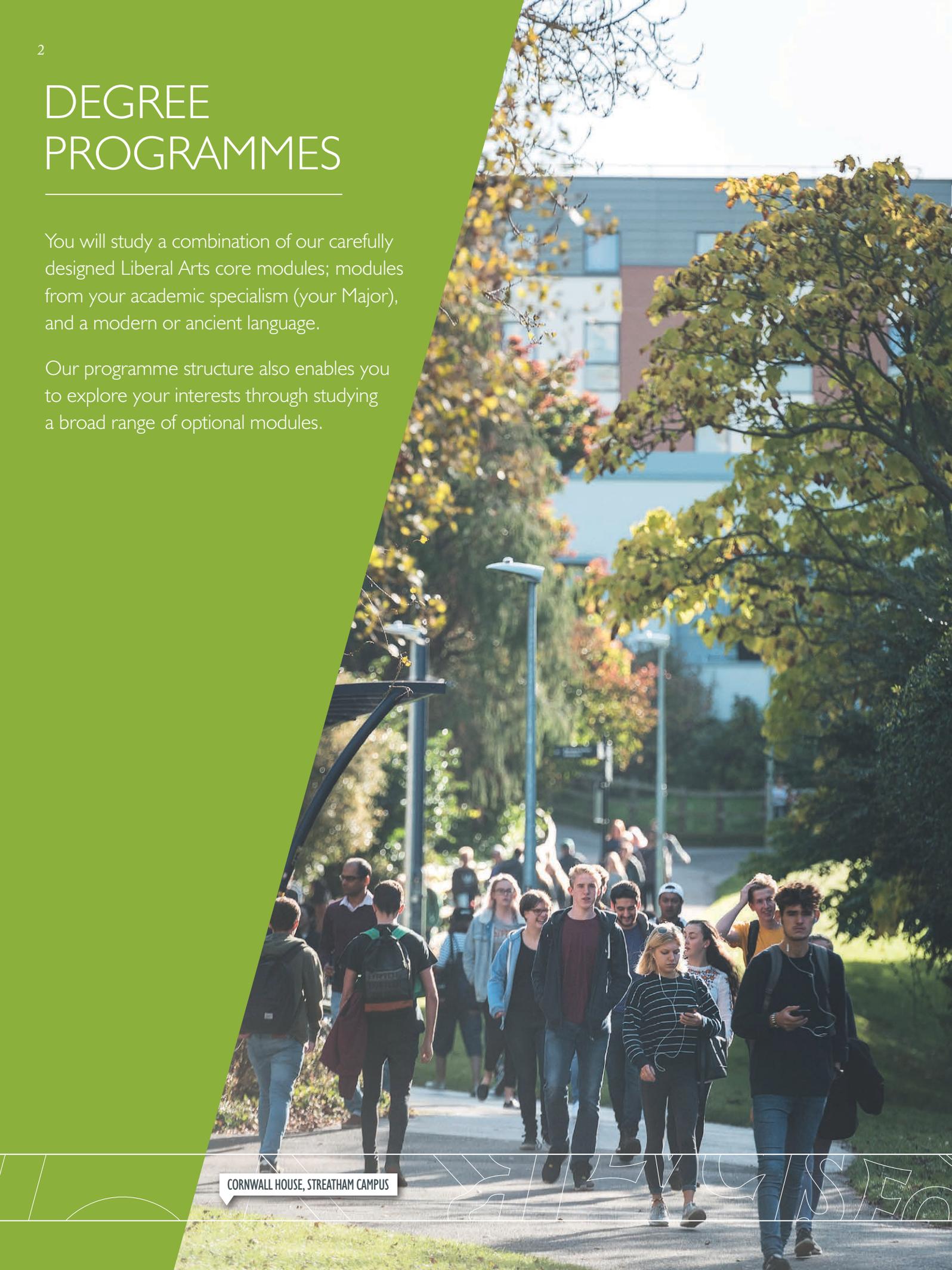
BA Liberal Arts degree titles

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

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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.



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MODULES

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.

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

YEAR 1

Your first year is designed to give you a strong foundation in the Liberal Arts by equipping you with a range of key intellectual tools that you can use throughout the rest of your degree and your working life after university. You will receive this foundation through the core 30 credit module: Liberal Arts: Being Human in the Modern World which will give you a solid grounding in the skills, methods and principles of liberal learning. Alongside this module, you will also take 15 credits in an ancient or modern language.

Compulsory modules

Being Human in the Modern World (30 credits)

This 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

Your second year of study will enable you to consolidate your Liberal Arts foundations by furthering your critical tools and developing your intellectual abilities. You will take the Think Tank module, which is practice-based and will build directly on the previous year's work; developing your research, teamwork and problem-solving skills. You will take at least 60 credits in your chosen Major but will also have the opportunity to continue with a language (if you choose to) and to take optional modules from a broad range of subjects.*

Compulsory 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.

FINAL YEAR

Your final year enables you to focus on your chosen Major and develop your academic specialism. You will study a 30-credit dissertation in your chosen Major, alongside at least 60 credits worth of modules from your Major. This will still enable you to extend your skills and capabilities via studying optional modules in a broad range of subjects; including the opportunity to continue with a language (if you choose to).*

Compulsory 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.

▲ 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.

* Please note that to pursue some Majors you will be required to study core modules in the relevant discipline.

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.

TEAM-TEACHING

Given the diverse and interdisciplinary nature of the Liberal Arts programme, and to ensure you benefit from the exciting breadth and depth of expertise across the University, 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.

INNOVATIVE 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.

You can also make your mark on your programme through involvement in the Student-Staff Liaison Committee and other student-led projects.

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.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

You will have access to 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. You can find further information about all the services in the University's undergraduate prospectus or online at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate

STUDY ABROAD*

Studying Liberal Arts at Exeter offers you the exciting possibility of spending 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 valuable to many employers. In today's global employment 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 a valuable 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.

TAKING MODULES OUTSIDE OF YOUR PROGRAMME

Depending on your programme you can take up to 30 credits each year in another subject, for instance a business module, to develop career-related skills or widen your intellectual horizons. 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

DIGITAL HUMANITIES LAB

As Digital Humanities is increasingly important in all areas of humanities research, we have invested £1.2 million in a state-of-the-art lab and research space for the examination and preservation of important historical, literary and visual artefacts. The Digital Humanities lab allows you to use cutting edge equipment to find out more about our cultural heritage and creative past and share your discoveries with your peers. In the space, you will have the opportunity to curate digital exhibitions, carry out 2D and 3D digitisation, create professional quality video/audio recordings, and participate in exciting research projects that utilise data in innovative new ways.

* In order to be eligible for our 'with Study Abroad' programmes you will need to attain an average of 60 per cent or more in your first year.

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. 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



My course has been an absolute dream! Liberal Arts has given me the freedom to study a really diverse range of modules I wouldn't actually have otherwise had the chance to take – developing a focus far more naturally than if I had committed to a single discipline. It gives you a broader learning experience in general. The variety of subjects I've studied has been really formative in pinpointing what I want to do after graduating and those involved with running the course have done so much to help benefit us students.

Thomas, studying BA Liberal Arts
(English Literature)



YOUR SUCCESSFUL CAREER

RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING FOR[▲]:

- University of Exeter
- Lush Cosmetics
- Teach First
- Civil Service
- Hotelplan

RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING AS[▲]:

- Cultural Mapping Coordinator
- Events Planner (Publishing)
- Digital Content Producer
- Civil Servant
- Primary School Teacher
- Buying Associate
- Sales Assistant

[▲] This information has been taken from the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Surveys 2015/16. Please note that, due to data protection, the job titles and organisations are listed independently and do not necessarily correspond.

CAREERS SERVICES

We have a dedicated, award-winning Careers Service and office on campus, ensuring you have access to careers advisors, mentors and the tools you need to succeed in finding employment in your chosen field on graduation. We offer the Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award which include employability-related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market. Our graduates compete very successfully in the employment market, with many employers targeting the University when recruiting new graduates. For further information about our Careers Service please visit: www.exeter.ac.uk/careers

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Liberal Arts at the University of Exeter is a bold interdisciplinary programme that will give you a competitive edge in the graduate recruitment market. These students are recognised as exceptionally well-equipped, with a unique blend of specialist knowledge and a wide-range of analytical, communication and computational skills.

The degree provides you with a range of transferable skills that are valued by employers across a variety of sectors. It allows you to develop specialisms that suit your career goals, which 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 additional experience outside of your Major, such as language skills and developing an understanding of quantitative methodologies.



I wasn't sure exactly what I wanted to study so the option to try out different modules from different colleges was perfect. The course has been great so far. I have studied lots of different subjects including Anthropology, Sociology, Politics, Business, Economics and British Sign Language. The flexibility makes it a really unique programme where you can try out different subjects, while still developing expertise in one specific area, your Major. The support from staff in my Major and the Liberal Arts programme has been incredible.

James, studying BA Liberal Arts (Management)

KEY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

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

Applying to study Liberal Arts with Modern Languages as your Major

There are no language requirements for the Year 1 compulsory language modules. However, when applying to a Liberal Arts degree with a modern language as your Major, you will need to indicate, under 'further details' in the 'choices' section of the application, the language you wish to study using the codes in the table. Please note you may only choose one language for your Major. For further information on completing your UCAS form, please visit www.ucas.com and for more information on language requirements please go to www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages

SELECTING YOUR CHOSEN LANGUAGE		
CODE	SUBJECT	REQUIRED SUBJECTS
<i>Fren</i>	French	For the Beginners' route: GCSE in a modern foreign language grade B or 5.
<i>Chin</i>	Chinese (Mandarin)	
<i>Germ</i>	German	For the Advanced route: GCE AL in a modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish) grade B; IB modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish) HL5.
<i>Ital</i>	Italian	
<i>Port</i>	Portuguese	
<i>Russ</i>	Russian	
<i>Span</i>	Spanish	

Language requirements for a Liberal Arts degree with Modern Languages as your Major

- Grade B or 5 at GCSE in any modern foreign language is all that is required to study any of our seven languages on the Beginners' route
- Grade B at A level is required in any language you intend to study from A level
- You may only choose one language as your Major
- Students pursuing language study on the basis of a GCSE are normally classed as Beginners
- French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish can be studied from A level or Beginners level, with both cohorts reaching degree level in the final year
- Chinese and Portuguese can normally only be studied from Beginners level with students reaching degree level in the final year

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 on 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

If you are an international student, you should consult our general and subject specific entry requirements information for A levels and the International Baccalaureate. However, 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

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

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www.exeter.ac.uk/enquiry

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(EU/International callers)

GCSE



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178 countries



98% of our research rated of
international quality¹

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fastest rising research university²

FIND OUT MORE

Come to one of our open days. Visit us at our campuses
in Exeter and Cornwall: www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/visiting

For further information please visit
www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/libarts

Accuracy of subject brochure information

The information in this subject brochure forms part of the undergraduate prospectus 2019 and is aimed at prospective undergraduate students wishing to apply for a place at the University of Exeter (the University) and start a course with us in autumn 2019. The prospectus and subject brochures describe in outline the courses and services offered by the University and we make every effort to ensure that the information provided is accurate and up-to-date at the time of going to print (undergraduate prospectus is printed January 2018 and subject brochures are printed in May 2018).

However, it may be necessary for the University to make some changes to the information presented in the prospectus following publication – for example, where it is necessary to reflect changes in practice or theory in an academic subject as a result of emerging research; or if an accrediting body requires certain course content to be added or removed. More information about our terms and conditions can be found at: www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications/terms

¹ 98% of our research was rated as 2*,3* or 4* in the Research Assessment Exercise 2014.

² Between 2006/07 – 2015/16, the University of Exeter saw the greatest rise in research income, compared to all other Russell Group universities.

