



MUSLIM STUDENT GUIDE

THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER WARMLY WELCOMES STUDENTS OF ALL FAITHS TO ITS BEAUTIFUL, SAFE AND SECURE CAMPUSES IN SOUTH WEST ENGLAND.

Exeter

With students from over 140 different countries, academic staff of 50 different nationalities, and links to several universities worldwide, the University of Exeter offers a truly cosmopolitan student experience, as well as a safe learning environment in one of the most beautiful parts of the UK. The University's strong reputation (it has consistently been ranked among the top 15 universities in the UK), and its outstanding student satisfaction results are just two of the factors which motivate overseas students to come to Exeter. In addition, the University's location in the South West of England offers access to some of the most beautiful cities, towns and villages in the UK, as well as to wild rolling countryside, a rugged coastline and sandy beaches.

Exeter Islamic Society (Isoc)

The Exeter Islamic Society (Isoc) is an award-winning student-led group, welcoming those from both Islamic and non-Islamic backgrounds, and provides social opportunities as well as the chance for members to develop their knowledge of Islam. They host a range of fantastic events including regular guest speakers, poetry nights, film screenings, sports activities, and social gatherings. Isoc also has a great relationships with Exeter Mosque and collaborates on events during the year.

Penryn Islamic Society (FXU's)

Formed to address and serve the spiritual needs of Muslim students and staff at our Penryn Campus, FXU's Islamic Society aims to produce an inclusive society where everyone is welcome, regardless of background, where people can learn and understand the true peaceful message of Islam. The society is overseen by FOSIS (Federation of Student Islamic Societies) and works hard to welcome and support new and current Muslim students. It offers social and networking opportunities, carries out charity work and helps connect students.

Find out more by visiting:
www.fxu.org.uk/organisation/Isoc/

"We warmly welcome international students and ensure that you have all the support you need, both before you arrive and when you are studying with us, so you can make the most of your time in the UK. At present more than 5,000 students from 140 countries outside the UK contribute to a thriving international community across our campuses in Exeter and Cornwall."

Saba Khan
President of Islamic Society

Mosques

The Islamic Centre in Exeter was established in 1978 through the efforts of local Muslim businessmen and students from the University of Exeter. Since its formation it has grown considerably both in its physical size and activities. Their primary purpose of providing a consecrated place for worship has been retained in the forefront, and in 1999 plans were approved for a purpose-built Mosque. In addition to providing a place for prayer and worship, Exeter Mosque also offers advice, guidance, classes and events with guest speakers.

While there is not an actual mosque close to our Penryn Campus in Cornwall, the next best thing is the Cornwall Islamic Centre at Carnon Downs, about half way between Penryn and Truro - Friday prayers (Jummah) are offered on campus and also at the Islamic Centre. The centre holds a number of weekly and annual events including weekly prayers, Sunday school, Sisters' study sessions and annual Eid celebrations.

Find out more by visiting:

www.exetermosque.org.uk

www.facebook.com/Cornwall-Islamic-Community-Centre-294629387618



Exeter Campus

Muslim Prayer Rooms (male and female) with wuhdu facilities for both
- Old Library, Streatham Campus

Muslim Prayer Rooms - Holnicote Building, St Luke's Campus

Penryn Campus

Multifaith prayer room at Multifaith Chaplaincy, Tremough Barton Cottages

Halal Food Exeter:

Halal food is served in a number of campus outlets and is available from local specialist shops. There are supermarkets and street markets in Exeter including two international supermarkets and shops selling halal products.

Halal Restaurants

- Gourmet Peri-Peri – number one for students
- Mashawi
- New Horizon
- Las Iguanas chicken, lamb and duck is halal
- Caramello halal turkey bacon for savoury dishes
- Kaspas
- The Ghandi
- The Ganges
- Pizza Express – halal chicken
- Gourmet Burger Kitchen – halal chicken
- Dana Pani
- Red rose
- Al Farid
- Ottoman Grill
- Bar Venezia
- Comptoir Libanais
- Pasha
- Argee Bhajee
- The Spice Island
- Comptoir Libanais
- Pasha

Halal Takeaway

- Golden Horn
- Chef and Grill
- Raj India
- Blue Eyes BBQ
- Spice Magic
- BBQ Kebab House
- Chadni Express
- Sidwells fish and chips

Halal grocery

- Brothers Butchers
- Best One

Halal Food Penryn:

In Cornwall there is a growing selection of specialist food shops in both Falmouth and Truro, alongside the usual selection of larger supermarkets. The nearby towns of Falmouth and Truro offer restaurants and supermarkets selling Halal meat and it can also be ordered online for delivery.

Accommodation

Male/female accommodation is available. When applying for accommodation online there is the option on the further details page to select a gender preference.

Arriving in the UK

We understand it is a big step to move to another country and we do everything we can to ensure your relocation is as enjoyable as possible. We offer a full International Induction including Heathrow meet and greet, international arrivals welcome and activities for international students over the first 2 weeks on campus.

Find out more at:
www.exeter.ac.uk/international

"Throughout my three years at university I have been involved with FXU Islamic Society, in my first year I was a member of the society and in my second and third year I have been fortunate enough to have been on the committee. FXU Islamic Society serves Muslim students, helping them with anything from finding halal restaurants to finding the Multifaith Chaplaincy on campus to pray. The sisters' weekly meetings are one of my favourite parts of the week and I look forward to the dinners and cakes that we cook for each other, but, most important each other's company. I would say that I feel very well supported by the staff at The University as well as the Islamic Society, who have made my three years a wonderful experience."

Chloe Zillwood

English (BA)

"I have become a very active student. Last year I was appointed as the Senior Law Representative, while also taking up the responsibilities of a Residence Life Mentor and a Pathways to Law Mentor. I am also Vice President for both the Islamic Society and Pakistani Society, giving me the chance to develop leadership skills, fantastic for employability. Exeter has truly helped me gain confidence and other crucial skills. It provides a huge range of opportunities that I am always grabbing. I love Exeter and would never regret choosing it."

Iqra Ali

LLB Law

