WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Please Note: The self-guided tour makes reference to most buildings on campus. Please feel free to go into the buildings and look around. Access is normally available between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

This self-guided tour is complemented by a campus audio tour that can be downloaded from www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/visiting/tours/audio in advance of your visit. If you have downloaded the audio tour from the website we have indicated when you should start the relevant section.

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Exeter is a top ten UK university which combines world-leading research with high levels of student satisfaction. Students and staff enjoy some of the finest campus environments in the UK. The South West counties of Devon and Cornwall boast an unrivalled mix of city life, countryside and coastline.

We have four campuses in total, two of which are in Exeter. You are currently on the St Luke’s Campus which is home to the Graduate School of Education, the School of Sport and Health Sciences and the University of Exeter Medical School. The Streatham Campus, the largest of the four, is located on the other side of the city centre and is approximately a 25-minute walk away from the St Luke’s Campus. Our third campus, the £100 million Penryn Campus in Cornwall, 98 miles from Exeter, opened in 2004 and has around 4,000 students. We also have a Truro Campus which is the base for the University of Exeter Medical School in Cornwall and home to the European Centre for Environment and Human Health (ECEHH).

After your tour you may wish to visit Exeter city centre – it is less than a mile from the campus and is a 15-minute walk down Heavitree Road. Alternatively catch the D bus into the city centre which leaves from two stops on campus. One is on College Road, the other stop is in the Magdalen Road car park.

Walking through the main campus entrance, the tour will now begin from the front of the North Cloisters building marked number 1 on the campus map.
The department locations are correct as of October 2016
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1 North Cloisters

   One of the main lecture theatres on campus is located in North Cloisters, along with the offices of academic staff from the Graduate School of Education. North Cloisters and the attached Chapel are steeped in history, being the oldest part of the campus. St Luke’s originally formed part of the Exeter Diocesan Training College. During the Second World War, the buildings were heavily bombed and suffered major damage. These areas were later rebuilt and can be identified by their lighter colouring. In 1978 the University took over the running of the then re-named St Luke’s College and continued to run educational courses for the region. Today the Graduate School of Education offers a range of postgraduate teaching programmes at both Primary and Secondary level as well as a variety of research based programmes.

   As you stand with your back to North Cloisters you will see the grassed area, in front of you, known as the Quad. The Quad is popular among our students, particularly during the summer when it is used as tennis and volleyball courts as well as for other sports such as frisbee, or as a place to relax in the sun. It is also used to host the very popular summer ball that takes place towards the end of the third term.

Across the Quad you can see a multitude of distinct buildings, including South Cloisters and the Smeall Building.

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2 Turn left and walk alongside North Cloisters until you reach the entrance to Cross Keys.

   You are currently walking around the outside of the main campus common room, Cross Keys.

   Within Cross Keys is the common room complete with sofas, a pool table and a big screen TV which is regularly used to show major sporting events. Cross Keys is also home to the X-Keys Bar and Café, a great place to enjoy lunch or relax with friends over a drink. You’ll also find the Students’ Guild Information Point here, where you can purchase tickets for events, make appointments with the Students’ Advice Unit (a free service which provides guidance and support regarding accommodation) welfare and academic issues, or see the sabbatical officers. If you would like to take a look inside Cross Keys please feel free to pop in.

   The University has a dedicated multi-faith chaplaincy team across all our campuses. The team serves all students regardless of their faith or background. There are five places of worship on the Exeter campuses; three on the Streatham Campus and two at St Luke’s. The St Luke’s Chapel is based in North Cloisters just behind the common room. The Chapel was consecrated on the 18 October 1836 by the Bishop of Exeter and dedicated to St Luke. It is now home to the St Luke’s Chaplain and is also used as a social/meeting place.
Now walk up the path towards Baring Court. You should now see Baring Court in front of you. This building is used for various purposes, for example, the ground floor is used by the Graduate School of Education to simulate the classroom experience and also houses the internationally renowned Children's Health and Exercise Research Centre which is part of the department of Sport and Health Sciences. The Centre is devoted to the study of the exercising child and aims to initiate research in paediatric exercise science and disseminate the findings.

To the left of Baring Court is Staff House, which houses the postgraduate common room.

Opposite Baring Court is the Sports Hall. Our sports facilities include two sports halls, one fully equipped for 5-a-side football, a gym equipped with cardio-vascular equipment and a heated indoor swimming pool.

Students studying at St Luke's also make regular use of the sports facilities at the Sports Park located on the Streatham Campus which has recently had an £8 million investment in facilities, which includes the Russell Seal Fitness Centre and, more recently, the Vic Ambler Golf Centre. There are a huge amount of other facilities here such as: a sports hall, squash courts, an indoor tennis centre, the Sir Christopher Ondaatje Devon Cricket Centre, badminton courts, exercise studios amongst others. We also have a boathouse on the Exeter canal; a fleet of dinghies at the Roadford Sailing Centre which is near to the town of Okehampton; two football pitches in Topsham which is situated at the east side of the city; rugby pitches at Duckes Meadow about two miles away; and the use of Exeter Athletics Arena.

The University is a competitive sporting institution and ranks within the top 10 in the British Universities and Colleges sports league. There are more than 50 sports societies and teams you can join as a student at Exeter at all competitive levels.

The Athletics Union also organises a variety of functions throughout the year such as the AU Dinner as well as a number of varsity matches. If you would like to have a look around the Sports Hall, please feel free to pause the audio tour and resume from outside Baring Court once you have finished.

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Now walk back towards the Quad. As you turn the corner, on the left hand side, you’ll see the entrance to the Library.

The Haighton Library has specific collections for education, sport science, medicine and medical sciences. The library has over 180 study spaces covering three floors and includes book stocks as well as journals and other resources, including a 24-hour computer suite and study area. During term time the library is open between 8.00am and 8.00pm, Monday to Friday, and from 10.00am to 6.00pm at weekends. In addition to the Haighton Library, students also have access to the Forum Library and Research Commons both located at our Streatham Campus.
Walk past the library and down the pathway past the University of Exeter Medical School.

This is the base for the Medical Sciences programme and is where students of Medicine spend the first two years of the programme. In years three and four, students will be based either in Exeter or our Truro Campus before year five where students gain experiences across the South West (Barnstaple, Torbay, Exeter and Truro). The facilities include small group teaching rooms, a Life Sciences Resource Centre and a telematic lecture theatre. In addition, the Medical School has a teaching site at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford as part of the Research, Innovation, Learning and Development building (RILD), and a Clinical Skills Resource Centre based at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Heavitree which is opposite the St Luke's Campus.

Once past the University of Exeter Medical School building, you will see the Richards Building – where the facilities for students studying Sport and Health Sciences are based.

In this building you will find various laboratories used by undergraduate students throughout their degree programmes. Most of the academic staff for these programmes are also based within the building. The Richards Building contains state of the art AV suites that are exclusively for students studying Sport and Health Sciences programmes.

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Now walk back past the Richards Building. As you do so, you will see a building on the far left of the car park. This is College House which is the base for the Medical School support staff and acts as a one-stop shop for all medical students during their studies. As you get to the end of the Richards Building, turn left once past the entrance to the University of Exeter Medical School Building. The Quad should be on the right hand side. On the left hand side we have the Smeall Building – used by the Medical School for seminar sessions with small groups.

South Cloisters is the next building. Over the past two years, we have invested £12.7 million into developing a modern campus with a strong emphasis on health and wellbeing at St Luke’s. As part of this project, a £10.5 million redevelopment of the South Cloisters building was completed in 2015 to create a modern, high-quality, state-of-the-art research and education facility. This includes a new extension wing to provide centrally-bookable learning and teaching spaces for 255 students, 120 extra student study spaces above the South Cloisters restaurant and new facilities for our Medical Imaging programme.

Located on the ground floor you will also find Info at St Luke’s, the main information and enquiry point for all students based on the St Luke’s Campus. Open from 8.15am-5.00pm Monday-Friday, it provides the first point of call for all queries relating to course enquiries, careers and employability, student welfare and wellbeing, visiting the campus and portering services.

The Students’ Guild also have an outlet in South Cloisters, manned by Guild staff for student queries and containing social space and a food prep area for student use. If you would like to have a look around the South Cloisters please feel free to pause the audio tour and resume from outside Giraffe House once you have finished.
Next, follow the main path to your left hand side bringing you to Giraffe House 12.

Giraffe House is one of our newest study centres and is available to all students from 8.00am-9.30pm, with increased capacity during exam and revision periods. The centre includes 120 student study spaces with 37 computers provided, three group study rooms and a quiet study area. The building also provides a new student reception for the Medical School.

Now head back toward the North Cloisters building and the main entrance to the campus.

This concludes the tour of the St Luke’s Campus, but please feel free to spend more time exploring. You may also like to visit the Streatham Campus to see the range of facilities available there. Please ask the team at Info at St Luke’s for more details about how to get there.

We hope you have enjoyed your visit – have a safe journey home.

Useful websites:
Student Accommodation – www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation
Guest Accommodation (B&B and Self Catering) – www.eventexeter.com/accommodation
Where to eat on campus – www.exeter.ac.uk/campusservices/eatandshop
Visiting the University – www.exeter.ac.uk/visit
Academic Colleges – www.exeter.ac.uk/departments
Employability and Graduate Development – www.exeter.ac.uk/careers