

## Year 13

### UCAS: After the Application Deadline

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1. \* Student Ambassador01: Hi, my name is Connor and I am currently in my Third year studying English. The theme for today's forum is UCAS: After the Application Deadline. 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. Mia Wray: hi, are you studying English Language or literature?

\* Student Ambassador01 (privately): Hi there Mia, at Exeter it is just BA English. It is mainly Literature with some language elements added. I'm currently on my year abroad in Australia and the course I study here is more Language based.

4. \* Student Ambassador02: Hi Everyone my name is Nina and I am currently in my second year studying BSc Biochemistry.

5. \* Student Ambassador02: As Connor said, I am also happy to answer any questions you might have about tonight's theme or about any other aspect of university life.

6. Amy Gordon: sorry, first choices and insurance choice?

\* Student Ambassador01: Hi Amy, good question! So the final deadline for choices on UCAS is the 15th of January. If you have your application ready before then I would suggest you send it as soon as you're ready, just so you don't have to stress about it over Christmas!

7. Finley Goodman: is every lesson filmed and put on a website?

\* Student Ambassador02: Hi Finley, in Exeter most lectures are recorded and made available online, however some small seminar classes and screenings may not. Sessions might also not be recorded if the lecturer is a guest and does not want to be on film. For example in a second year Biological Sciences module called Forensic Science all lecturers are professionals who bring real-life cases and these cannot be made available for public so that module is not recorded.

8. Mia Wray: are you working for a company in Australia or just studying at uni?

\* Student Ambassador01: So Amy asked whether I studied Literature or Language, and I explained that in Exeter we have just the one English course but here in Australia my course is more literature based. I am on a year abroad in Melbourne at Deakin University, where it is actually 6:40am in the middle of our summer holiday right now.

9. Amy Gordon: Ok, thanks! Also when do we need to apply for student loans?

\* Student Ambassador02: Applying deadlines vary depending on the start date of your course, if I may refer you to this UK Gov webpage it has really good information on the deadlines you asked about plus some more useful info and guidance! <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance/when?step-by-step-nav=18045f76-ac04-41b7-b147-5687d8fbb64a>

10. Finley Goodman: how many hours per week do you spend in lectures

\* Student Ambassador01: This will depend greatly on what you study! I am sure Nina has far more contact hours than myself. In English we have 9 contact hours a week and about 35 hours of guided study (with reading etc.) but this weighting will vary greatly depending on your course and even your module choices.

\* Student Ambassador02: Yes, I have around 9 hours of lab plus 3 hours of lecturers per module. Meaning contact hours also depend on module choices. It is very difficult to quantify exactly, a lot of variables.

11. Mia Wray: was Exeter a first choice for both of you?

\* Student Ambassador02: Hi Mia, I am an international student so I did not apply via the UCAS system for the University of Exeter. I coursed the INTO programme then progressed into my undergraduate degree.

\* Student Ambassador01: I applied through UCAS and yes Exeter was my first choice as they were the only ones who offered the exact course I wanted. That being said, it is important that you are happy to go to your insurance choice as it is a contract in the same way your firm is.

12. Finley Goodman: where should we put the Exeter scholars on our uni applications?

\* Student Ambassador01: Hi there Finley I believe there is a place on the website that explains this that you may have login details for, I am sorry I can't find the answer for you! If you ever have any enquiries please feel free to contact the organisers of the scholars programme on this page <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/contact/generalenquiries/>. This also has a phone number you can call if you need help urgently.

\* Student Ambassador01: In fact this link is probably better to use as it may be answered more promptly <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/contact/currentparticipants/>

13. Finley Goodman: what section should be include that we did the Exeter scholars programme

\* Student Ambassador02: Hi Finley, unfortunately we do not have a precise answer as to where you should mention your participation, we apologise for this but we do not want to misinform you. If I may refer you back to Connor's answers in your previous question, he provided really good links where you can find that information, or you can contact a member of Exeter Scholars and they will get back to you shortly.

14. \* Student Ambassador01: As the questions seem to have slowed I will ask a prompt question to (hopefully) start a bit discussion. Has anyone thought of questions they can ask at Offer Holder Visit Days? I found that my visit to Exeter on an OHVD cemented in my mind that it was the right place for me as I was able to ask students what the experience was really like after seeing what made each University unique

15. \* Student Ambassador02: Thanks very much for taking part in today's online forum; I hope you've found it useful! Details of the next session can be found at [www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/currentparticipants/liveonlineqaforums/](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/currentparticipants/liveonlineqaforums/). If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the Exeter Scholars team, who will be happy to help: [www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/contact/currentparticipants/](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/exeterscholars/contact/currentparticipants/).