



Studying at Exeter as an International Student

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Welcome to Exeter!



Studying as an International student at Exeter

Exeter University has a thriving international community with over 5,000 students from more than 130 different nationalities.

We understand that studying here might mean adapting to a different language and perhaps a different academic culture.

Perhaps the main difference you'll experience is that you'll be expected to do a lot of independent study of your own and to organise your time effectively.



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What to expect?



Lectures



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Seminars

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You might
beforehand, to prepare questions for a guest
speaker or to lead a seminar either on your own
or within a group.



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Other sessions:

Labs – practical skills

- Led by tutors or technicians



Group work

- Good opportunity to develop skills



Tutorials

- You and your tutor
- Booked e.g. office hours
- Discuss feedback and progress



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What types of assessment do you think you might have whilst studying?

Types of assessment:

Some of the typical forms are:

- Essays
- Reports
- Reflective Essays
- Exams-in person and online
- Group Work
- Presentations
- Posters
- Dissertations and projects
- Portfolios
- Blogs or Vlogs

Use your module handbook to know:

- How you will be assessed (normally available via Exeter Learning Environment - ELE).
- Formatting requirements (font size, spacing, margin sizes).
- Structure (sometimes you will be given specific sections to include).
- Referencing style.
- Exam dates, assignment deadlines etc.



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How to study well





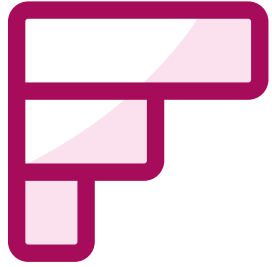
What study skills can you think of that will be important for success? Add them to the word cloud - you can add more than one

What do we mean by 'study skills'

Offer support in the following areas:

- Academic writing
- Planning academic writing
- Referencing – **Academic Liaison Team**
- Study and time management
- Understanding feedback
- Reading and note making strategies
- Critical analysis
- Revision and exam strategies
- Presentation skills
- Maths & Statistics





**Choose your TOP 3
study skills that you feel
most confident in/good
at**

Key Skills to start with



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Time Management

- Regular (healthy) study habits
- Plan ahead using study planners and calendars
- Use tools to prioritise your workload
- Use procrastination busting techniques

Reading

- Read with a purpose
- Skim and scan texts to find relevant sections
- Read critically – why? How? So what?

Note-making

- Don't try to copy everything - look for the key points.
- Use a notetaking system that suits you
- Ask questions, highlight and leave prompts to yourself.
- Review your notes regularly.

Academic writing & Referencing

- Adopt a clear, logical structure.
- Use formal language.
- Paraphrase effectively
- Acknowledge your sources.

Referencing Resources

Reach out to your Academic Liaison Librarian

Look at these resources to get an understanding of how to reference in that style:

- [Cite Them Right - Home \(citethemrightonline.com\)](https://citethemrightonline.com)
- [An introduction to referencing - Referencing - LibGuides at University of Exeter](#)
- [Referencing & Academic Honesty](#)

Paraphrasing is a specific part of referencing that International students can struggle with, use this resource to help you understand its importance as an academic skill: [Paraphrasing](#)

Use of Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)

The university's position:

“AI is a developing tool that will become prominent in workplaces. However, students should learn to use it responsibly and acknowledge when, and how, they have used it.”

Your modules will give you guidance on the use of AI, but there are general guidelines available [here](#):

[Understanding Generative Artificial Intelligence \(GenAI\)](#)

Each assignment will be designated as falling in one of four categories of AI use: [Generative Artificial Intelligence \(GenAI\) use in assessments - AI: Understanding it - LibGuides at University of Exeter](#)

Make sure that you are clear whether you are allowed to use AI in your assignments, and if so, how you are able to use it. You should also acknowledge when and how you have used AI: [Referencing the use of GenAI - Referencing - LibGuides at University of Exeter](#)

What are tutors looking for in their students?



1. A questioning approach to the subject, a willingness to challenge ideas, test them to see if they hold up, and if they don't, suggest how you can change them so that they do!
2. The ability to take in information from different sources, evaluate it and synthesise it into your own writing.
3. The ability to think and write critically.
4. The ability to present ideas and arguments persuasively, and with clarity and detail.
5. Reflective students, students who think about the feedback they are offered and adapt their study skills in light of it.



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Study Skills Team & Services

x5 Academic Skills Advisers

x1 Digital Skills Lead



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Study Skills Support

Visit our [Study Skills Homepage](#) to:

- Access our digital resources.
- View and register onto our online workshops ([Essential Skills Kit](#)).
- Watch our study skills workshop recordings and short video guides ([A-Z library & study skills training](#))
- Book 20 minute 1:1 appointments (online or in person) with a Study Skills Adviser.

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In-person Study Skills Support



X4 Drop-in sessions each week (term time only)

- General study skills support:
 - Streatham Forum Library foyer – **Wednesday 10-12pm** (with English Language Support) and **Thursday 1:30-3:30pm**.
 - St Luke's Library ground floor – **Tuesday 11-1pm**.
- Maths and Statistics support (Streatham Forum library foyer only) – **Thursday 11-12:30pm**.



Feedback

Please take a moment to provide us with feedback about your experience of today's workshops using the link or the QR Code

<https://forms.office.com/e/NXE1VUJPSA>





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Thank you for attending

Any Questions?

