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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 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 in your 'Major' and 'Minor' subjects through an individual pathway of study

You will advance 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 EU, USA, Asia, and Australasia

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

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 aimed at ambitious and versatile students interested principally in the humanities and social sciences, who want a structured degree programme, working with like-minded peers, but who do not want to be limited by traditional disciplinary boundaries.

You will plot your own pathway through the programme. Our Liberal Arts approach enables you to study a fascinating range of topics across a diverse range of disciplines.

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.

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 is a global phenomenon. Exeter combines the advantages of a traditional, supportive and intimate setting with the resources, rigour and research focus of a world-class university.

Major subjects offered:

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

BA/MLibArts Liberal Arts degree titles

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

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 spend an additional year studying 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 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.

MODULES

The nature of Liberal Arts means that you can and will study a range of modules offered by disciplines across the 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 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.

In Year 1 you will choose Liberal Arts core modules, modules in the disciplines of your Major and Minor, and either a Modern or Ancient Language module or Quantitative Methodology module. In Year 2 you will choose from either a *Liberal Arts Think Tank* or a work experience module offered by the College of Humanities, College of Social Sciences or the Business School, as well as modules in the disciplines of your Major and Minor and either *A Modern or Ancient Language* or a Quantitative Methodology module.

Over the course of the first two years of your degree you must take at least one Modern or Ancient Language module and one Quantitative Methodology module. Quantitative methodology is a term used to describe approaches to research and learning grounded in statistical methods. As a student, you will be introduced to these methods and given training in applying them to specific issues.

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 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 Minors and to begin to extend your range of academic skills. Our unique interdisciplinary core modules will introduce you to the ideas, methodologies and debates that connect the Humanities, Social 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 and Minors. You will also develop your skills either in languages or in quantitative methods. In the first two years of your degree, you will diversify your knowledge in at least one Modern or Ancient Language and one Quantitative Methodology module to refine your transferable skills.

Compulsory (Choose two from below)

The Art of Reading and Writing (15 credits) or

This writing-intensive module supports you in your development as a reader and writer by focusing on particular written forms. You will analyse written work across the ages, from Augustine to Barack Obama. You will examine speeches, essays and autobiographies, addressing rhetoric and style, and the development of an academic voice.

Body and Culture (15 credits) or

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.

Food, Famine and Feast (15 credits)

This module considers the fundamental role of food in society, not just in physically sustaining human beings but in almost every aspect of social organisation and culture. Food also presents significant problems and dangers for societies, seen most graphically in instances of famine and want. You will examine the demands and challenges of sustainability from the late medieval to the modern era, and the global challenges of food production and consumption.

*And one from the following

A Modern or Ancient Language (up to 30 credits) or

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 or Classical Greek.

A Quantitative Methodology module (up to 30 credits)

You will take a module that will introduce you to, or extend your existing skill in, a quantitative methodology. This will generally be drawn from the menu of modules offered by the University's Q-Step Centre in the Social Sciences, although it may, exceptionally, be drawn from other disciplines in the Humanities or Business School. This will involve systematic empirical investigation of social or scientific phenomena via statistical, mathematical or computational techniques.

Optional

Major (30 credits)

You will have chosen your Major area of study and will begin to specialise by choosing up to 30 credits of a subject of your choice.

Minor (30 credits)

You will start shaping your own path of study, choosing from a range of modules across many disciplines.

Year 2

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

Compulsory

Liberal Arts Think Tank (15 credits) or

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.

A Workplace module (15 credits) or 30 credits)

You will take a work placement module in either Humanities in the Workplace, Learning from Work Experience in Social Sciences, Learning for Teaching: School Experience or Business Experience. You will take part in subject-related placements. 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.

And one from below

A Modern or Ancient Language (up to 30 credits) or

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.

A Quantitative Methodology module (up to 30 credits)

You will take a module that will introduce you to, or extend your existing skill in, a quantitative methodology. This will generally be drawn from the menu of modules offered by the University's Q-Step Centre in the Social Sciences, although it may, exceptionally, be drawn from other disciplines in the Humanities or Business School. This will involve systematic empirical investigation of social or scientific phenomena via statistical, mathematical or computational techniques.

Optional

Major (up to 60 credits)

You will continue to specialise by choosing up to 60 credits in your Major subject.

Minor (up to 30 credits)

You will choose from a range of modules across many disciplines.

Year 3 (BA Liberal Arts with Study Abroad) only

If you choose to spend a year studying abroad, you will spend the third year of your studies in a partner university on an Erasmus/Socrates exchange or other approved programme of study. The year abroad comprises 120 credits and assessment is based on the credits gained at the partner institution.

Year 3 (Year 4 for MLibArts)

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 (detailed below), 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 and Minor, before moving on to the fourth year of the programme.

Compulsory

Dissertation (Major) (30 credits)

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

Optional

Major (up to 60 credits)

Choose up to 60 additional credits in your choice of Major

Minor (30 credits)

The remaining credits will be chosen from a range of modules across many disciplines

Year 4/5 (Integrated Masters route only)

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.

Compulsory

Dissertation (Major) (60 credits)

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

Optional

Major (up to 60 credits)

Choose up to 60 additional credits in your choice of Major, half of which will be drawn from Masters-level modules.

For full details on degree structure and module selection and details, please refer to the section on modules.

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

** The programme requirement is only 30 credits of each of these across the whole programme, but you can opt for more should you choose.*



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 a personal 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 Minor, 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 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.

Research-inspired teaching

The University of Exeter is a research-intensive university. 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.

At a university nationally renowned for its student engagement, 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 (if applicable) and final year will 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

Studying Liberal Arts at Exeter offers you the exciting possibility of spending up to a year abroad. Currently over 700 Exeter students are studying at one of our partner universities located in over 40 countries around the world. 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. 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

CAREERS

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. 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.

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



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 the Archaeology, Film Studies, Theology, History, English, Economics, Politics, Art History departments and the Foreign Language Centre. This has given me a unique university experience and will differentiate me from other candidates when applying for jobs.

Harriet Hix, Liberal Arts

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Ranked in the top 100 universities in the world

Top 10 in all major UK league tables

7th in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016*

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, 95% of our first degree graduates were in employment or further study (HESA 2013/14)

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/ug/visiting

* 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 3 June 2016

Saturday 4 June 2016

Saturday 1 October 2016

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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