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International Students' Guide

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CAMPUSES

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How to prepare for your Exeter University experience

Coming to study in another country is an exciting experience and we know you will have many questions. This handbook has been written with you in mind and we hope that the information helps you to answer some of those questions and plan for your studies in the UK.

1 Print and read through this guide.

Save an electronic copy to your phone or device, along with your accommodation information when you travel to the UK.

2 Work through the checklist on the [back page](#).

3 Attend our [Pre Arrival Webinar series](#) to find out more and speak to current international students.

Our International Recruitment Team will also hold region specific in person and online events so look out for messages about those.

- 2 June: Planning your travel
- 25 June: Life in the UK
- 14 July: Support and student life
- 5 August: Your first few weeks
- 1 September: Any final questions?
- Various dates: Applying for your visa

4 Read the emails you will receive over the summer from the University. These are an important reminder of what you need to do pre arrival. Check your junk folder to ensure they haven't gone in there by mistake.

5 Get excited! Read some of our fantastic [student blogs](#) or watch some [student videos](#). Don't worry if you are a little bit nervous too – we're here to help you and we can't wait to meet you and get to know you when you arrive.

Welcome to the University of Exeter

Dear Student,

Welcome to the University of Exeter! Congratulations on securing your place at one of the UK's leading universities. You are about to embark on an exciting journey at a prestigious Russell Group institution, where innovation meets tradition, and ambition turns into achievement.

At Exeter, you'll be joining a diverse, dynamic, and supportive community of nearly 30,000 students, including more than 5,000 international students from more than 160 countries. Our campuses are located in some of the most beautiful and inspiring locations in the UK. Streatham and St Luke's sit in the historic city of Exeter; our stunning Penryn Campus is located near Falmouth in Cornwall; and our Truro Campus, in Cornwall's capital city, is home to many of our future medical pioneers.

We are more than a university – we are a global hub of knowledge and excellence, committed to shaping a sustainable, healthy, and socially just future. As part of our #FuturePositive ambitions, we believe in taking bold action today, to create a better tomorrow. Whether you study on campus or online, you'll be challenged and inspired by world-class academics, cutting-edge research, and forward-thinking education designed to equip you with the skills that define the future. From digital innovation to hands-on industry experience, every aspect of your learning is designed to help you stand out in an increasingly competitive world, and to set you on your way to success.

But Exeter is not just about academic study – it's about your experience. With outstanding facilities, a vibrant student life, and over 300 societies and clubs, you'll find endless opportunities to make friends, explore new interests, and create lifelong memories. Our students consistently rank us among the best in the UK for student satisfaction, a testament to the outstanding education, support, and overall experience we provide.



This guide will help you navigate life at Exeter, whether you're joining us on campus or online. Take the time to read through it, and don't hesitate to reach out to the dedicated teams listed within for any support you may need.

We can't wait to welcome you to our University community, and wish you every success with your studies.

Professor Lisa Roberts
President and Vice-Chancellor,
University of Exeter

University of Exeter and the South West of England



The University of Exeter is home to 30,000 students, including 7,000 international students from over 150 countries.



We have 3 beautiful campuses across Devon and Cornwall:

- Exeter Streatham, Devon
- Exeter St Luke's, Devon
- Penryn, Cornwall



“I feel so fortunate to study in Cornwall, with its unique microclimate, scenic hiking trails and beautiful beaches. The student village next to campus, where I live, feels so alive – with its green surroundings and the many fun, active people always around.”

Hugo, from Canada, studying MSc Conservation and Biodiversity.



“Exeter is a perfect blend of vibrant student life and peaceful natural beauty. The Quayside became my favourite spot for unwinding after study sessions. While on campus, the Forum was a great hub for collaborative work and coffee breaks with friends.”

Kokila, from India, studying MSc Data Science.



Your offer

If your offer is 'unconditional'

This means that we do not require any further evidence from you to prove that you meet the admission requirements. If you have not yet done so, you will need to formally accept your offer of a place. If you are on an undergraduate programme/course, you can do this through the UCAS Hub or via DfE if you are a Teacher Training student. Postgraduate Taught/Research applicants can accept their offer by logging onto the Applicant Gateway, details of how to do this will have been confirmed in your offer email.

Once you have accepted your offer and (if necessary) paid your deposit, we will send you a CAS Data Check to begin the [CAS process](#).

When you arrive at the university you will be required to attend [International Student Clearance](#) and present your passport and visa.



If your offer is 'conditional'

This means that you have not yet met all the terms of your conditional offer. If you are an Undergraduate, you can view the conditions of your offer on the UCAS Hub. If you are a postgraduate applicant, your offer email will state the conditions of your offer. The offer may be conditional on an exam you have yet to take or for which you are awaiting a result. If this is the case, you should send a copy of your transcript to the Admissions Office as soon as you receive it, even if you have not achieved the exact grades stated within your offer.

Your offer letter may also ask for an English language score. If you need to improve your English level before meeting the conditions of your offer, you may wish to consider a Summer Pre-Sessional English course at Exeter International Study Centre. Details of all tests we accept for meeting our requirements can be viewed on the english language [webpages](#).

You can accept your offer of a place before it becomes unconditional. If you are an undergraduate applicant, you should inform UCAS of your decision before the deadline shown on your application on the UCAS Hub. If you are a

postgraduate applicant, you can accept your offer by logging onto the Applicant Gateway, details of how to do this will have been confirmed in your original offer email.

When you arrive at the University you will be required to attend International Student Clearance and present your passport and visa.

If you are an exchange or direct enrol student

If you have met the requirements for the exchange or direct enrol programme, you will be sent an official acceptance email after you submit an application. This means that we do not require any further evidence from you (prior to arrival at university) to prove that you meet the admission requirements.

All non-UK nationals must have a [visa or other immigration permission](#) to study at Exeter. On arrival at the University you will need to have your passport and immigration status checked at International Student Clearance.

If you are unsure of requirements, please contact your home university international office or email inbound@exeter.ac.uk.

Preparing for Exeter groups and webinars

We organise a number of social media offer holder groups and pre-departure briefings for international offer holders which provide an opportunity to interact with other applicants and/or current students, learn about living and studying in the UK and resolve any final queries. Invitations to join such activities are emailed to relevant offer holders.

We will be holding pre-departure briefings over the summer looking at traveling, applying for visas, what it is like to study at Exeter, what to pack and what to expect. We invite all students and their families to attend online and speak to staff and current students. For more information and how to book see: exeter.ac.uk/international-students/events-and-support/#webinars

In addition the British Council coordinates pre-departure briefing sessions for students coming to the UK. These sessions are open to applicants holding offers from any UK institution. You should contact your nearest British Council office for further information: britishcouncil.org.uk

During the summer, we will send you various pre-arrival emails. Please make sure you read them and check your junk email folder to ensure they haven't automatically gone there. They are full of useful information to help you prepare for study and life at Exeter, as well as vital information about your programme during Welcome Week or January Orientation.



Immigration

Advice and assistance on UK immigration

Before you arrive and while you are studying with us, specialist immigration advice is available from International Student Advice at: visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk.

Our advisers are all trained immigration advisers, regulated by the Immigration Advice Authority, and are the only staff at the University authorised to provide immigration advice. If you have any questions not answered here or on our website, or you experience any immigration difficulties, please contact us for help.

Student visa – courses lasting more than six months

If you are not a British citizen and are coming to study in the UK for more than six months, it is likely that you will need to apply for a Student visa. This

includes EU/EEA and Swiss nationals, unless you have a status under the EU Settlement Scheme. If you have any other type of visa it is very important that you make sure that this will allow you to study in the UK. If you are unsure please contact visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk. Passengers arriving in the UK without a visa will be refused permission to enter.

Visitor visa – courses lasting less than six months

Students on courses of less than six months will usually enter the UK as a Visitor rather than applying for a Student visa. A Visitor visa is granted for a maximum of six months and cannot be extended. Working is prohibited and you cannot bring your dependants with you. However, students on short study abroad programmes or coming to undertake a short period of research, particularly those from 'non-visa national' countries including those in the EU, will wish to consider the Visitor visa as it can be easier to meet the requirements and for some nationalities can be granted automatically when entering the UK rather than applied for in advance.

Non-visa nationals entering the UK as a Visitor will need to apply for and be granted an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) before travelling. Further information can be found [here](#).

Detailed information about using a Visitor visa for study, including eligibility and comparison with the Student visa, is on our website here.

ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme)

Some postgraduate and integrated masters courses in scientific areas require students to hold an ATAS certificate. If this applies to you it will say so on your offer letter. A paragraph describing your research should be included in your offer letter and you will need this exact paragraph when submitting your ATAS application. You must receive ATAS clearance before you can be issued with the CAS for your visa application and the process can take up to six weeks so you should submit your application as soon as



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possible. This process is free and submitted online at gov.uk/guidance/academic-technology-approval-scheme

Note that some nationalities are exempt from the ATAS requirement.

Student visa requirements

CA (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)

The CAS is a unique reference number given to you by your Student visa sponsor (this is the University not your financial sponsor) and is the confirmation of your unconditional offer which is required for your Student visa application. You may be issued with a CAS by more than one institution but when you use a CAS to apply for a visa, UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) will expect you to study at that institution. We will send you a CAS contract and data check email once you have accepted an unconditional offer. This will include your personal and course information. You will need to follow the instructions in the email to confirm that the information is correct or make any changes. A 'CAS statement' will then be emailed to you with your [CAS number](#). Please note that a CAS is only valid for six months and that it is not possible to apply for a Student visa until six months before the start of your course.

Finances

There are strict financial requirements for a Student visa. You will usually be required to show that you have your first

year's tuition fees + £10,539 for living expenses in a bank account in your name or your parent's name for at least the 28 day period before you submit your visa application, or that you are receiving official financial sponsorship, usually from your government. You should carefully review all of the financial requirements in the [Student visas: Money section](#) of our website before you start to prepare your visa application.

Other documents

You may be required to submit other documents with your visa application, including translations of any documents that are not in English. You should refer to our [Student visa guide](#) for the full list of documents.

Immigration Health Surcharge and Visa Application fee

If you are applying for a Student visa of six months or more, you will be required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) when you make your visa application. The IHS fee is £776 per year of your visa, £388 for any part year up to six months. It entitles you to healthcare under the National Health Service (NHS) in the same way as any UK permanent resident. You will have to pay this fee even if you have private medical insurance.

You will also need to pay a Visa Application Fee of £558. There may be additional costs if you are required to attend a biometrics appointment as part of your application.

Applying for a Student visa in the UK

If you are already in the UK with immigration permission as a student, you will need to apply for an extension to continue your studies. It is not always possible to do this, particularly if you did not complete the course that your previous visa is for or if there is a gap between the date that your visa expires and the start date of your new programme. You should refer to our [Student visas guide](#) for detailed information about the criteria for making a visa application.

We strongly recommend that all students applying for visas from within the UK apply for their visa extensions through International Student Advice. This free service checks and advises on applications and is undertaken by qualified immigration advisers. If you submit your application independently, it may make it more difficult for you to register.

You should contact International Student Advice at visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk as early as possible to discuss the details of your visa application and arrange an appointment to submit your application if appropriate.

Applying for a Student visa outside the UK

You can check the process for applying for a visa in your country on the [UK government website](#).

You will need to complete an online application form and pay the visa application fee. Follow the instructions to

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either submit your supporting documents online or in person and enrol your biometric information, which includes your fingerprints and a digital photograph at a UK visa application centre. Most EU, EEA and Swiss nationals will be able to do this via an app and this may be extended to other countries in summer 2026. In some countries additional documentation will be required, such as a tuberculosis test certificate.

At the same time, you may be asked to complete a credibility interview. This will usually take place in the visa application centre via a video conference link. It is a short interview that aims to test that you are a genuine student. You will be expected to have a good understanding of the course you are planning to study and the university that you are going to study at.

You may also be asked about your qualifications, your finances, and any plans to work in the UK (remember that you can only work 20 hours per week on a Student visa and that you cannot solely support yourself by working in the UK). Try not to be nervous, but do ensure that you prepare in advance so that you are confident discussing your proposed course and plans in English. If you have any problems following the credibility interview, please contact the University immediately at visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk and we will do our best to help.

Your granted visa

Once your application is complete, UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) will send you a decision email. This will give you instructions on how to view and use your eVisa. For further information see our [eVisa page](#).

You must travel to the UK on or after the 'valid from' date on your visa. Traveling before the start date of your entry visa or eVisa is not allowed.

If you have not received your visa in time for your intended travel, you must not enter the UK as a Visitor instead – it is illegal to start a course that is longer than six months in this category and you will not be allowed to start your course at the University of Exeter.

Refusals

If your visa application is refused, don't panic! Read carefully through the refusal notice that you are given – this sets out the reasons for the refusal.

If UKVI is mistaken in their refusal, it may be possible to request an administrative review of the decision but we strongly recommend that you do not do so until you have consulted with International Student Advice.

It will sometimes be better to submit a new application, fixing the perceived problem, but please note that you will require a new CAS to do this. To receive advice on your next steps and to request your new CAS, you will need to scan and email your

refusal notice to visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk

Students with families

If you are a non-UK student coming to the UK on a post-graduate research course, or you are sponsored by your national government on a course of six months or more, you can usually apply to bring a spouse or civil partner and any children under 18 as your dependants. Each family member needs to apply for immigration permission as a Student Dependant before travelling to the UK. You should all apply at the same time, even if you are planning to travel separately.

The application process including application fees, documents and the strict immigration rules governing dependant visas are explained in detail on our website: [Dependant visas](#). You can contact International Student Advice for confidential advice about your dependant applications at visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk

Note that the current dependant rules were introduced for January 2024 onwards, and are more restrictive than previous rules. You should read the website carefully to make sure that you are eligible to bring your dependants with you.

Your finances and fees

Checklist

Exchange currency needed	✓
Make a budget plan	✓
Pay tuition fee deposit (if applicable)	✓
Check payment due dates and pay Tuition and Accommodation Fees	✓
Bring a pre paid cash card or credit card	✓
Open a bank account when in the UK	✓

Bank accounts

There is no limit on the amount of money you can bring with you into Britain, but you may need the approval of exchange control in your own country. Start preparing well in advance by asking advice from your bank at home. If you are carrying €10,000 (or equivalent currency) in cash to the UK and you are travelling from outside the European Union you must complete a cash declaration form. More information is available from the HMRC at [gov.uk/bringing-cash-into-uk](https://www.gov.uk/bringing-cash-into-uk)



There are different types of bank accounts available in the UK. Most students choose a current account at a bank or a digital bank. This is the basic account which you use for day-to-day purchases and deposits. This type of account normally comes with a cash card, with which you can take money from cashpoints (ATMs) up to a daily maximum limit. Cashpoints are usually accessible 24-hours a day and located on the exterior walls of banks and in some shops. Some cash machines charge a fee but they will tell you this before completing the transaction.

Opening a bank account

You cannot open most UK bank accounts until you are in the UK and have registered on a programme of full time study. We recommend that you open a bank account as soon as you get to the UK. All major banks are represented in Exeter and Truro town centres. It can take up to two weeks to open a bank account. You should therefore make sure that you bring enough money or a pre paid travel card (such as Caxton) or open a digital bank account (ie. Starling Digital Bank or Monzo) to cover your expenses for the first few weeks in the UK until your UK bank account is functioning. Be aware that all campuses are 'cashless campuses'.

Please do not carry large amounts of cash with you or keep large amounts of cash in your room for security reasons.

To open an account in the UK you will need:

- an application form from your preferred bank
- your passport
- evidence of your immigration status e.g. valid visa, settled/pre-settled status
- confirmation that you are a full time student. Print a bank letter from your Exeter Student Record once you have registered online with us or request one from the Student Information Desk in the Forum on the Streatham Campus or Penryn Info Point in the Peter Lanyon Building at the Penryn Campus.
- proof of your address in the UK. This may be confirmed by the University if you have University accommodation or by a formal tenancy agreement if you are in private accommodation.
- many banks will require a UK phone number to open an account.

It is not always possible for students on short courses or exchange programmes to open bank accounts. If you have difficulty please contact the Student Information Desk: [exeter.ac.uk/sid](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/sid)

Once you have successfully opened a UK bank account, please ensure you provide the account details via the student online portal [MyExeter](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/myexeter).

University fees and charges

Tuition and university accommodation fees – due dates

If your programme begins in September 2026 (Exeter)	
Tuition Fees	Accommodation Fees as stated in your University accommodation contract
50% due by 9 November 2026*	9 November 2026
50% due by 18 January 2027*	18 January 2027
	10 May 2027
	28 June 2027 [▲]

If your programme begins in January 2027 (Exeter)	
Tuition Fees	Accommodation Fees as stated in your University accommodation contract
50% due by 18 January 2027*	18 January 2027
50% due by 10 May 2027*	10 May 2027
	16 August 2027
	1 November 2027 [▲]

* Less any tuition deposit paid (Postgraduate Taught students only). [▲] Applies to 51 week contracts only.

If you are going to be based in Cornwall please check your accommodation contracts as dates may vary.

Payment due dates

- Please ensure that all fees, including those paid by a sponsor are paid by the due dates provided. Failure to pay by these dates may result in penalties being applied.
- If you are sponsored by an embassy or government, please ensure you provide the Accounts Receivable Team with a financial guarantee. Please open an enquiry via sid.exeter.ac.uk and send a scanned copy or provide it during registration.
- You must also make sure your sponsor pays by the due date or you may face late payment penalties. If your sponsor fails to pay, you will be responsible for any fees due.
- University accommodation charges will vary according to the type of accommodation and duration of your contract. See exeter.ac.uk/study/accommodation for further information.

How to pay

You can pay your fees at any time up until the due dates provided. Please visit the following webpage for more information and payment options exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/makepayment

Other funding/ sponsorship

For details of University funding schemes please see our funding database at exeter.ac.uk/study/funding/search. If you are awarded a university-funded scholarship this will be deducted from the fees when we issue your Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS letter). You may also want to research scholarships from your own Ministry of Education, from the appropriate inter-university organisation, or from the British Council in your home country.

Financial aid for US students

In order to process your loan application, you will need to complete the following:

- Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) studentaid.gov
- Master Promissory Note (MPN) for both Direct loan and PLUS direct loan if applicable

Once you have completed the above steps, please email usloanfunding@exeter.ac.uk to express your interest in taking a loan to support your studies, along with your full name and student number. As a Foreign school, we are not automatically notified of your intention to take a loan, so please contact us to advise.

Our school code (also known as the OPE ID) is G009442.

All information on financial aid for US students can be found at: exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/studentfunding/federalaidforusstudents

Budgeting for life in the UK

Living in Exeter or Falmouth is comparable to living in any other major UK town or city and your cost of living will depend on your lifestyle. We estimate a single student living in Exeter or Cornwall will need approximately £1,300-£2,000 a month to meet basic living expenses such as accommodation, transport, food and drink, entertainment, utility bills, clothes and socialising. You should plan for your monthly expenses and have sufficient funds to support yourself for the duration of your studies.

How much do things cost?

We are currently seeing inflation in living costs across the world. It is important to budget well for your time in the UK. We will have lots of information on arrival but here are some things to consider when budgeting:

The rent in University halls will include utilities such as heating, water, electricity, broadband, etc. Check what is included in your rent contract.

Cheaper supermarkets are Aldi and Lidl and the main supermarkets (e.g. Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda and Morrisons) have their own brands which are often cheaper.

Always food shop with a shopping list to avoid impulse purchases!

Bulk buying groceries with your friends and sharing the delivery costs will make things cheaper.

Expense	Average costs per week*
Students halls (bills included)	£150-£270 (self-catered) £250-£345 (catered)
Rooms in private accommodation (without bills)	£135-£250
Household bills (gas, electricity, water, broadband & a TV licence)	£30.00
Groceries	£60.00
Socialising (dining out, going to cafés & bars)	£40.00
Public transport	£18.00
Mobile phone bill (SIM only plan)	£18.00
Student gym membership	£15.00

*Based on average local spend April 2026.

There are lots of cafés on campus but bringing in your lunch, a flask of tea or coffee and snacks will minimise your spending. We have free microwaves and hot/cold drinking taps on campus for you to use.

We have many international supermarkets in Exeter stocking your favourite foods but these may be a lot more expensive than at home. Ask our International Student Experience team in Penryn for the best shopping recommendations.

Buy your books second hand or use online resources through our library. You may need to buy shoes/a waterproof coat/warm clothing. Use charity shops or online second hand retailers for clothing.

Rail travel in the UK is expensive. Buy a [Young Persons Rail Card](#) before you come to the UK to save 1/3 on all train tickets. Consider using the Stagecoach for cheaper travel.

The Guild Advice service in Exeter and the Students Union Advice service in Cornwall offer one-to-one budgeting support to help you manage your finances. The Guild Society Hardship Fund provides financial assistance for students struggling with the cost of society memberships and activities, with eligible students able to apply for support.

Ask us for budgeting advice when you get here. For more information and help:

- [cost of living](#)
- [student budgeting planner](#)
- [budgeting and spending](#)

Be fraud aware

As an international student in the UK, it's important to be aware that criminals often target students with sophisticated fraud (also known as scams). We are here to inform students of any new scams we are aware of and support students affected.

Scammers can contact you at any time, sometimes even before you have got to university campus. They can feel very convincing may have lots of your personal information already. They may pretend to call from your bank, insist there is a problem with your visa, convince you to pay rent in advance on a flat that doesn't exist or transfer tuition fee to another account. In many cases the criminals will be pressuring you to make decisions quickly.

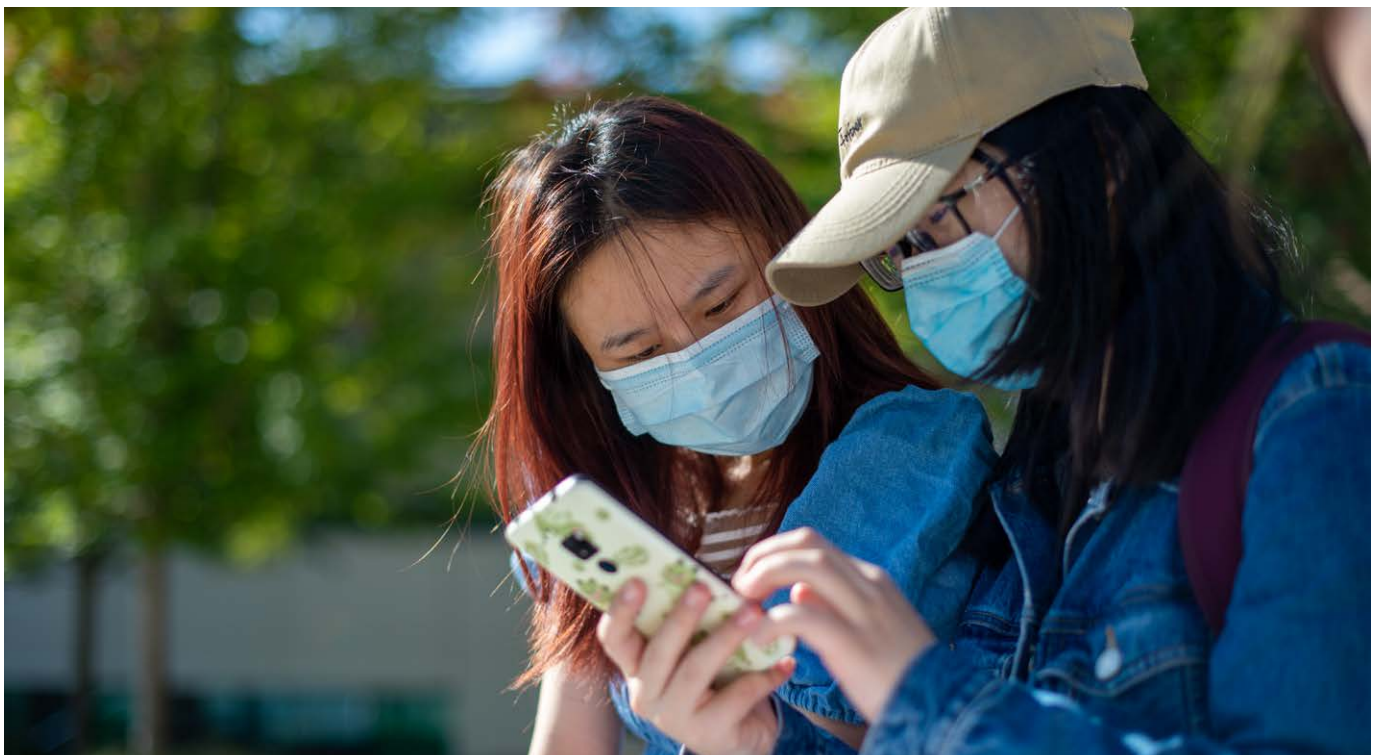
If you're contacted by someone and it seems unusual or unexpected, end the call or communication and contact SID or International Student Advice for advice on what to do next. If the person who contacted you is genuine they won't mind you checking this and then getting back to them.

For more information and guidance see our [Fraud, Tricks and Scams webpage](#).

Here are our top tips to protect yourself from scams:

- Buy a new SIM card when you get to the UK. You'll need this to register with a Health Centre and open a bank account too.
- Do not give your bank account details, passwords (whole or part).

- If you have suspicions you are being contacted by a scammer, end the call immediately.
- Speak to someone. This might be a friend, a family member or someone at the University.
- If you think you have been scammed call you bank and report the activity to the authorities.
- If you feel unsafe or at risk at any time call 999 (UK) and describe the situation to the call handler.



Accommodation

Checklist

Check if you are eligible for University accommodation	✓
Applications open: PG 9 April; UG and full year abroad 13 April; Semester One study abroad 7 May 2026	✓
Guarantee deadline 31 July 2026	✓
Check what is available in your room	✓

Accommodation guarantee: Exeter campuses

With over 6,500 bed spaces at Exeter, we are able to offer accommodation in University owned/ managed/ approved partner accommodation to many of our students. We have a wide range of accommodation styles, standards and budgets, designed to suit the different needs on and off campus, of the diverse student community at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

If you apply by 31 July, we guarantee to offer you accommodation, as long as you have firmly accepted our offer of a place on a degree

programme at the University of Exeter, you are in your first year of study and you meet our accommodation guarantee criteria.

Applications for 2026/27 will open from 9 April 2026 for postgraduates; 13 April 2026 for undergraduates and full year study abroad students; and 7 May 2026 for Semester One study abroad students. We will prioritise applications received by 31 July.

For further information please check our webpage: [applying and paying](#)

Accommodation at Exeter campuses

What accommodation can I apply for?

- Undergraduate students can apply for catered halls (Streatham Campus only) or self-catered accommodation.
- International postgraduate students can apply for self-catered accommodation.
- If you are only in Exeter for one semester please visit the [accommodation website](#) for further information.
- You are defined as an 'international' student if you pay international fees (see your academic offer).

Take a look at the accommodation website [room-finder](#) where you will find comprehensive descriptions of our residences, photo galleries, location maps and current prices. You can read [sample contracts here](#). Virtual tours around the majority of our residences can be seen at [Accommodation Tours](#).

Our residences offer accommodation to both home and international students allowing you to live in a multicultural setting. We aim to offer, as best as we can, single sex flats as well as accommodation living with students who prefer a quieter lifestyle.

Find [useful information](#) for International students on our website.

Self-catered accommodation

There is a variety of self-catered accommodation including en-suite, standard and self-contained studio rooms.

Flats and houses are shared between three and twelve students, who have their own study bedroom and share communal facilities (bathroom/shower and toilet facilities depend on whether the room is ensuite or not).

Each flat has a kitchen which contains: cooker with oven, hob and grill, microwave, refrigerator and freezer, and some have a communal dining area or lounge. The study bedrooms vary in size and are furnished with a bed, wardrobe, bookshelves, desk and chair and lamp or fixed lighting.

Find out more details about our self-catered and catered facilities on our [how to apply for accommodation](#) webpage.

Alternatively, studio rooms provide an open-plan living and studying space with a kitchenette, a small dining area and en-suite bathroom which means that all the facilities are contained in your room.

Self-catered accommodation is let for between 40 and 51 weeks per year, depending on the residence, and you will be expected to pay for your accommodation for the full period as stated in your contract.

Catered halls

Catered halls are only available to undergraduate students. They are located on Streatham Campus and there are standard (single or twin rooms with a shared bathroom) or en-suite rooms available.

A meal plan is included in the rent and it offers 16 meals per week comprising: breakfast and an evening meal, Monday to Friday; and continental breakfast, brunch and an evening meal on Saturday and Sunday.

Catered accommodation is let for 32 weeks – based around our term dates and you will be expected to vacate your room over the Christmas and Easter period.

Students with a disability

We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and have adapted rooms in many of our residences.

If you have special accommodation requirements you should specify these when making your online application. You must also contact our dedicated AccessAbility Team to discuss your exact requirements. Please read our [Adjustments to Accommodation information](#) to find out more about the process.

Accommodation at Exeter campuses

What to bring

What is available in your flat or room varies from residence to residence. All rooms have high speed internet which is included in the weekly rent. You will need to bring your own bedding (duvet, sheets, pillow, etc) with you, or buy it when you arrive, plus kitchen items like pots and cooking utensils.

Please check [our Moving In page](#) to see what will be provided.

Terms of contract

Fees are inclusive of all utilities (heating, water, etc), personal contents insurance and WiFi. Full details will be included in your online accommodation contract.

Accommodation fees are generally due in three termly instalments (other arrangements may apply for contracts with our Approved partner residences). If you prefer, you can pay for your accommodation in one payment at the beginning of the academic year.

Late fees will be applied automatically if they are not paid on time.

You will be expected to honour your contract for the full period stated. Your only right to cancel is explained in our cancellation policy [terms and conditions](#).

If you fail to notify us within the five day period you can only terminate the accommodation agreement in accordance with the procedure set out in the accommodation agreement.

Application process

If you are an undergraduate student you can apply for accommodation once applications open on 13 April 2026 and you have firmly accepted your offer to study at Exeter. If you are a postgraduate student you can apply from 9 April 2026 once you have firmly accepted your academic offer at Exeter and your tuition deposit has been processed. To be guaranteed accommodation, students must apply by 31 July 2026. If you are a Study Abroad student, full year accommodation applications open on 13 April 2026 (guaranteed if applied by 31 July 2026). Semester One accommodation applications open on 7 May 2026 (limited spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis).

Please read our [Applying and Paying webpage](#) for information on how and when to apply.

Upon receipt of your application you will receive a confirmation email. Please read our [About your Offer](#) information to find out when you will be sent an accommodation offer. The Accommodation Office will not be able to confirm your exact room or address until your arrival in September.

Private sector accommodation

A number of students, prefer to live in private rented accommodation. This can take time to arrange and it may be difficult to find a suitable place directly from overseas.

Landlords often require references, a substantial deposit and a rent guarantor. This is a person who agrees to pay your rent or damages if you cannot make payment.

For many UK based students their parents may act as guarantors, but this might not be possible if you're an international student. The University has partnered with a rent guarantor provider called Housing Hand.

You can view further information on renting private accommodation [here](#), or look at our private accommodation search portal '[Studentpad](#)' to see what's available.

Please note that the University will not be involved in the vetting of private accommodation and contracts are signed at the student's own risk.

Upcoming building developments and investments

The University of Exeter continually invests in its properties to provide new facilities and upgrade existing ones. Building development works in close proximity to some existing residences began in Summer 2025 – [find out more](#).

Accommodation at our Cornwall campuses

The University of Exeter, Cornwall's Penryn Campus – including our residences, social and leisure facilities and some teaching and learning spaces – are shared with students from Falmouth University in an arrangement unique within the UK. This creates a vibrant mix of arts, humanities, science and engineering students and something that contributes to what many see as the campus's unique atmosphere.

Accommodation guarantee

We are able to guarantee an offer of accommodation in university owned, managed or approved residences as long as applications are received between 13 April and 31 July 2026 and one of the below criteria are met. You are:

- An international undergraduate or international postgraduate student entering Year One who has firmly accepted an offer to study with the University of Exeter.
- Incoming study abroad or exchange student based at Penryn Campus for the full academic year.

We also have a number of spaces for direct enrol or exchange students joining the University of Exeter at Penryn Campus for a single semester.

Our accommodation

Our accommodation at Glasney Student Village and The Sidings is located on, or just a short walk from, the Penryn Campus. The residences are divided into flats, each with between four to nine bedrooms. The communal kitchen/dining areas are fully fitted and furnished to include a dining table, chairs, as well as fridge/freezers, a microwave, toaster and kettle.

All our halls include self-catering facilities, but if you prefer to have your meals prepared, we offer a catered package at Glasney Student Village.

The catered option includes breakfast and dinner, Monday to Friday in the Stannary (10 meals a week) for 36 weeks of the 40 week contract. Catering for two weeks during the Christmas and Easter break is excluded.

Halls are accessed via secure entry systems and there is CCTV in operation at most sites. Support is available 24/7, either via the onsite team or the Accommodation Office during normal working hours. Overnight, there is an out-of-hours support team who can be contacted by phone.

Utility bills are included within some of our halls. In other residences, bills within a given quota are covered and you'll need to 'top up' if you go over this.

Support is provided by the Halls Team to make you aware of your electricity usage.

Internet access or WiFi is included in your rent charge.

Accessible rooms

We have a number of rooms that are suitable for students with a range of disabilities; please discuss individual needs with the Accommodation Team.

Alternative options

In addition to accommodation at Glasney Student Village and The Sidings we may have availability, by special request, in other residencies. Please request this in the notes section of your application.

These accommodation options are predominantly allocated to Falmouth University students and so are subject to availability for University of Exeter students. They do, however, offer a more diverse range of housing to choose from, including studio flats.

Prices vary depending on the room type, as well as the size of the room. For further information please email the Accommodation Team at: accommodation@fxplus.ac.uk

You can find more information on accommodation in Cornwall at: exeter.ac.uk/study/cornwall-accommodation

Accommodation at our Penryn Campus

Room types

In Glasney Student Village

Single occupancy rooms have a double bed or single studybed¹, wardrobe, drawers and ensuite shower and toilet facilities.

Shared studybed rooms, are designed for two students with two studybeds, two wardrobes and shelves. They offer a more affordable accommodation option.

All rooms in Glasney include access to shared kitchen/dining facilities, WiFi, laundrettes and external bike storage.

¹ Studybeds rotate between two functions, acting alternatively as a single bed and a large desk area; the innovative design means there is no need to clear the desk before rotating to the bed function.

In The Sidings

This residence is a 15 minute walk from campus. The rooms are en-suite and furnished with a small double bed, wardrobe, desk, shelving and access to shared kitchen/dining facilities, some flats have a communal lounge area with sofas.

There are also a small number of self-contained studio flats which are ensuite with a kitchenette.

The Sidings is managed by CRM Students who provide onsite management of all services including IT and laundry.

Take a look at our room finder for details on what is available in both residences at: exeter.ac.uk/study/cornwall-accommodation/roomfinder

Fees

The latest pricing information will be available online in the Spring at exeter.ac.uk/study/cornwall-accommodation

Applications

Applications submitted by the deadline of 31 July 2026 are prioritised; however, we are not able to guarantee that you will be allocated your preferred accommodation.

During periods of high demand, we enter into agreements with approved accommodation providers in the local area in order to increase the availability of university owned, managed or approved accommodation. If your preferred choice is not available, we will offer you an alternative from our accommodation options.

Private sector accommodation

If you decide not to live on campus, the Penryn Campus Accommodation Office provide support in finding [private rented accommodation](#) off-campus, and manage an online accommodation list of local rooms and properties. They also organise annual house-hunting sessions and accommodation fairs during the spring.

Landlords often require references, a substantial deposit and a rent guarantor.

This is a person who agrees to pay your rent or damages if you cannot make payment.

For many UK based students their parents may act as guarantors, but this might not be possible if you're an international student. The University has partnered with a [rent guarantor provider](#) called Housing Hand.

For all accommodation enquiries in Cornwall, please contact the [Penryn Campus Accommodation Office](#).

Environmental sustainability at the Cornwall campuses

A major focus of the University of Exeter's research and teaching activities is environmental sustainability and climate change, which we consider to be a key responsibility for everyone.

As a university we look for ways to support students to understand sustainability issues better and our website: exeter.ac.uk/sustainability is a great starting point and resource. You can find out how and where to recycle, how to travel more sustainably, how to save energy as well as find opportunities to get involved.

You can find information on the Cornwall campuses commitment to sustainability and what is being done to reduce carbon and ecological impact at: exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/sustainability/sustainabilityincornwall

Students with families

Childcare for pre-school children

If your children are young, you will probably have to look after them yourselves as domestic help is hard to find and is very expensive.

There are private day nurseries which take children under school age but many have waiting lists and the costs are high.

The PinPoint website has details of playgroups, nurseries, childminders and out of school clubs.

See pinpointdevon.co.uk and use the search facility.

For information on childcare services in Cornwall visit cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/pre-school-and-early-years

Tops Day Nursery

Tops Day Nursery is a purpose-built Nursery on the Streatham Campus in Exeter and takes children from three months to five years of age. We have four big, bright spacious playrooms

each having access to their own covered outdoor area as well as a secure large grassed area surrounding the building. You should apply well in advance as demand is very high and places are limited.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm

Email: info.exeter@topsdaynurseries.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)1392 305305

For more information please visit: topsdaynurseries.co.uk



Students with families

Penryn Campus Nursery

On the Penryn Campus, our 47-space purpose-built 'Little Wonders Nursery' caters for children in three age group rooms: 6 months to 2 year olds, 2 to 3 year olds and 3 to 5 year olds. Each room has access to a secure, large, outdoor eco-friendly play and learning area.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 5.30pm

Email: nurserypenryn@fxplus.ac.uk

Tel: + 44 (0) 1326 370408

Find out more at fxplus.ac.uk/facilities-services/little-wonders-nursery

Schools

If your children are between five and 16 years old, the Local Education Authority (LEA) has a duty to provide a place for them in a local school.

You can apply for a school place before coming to the UK, and you are encouraged to do so, but any decision will not be made until you have evidence of a right of abode either through nationality or a valid visa.

The school year in the UK starts at the beginning of September. You may be arriving later than that. The LEA will still provide you with a school place.

Some schools may have a school uniform; others may have a liberal dress code. Discipline is maintained through an agreed behaviour code within the individual school and there is no corporal punishment in state



schools. To help your child settle into the school, it would be helpful if you brought a recent teacher's report and some samples of work. You might also like to bring some reading books in your language and a dual dictionary (eg Korean/English) suitable for your child to use in school. Please be aware that schools in the South West have few specially trained language assistants.

You might need to contact the local authority for where you're going to live to apply for a school place as you will be applying outside of the standard admissions time.

For Devon visit devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place

For Cornwall visit cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions

Accommodation for families and couples

There are very limited places in university accommodation on or near our Exeter campus for students with partners and so we are unable to guarantee accommodation or accept any responsibility for housing couples. Our student accommodation in Exeter and Cornwall is not suitable for us to be able to house students with children which means that any student bringing partners and dependants will need to seek private accommodation.

We have more information at exeter.ac.uk/study/accommodation/choose/couples-families including links to our private accommodation pages.

For families in Cornwall visit: fxplus.ac.uk/accommodation/private-sector-accommodation

Students with families

Currently, the demand for family accommodation in the South West of England exceeds the supply available and securing accommodation will be difficult, take time to find and expensive.

Therefore, we would recommend that you do not travel with dependants unless you have secured accommodation before departure.

Please be aware that if you accept a single room in university accommodation or in the private sector, even if you would like to move out to find suitable family accommodation, you will remain responsible for full payment for the accommodation until the end of contract. The Guild Advice Team and the SU Advice Team can answer general questions about tenancy agreements.

Please refer to the section entitled '[Private sector accommodation](#)' in the accommodation section of this handbook.

Language classes for spouses, partners and families

We offer free language classes for partners of students registered at the University. The aims of the classes are both educational and social: with the emphasis placed on developing fluency in spoken English and acquiring the language skills necessary for day-to-day living and understanding different cultural and social aspects of the UK. The classes also act as a social focus and are a means of meeting other families, sharing experiences and providing support. Teaching is informal

and very flexible, depending on the needs and ability levels of the groups.

Exeter campuses: Two classes per week take place during term time in our Exeter International Study Centre.

To find out more information on the classes please visit [Exeter English Language skills](#).

Cornwall campuses: The University can also offer spouses and partners of students or colleagues the opportunity to get together for conversational English practice, but please note these are only run when there is enough interest. For more information contact languages@fxplus.ac.uk or visit the [Languages webpages](#).

There are other free English classes in Exeter and Cornwall. The International Student Advice Team can give you details.

Activities

There is lots to do in Devon and Cornwall for families. The following websites are full of information:

dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-west/devon

dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-west/cornwall

[Exeter Library](#)

Falmouth.co.uk



Healthcare and Medical Insurance

Checklist

Have medical examination and vaccinations (if applicable)	✓
Register with a health centre before your arrival in the UK so you can obtain an NHS number and access medical care	✓
Book an appointment at the health centre if you have an existing medical condition or take medication.	✓
Arrange medical insurance if studying in the UK for less than six months.	✓

Registering for NHS medical care

If you are on a course lasting for six months or more you, and dependant members of your family, can access full healthcare under the National Health Service (NHS). You will be required to pay an immigration 'health surcharge' to enable access to NHS Healthcare when you apply for a Student or Student Dependant Visa. The amount will vary depending on the length of your stay in the UK. Once you have paid this charge, most healthcare will

be free but you will still pay for prescriptions for medicines (currently £9.90 per item) optician and dental services. Prescriptions are issued by a doctor and the medicines are dispensed at a pharmacy.

To be able to access NHS healthcare you must register with a General Practitioner (GP – doctor) at a GP surgery. Once registered you will be allocated an NHS number which you will need to receive any NHS healthcare.



Healthcare and medical insurance

On the Streatham Campus in Exeter there is a specialist GP (Doctors') surgery for students called the Student Health Centre. Please visit stthomas.nhs.uk for information about services at the Student Health Centre. To register please use the online registration service at [Register with a GP \(ht1.uk\)](#). You will need a UK mobile number to register.

If you are based on the St Luke's Campus you may prefer to register at the Heavitree Health Centre theheavitreepractice.co.uk. Students based in Cornwall can register at the [Penryn Surgery](#) or if you're not living on campus you can find a doctors surgery close to you [online](#).

Medical support through the Student Health Centre can run alongside support you are receiving through [Wellbeing Services](#).

If you are taking regular medication you should ensure you bring enough medication to last until you next return to your home country. Some medications are not available in the UK or cannot be prescribed on the NHS. Please ensure you bring information from a doctor in your home country about pre-existing health conditions and medication you are taking (in English where possible) as you may be questioned about medication you are bringing into the country on arrival in the UK and it is important that this information is available in

case of an emergency. Please also make sure you give this information to your new GP surgery.

Covid 19 has had a significant impact on NHS hospital specialist care and NHS waiting lists for treatment are currently very long. If you need referral for non-urgent specialist care there may be a long wait to be seen. Please ensure you have any required hospital treatment before leaving to study in the UK, bring adequate supplies of medication for chronic illness and contact your GP surgery as soon as you arrive if you need a referral to hospital for ongoing care for a chronic condition.

Confidentiality

Please note that any medical information you give to an NHS service such as your GP surgery is confidential and cannot be shared with your university department or family without your consent, except in a very serious emergency situation.

Studying in the UK for less than six months

If you are studying in the UK for between three and six months you can still register at a GP surgery to access GP healthcare and emergency treatments but you may need to pay if you require some hospital treatments such as seeing a specialist. Some countries have a reciprocal arrangement with the UK to cover urgent treatments that cannot

wait until you return home – for information please see nhs.uk/nhs-services/visiting-or-moving-to-england

Students from EU countries should bring an EHIC Card (European Health Insurance) from your own national health authority. Students from Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland need to pay for NHS healthcare. Please see the [NHS website](#) for more information.

If you are in the UK for less than three months you cannot register with a GP surgery for an NHS number. You can still be seen in an emergency as a temporary patient at a GP surgery, NHS Walk in Centre or Accident and Emergency Department.

If you are studying for less than six months it is therefore recommended you organise medical insurance prior to arrival.

Comprehensive private medical insurance

Comprehensive private medical insurance is essential if you are here for less than six months and are not from a country with a reciprocal agreement. You need to arrange this before you leave your home country. Private medical treatment in the UK is expensive.

Healthcare and medical insurance

Tuberculosis (TB) screening

Screening is required if you are from a country with a high prevalence of tuberculosis; please see gov.uk/tb-test-visa. If you are from a relevant country please print out the form, complete it, check it with your doctor if necessary, and bring the form with you to hand in with your medical registration form.

Dentists

If you are eligible for NHS treatment you will be eligible for treatment from a dentist accepting NHS patients. Please note however that dentists accepting new NHS patients are

extremely limited and this has worsened since Covid 19 – you are therefore only likely to be able to access private dental care. You should therefore consider private insurance for this. If you do find an NHS dentist there are still charges for NHS dentist services based on a percentage cost up to a maximum of approximately £384.

Opticians

Eye tests are available at opticians, which can be found in the High Street. You will have to pay a charge of around £25 for an eye test. You will need to pay for lenses and frames which can cost from £40 to over £350.

NHS App

Once you have registered with a GP surgery and have an NHS number we recommend you download the [NHS App](#) which is compatible with both Apple and Android devices – this gives access to your NHS medical records and advice on accessing health services.

Useful reference websites

National Health Service: nhs.uk

Further information on staying healthy in the UK is available at ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Studying--living-in-the-UK/Health-and-healthcare



Studying at the University of Exeter

Preparing to study

You may not have studied in the UK before. Although you will have to satisfy certain academic requirements to receive an offer we would recommend that you do some pre-arrival research into UK study methods too. There is an excellent web resource prepareforsuccess.org.uk. Your Faculty will email you in September/January with information about your online Academic Induction. This will introduce the structure of your course, the digital resources you'll be using, and the support available to you.

Study methods

While you are studying at the University of Exeter, you will experience several different methods of teaching and learning. You will be required to read widely around a topic and research it thoroughly, to reflect on the ideas you have encountered and to analyse and describe them. You might see tutors and peers face to face, on campus, or online.

Our modules carry a different number of credits but, for instance, a 15 credit module will require 150 hours of total study through a combination of methods.

Lectures

Lectures are the most traditional form of teaching. They allow lecturers to teach a large number of students (up to 400). Even if notes are provided, you should listen carefully and make your own notes on the important points. You may also be directed to online resources associated with the lecture.



Studying at the University of Exeter

Seminars and tutorials

Seminars and tutorials are discussion groups with your tutor and a group of students. The discussion could be about a previous lecture or a specific topic. Sometimes each student is asked to prepare for a discussion. Seminars and tutorials are more informal than lectures but you are expected to prepare for the discussion topic and to participate in that discussion. This is your opportunity to ask questions and to improve your academic skills. Always tell the tutor if there is something you have not understood.

Small group work

Most courses provide opportunities for students to work in a small group on a task assigned by the tutor. Group work can be valuable and enjoyable. You will learn from each other and improve your collaborative skills.

Workshop, laboratory, field or studio sessions

If you are going to study a subject with a practical element, some of your time will be spent in workshop, laboratory, field or studio sessions where you can develop your skills and expertise through practical work. Afterwards you may have to write up the results and maybe give a presentation on them.

Computer work

Almost all subjects will require some form of computer work as part of the course.

Term dates 2026-27

Arrivals Weekend	Fri 11 Sept - Sun 13 Sept 2026
Welcome Week	Mon 14 Sept - Sun 20 Sept 2026
Term 1	Mon 21 Sept - Fri 11 Dec 2026
Term 2	Mon 4 Jan - Fri 26 Mar 2027
Term 3	Mon 26 Apr - Fri 11 Jun 2027

Exchange and direct enrol students

Arrivals Weekend	Fri 11 Sept - Sun 13 Sept 2026
Welcome Week	Mon 14 Sept - Sun 20 Sept 2026
Semester 1	Mon 21 Sept 2026 - Sat 10 Jan 2027 <i>(exam period 4-9 Jan)</i>
Semester 2	Mon 11 Jan - Fri 11 Jun 2027

You will be required to type your assignments or maybe undertake data analysis using specific software. If you have difficulty accessing or using a computer to complete your work, you should contact your personal tutor, IT support or the AccessAbility Office.

Personal academic tutors

All taught students are allocated a Personal Academic Tutor when they start their studies at Exeter. Your tutor will contact you to arrange meetings

throughout the academic year. These meetings may be one-to-one or group tutorials and will be focused on your transition, academic progress and ambitions. In addition to these tutor-arranged meetings you can contact your tutor for advice and guidance about your studies and the range of support services available to you.

Studying at the University of Exeter

Independent study

British higher education places a large emphasis on independent study. On all courses you will be expected to study extensively on your own. You will be asked to read widely on a subject, make notes, research, write and revise outside of formal teaching. This is especially the case at postgraduate level. Advisers and supervisors will be ready to help but you will have to plan your own learning. You will be encouraged to be an active and independent learner. There are lots of study spaces on campus for you to use. Learn more here: [Accessing and Using Study Spaces](#).

Assessment

The following list gives some examples of how you may be assessed: examinations, course work, assignments, projects, presentations or essays. It is your responsibility to check the requirements for each form of assessment at the University of Exeter.

Academic honesty and plagiarism

Plagiarism means copying work from another student, or using, in your work, text or ideas from a publication or any other source, without referencing it correctly. This includes using [Generative AI](#) tools like ChatGPT for your assessments without declaring and referencing the outputs, or failing to comply with the University's GenAI in Assessment guidance.

Plagiarism is not acceptable at UK universities and the penalties are severe. Further information will be given to you by your Faculty at orientation. You will also be able to access guidance on how to avoid plagiarism, how to reference correctly, and how to ensure your work is academically honest.

libguides.exeter.ac.uk/referencing
citethemrightonline.com

English language skills development

There is free English Language Support available across all our campuses.

At the Exeter campuses, students can access the credit and non-credit rated [Insessional English Programme](#) including workshops in English for academic purposes, writing tutorials and resources for independent study. General English classes cover speaking practice, British culture, intercultural Communications and language for employability.

Contact: insessional@exeter.ac.uk

On the Cornwall Campuses, you can join a range of language skills workshops. These include [English language skills](#) for study and one-to-one tutorials for feedback and advice. There are also general English classes exploring everyday language and aspects of British culture.

Contact: languages@fxplus.ac.uk

Academic Skills Development

Study skills support is provided by Academic Skills Advisors on both Exeter and Cornwall campuses. Visit exeter.ac.uk/students/studyzone where you'll also find a range of digital resources to help with your studies. Advisers can help with a range of skills from academic writing, referencing and group work to assessments, revision and exams.

Problems with your studies (taught students)

If you are worried about your progress on your course, or any aspect of your study, speak to the lecturer concerned. You can also seek advice from the Academic Skills Teams in Exeter and Cornwall.

If your mental or physical health or wellbeing is having an effect on your ability to study, or your studying is creating health problems for you, then our helpful and experienced Pastoral Mentors and Education Welfare Team ([Exeter campuses](#); [Penryn Campus](#)) are available to talk to you in a confidential and non-judgemental way about any issues you may need support with. Should sickness or other circumstances affect your ability to complete an assessment, you should let your Hub/Info Point Team know, as you may be eligible for an extension or deferral via a process called mitigation.

What to pack

Hand luggage checklist

Passport and visa (if separate)	✓
Copy of your Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)	✓
A cash credit card	✓
A copy of this guide	✓
A jumper and umbrella	✓
Label your luggage clearly with full name, University, address	✓

For personal security reasons you are strongly advised not to put all of your personal documents (passport, money, cash card/credit cards, documents, important addresses and telephone numbers) in one bag, wallet or pocket. Keep them on your person and in your hand luggage, but keep them separate. This will limit the possibility of losing **ALL** your valuable documents at once, should your baggage be lost or stolen. You will also need to have them to hand in case you are required to show them at immigration. You will not be allowed to collect your main luggage until you have passed through immigration control. We would recommend you keep photocopies of all your important documents and contact telephone numbers in your main luggage.

TERM	Average Temp °C		Average Temp °F		Total Rainfall	
	Max	Min	Max	Min	mm	inches
Mar to May (Spring)	14	5	57	41	176	7
Jun to Aug (Summer)	21	12	70	53	147	6
Sept to Nov (Autumn/Fall)	16	8	61	46	231	9
Dec to Feb (Winter)	9	3	48	38	230	9

We recommend a pre paid travel card (such as Caxton) or a credit card and a small amount of British currency when you arrive for immediate expenses for you to use until your bank account is set up. The shops on our campuses are cashless. Do not carry large amounts of cash with you.

Climate and clothing

Please do not bring large electrical items such as rice cookers or heaters with you. UK voltages and plugs may be different and there will be regulations about what electrical items your accommodation will allow. Exeter shops stock a range of rice cookers and other such items, as well as international plug adapters. Remember that you will have to carry your luggage yourself at some point. Both Streatham and Penryn Campus are very hilly and only a few residences have an elevator. Only pack what you can carry!

The only certainty about the British weather is its changeability. Make sure you carry a sweater or jacket in your hand luggage for when you first arrive in the UK.

We would recommend you bring a waterproof coat, umbrella and waterproof shoes. If you do not have these items they can be easily purchased in Exeter, Falmouth or Truro.

Dress in Britain, especially at university, is mostly informal and casual. You will see many students in jeans, jogging trousers and trainers. It will usually be made clear to you, when you are invited, that an occasion may demand something more formal or smart – if in doubt, just ask. ‘Formal’ clothes for men (dinner suits, etc) can be hired. You may want to bring your national dress/cultural clothing to wear on special occasions.

Travelling to Exeter and Cornwall

Checklist

Consider which airport you wish to arrive at	✓
Plan onward travel to Exeter or Cornwall	✓
Pre-book a seat on the Airport Collection Service in September	✓
Label your luggage clearly	✓
Print out your key collection information if in University accommodation	✓

We would encourage students to consider travelling to Exeter and Bristol International Airports or Cardiff Airport rather than Heathrow. You may need to change flights at a European airport such as Paris or Amsterdam but the airports are smaller, immigration processing times shorter and the distance to Exeter is shorter. However, we do realise that flights to Heathrow or Gatwick airports are often cheaper.

When to arrive

We encourage all new students to arrive in time for Welcome Week (Monday 14 - Sunday 20 September 2026) or January Orientation (Monday 11 January 2027). At these orientations you will be able to participate

in the International Welcome Programme and attend your Academic Induction. To help the large number of students arriving for Welcome Week we run a subsidised Airport Collection Service ([see p.31](#)). If you cannot arrive at these times or are a research student arriving outside these orientations please make your way to Exeter or Cornwall using the following information and either attend an Intercultural Café or contact SID (contact info on webpage) exeter.ac.uk/students/sid or info.penryn@exeter.ac.uk and we can give you a short introduction to the University.



Travelling to Exeter and Cornwall

Welcome Week Airport Collection Service: Heathrow to Exeter and Cornwall

This service runs from Heathrow International Airport to Exeter and Penryn campuses on arrivals weekend (Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September). The service is available for students and accompanying family members. Seats must be pre-booked online and are available on a first-come first-served basis. Full details will be available online from early July.

What to expect at the airport

When you arrive at the airport, you'll first need to pass through Border Control. Follow the signs to join the appropriate queue depending on your passport: UK & EU/EEA/Swiss in one queue and non-EU nationals in another. You may need to show the Immigration Officer your documents and answer any questions regarding your stay in the UK.

The Immigration Officer will usually put a date stamp in your passport to show the date you entered the UK. Some nationalities will have the choice to use the [eGates](#) as well. This is absolutely fine but you will not receive a date stamp in your passport. Instead, we recommend that you keep your flight details as evidence of your date of entry. For more information read the [Guide to faster travel through the UK border](#).

If you have any problems at Border Control, you should ask the Immigration Officer to contact Estate Patrol at the University on +44 (0)1392 723999, or the Immigration Advisory Service (IAS) in Hounslow on 0844 887 0111 (9.30am – 5.30pm).

If you have booked a place on the University's Airport Collection Service, and you encounter any problems with the immigration process, let the officer know that you are being met at the airport by staff from the University.

After passing through Border Control you will be able to collect your luggage from the baggage reclaim area. The next stop is the Customs Hall. If you are not sure what you can or cannot bring into the UK, you should check the UK [Customs and Excise website](#) or ask at your local British Embassy/ High Commission. There are very strict laws regarding the importation of foodstuffs and you should consult gov.uk/defra to check personal food imports. If you have nothing to declare, use the 'green' channel. Use 'red' if you do have goods to declare, and 'blue' if you have already passed through an EEA airport and your goods have already been cleared.

For further details of UK airports

Heathrow: heathrow.com

Gatwick: gatwickairport.com

Bristol: bristolairport.co.uk

Exeter: exeter-airport.co.uk

Newquay:

newquaycornwallairport.com

Travelling to Exeter campuses: Streatham and St Luke's

The following information is for students studying at our Exeter campuses: Streatham and St Luke's.

Trains to Exeter

All trains from Gatwick and Heathrow will require a number of changes before you reach campus. Be aware that not every train station will have lifts to help you move your luggage between platforms, and luggage storage areas can be limited on trains. Visit thetrainline.com to see the quickest route for your arrival time. Booking a ticket in advance is usually cheaper, but check if you can use the ticket on a later service if your arrival into the UK is delayed.

Students living in Exeter should leave the train at Exeter St David's. There are two train stations in Exeter (St David's and Central), please take a look at a map to decide which station is closest to your accommodation if you are living in private accommodation.

Rail travel in the UK is expensive. Buy a [Young Persons Rail Card](#) before you come to the UK to save 1/3 on all train tickets.

Travelling to Exeter and Cornwall

Trains to Exeter

Starting at	Change at	Journey time
Heathrow	Heathrow Express to London Paddington	3 hrs
London	Direct to Exeter	3 hrs
Gatwick	Reading	3.5 hrs
Bristol Airport Bus	Bristol Temple meads	2.2 hrs

Estimated train costs if tickets purchased on the day:

Heathrow Express:	£26
London Paddington to Exeter:	£65
Gatwick airport to Exeter:	£65
Bristol Airport:	£25

We recommend you book a taxi to take you from the train station to your accommodation if you have luggage to transport. Taxis usually wait outside Exeter St David's train station. The local taxi firm is Apple Taxis +44(0)1392 666666. A taxi to Streatham Campus is around £10.

Coach to Exeter

Coach travel is usually cheaper than train travel, but will take considerably longer. Please be aware that there may be a limit on the luggage you can bring with you, so please check before you book your ticket. Exeter has three bus depots. Please travel to Exeter Bus and Coach Station in central Exeter. Tickets will be cheaper if bought ahead of time. Please use the following websites to see coach times, routes and to book tickets: [National Express](#), [Megabus](#) or [FlixBus](#).

Both National Express and Megabus stop at Exeter City bus station.

Starting at	Change at	Journey time
Heathrow National Express	Heathrow Terminal 2/3	4.5 hrs
Gatwick National Express	Heathrow	5.5 hrs
Central London Megabus	Direct	5 hrs
Bristol Airport National Express	Bristol Coach Station	2 hrs

Estimated coach costs if tickets purchased on the day:

Heathrow to Exeter:	£39
Gatwick to Exeter:	£66
Central London to Exeter:	£27
Bristol Airport to Exeter:	£23

Independent travel to Penryn and Falmouth

The following information is for students studying at our Penryn Campus, near Falmouth. Most services will stop at Truro before going on to stop at Penryn or Falmouth.

Trains to Penryn and Falmouth

All trains from Gatwick and Heathrow will require a number of changes before you reach campus. Be aware that not every train station will have lifts to help you move your luggage between platforms, and luggage storage areas can be limited on trains. Use thetrainline.com to see the quickest route for your arrival time. Booking a ticket in

advance is usually cheaper, but check if you can use the ticket on a later service if your arrival into the UK is delayed.

You will need to change trains at Truro to be able to travel on to Penryn and Falmouth.

If you are living in Glasney, The Sidings or other Penryn accommodation you should leave the train at Penryn. There are three train stations in Falmouth (Penmere, Falmouth Town and Falmouth Docks), please take a look at a map to decide which station is closest to your accommodation if you are living in private accommodation in Falmouth.

Trains to Truro

Starting at	Change at	Journey time
Heathrow	Reading and Truro	6.5 hrs
Gatwick	Reading and Truro	6.5 hrs

Estimated ticket cost on the day starting at Heathrow £110

Estimated ticket cost on the day starting at Gatwick £93

We recommend you book a taxi to take you from the train station to your accommodation if you have luggage to transport. If you are arriving at Penryn or any Falmouth train station you should book a local taxi in advance by calling +44(0)1326 212141.

Travelling to Exeter and Cornwall

Coach to Penryn and Falmouth

Coach travel is usually cheaper than train travel, but will take considerably longer. Please be aware that there may be a limit on the luggage you can bring with you, so please check before you book your ticket.

Tickets will be cheaper if bought ahead of time. Please use the following website to see coach times, routes and to book tickets: [National Express](#) or [FlixBus](#). Routes can be subject to change.

National Express stops at Penryn Bridge and Falmouth town. Students are advised not to get off at Penryn Bridge as there is no taxi rank available here. Instead, students should finish their journey in Falmouth and either use the 32A, 32B or 33 bus service to the Penryn Campus, or taxis are readily available from The Moor to complete your onward journey.

Coach to Falmouth

Starting at	Change at	Journey time
Heathrow (National Express)	Plymouth, or direct service available	8 hrs
Gatwick (National Express)	Heathrow	9 hrs

Estimated ticket cost on the day:

Heathrow (National Express): £47

Gatwick (National Express): £63

By air (Newquay Airport)

The closest airport to the Penryn Campus is Newquay. Several airlines operate flights from European destinations to Newquay Airport. For more details see [cornwallairportnewquay.com](#)

Please note that Newquay Airport is approximately 40 km from Penryn. There are buses from Newquay Airport to Truro. For public transport connections visit [traveline.info](#)

If you choose to get a taxi from Newquay Airport to the Penryn Campus (approximately £70 – £80) you should book your taxi in advance by telephoning +44(0)1326 212141.

Arriving at a Channel port

If you are arriving at one of the Channel ports, please check [thetrainline.com](#) for trains to Exeter St David's or, if you are studying at our Penryn Campus, to Penryn. (Please note: you may have to change trains during your journey.)

If you are bringing your car through a Channel port or the Channel Tunnel, please check [theaa.com/route-planner/route](#) for a route plan and map.

Please be advised that parking on the campuses is extremely limited and could involve a daily fee of £6 if you are not eligible for a parking permit.

For Penryn Campus parking information please see [fxplus.ac.uk/our-services/travel-transport/parking-campus](#)



International Student Clearance and your visa conditions

International Student Clearance

If you are not a UK national, the University will need to check and scan your passport and visa.

This is done at the start of your studies in International Student Clearance. You will need to complete this process before you can register. You can find out how to book an appointment and what to bring with you [here](#).

Student visa conditions

Working regulations

Student visa-holders on degree-level courses can work part-time for a maximum of 20 hours per week during term-time and unlimited hours during vacations. Vacations are defined differently depending on the course that you are studying. It is important that you do not let your studies suffer.

In reality most postgraduates find that seven to eight hours per week is the most they can do. Students on Visitor visas are not permitted to work.

Most dependants of Student visa holders on degree-level courses will be given permission to work full-time in the UK. If your dependants are not allowed to work, this will be stated on their visa.

Complying with the conditions of your Student visa

Student visa-holders have a number of specific duties and responsibilities imposed by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). The key requirements that you should be aware of include the following which you must do:

- Comply with the conditions of your visa (e.g. only working part-time)
- Maintaining regular attendance and engaging with your programme. If you are an undergraduate or Masters student, you will need to use Digital Check In to record your attendance at teaching sessions. You can find more [information here](#)
- Report your absence if you cannot attend teaching sessions. You can report your absence using the [MyExeter app](#)
- Making sure that the University has your up-to-date contact details.

You can find more information [here](#).

The University's responsibilities as a Student visa sponsor

Any education institution in the UK that wishes to admit non-UK/Irish students must hold a licence from the Home Office. The University of Exeter is a licensed Student visa sponsor.

Our responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that all of our students have immigration permission which allows them to study with us
- Keeping a record of your current visa, digital status and contact details
- Monitoring your attendance at the University
- Reporting to the Home Office if you change your programme or if you leave the University
- Withdrawing immigration sponsorship if you leave the University or interrupt your studies for more than two months.

You can find more detailed information on all of the above in the Visa Conditions section of our website: exeter.ac.uk/international-students/visas

Your first week

Checklist

For arrivals during Welcome Week/January Orientation

Tell your family you have arrived	✓
Research Welcome Week/ and International Welcome Programme. Buy tickets for any social events you want to attend	✓
Attend International Student Clearance	✓
Activate IT account	✓
Complete Annual/Online Registration	✓
Collect your Unicard	✓
Arrange payment of tuition fees	✓
Arrange payment of accommodation fees	✓
Open a bank account	✓
Register with doctor/health centre	✓
Attend Department Induction	✓
Register for modules	✓
Request Wellbeing support if you have previously received support for physical/mental health conditions or a disability	✓
Complete Consent and EDI training	✓

Checklist

For arrivals outside Welcome Week/January Orientation

Follow all steps on the left-hand checklist, plus the additional steps below	✓
Come to Intercultural Café to meet the team	✓
Arrange payment of fees	✓
Visit your Department hub or Info Point	✓
Head to Guild Reception in Devonshire House (Exeter) or Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union (the SU) at Penryn Campus to find out more about societies, activities and opportunities	✓

Welcome Week

14 - 20 September 2026

You will receive lots of information about Welcome Week in the Summer pre-arrival emails. Make sure you read these carefully to help you plan your week. Double check your spam email folder to ensure they haven't gone there.

Welcome Week is an important start to your time at Exeter and we strongly encourage all students to attend. It is a great opportunity for all new students to orientate themselves to the University of Exeter way of life, take part in the academic induction and join in social activities. The International Welcome Programme sessions are specifically for international students and provide practical information and help to start your life at the University of Exeter and settle you into your new home as well as social opportunities. You will be able to see your Academic Induction meetings in your online timetable via MyExeter prior to your arrival in the UK so do remember to [download MyExeter](#) to your smartphone.

When you arrive on campus and have completed International Student Clearance you will be able to collect your Unicard.

The New Student's Guide: helping you through your first weeks at Exeter

After you have accepted your place at Exeter, check out the New Student's Guide. It's designed to give you the information you need, when you need it to help you transition into your new life as an Exeter student. It will let you know up coming deadlines, things to think about and services to access. exeter.ac.uk/students/newstudentsguide

Your first week

The International Welcome Programme includes the following:

- Welcome Team to help you settle in
- Airport collection service on selected days
- Official University Welcome
- Living in the UK presentations: budgeting, healthcare, English culture
- Working in the UK presentation
- Guided tours of campus and Exeter or Falmouth
- Guided shopping trips into the nearby area
- Learning success in the UK presentation
- English language development
- Social events, day trips and introductions to student societies

Details of the International Welcome Programme will be available at exeter.ac.uk/international-students/new-students from July. Welcome Week social programme will be available from mid-August at exeterguild.com for Exeter, and thesu.org.uk/welcome for Cornwall.

You will be emailed information about your Academic Induction meetings in early September.

Your academic induction meetings will be available to view in your timetable in [MyExeter](https://myexeter.ac.uk) and online from early September.

January orientation

At Streatham, there is a one day condensed version of Welcome Week particularly for students arriving for Semester 2. It's short so that you can get straight into your studies. There are society and social activities during the following week for you to try. We also hold a pre-orientation event on Friday 8 January 2027 (Streatham Campus) for students arriving early. Read your pre-arrival emails in December for more information on January Orientation. exeter.ac.uk/international-students/new-students



Student support and facilities

Your studies, your health and your wellbeing is very important to us at Exeter and we have many teams across the university dedicated to supporting you. The following is a summary of the services that will become more familiar to you when you commence your studies. The services highlighted on pages 37 – 38 are available at both Exeter and Cornwall campuses.

International Student Experience events

We hold regular events to help you settle into your life at Exeter. The [Intercultural Café](#) runs throughout the year and there are cultural celebrations such as Diwali, Christmas Day lunch and Spring Festival for all to enjoy. For more information on our events: exeter.ac.uk/students/international/livingintheuk/getinvolved

The Students' Guild, Students' Union, Multifaith Chaplaincy and Residence Life all hold regular social events to enrich your experience at Exeter.

Supporting your studies

Your [academic personal tutor/supervisor](#) will contact you at the beginning of your studies to introduce themselves and they will offer to meet with you individually or in a group.

In some disciplines you will also have a Pastoral Mentor. The Pastoral Mentor may reach out to you to check that your studies are going well, but you can also contact them if there are personal difficulties which are impacting your ability to study.

You can contact your tutor at any time to talk about your academic, personal and professional development.

Your tutor will be able to help you directly with any academic questions, and signpost you to the correct support across the University.

They can also help you to understand feedback on your assignments and offer suggestions for how you can improve.

Career Zone

The [Career Zone](#) provides a range of events, workshops, information, advice and guidance to help you in your career planning and job-hunting and opportunities to meet and connect with employers. Support includes advice on creating effective CVs and job applications, finding jobs and working in the UK and understanding how to impress employers in your home country. There are bespoke resources especially created for international students and specialist support available to meet your needs.

Digital Hub

Our Digital Hubs in Streatham (The Forum), St Luke's (The Library) and Penryn (DDM Library IT suite) and our [SharePoint pages](#) are on hand to guide you through the University's digital resources including: Account set up, MFA, ELE2, Microsoft Teams, Office 365, OneDrive, subject software support and much more.

We can also support you with downloading and using the [MyExeter app](#) and Student Check-In function.

English language skills development

Exeter International Study Centre provide preparatory English courses for international students looking to study at undergraduate and postgraduate level. For students studying at the university, the Insessional Team provide [free English language skills development courses](#) and workshops covering everything from literacy skills, to communication and intercultural competence. We also provide free language classes for spouses and partners. Information on English language skills development in Cornwall including language courses and one-to-one tutorials can be found at exeter.ac.uk/elscornwall

The Exeter Learning Environment (ELE2)

You will need to use [ELE2](#) for your studies to access your University email and your timetable. It has online materials which support your course and resources to help you in your studies. You will be able to log in with your University user name and password when you start your studies.

Your timetable

Your [timetable](#) will be available after registration and just prior to the start of term. You can see your schedule of classes and lectures in 'My Timetable' in your MyExeter app.

Hubs/Info Points

[Hubs](#) or [Info Points](#) can be found across all three campuses, located in key academic buildings. You can contact Hubs/Info Points with any questions about education support, such as choosing modules, submitting assessments and what to do if you're unwell and need an extension to your deadlines. (This is known as [mitigation](#).)

Mitigation

The [mitigation](#) process can support you through unexpected situations that affect your ability to complete an assessment such as illness. Depending on your circumstances, you can apply through the mitigation process for an extension to your deadline or to defer an assessment to later in the academic year.

International Student Advice

The team provide advice to students and their dependants before, during and after their studies. They offer immigration advice and guidance alongside advice on life in the UK. The service is free and confidential. You can [access these services](#) online and in person.

Fraud and scams

Unfortunately, some criminals try to get money from students through scams.

If you think you have been affected by fraud or a scam in the UK contact the Police by calling 101 and also report it to [Report Fraud](#). For more information and advice see [page 14](#).

Harassment and discrimination: Support and Report

We want to have an inclusive community, where everyone has the right to be treated with respect. We won't tolerate harassment, bullying, intimidation or discrimination (for example racism, homophobia, sexual discrimination). If you experience or witness any of these we encourage you to report it and to get the support you might need. You can report incidents without giving us your personal information.

Current students webpages

There is more information to help you, including an [A to Z](#) listing of support and services, on our website.



Student support services in Exeter

Library

The [library](#) provides study spaces, resources, and academic support to help you succeed on your programme. We recommend that you look at our [Getting started guide](#) during your first few weeks at university.

There are libraries on Streatham and St Luke's campuses. They are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, though you may need your University card to gain access. All of our digital books and resources are available to access online at any time with your University login. You can access online support 24/7 via our online chat (click on the 'Ask Us' button on our [webpages](#)) or search the collection of Library Guides.

Disability support (AccessAbility)

Our [qualified professionals](#) support students with a disability or long-term health condition including specific learning difficulties and autism spectrum conditions. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially and we encourage all students with disabilities to contact us so that we can [support you in your studies](#).

Education Welfare Team

If your psychological or physical health or wellbeing is having an effect on your studies, or your studying is creating health problems for you, then our friendly [Education Welfare Team](#) is available to talk to you in a confidential and non-judgemental way about any

issues you may need support with. You can find them in your academic Hub/Info Point or online here: [Student Wellbeing](#)

Study Zone

You might have concerns about adjusting to a new learning environment and study techniques. Our [Study Zone](#) Team provide high quality guidance and skills to support your learning. The online study resources include practical advice and tips to develop your academic skills such as time management, research, and subject specific writing. The team run regular, weekly drop ins and provide some short, bookable appointments.

Student Information Desk (SID)

[SID advisors](#) are your friendly first point of contact for any non-academic information including international student support, accommodation, exams, fees and funding, graduation, student status and other official letters, transcripts and certificates and unicards. You can log an online enquiry with them, make a telephone call, or you can see them in person in the Forum on Streatham Campus or at the Info Point at St Luke's Campus.

Physical health

The healthcare system in the UK is called the National Health Service (NHS) which includes hospitals, doctors' surgeries and the ambulance service. The NHS provides free emergency, routine and occasional medical treatment.

You should register with a doctor online when you arrive at university. You will need a UK mobile number to do this. We have health centres on or near both Exeter campuses.

Before attending the health centre you must call to make an appointment. During your appointment the doctor or nurse will provide you with a prescription for medication if you need this. Do not go direct to hospital to get medication or diagnosis for an illness unless it is an emergency. In an emergency telephone 999 and ask for the ambulance service. If you are unsure, call 111 and they will advise you.

Mental health and wellbeing support

Our Mental Health support is called [Wellbeing](#) at Exeter. The Wellbeing Services Team provides free, confidential advice, guidance, wellbeing and psychological support when you need it.

Multifaith Chaplaincy

The [Multifaith Chaplaincy](#) is here for students of all faiths but also of no faith. The team is made up of Chaplains from many different traditions who are available to offer listening and informal support to all students. There is a new Multifaith Chaplaincy Centre at the heart of Streatham Campus which includes dedicated Muslim prayer space and a room for reflection, prayer and meditation. There are two Christian chapels on Streatham Campus, and at St Luke's there is a Christian chapel

Student support services in Exeter

and Chaplaincy rooms, as well as separate dedicated Muslim prayer facilities. You can contact them at chaplaincy@exeter.ac.uk to find out more or arrange to speak to a Chaplain, or you can drop in to the Multifaith Centre term time weekdays between 10:00 and 16:00.

Residence Life

If you're living in university managed student accommodation, the [Residence Life Team](#) is here to offer support and guidance. They can help with all aspects of communal living, including getting along with flatmates or any concerns you may have about your living situation. They organise social activities to help you meet friends and build community. Student mentors will visit to check in with you and you can meet with the team to discuss any concerns.

Community Engagement Officers

Our [Community Engagement Officers](#) can provide information and guidance to students living and socialising off-campus including information regarding noise, holding parties, recycling and safety.

Car parking

We do not recommend students living in the city bring cars. Parking is extremely limited in the city. Students who live in the city are not entitled to bring their cars onto campus during the weekdays between 08:00-18:00. If you do bring a car please ensure you have a valid driving license, insurance and road tax.

Your safety

Devon is generally a safe place to live, but it is always best to be aware of how to stay safe and who to contact for help. We have advice on our website to help you take care of your personal safety and keep your belongings safe or visit the [Campus Safety Guide](#). Download the [SafeZone](#) app.

Estate Patrol is your campus security team for any issues on campus. They are always available, 24/7, 365 days of the year. They patrol the campus, respond to emergencies, are trained in first aid and can give you help and advice about safety and security or visit the [Estate Patrol webpages](#). Out-of-hours welfare support can also be accessed by contacting the Estate Patrol emergency number:

Emergency - Telephone
+44(0)1392 722222

Non-emergency - Telephone
+44(0)1392 723999

Email: e.patrol@exeter.ac.uk

If you need emergency services on campus – fire, ambulance or police – first call 999 or 112 or use the [SafeZone](#) app emergency button. Then contact Estate Patrol's emergency line.

Away from campus, in an emergency call 999 and ask for Fire, Police, Ambulance or Coastguard.

Social life and leisure activities

Your [Students' Guild](#) (that's your students' union) is here to help you LOVE your time at Exeter.

We support you beyond your lectures and labs. We're run

by students, for students, with elected student leaders who represent your voice and stand up for what matters to you.

As soon as you enrol at Exeter, you're automatically a member of the Guild. That means you can join clubs and societies, access free, independent advice, and shape student life here.

New to the UK? New to Devon? We've got you. We know moving to a new country can feel exciting and overwhelming all at once. That's why we have welcoming community groups where you can meet people who share your culture, language, faith, interests or lived experience. It's a space to find people like you – and discover new friendships too.

Want to explore your new home? We run free and low-cost events to help you discover Exeter and the wider Devon area – from local trips and Give it a Go sessions to cultural celebrations and social meet-ups. University isn't just about your degree. It's about finding your people, building your confidence and creating memories you'll take home with you. We're here to help you connect, belong and make the most of your time at Exeter – wherever you've come from.

Student sport

[University of Exeter Sport](#) provide facilities to join the gym, take a fitness class, have a swim, play a social sport or compete in a club and everyone can take part. The Athletics Union represent students who want to get involved in sport and oversees more than 52 sports clubs for you to choose from.

Student support services for Penryn Campus, Cornwall

Supporting your studies

Your [academic personal tutor](#) or supervisor will contact you at the beginning of your studies to introduce themselves. They can offer to meet with you individually or in a group. You can contact your tutor any time to talk about your academic, personal and professional development. They can also help you to understand feedback on your assignments and offer suggestions for how you can improve.

Library

The [library](#) provides study spaces, resources, and academic support to help you succeed on your programme. We recommend that you look at our [Getting started guide](#) during your first few weeks at university. The [Penryn Campus Library](#) is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in term-time, though you may need your University card to gain access. All of our digital books and resources are available to access online at any time with your University login. You can access online support 24/7 via our online chat (click on the 'Ask Us' button on our [webpages](#)) or search the collection of Library Guides.

Academic support

You might have concerns about adjusting to a new learning environment or study techniques. Our team of [academic skills advisors](#) and [academic librarians](#) provide practical advice on a range

of academic skills such as time management, research, referencing and subject specific writing. The team run regular workshops, drop-ins, and offer one-to-one appointments. You will also have access to a range of guides to support your learning. You can find academic support in Penryn Campus library.

English language skills development

Studying and research in another language can be challenging. Our [EAP \(English for Academic Purposes\) tutors](#) deliver a programme of free workshops to support and guide you. You can also book a one-to-one tutorial for language skills advice on items like written work or presentations. You can find the EAP tutors in Penryn Campus library.

Penryn Info Point

Get in touch with the team at the [Penryn Info Point](#) if you have any questions about education support such as choosing modules, submitting assessments and what to do if you're unwell and need an extension to your deadlines. (This is known as [mitigation](#).)

Educational welfare

Our [Education Welfare Team](#) can help you if your mental or physical health or wellbeing is impacting your ability to learn or if your studying is creating health problems for you. They can talk to you in a confidential and non-judgemental way

about any issues you may need support with. You can email welfare.penryn@exeter.ac.uk or call +44(0)1326 371847 or +44(0)1326 371875.

Accessibility support

Our [Accessibility Team](#) can provide information and advice for students with a disability or long-term health condition including specific learning difficulties and neurodiversity. All enquiries are dealt with confidentially and we encourage all students looking for accessibility support to contact us so that we can help you in your studies.

Student information

The [Student Helpdesk](#) is a student information service that offers help and advice on any aspect of university life whether you have a quick query or require specialist support. As your first point of contact for non-academic support, the service provides information, access and referral to a range of services including: international student support, accessibility and disability support, health and wellbeing, study skills, languages, library general enquiries, fees and funding, travel and transport as well as campus signposting, information, and facilities.

You can browse frequently asked questions and contact them by email, phone or webchat or visit the [helpdesk](#) within the library on Penryn Campus.

Student support services for Penryn Campus, Cornwall

Multifaith Chaplaincy

The [Multifaith Chaplaincy](#) supports the pastoral and spiritual needs of students of any faith or none. The friendly team are based in a cosy cottage on the Penryn Campus, with spaces to relax as well as a quiet room for prayer and meditation. Most afternoons you will find one of the volunteer chaplains there, and sometimes they host events such as craft sessions and film nights. There is a dedicated Muslim Prayer Room on the Penryn Campus, with ablution facilities and space for men and women to pray separately.

Mental health and wellbeing support

Penryn Campus offers a variety of resources to help you manage your wellbeing during your time with us. Our [Wellbeing Team](#) can provide free confidential advice, guidance, wellbeing and psychological support when you need it. You can book a face to face or online/ telephone appointment to talk through your needs so that you can be connected to the most appropriate help. You also have access to a [24/7 helpline](#) provided by Spectrum life for in-the-moment support where you can self-refer to counselling if needed. Plus, you have access to local peer support groups and online support like Togetherall. Email studentservices@fxplus.ac.uk to find out more or call the Student Helpdesk on +44(0)1326 370460.

You can find an [A-Z of Support and Services](#) for students online.

Healthcare

The UK healthcare system is called the National Health Service (NHS) which includes hospitals, doctors' surgeries and the ambulance service. The NHS provides free emergency, routine and occasional medical treatment. You should register with a doctor when you arrive at university.

Doctor clinics are available within [Penryn Surgery](#). There is an on-campus provision, but the Doctor (also known as a General Practitioner or GP) will often consult with students either by phone or in person from the main surgery in Penryn. You can [register online](#) with Penryn Surgery. If you will be living in Falmouth or Truro, here's a list of local [doctors' surgeries](#). Before attending, Penryn Surgery will ask you to complete an online form to make an appointment. During your appointment the doctor or nurse will provide you with a prescription for medication if you need this. Do not go directly to hospital to get medication or diagnosis for an illness unless it is an emergency. In an emergency telephone 999 and ask for the ambulance service. If you are unsure, call 111 or visit [NHS 111 online](#) and they will advise you.

Social life and leisure activities

Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union, The SU, is the only students' union in the country

to represent students from two different universities, Falmouth and Exeter. They are led by and represent all our students aiming to ensure everyone has a positive experience during their time at university and they offer a wide range of services and experiences to support this.

The SU has over [120 different societies](#) and groups led by students, for students. Joining societies is a great way to meet other students, find people with similar interests or try something new. They also offer an independent [Advice Service](#) to support you with finance, accommodation, academic and other concerns.

Student sport

[The Sports Centre](#) on Penryn Campus has a gym with qualified fitness instructors and a studio with classes ranging from Spinning to Yoga and Pilates. You can sign up for a membership or pay as you go. There is also a Sports Hall for activities like badminton and basketball and an outdoor Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). The SU also has lots of sports clubs and societies you can take part in.

Res Life

The [ResLife Team](#) are also on hand to organise activities to help you settle in. They host social activities for students living in halls of residence, both on and off campus and are a friendly face in halls for signposting you to relevant wellbeing and support services. You can find out about what

Student support services for Penryn Campus, Cornwall

they have planned by following them on Instagram [@fxreslife](#) or email: reslife@fxplus.ac.uk.

International student community and support

The **International Student Advice** Team specialise in advice for non-UK students studying with us. They can help with information and advice on immigration, visas and living in the UK, which we know can be challenging at times. You can access these services [online](#) and in person.

The Cornwall **International Student Experience** Team hold regular events to help you settle into student life in Cornwall, build your confidence and make new friends.

The [Intercultural Café](#) is a chance to meet new people and celebrate our different cultures in a relaxed and friendly environment. This runs weekly during term time. The team also help organise cultural celebrations such as Diwali, Christmas and Lunar New Year.

You can find out more about social activities on the [events on campus](#) page or by following @UniExeCornwall on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Career support

Cornwall [Career Zone](#) is based in the Exchange on Penryn Campus. The team offers a full range of support, including advice on preparing your CV, running mock interviews, employer presentations, careers fairs and job-hunting

techniques, all designed to match your skills and ambitions with great career options. They have a useful timeline to help guide you through career planning, from first year through to finalist or postgraduate studies and beyond. Look out for activities across the year and sign up to [Handshake](#) to find jobs, register for careers fairs and book onto events.

Safety and support

Cornwall is generally a safe place to live, but it is always best to be aware of how to stay safe and who to contact for help. Take a look at the [staying safe](#) pages for tips and advice on your personal safety and on keeping your belongings safe.

[Download SafeZone](#), a free app that allows you to quickly make contact with the Safety and Support Team if you ever need urgent help when you are on Penryn Campus.

The [Campus Safety and Support Team](#) is available 24/7,

365 days of the year. They patrol the campus, respond to emergencies, are trained in first aid and can give you help and advice about safety and security.

In an emergency dial:
+44(0)1326 254444

In a non-emergency
+44(0)1326 255875.

If you need emergency services on campus – fire, ambulance, or police – first call 999 or 112 or use the SafeZone app emergency button. Then contact the Campus Safety and Support emergency line.

Away from campus, in an emergency call 999 and ask for Fire, Police, Ambulance or Coastguard.

Please reach out to the [Wellbeing Team](#) if you experience any of the above and need support. You can also call the [24/7 confidential helpline](#), run by Spectrum Life, where you can self-refer to talking therapies.





Living in the UK and culture shock

Living in a new culture is exciting but can also be challenging. Here is some basic advice about life in the UK.

- Although simple politeness is always expected, British people are generally relaxed. They like to hear 'please' and 'thank you' repeatedly! People here are very friendly but can be reserved, especially when talking to strangers. You might like to download the British Council's '[Creating Confidence](#)' booklet.
- It is not polite to be late in Britain. If you find you are going to be late or if you cannot keep an appointment try to contact the person you are going to meet beforehand.
- You might find that the language you hear is not the language you practiced. Don't panic! There may be some new regional words, youth slang or even some swear words. If there is anything new or confusing just ask for clarification.
- If you are invited to someone's home for a meal it is polite to take a small gift (for example, wine, chocolates or flowers), or you could invite them to your home in return. It is considered good manners to tell your hosts in advance if you have special religious or dietary requirements.
- When you are in a bank, shop or waiting for a bus you are expected to queue; stand in line and wait your turn.

People can get very angry if you 'jump the queue'.

- If you do not drink alcohol, you may be worried if you are invited to go to a pub (public house or bar). Pubs are popular social meeting places and sell a range of soft drinks as well as alcohol. Both men and women are welcome. There is no waiter service and you pay for drinks at the bar when you order them.
- You may be surprised about the amount of alcohol some students consume. It can be a part of some student's experience at University. Only drink to a level you are comfortable with and not at all if you don't want to. You should never feel pressurised into drinking.
- You may wish to tip. About 10–15% for a taxi or in a restaurant is the norm although check a tip has not already been added to your bill.
- Men and women have equal rights in the UK. It is illegal to discriminate against anyone according to race, gender, age, class, sexual orientation, religion or disability.
- People's attitudes to sex and sexuality may be different from yours based on personal lived experience and backgrounds. You are free to live according to your own personal standards, ethics and beliefs and not feel pressured to adopt those of any of your fellow students.

Climate and clothing

See 'What to pack' section [p.29](#).

UK food

British people enjoy a great variety of food, including dishes from other countries. Traditional meals in the UK can seem heavy and often rely on meat, potatoes and vegetables. It is important to maintain a good diet and not rely on fast food. If you are unused to cooking, take a look at bbcgoodfood.com where there are many videos of recipes for you to try.

Smoking

In 2007 England undertook a complete smoking ban in public places. All University residences and buildings are non-smoking. Make sure you take notice of non-smoking zones in public areas. If you are in the company of others it is polite to ask if they mind whether you smoke, especially at meal times.

Toilets

British toilets are the flushing, pedestal type. Toilet paper is provided and should always be flushed away after use. Separate facilities are usually available for people with disabilities and for nappy/ baby changing.

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Electricity

British electricity works on 230 volts/50 cycles and most sockets take 13 amp square pin fused plugs. Make sure your electrical equipment can be used safely at this voltage. Adaptors can be purchased in the campus shops, or don't forget to pack a few in your luggage.

Drinking water

All British tap water is safe to drink unless it is labelled 'not for drinking'. Do not use water from the hot water tap for making hot drinks. You should instead boil a kettle or use a microwave.

Driving in the UK

Very few students have cars, and there is limited parking on campus. Public transport is available at Exeter, Truro and Penryn. Before buying a car, please consider all the costs involved – petrol, insurance and driving licence (both compulsory), MOT (certificate to prove your car is roadworthy), tax, repairs, etc. It is your responsibility to research the driving laws in the UK and comply. If you are caught without a licence, insurance, MOT and/or tax it can affect your visa status and you will be strictly punished by the police. If you are thinking of buying a car or bringing one to campus please make sure you have read the full guidance about parking restrictions and permit requirements for [Exeter](#) and [Cornwall](#) campuses.

Bicycles

Cycling is a healthy, cheap and convenient way to travel to and from our campuses. You can buy a low cost second-hand bike from a series of events organised by the Sustainability Team, who also sell discounted cycle lights and locks. There are plenty of cycle parking facilities on the campuses, to lock your bike and students in Exeter can take advantage of free cycle safety checkups at monthly Dr Bike events. On Penryn Campus there are bike shelters, showers and changing facilities as well as [Beryl e-bikes](#) to hire. More information is available on the cycling webpages below.

Exeter: exeter.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/bike

Cornwall: fxplus.ac.uk/campus-navigation/travel-and-transport/cycling

Staying safe

Exeter and Penryn are relatively safe places to live. But by taking on board some simple crime prevention advice you can help to prevent becoming a victim of crime:

- Register any valuable property at immobilise.com free of charge.
- Keep your windows and doors shut and locked when you leave your property.
- International students are often targets of telephone and internet scams. The Police recommend you purchase a new SIM card on

arrival in the UK. [Click here](#) for more information on scams and what to do.

- Don't leave your valuables on display.
- If you have an alarm use it.
- Does your house look secure? If the answer is no speak to your landlord.
- Don't make yourself an easy target – walk and travel in groups at night and swap telephone numbers.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Stick to well-lit streets and avoid shortcuts after dark.
- Use cash machines during the day or get cash-back in a supermarket. Never write down your PIN number.
- If you are concerned about a situation or feel unsafe go into the nearest shop and ask the assistant for help.

Find more tips on staying safe on our [student stay safe](#) pages.

Culture shock

Many international students experience culture shock when they arrive in the UK. The language, clothes, food and behaviour may seem strange compared to what you are used to at home. The rules of academic and social life may be quite different from what you expected. You may have thought you knew a lot about Britain before you came but now find it hard to settle.

This is a very normal experience

Living in the UK and culture shock

and most international students find that they soon become accustomed to their surroundings. But sometimes 'culture shock' can feel like an emotional rollercoaster.

Tips to help with transition:

- Remember that culture shock is a normal experience and you're not alone. Talk to other international students and UK students who might also be away from home for the first time, who are probably feeling the same way.
- Bring a few familiar items with you to make your room feel more like home.
- Talk to people in your residence and in your classes, even if you are nervous. Come

along to [Intercultural Café](#) and chat to the International Student Experience Team and other students. Most people will be friendly and you will feel more confident.

- Get plenty of rest, eat well and exercise.
- Join an [English Language Skills Development class](#) if you are based in Exeter, or find out more about what the [Languages Team](#) at Penryn Campus offer.
- Join student clubs and societies where you can enjoy socialising with British and international students with the same interests. Our weekly Intercultural Cafés are the perfect place to meet

other students, socialise and meet the International Student Experience team.

- If you are finding the transition particularly difficult, talk to someone. This could be your Personal Tutor, a Chaplain, a member of the Res Life, [Wellbeing](#) or International Student Support teams. They are trained listeners!

Contact exeter.ac.uk/students/international/accessourservice for an appointment and a chat.

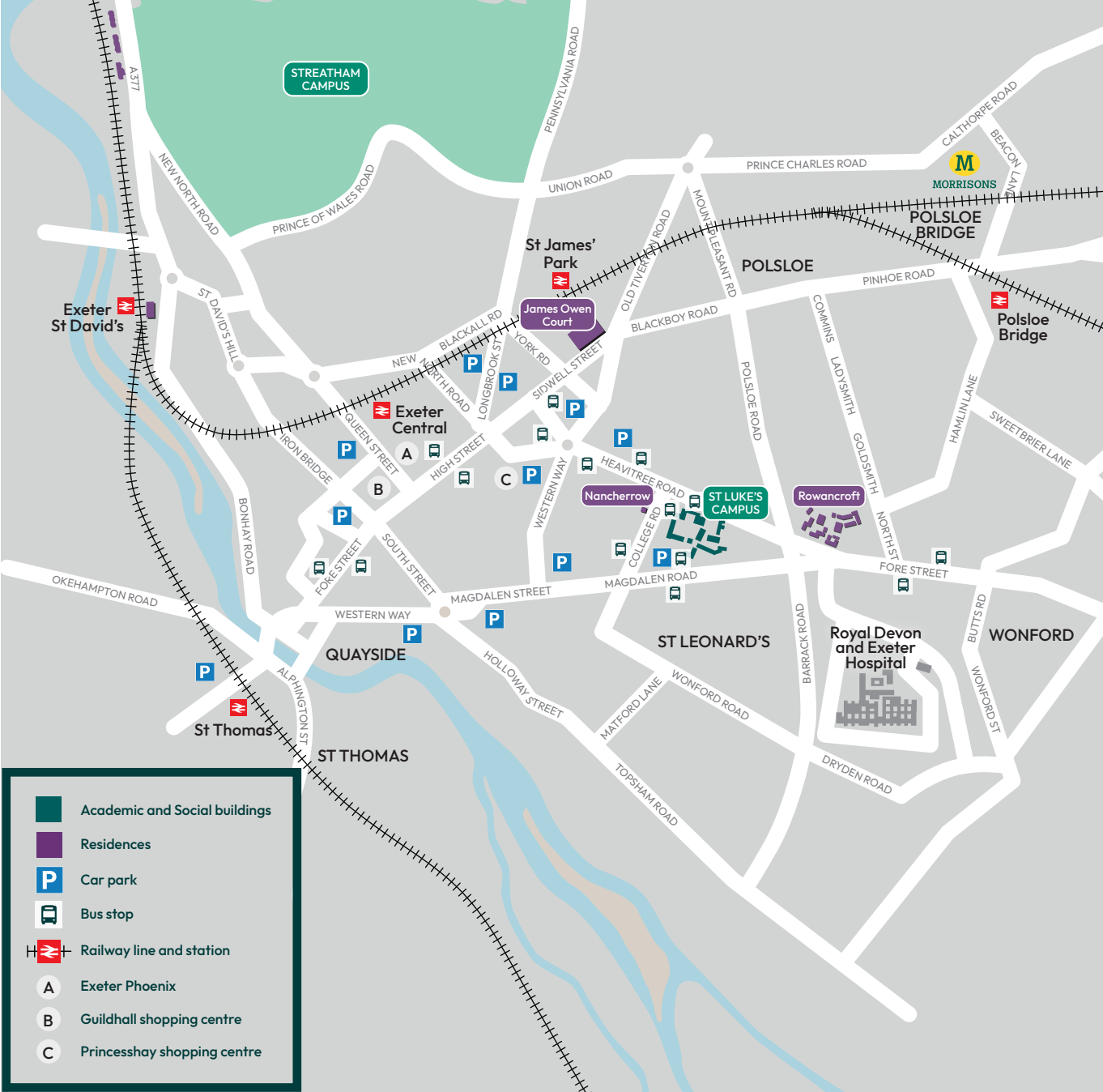
We appreciate that it is not always easy to ask for support but we are always willing to listen and help in any way we can.





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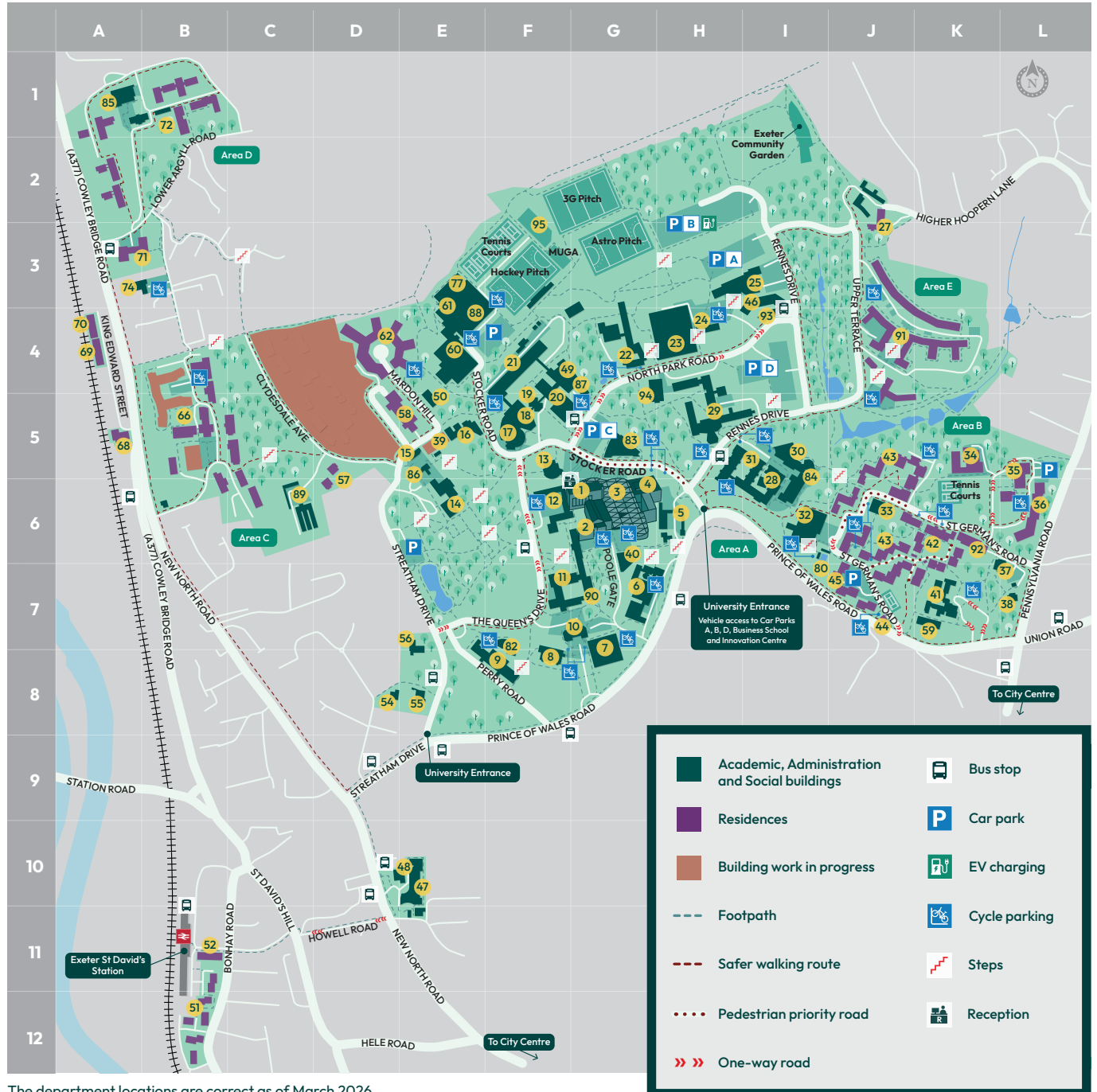
Exeter City



The Streattham and St Luke's campuses are located within a 15-minute walk of the city centre or a 5-minute bus journey.

Maps

Streatham Campus



Please visit our online maps for further details:
exeter.ac.uk/visit/directions

Streatham Campus

Academic/social buildings

Al Qasimi 39 5E
Arab and Islamic Studies

Alexander 47 10E
Drama

Amory 29 5H
Anthropology
Classics and Ancient History
Criminology
Geography
History
International Relations
Law
Liberal Arts
Philosophy
Politics
Sociology
Theology and Religion

Bill Douglas Cinema Museum 7 8G

Business School Building:One 84 6I
University of Exeter Business School

Catholic Chaplaincy 74 3A

Centre for Resilience in Environment, Water and Waste 94 5H

Cornwall House 32 6I
Music

Cornwall House Swimming Pool 80 6I

Creative Quadrant 28 6I

Devonshire House 2 6G
Students' Guild

Digital Humanities Lab 90 7G

Exeter International Study Centre 83 5G

Exeter Northcott Theatre 13 5F

Forum 3 6G
Alumni Auditorium
Exploration Labs
Pret A Manger
Retail and Catering Services
Seminar Rooms
Student Services Centre
Students' Guild Information Point
Starbucks

Geoffrey Pope 20 5F
Biosciences
Natural Sciences

Great Hall and University Reception 1 6G

Harrison 23 4H
Data Science
Engineering
Mathematics

Hatherly 6 7G
Biosciences
Geography

Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies 16 5E
Arab and Islamic Studies

Kathleen Booth 46 3I

Laver 22 4G
Archaeology
Mathematics

Library 4 6G

Living Systems 87 4G
Biosciences
Natural Sciences

Mardon Hill Wellbeing Centre 50 5E

Mary Harris Memorial Chapel 10 7G

Newman 18 5F
Lecture Theatres

Northcote House 12 6F

Old Library 7 8G
Research Commons
Library Collections

Peter Chalk Centre 17 5F

Physics 21 4F
Physics
Astronomy

Queen's 11 7F
Art History and Visual Culture
Communications
English
Film Studies
Language Centre
Modern Languages and Cultures

Reed Hall 14 6E

Reed Mews Wellbeing Centre 15 5E

Roborough 8 8F
Drama

Russell Seal Fitness Centre 88 4E

Sarah Turvill Multifaith Centre 40 6G

Sir Christopher Ondaatje Devon Cricket Centre 77 3E

Sir Steve Smith Building 49 4F

Sports Park 60 4E
Ocean Physio Clinic
Athlete Development Centre

Streatham Court 31 5I
University of Exeter Business School
Accounting
Business and Management
Economics

Student Health Centre 86 5E

South West Institute of Technology 93 4I

Tennis Centre 61 4E

Thornlea 48 10E
Drama

Tops Day Nursery 59 7K

Vic Ambler Short Game Training Centre (Golf) 95 3F

Washington Singer 9 8F
Psychology

Xfi 30 5I
University of Exeter Business School

Residences

Birks Grange Village 66 5B

Cook Mews 69 4A

Duryard 72 1B

East Park 91 4J

Garden Hill House 27 3J

Holland Hall/Studios 62 4D

King Edward Court 68 5A

Lafrowda 43 6J

Lafrowda Cottage 44 7J

Llewellyn Mews 70 4A

Lopes Hall 34 5K

Mardon Hall 58 5E

Moberly 71 3A

Nash Grove 57 5D

Pennsylvania Court 36 6L

Ransom Pickard 35 5L

Rowe House 45 7J

Spreytonway 92 6K

St David's 51 12B

St German's 42 6K

Maps

St Luke's Campus

The department locations are correct as of March 2026.



Academic/social buildings

- Baring Court**
Children's Health and Exercise
Research Centre
Graduate School of Education
- Chapel**
- Cross Keys**
- Dance Studio**
- Giraffe House**
Study spaces
- Haighton**
Graduate School of Education

- 5 Holnicote**
Graduate School of Education
Support Services
- 2 Library**
- 3 North Cloisters**
Graduate School of Education
- 3 Richards**
Sport and Health Sciences
- 16 Smeall**
University of Exeter Medical School
- 6 South Cloisters**
Graduate School of Education

- 4 Sports Centre**
- 7 Students' Guild**
- 18 The Garden Suite**
- 17 University of Exeter
Medical School**
- 8 Residences**
- 13 Nancherrow**
- 11**

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Penryn Campus

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Academic/social buildings

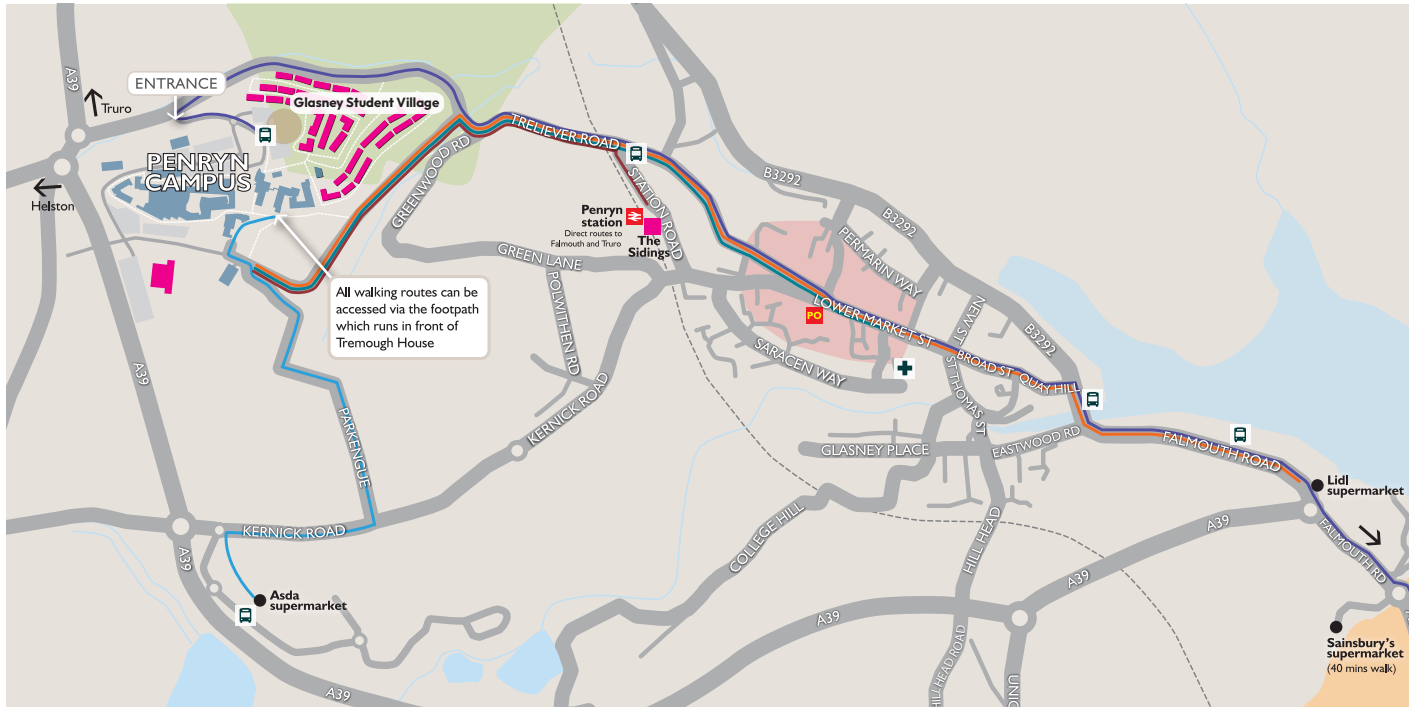
- The Heart** 1
University Reception and Shop
- The Exchange** 2
Career Zone
IT Suites, Digital Hub and Tech Support
Library
Student Helpdesk
- Exchange Courtyard** 3
- Daphne du Maurier building** 4
Masters Suite
The Stannary restaurant and bar
The Sustainability Café
Students' Union
- Daphne du Maurier building** 5
Centre for Environmental Mathematics
Earth and Environmental Sciences
Teaching rooms, IT Suites and laboratories
- Camborne School of Mines** 6
- Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI)** 7






- Renewable Energy Engineering Facility (REEF)** 8
- Sports Centre** 9
Little Wonders Nursery
- Tremough Barton Cottages and Farmhouse** 10
Multifaith Chaplaincy
Centre for Ecology and Conservation
- Tremough House and The Annexe** 11
Chapel Lecture Theatre
Muslim Prayer Room
Research Services
Student Lounge
Student Services inc. Accessibility
Wellbeing Support
- Stella Turk building** 12
Business School
Centre for Ecology and Conservation
Energy Policy Team
- Science and Engineering Research Support Facility (SERSF)** 13
Business School
Centre for Ecology and Conservation






- Collaboratory
Renewable Energy Group
inc. Centre for Offshore Technologies
- Peter Lanyon building** 14
Centre for Geography and Environmental Science
European Centre for Environment and Human Health (ECEHH)
Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS Cornwall)
Info at Penryn
Institute of Cornish Studies
Moot Law Court
Teaching and study spaces
- Information building** 16
- Penryn Delivery Hub** 17
- Academy of Music and Theatre Arts (AMATA)** 18
AMATA Café
- Residences**
- Glasney Student Village** 19
- Glasney Lodge** 20
Koofi Café

Maps

Penryn walking map



-  Campus to Asda **15 mins**
-  Campus to Penryn Train Station **18 mins**
-  Campus to Post Office and shops **22 mins**
-  Campus to Lidl **35 mins**
-  Campus to Falmouth by bus **15 mins**
(buses run to Falmouth, Truro and Redruth from the Campus)

-  Penryn Doctors Surgery
-  Penryn town centre (shops, cafes, pubs, hairdressers and galleries)
-  Bus stops
-  Post Office
-  Accommodation

The Penryn Campus is located within a 20-minute walk or a 5-minute bus journey from Penryn. Truro is a 30-minute drive or bus journey from Penryn.



Useful contacts

General		
Information:	exeter.ac.uk	+44 (0)1392 661000
Emergency contact		
Exeter (Estate Patrol Campus Security):	e.patrol@exeter.ac.uk	+44 (0)1392 723999
Penryn Campus Safety and Support:	fxplus.ac.uk/campus-information/safety-and-support-team	+44 (0)1326 255875 24hr emergency first aid: +44 (0)1326 254444
International Recruitment Team:	exeter.ac.uk/international	
Exeter campuses accommodation:	exeter.ac.uk/study/accommodation	+44 (0)1392 724724
Penryn Campus accommodation:	exeter.ac.uk/study/cornwall-accommodation	+44 (0)1326 253639
Student Information Desk (SID):	exeter.ac.uk/sid	+44 (0)1392 724724
Penryn Campus Student Information:	fxplus.ac.uk/student-support/student-helpdesk	+44 (0)1326 370460
Academic Departments:	exeter.ac.uk/departments	
University virtual tours:	exeter.ac.uk/virtualtours	
Students' Guild:	exeterguild.com	info@exeterguild.com
Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union (The SU):	thesu.org.uk	info@thesu.org.uk
Visa and pre-arrival information		
Visa/entry to the UK:	gov.uk/visas-immigration	
The British Council Worldwide:	britishcouncil.org	
UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA):	ukcisa.org.uk	
Travel		
London airports:	airwise.com/airports/uk	
Train services:	thetrainline.com	
National coach services:	nationalexpress.com uk.megabus.com flixbus.co.uk	
Local information		
Exeter:	exeter.gov.uk thisisexeter.co.uk	
Devon:	visitdevon.co.uk	
Cornwall:	cornwall.gov.uk visitcornwall.com falmouth.co.uk	
Britain:	visitbritain.com	

International students' checklist

These checklists are a framework for your planning and you may want to add to them as you read this guide.

We will be sending you emails from July to September to remind you of the things you need to do. Please do read these emails and check your junk folder to ensure they haven't been delivered there. You can read more about these tasks at: exeter.ac.uk/newstudents

Preparing to come to university (June - August)

Before you leave

When you arrive at the University of Exeter

Finance and budgeting:	
Look at scholarships available and plan your monthly budget	✓
Health, wellbeing and disability support:	
Request Wellbeing support if you have previously received support for physical/mental health conditions or a disability	✓
Check if you need medical screening or vaccinations	✓
Apply for accommodation - applications open:	
PG 9 April; UG and full year abroad 13 April; Semester One study abroad 7 May 2026	✓
Immigration:	
Make sure your passport is valid	✓
Check if you need ATAS clearance (and apply if required)	✓
Respond to CAS Data Check email (if applicable)	✓
Obtain visa (if applicable)	✓
Travel:	
Plan your travel to campus	✓
Arrange travel insurance	✓
Book your place on our Airport Collection Service (if applicable)	✓
Attend an online summer webinar:	
Speak to staff and current students about immigration, travel/what to bring, families, studying, working in the UK and settling in at Exeter	✓

University life:	
Apply for your UniCard promptly once you receive your Welcome email	✓
Activate your IT account	✓
Download MyExeter app for digital check in, your timetable, study spaces, events, news and more	✓
Book an appointment for International Student Clearance	✓
Start your Academic Online Induction	✓
Familiarise yourself with university digital programmes at Digital Hub	✓
Book International Welcome Programme activities	✓
Accommodation and finance:	
Accept your accommodation offer	✓
Print out key collection arrangements	✓
Pay your tuition fee and/or accommodation fee deposits (if applicable)	✓
Buy currency and bring a cash credit card to use on campus while you open a bank account	✓

Tell your family you have arrived	✓
Complete International Student Clearance	✓
Collect your UniCard	✓
Complete University Online Registration	✓
Register with a Health Centre	✓
Open a UK bank account	✓
Get a UK SIM card	✓
Attend your academic induction sessions	✓
Arrange to make payment of your tuition fees and accommodation fees	✓
Attend International Welcome Programme activities	✓
Get involved with Welcome Week activities	✓
Attend an Intercultural Café to meet the team if arriving outside International Welcome Programme	✓

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