

## Year 11

### A Levels: Making the Right Choices and Keeping Your Options Open

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1. Student Ambassador01: Hi, my name is Miranda and I am currently in my third year studying Law with Spanish. The theme for today's forum is A Levels: Making the Right Choices and Keeping Your Options Open. For those of you who are new to the forums, you are welcome to ask me questions either directly related to the theme or about any other aspect of university life. Anything I can't answer I will refer on and someone from the Exeter Scholars team will get back to you with a response in the next few days. For those of you that have logged on before, welcome back! Before we start I just want to give you a quick overview of how the session itself works in case you've not used one before.

2. Student Ambassador01: When you post a message it will be sent to me to reply to and will show on your wall as awaiting reply. When I reply to your message it will then post to the public wall for you and everyone else to see. Until I have replied, no-one else will see your message. Bear with me, as when it gets busy it will take me a few moments to reply – but don't worry, you won't have been forgotten! I will start all messages with the name of the person I am replying to just to make the discussion easier to follow and if I'm posing a question to the whole group I'll start the message with 'Everyone'.

3. \* Student Ambassador02: Hi, my name is Rani and I am currently in my 3rd year studying Politics and Spanish!

4. Madeline.Julian: how did you choose what to take for your A Levels and how did it effect you going to uni?

\* Student Ambassador02: Hi Madeline, I chose my A Levels based on what I really enjoyed at GCSE. I did English, Spanish, Politics and Philosophy. I knew this would give me a good basis for the kind of degree I wanted to take. I knew I definitely wanted to study Spanish in some way, so I had to take Spanish. I knew that the other essay subjects would give me a good background for a Humanities degree.

5. syed shah: with this whole situation with corona what does this mean for you as a university student?

\* Student Ambassador01: Hi Syed! Until 2 weeks ago, I was studying abroad in Madrid as part of my course (Law with European Study). I am now at home but all my lectures and classes have moved online. Other Exeter University students also have their lectures online, and our assignments have also been modified so we will have online exams and extensions (but this varies between departments). Most notably the University has a 'no detriment' policy for most subjects so the disruptions caused by the situation are minimal. We still study and undergo the same assignments that we would at University, but all teaching and assignments are done remotely.

\* Student Ambassador01: If you would like more information on what the University has recommended and what policies they have implemented, I'd recommend checking out this link:

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/coronavirus/students/>

6. syed shah: for you to study law at uni did you have to do it at a level as well?

\* Student Ambassador01: I studied English, Spanish and Psychology: we didn't have the option of studying Law. However, you don't need to study Law at A-level. The lecturers start from scratch assuming we have no prior knowledge about the subject which is quite nice to ease you into the subject especially in your first couple of weeks!

7. syed shah: how did you find psychology because that is one of the A Levels I'm going to study?

\* Student Ambassador01: I really liked psychology, at one point I even considered taking it further and studying it at University! It's so interesting and most of the theories we covered spoke about human behaviour we see experience daily, such as studying sleep cycles and addiction (this may vary based on what board your school studies, e.g. AQA or Edexcel). I found it a very fun A Level, as did most of my class so I hope you enjoy it just as much as we did.

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