

Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Enhanced Induction

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Today's session

- Welcome and introductions
- Welcome Week: what to expect
- Starting my course
- A sample seminar activity
- Q&A

Welcome and introductions



HELLO

First things first...



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Complete your pre-arrival online induction

The online course will help you learn more about the University and your course, connect with your classmates and help with your transition to university.

+ Student Guide to Understanding University



to university

Transitioning to university

You may be starting university for the first time, joining a new one for a postgraduate course, or returning to learning to pursue a new career direction or interest. Whatever your educational path before you got here, starting at Exeter is an important milestone.

Starting at university can feel like stepping into a completely new world with its own language, unfamiliar faces, and different environments to navigate. This section aims to introduce you to some of the learning environments, facilities, terminology, and expectations at university to help your transition here be as smooth as possible.

Advice from our students

We asked some recent graduates what they wish they knew when they first arrived. Click on the info icons on the image below to see what they said.



Support at university

Library and study
skills resources

Info Points and
Hubs

Academic Personal
Tutor

Pastoral Mentor

Office (and
Feedback) hours

Peer Support

Academic
representatives
(‘Reps’)

Students' Guild

Chaplaincy

Wellbeing Services
(including disability
advice and ILPs)

Financial – Success
for All Fund

Academic Lead for
Inclusion and Racial
Equality

Residence Life

International
Student Support

English Language
Skills Development



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Welcome Week (14-18 September)



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Academic Induction

- New Student Pages
www.exeter.ac.uk/students/newstudents
- Timetabled, MyExeter

Student Societies, Sports, Arts & Culture

Academic Welcome Fair & St Luke's Campus Fair

- Monday 14 September, timetabled (Streatham campus)
- Thursday 17 September (St Luke's campus)



Starting my course

What will I be doing every week?

- Lectures
- Tutorials/seminars
- Independent study
- Preparing for assessments

Things to think about

- Managing your schedule, time and workload
- Prioritising tasks
- Getting the most out of taught sessions
- Communicating with tutors and classmates



Sample seminar activity:

Critical Thinking





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What do we mean by critical thinking?

Mentimeter

Go to: www.menti.com

Join with code: 4839 0152

Link to [Menti](#)



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What do we mean by critical reading?

Reading critically means asking questions as you read a text, to identify:

- the central argument
- the evidence that is used to support that argument
- the strengths and weaknesses of the argument and the evidence
- where the text fits in with other texts on the same subject
- your own standpoint in relation to what you are reading
- what you know about who wrote it, when, and why

Reading AI critically

Use of AI ***may be permitted*** in assessments for some/all of the following purposes:

- ☐ To develop ideas
- ☐ To assist with research or information gathering
- ☐ To help you understand key concepts and theories
- ☐ To improve the plan or structure of your assessment
- ☐ To identify trends and themes as part of data analysis
- ☐ To generate images, figures or diagrams
- ☐ To provide feedback on a draft
- ☐ To proofread and correct spelling or grammar errors
- ☐ To format citations or references
- ☐ To translate no more than a word or short phrase into English



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Reading AI critically



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how many days of the week have the letter d in them?

6 days — every day except **Thursday**.

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Is this conversation helpful so far?



ChatGPT can make mistakes. Check important info.

'Reading' AI critically



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how many days of the week have the letter d in them?

6 days — every day except Thursday.

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Does Thursday not contain the letter d also?

You're absolutely right 🤔 Thursday does contain a "d".

So the answer is 7 days — every day of the week contains the letter d.

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how many months contain the letter m

7 months contain the letter "m":

- March
- May
- June
- September
- October
- November
- December

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'Reading' AI critically



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are you sure this is the correct information?

No — my previous answer was **wrong**. I accidentally included **September** and **October**, which don't contain the letter **m**.

The correct answer is **5 months**:

- March
- May
- June
- November
- December

So: 5. timeanddate.com +1

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Tendency to 'big things up'

AI has a tendency to make inflated and exaggerated claims with confidence and authority



Reading AI critically

Prompt: what are the current big issues in school based Religious Education

MS Co-Pilot output outlined 6 major 'issues', including ***the move from worldviews***"

Misrepresents the debate!

Cited sources do not make the claims stated here.

- *One of the most significant intellectual debates concerns whether RE should focus mainly on studying major religions or adopt a broader**"religion and worldviews"*** approach.*
- *Supporters argue that pupils need to understand both religious and non-religious perspectives, including humanism and secular worldviews, in order to make sense of contemporary British society. Critics worry that this could dilute knowledge of specific religious traditions. [\[religiouse...cil.org.uk\]](#), [\[secularism.org.uk\]](#)*



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Being prepared for seminars



- Read material in advance (begin process of critical engagement from the outset)
- Don't be afraid to make your learning needs known
- You can 'engage' and 'participate' in different ways
- Enjoy the opportunity to discuss and debate!

Key takeaways



1. **Complete your pre-arrival online induction**
2. **Visit our New Students Guide** and check you've completed essential tasks
www.exeter.ac.uk/students/newstudentsguide
3. **Look out for your Academic Induction** on your Timetable in Welcome Week
4. **Visit the Students' Guild website** for social and extra-curricular activities in Welcome Week
www.exeterguild.com

Q & A