

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	LA97	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34
MlibArts Single Honours Liberal Arts	LA98	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34
Liberal Arts with Study Abroad	LA96	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34

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 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.

International students

The University 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

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 build a bespoke pathway of study, pursuing the subject 'Major' of your choice

You can develop and extend your skills in languages, critical and quantitative methods alongside your specialism

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

You can continue your study to a higher level with an option to complete an integrated Masters

Liberal Arts is an internationally recognised approach to undergraduate study to which leading UK universities are now bringing their own unique strengths. We are at the forefront of this development, offering our students a programme which blends the specialist expertise, that is the hallmark of a UK degree, with an exceptional breadth of skills to prepare graduates for the demands of the 21st century global economy.

The Liberal Arts approach enables you to study across the arts, humanities, social sciences and sciences. You'll have the freedom to specialise in the Major field of your choice and at the same time develop and extend your skills in associated subjects, methodologies and languages. Liberal Arts is about taking control of your studies and is intended for ambitious students aiming for high-profile, competitive careers. Our programme offers opportunities to gain workplace experience, to study at an international university and to advance your studies with an integrated Masters qualification taken over four years.

Liberal Arts graduates are recognised by global employers as offering a unique combination of specialist knowledge, the

outlook and key analytical, communication and computational skills essential in the contemporary workplace. Elite Liberal Arts programmes produce world leaders in politics, business, technology, public service and the media.

With a far greater degree of hands-on, personal tutor support than the typical degree, you will plot your own pathway through the programme: one week you can be a bioscientist, the following a social scientist, the next a literary theorist. You will identify an area of specialisation – a subject, or a theme – which will be your Major. Alongside this you can explore subjects which connect or contrast with your Major. You will develop new, or extend existing, language and quantitative skills, and gain experience of a wide-range of working environments with our network of employer partners.

Liberal Arts is a global phenomenon that is best exemplified at Exeter, where we combine the advantages of a traditional, supportive, and intimate tutorial setting with the resources, rigour and research focus of a world class university.

Majors offered:

- Anthropology
- Arab and Islamic Studies
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Classics and Ancient History
- Drama
- English
- Film Studies
- History
- Modern Languages
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Sociology
- Theology and Religion
- Visual Culture

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

BA/MLibArts Liberal Arts

You can study Liberal Arts in one of two ways; a three-year BA degree programme or a four-year integrated Masters programme. Both include the opportunity to study abroad, and we strongly suggest you take advantage of this in order to get the most out of the programme.

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 flexibility 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 are at the back of this brochure.

The first year of the programme gives you a thorough grounding in the interdisciplinary method that is at the heart of the Liberal

Arts approach, as well as the opportunities to explore possible Majors and to begin to extend your range of academic skills.

Year 1 Our unique interdisciplinary core modules will introduce you to the ideas, methodologies and debates that connect the Humanities, Social Sciences, Life Sciences and the world of Business and Management. These will help you to navigate across a wide range of subject areas as you explore possible Majors. Alongside this, you will develop your skills either in languages or in quantitative methods.

Year 2 These core modules encourage you to direct your growing academic expertise towards the wider horizons of real-life challenges in a variety of workplace settings: either you can take a placement with an employer or you can join with your peers in forming a research-based 'think tank' to work with an employer on one of their current projects. In the second year you will also deepen your study in your Major field and extend your skills either in language or quantitative fields.

Year 3 You will study modules worth 120 credits this year, at least half of which will be from your Major. If you choose to study the three-year BA route, 30 of the remaining credits will comprise a research project or a dissertation.

Alternatively, you might decide to work towards the four-year integrated Masters, in which case you will spend the third year of your degree taking modules in your nominated Major, before moving on to the fourth year of the programme.

Year 4 (integrated Masters route) You will take a range of modules in your Major, totalling 60 credits. At least half of these will be drawn from Masters-level modules. Under the supervision of an academic specialist in your chosen field, you will also research and write a dissertation, worth 60 credits. Successful completion of this stage of the programme will convert your Liberal Arts studies into a Master of Liberal Arts degree.

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



LEARNING AND TEACHING

A key part of the Liberal Arts experience is the opportunity to work one-to-one with a personal tutor who acts as your academic adviser, helping you plan your studies each term and explore what the University can offer. Your personal tutor will be on hand to guide and support you in your plans every step of the way, from Freshers' Week to your dissertation, focusing your academic interests and brokering arrangements with other disciplines in order to get you on the modules you want to study. This gives you the chance to test the various different study environments across the University, by choosing modules anywhere in the institution; large lectures, practical workshops, tutorials, seminars.

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

We integrate the latest approaches along with lectures to give you a varied and challenging programme. In core modules, you will learn through analysis, 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.

Contact time

Contact time via lectures and seminars will vary depending on your Major, although you will receive 10 hours per week in your first year. As well as this, there are extensive opportunities to engage with your personal tutor, which is one of the things that marks out a Liberal Arts degree; giving you much more contact time than on most other degrees.

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 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, many lectures, seminars and workshops will be delivered by experts in other disciplines.

Research-inspired teaching

The University of Exeter is a research-intensive university. This means that our academic staff do not just teach, but also conduct high quality ground-breaking research in their specialist subject areas. The results of 2014 Research Excellence Framework confirm this. For example, Theology was rated 2nd in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research.

Online and virtual learning

We're actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including increasing use of interactive computer-based approaches to learning through our virtual learning environment, where the details of all modules are stored in an easily accessible website. You can access detailed information about modules and learning outcomes and interact through activities such as the discussion forums.

Other opportunities

There are many other opportunities for you to enrich your overall learning experience. Depending on the modules you choose, you will be able to participate in mini-conferences, where students can 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.

At a university nationally renowned for its student engagement, you can also make your mark on your programme through involvement in Change Agents projects and participation in the Staff-Student Liaison Committee.

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

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. If you choose the BA Liberal Arts, the assessments in the second and third years contribute to your final degree classification. If you choose the integrated MLibArts Liberal Arts, the assessments in the second, third

and fourth years all 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

Study abroad

The aim of a liberal arts degree is to extend your horizons. The next generation of successful graduates will have a global outlook and the widest range of experiences to tackle a rapidly changing world. Studying abroad caps off the liberal arts experience.

As part of the programme you can study for either a full year or half a year at one of the College of Humanities' partner institutions, which include some of the world's most prestigious universities.

We strongly encourage you to undertake a year abroad; after all, an internationally focussed degree programme doesn't seem complete without broadening your horizons by learning to live, study, and thrive in a foreign culture.

We currently have arrangements with institutions including:

- William and Mary**
located in Williamsburg, Virginia, William and Mary was founded in 1693, making it the second oldest higher education institution in the US after Harvard
- University of Toronto**
one of the top 20 universities in the world according to THE World University Rankings; it was established in 1827
- Vassar**
a private Liberal Arts college in New York State, with a small, elite intake
- University of Amsterdam**
established in 1632, Amsterdam is one of Europe's largest research universities
- Australian National University**
young by some standards, ANU is nonetheless recognised as Australia's best university and is one of the most renowned in the world
- University of Hong Kong**
celebrated its centenary in 2011, and widely recognised as the best university in Asia; instruction is in English

Like Exeter, our partner universities offer an outstanding and renowned education across the arts, humanities, social sciences and beyond. Full details of these schemes and of our partner institutions can be found on the Study Abroad page at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/libarts

CAREERS

The skills you develop studying Liberal Arts will give you an edge over many other arts, humanities or social sciences graduates due to the core modules and the requirements to take a foreign language and modules in scientific or quantitative analysis. Studying abroad will give you a wider understanding of the world and inter-cultural awareness, while the opportunity to develop a work experience placement or research internship during your studies will show potential employers how you can apply your knowledge and skills to the workplace.

By the end of your degree you will be versed in critical thinking, communication skills, textual analysis, quantitative analysis, visual analysis, teamwork and research skills. These abilities are highly valued in a number of career sectors, with potential roles and industries including:

- Consultancy
- Museums/galleries
- Arts administration
- Marketing, market research, advertising, public relations


- Civil Service
- Education
- Primary teaching
- New media industries
- Journalism and publishing
- Finance
- Logistics
- Research
- Charities
- Information science

Liberal Arts graduates also regularly go on to postgraduate study in law or medicine, and subsequently pursue careers as lawyers and doctors.

Our careers service run a number of schemes which encourage participation in workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market.


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.

Find out more at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/careers

 It's in Apple's DNA that technology alone is not enough – it's technology married with liberal arts, married with the humanities, that yields us the result that makes our heart sing.

Steve Jobs 



 Liberal Arts is definitely the degree for you if you're looking for variety. The interdisciplinary nature of the programme attracted me in the first place and it definitely hasn't disappointed; within one module, I've studied subjects like Philosophy, Classics, Film Studies, History and English Literature. We get taught by lecturers from all over the University, each one passionate about what they are teaching, which makes the course so much more interesting. With the variety that the programme offers, as well as the chances to specialise in later years, Liberal Arts really does give you a wide range of knowledge and skills.

Eleanor Marsh, Liberal Arts 

MODULES

The nature of Liberal Arts means that you can and will study an array of modules offered by disciplines across the entire University; if you're particularly interested in a specific Major, it's a very good idea to look up modules offered by that discipline via our website.

Please note that 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.

In Year 1 you will choose from *A Modern or Ancient Language* or *Quantitative Methodology*. In Year 2 you will choose

from *Liberal Arts Think Tank* or *Humanities in the Workplace*, and *A Modern or Ancient Language* or *Quantitative Methodology*.

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

The Art of Reading and Writing

This writing-intensive module supports you in your development as a reader and writer by focusing on particular written forms. Looking across time and considering writers from Augustine to Barack Obama, you'll examine speeches, essays and autobiographies, addressing rhetoric and style, and the development of an academic voice.

Body and Culture

This module equips you with the intellectual tools to analyse and critique contemporary Western values by focusing on cultural constructions of the body, past and present. Topics include the religious body; the sexed body, the modified body, the commodified body, and the dead body, all introduced by dominant critical approaches and key debates in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Foodways and Consumption

This module introduces the interface between the sciences and humanities by examining an issue which is a key challenge for the contemporary world: managing and sustaining our food supply. The module opens up a broad historical perspective on the problem, connecting our own ongoing struggle to feed the world sustainably with what can be known of the experience of past societies.

A Modern or Ancient Language

You will take a module in an Ancient or Modern Language of your choice; Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Latin, Biblical Hebrew and Classical Greek.

Quantitative Methodology

You will take a module that will introduce you to, or extend your existing skill in, a quantitative methodology, which may be drawn from the Humanities, Social, Life Sciences or Business School disciplines. This will involve systematic empirical investigation of social or scientific phenomena via statistical, mathematical or computational techniques.

Year 2

Liberal Arts Think Tank

You'll work together in '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, determined by the academic specialists who lead groups and derived from their research. Each group will be mentored and guided through a combination of lectures, workshops and group-supervisions.

Humanities in the Workplace

You will take part in one or two subject-related placements, totalling at least 80 hours. The module provides an opportunity for you to develop an understanding of a business or work environment through practical work and to gain experience in the use of technologies and applications commonly used in organisations.

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Year 3/4 (Year 4 for MLibArts)

Dissertation

The dissertation is an opportunity to carry out independent research in the Major field you have selected.

If you take the four-year MLibArts, you will spend the third year of your degree taking modules in your nominated Major and you will also complete an individual research project, before moving on to the fourth year of the programme.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

1st in the Russell Group for student satisfaction according to the National Student Survey 2014

7th in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015*

Our teaching is inspired by our research, 82% of which was ranked as world-leading or internationally excellent in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework

Six months after graduation, 93% of our first degree graduates were in employment or further study (HESA 2012/13)



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

* 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.

Exeter campuses:

Friday 5 June 2015

Saturday 6 June 2015

Saturday 5 September 2015

Campus Tours

We run campus tours at the Streatham Campus each weekday, and at St Luke's Campus on Tuesdays and Fridays during term time. 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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