



# What is University?

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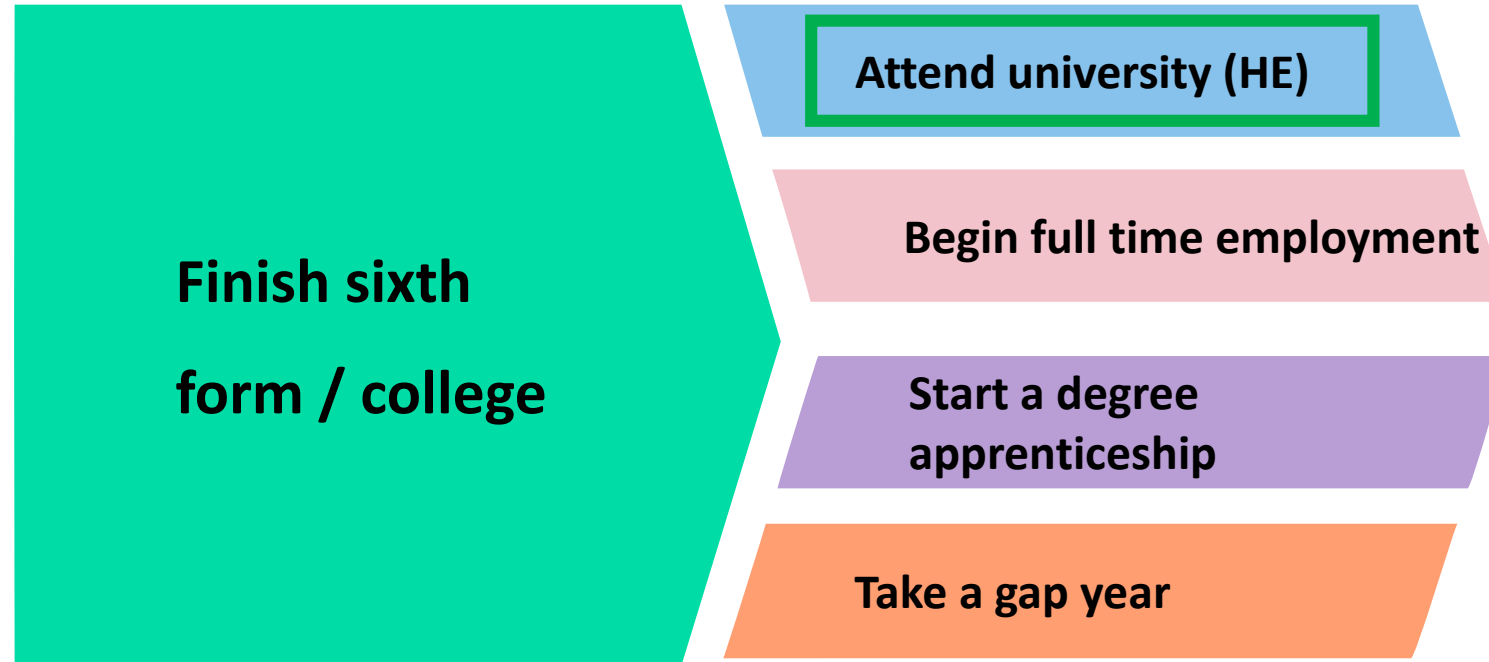


# Questions to answer today:

- What is university?
- What are the benefits of attending university?
- Why Exeter?
- What might my next steps be?



# Post-18 options





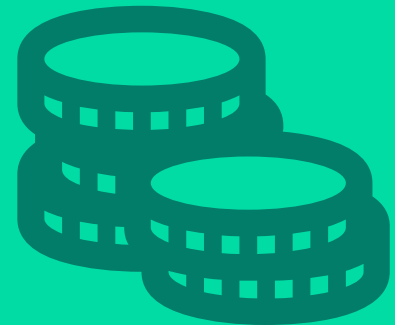
What is university?

# Why Do People Go to Uni?

University can:

- Open career pathways
- Increase earning potential
- Build confidence
- Expand networks
- Help you discover what you're good at
- Offer unique experiences

**“More Doors = More Choice”**





- Contact time
- Teaching methods
- Field Trips
- Study Abroad/  
Industrial  
Experience
- Research based



How is university different from school?

# What can you study?

## Academic examples:

- English
- Physics
- Biology
- Classics
- Modern Languages
- Mathematics

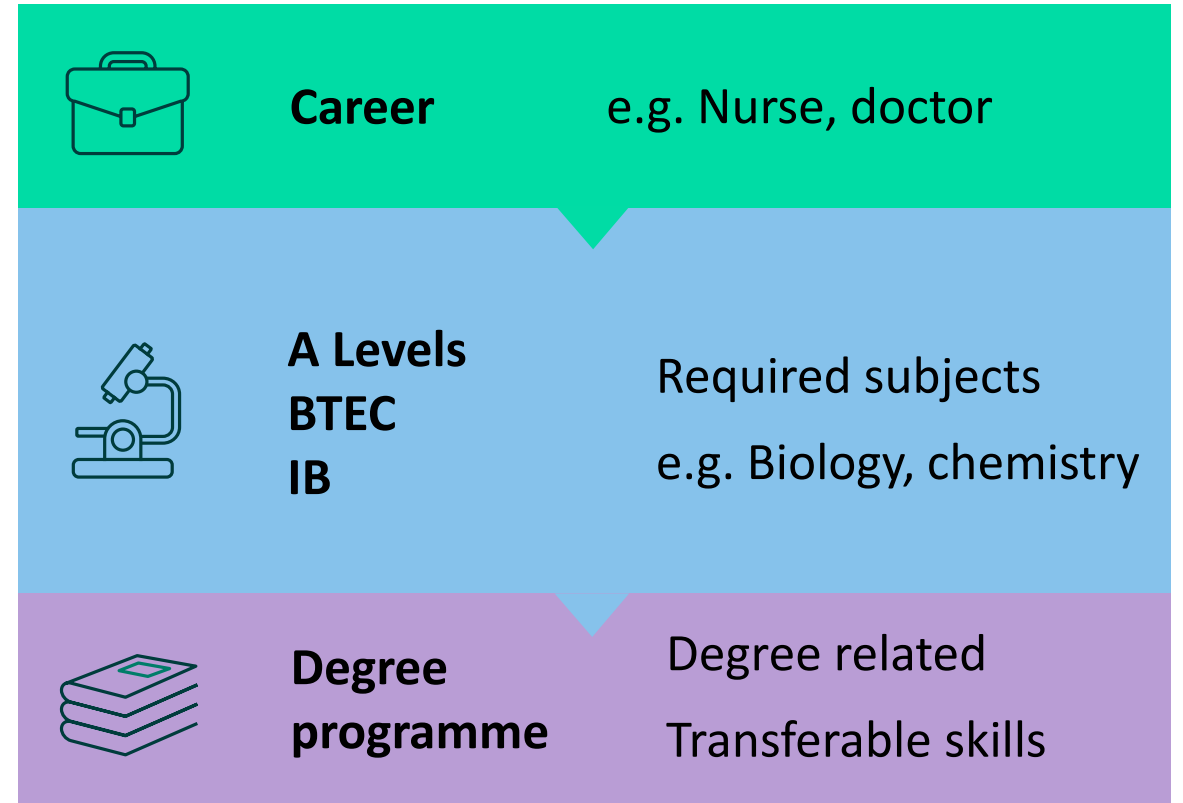
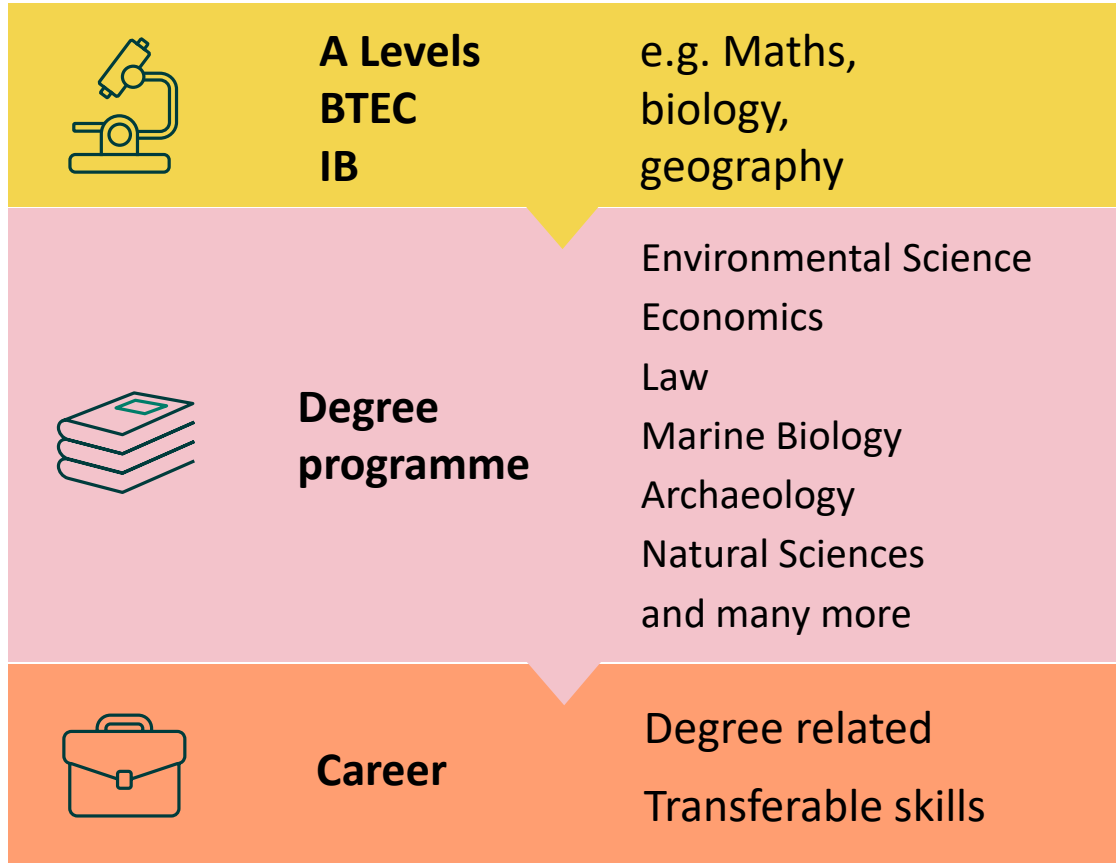
## Vocational examples:

- Engineering
- Business
- Medicine
- Veterinary Science
- Games Design
- Events Management

Can't choose? - Combined or joint courses may suit you.  
(Natural Sciences, Liberal Arts)



# Choosing a course - Pathways



# Courses we offer

## Faculty of Environment, Science and Economy

Computer Science

Earth and Environmental Science

Ecology and Conservation

Engineering

Geography

Mathematics and Statistics

Physics and Astronomy

Economics

Finance and Accounting

Management

Natural Sciences

## Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

Biosciences

Health and Care Professions

Psychology

Clinical and Biomedical Sciences

Health and Community Sciences

Public Health and Sport Sciences

## Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Arab and Islamic Studies

Archaeology and History

Classics, Ancient History, Religion and Theology

Communications, Drama and Film

English and Creative Writing

Humanities and Social Sciences

Languages, Cultures and Visual Studies

Law School

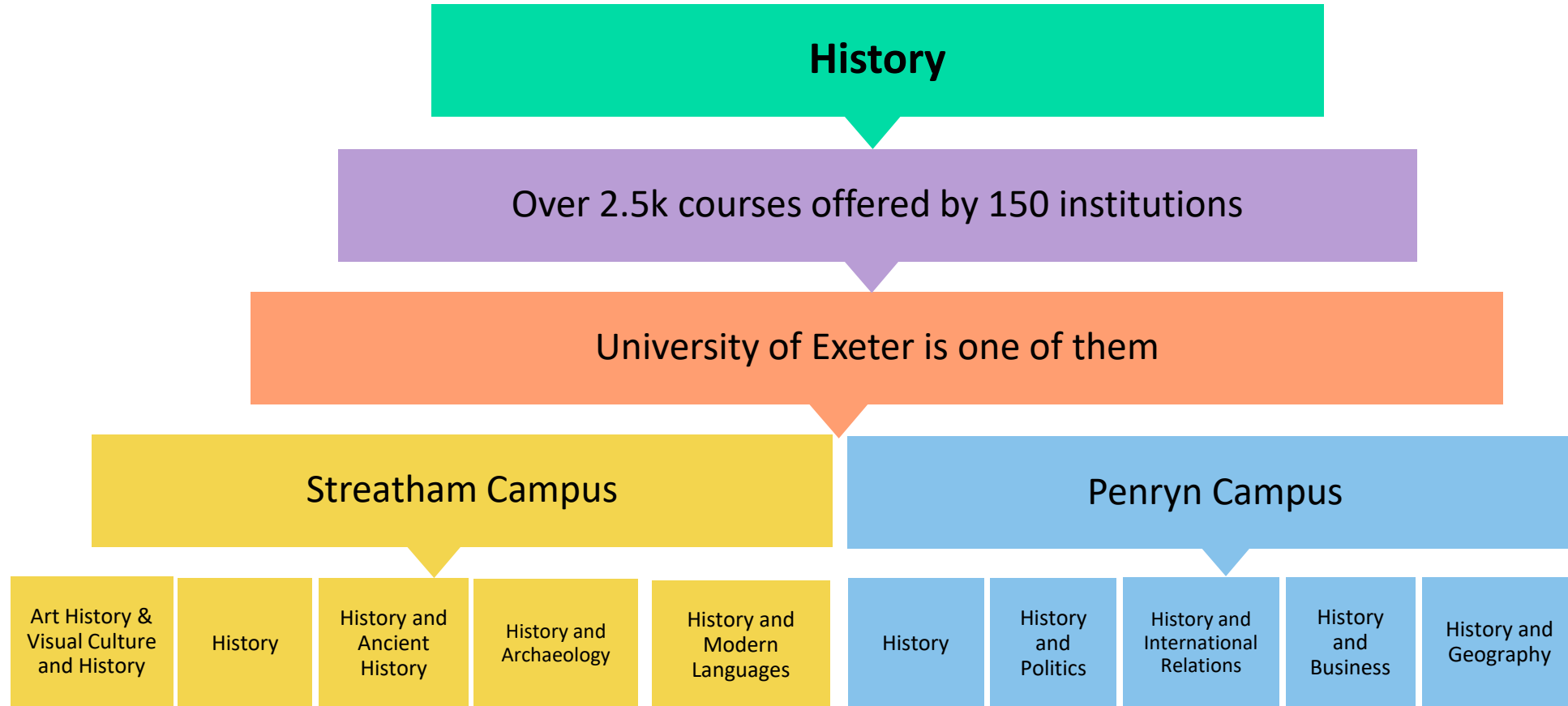
School of Education (Postgraduate)

Social and Political Sciences, Philosophy and  
Anthropology

Liberal Arts



# Variations



# Modules

## First Year History BA at Streatham

### Compulsory modules

Single Honours students must take at least 15 credits (and up to a maximum of 30 credits) of Sources and Skills modules at Stage 1. 'Sources and skills' modules change yearly, depending on staff availability and other factors.

| Code                    | Module  | Credits |
|-------------------------|---|---------|
| <a href="#">HIH1137</a> | Becoming a Historian: Core                      | 15      |
| <a href="#">HIH1421</a> | Understanding Medieval and Early Modern History | 30      |
| <a href="#">HIH1422</a> | Understanding Modern History                    | 30      |



## Optional modules

Single Honours students must take at least 15 credits (and up to a maximum of 30 credits) of Sources and Skills modules at Stage 1. 'Sources and skills' modules change yearly, depending on staff availability and other factors.

You are strongly encouraged to take at least 15 credits (and up to a maximum of 30 credits) of modules outside History in Stage 1 via modularity.

Single honours students may take as one of their options HIH1139 Becoming a Historian (Extension)

| Code                    | Module                         | Credits |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| <a href="#">HIH1139</a> | Becoming a Historian: Extended | 15      |

**History Stage 1 Option modules 2024-5**

|                         |  |   |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| <a href="#">HIH1402</a> | Britain, America, and the Global Order, 1846-1946                          | JFK   |
| <a href="#">HIH1618</a> | Body, Border, Partition: Understanding Violence in South Asia              | Losing an Empire, Finding a Role: Britain Since 1945    |
| <a href="#">HIH1140</a> | Confinement, Care, Cure: Psychiatric Institutions in the Twentieth Century | Murder in Early Modern England                          |
| <a href="#">HIH1412</a> | Early Modern Magic and Witchcraft  | From Wigan Pier to Piccadilly: Britain between the Wars |
| <a href="#">HIH1614</a> | Environment and Industry, 1750-1950: Global Perspectives                   | The Viking Phenomenon                                   |
| <a href="#">HIH1053</a> | Gender and Sexuality in the Middle Ages                                    | The First Day of the Somme                              |
| <a href="#">HIH1600</a> | Images of Stalinism  | The History of Strategic Thinking                       |
| <a href="#">HIH1585</a> | Ladies of the Night: Prostitution in the Victorian World                   | The Good War? The United States in World War II         |



Where could you study?





Outstanding Teaching.<sup>1</sup>

4 OF THE UK'S TOP 5

Home to **four** of the **UK's top five** most influential climate scientists.<sup>2</sup>



Globally a Top 200 university in all major world league tables\*.<sup>3</sup>



More than 400 courses in 40 subject areas.



Four times Queen's Anniversary Prize winners, most recently in 2020 for exposing the devastating effect of plastic pollution on human and wildlife health.

TOP 10 

Top 10 for most targeted by leading UK employers.<sup>4</sup>



Devon and Cornwall are in the top 10 safest places in England and Wales.<sup>5</sup>



Sustainability University of the Year.



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Leading UK university.<sup>6</sup>

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- ✓ Athena Swann Gender Charter

- ✓ Care Leavers Covenant
- ✓ Stonewall Diversity Champion

National Network for the Education of Care Leavers



<sup>1</sup> Rated 'triple' Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

<sup>2</sup> The Reuters Hot List.

<sup>3</sup> 122<sup>nd</sup> in the U.S. News & World Report Best Global Universities 2024-2025; 169<sup>th</sup> in the QS World University Rankings 2025; 177<sup>th</sup> in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024; 151-200 in the 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) released by ShanghaiRankings.

<sup>4</sup> The Graduate Market in 2024 report by High Fliers Research.

<sup>5</sup> Office for National Statistics Police Force Area data tables (30.01.2025)

<sup>6</sup> Top 15 in UK university rankings\*\* 14<sup>th</sup> in The Complete University Guide 2025 and 13<sup>th</sup> in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025.

# University of Exeter campuses

Travel times from  
Queen Elizabeth's School

| Location | Driving Travel time |
|----------|---------------------|
| Exeter   | 2h                  |
| Penryn   | 3 h 30              |





Streatham Campus, Exeter, Devon



Penryn Campus, Penryn, Cornwall



St Luke's Campus, Exeter, Devon



Truro Campus, Truro, Cornwall

# Entry requirements

- All universities are different
- Grades or UCAS tariff points
- Specific subjects - GCSE requirements
- Contextual/reduced offers

**Apply for a range of options**



# Contextual level offers

Considers the context of your education and barriers to attainment.

**BSc Psychology - 2025 entry**

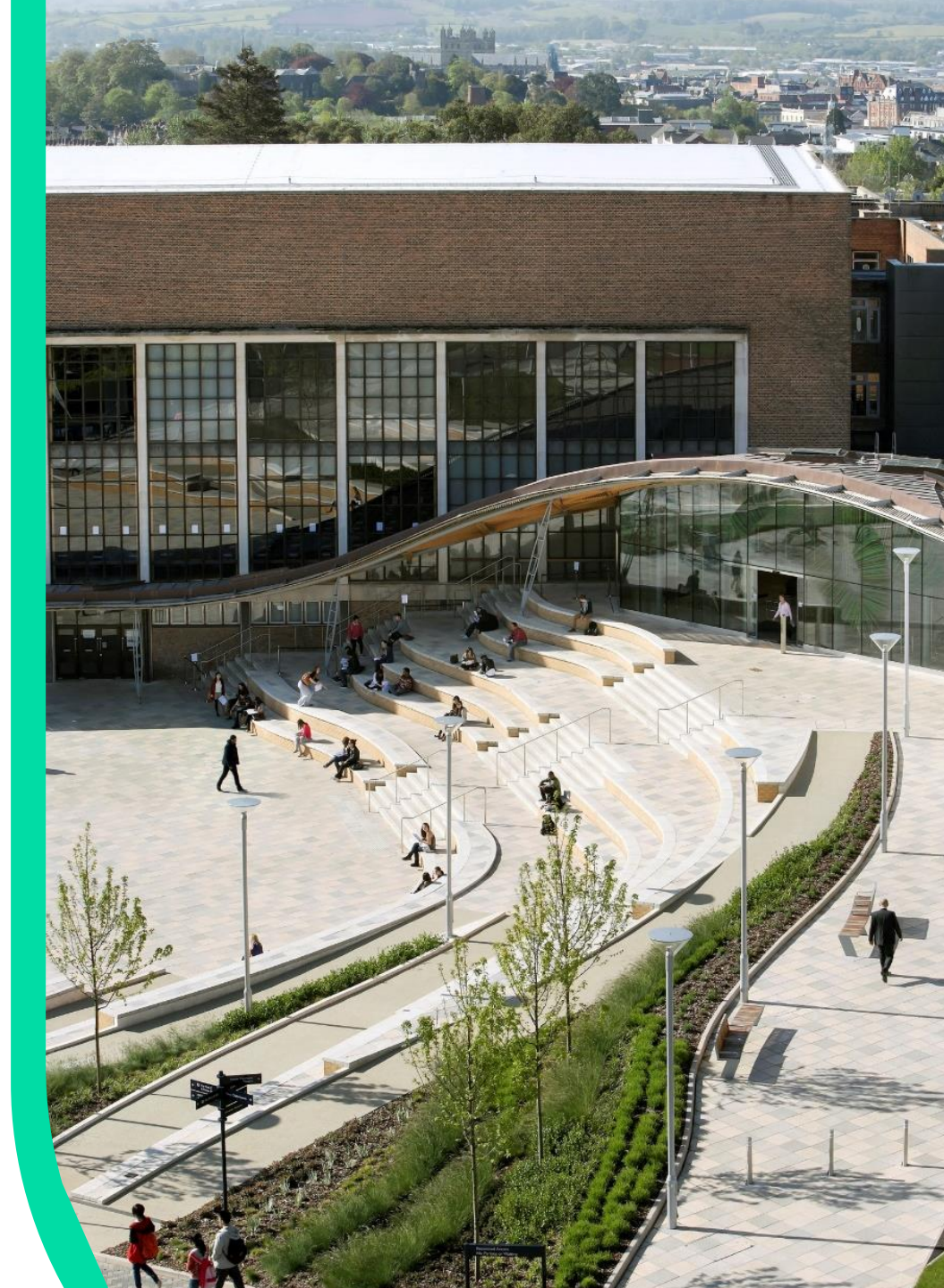
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| <b>UCAS code</b>  | C802   | <b>Typical offer</b><br><a href="#">View full entry requirements</a> | A-Level: AAA<br>IB: 36/666<br>BTEC: DDD |
| <b>Duration</b>   | 3 years  |  |   |
| <b>Entry year</b> | 2025   | <b>Contextual offers</b> <span>i</span>                              | A-Level: ABB<br>IB: 32/655<br>BTEC: DDM |
| <b>Campus</b>     | <a href="#">Streatham Campus</a><br><span>i</span> |  |   |
| <b>Discipline</b> | <a href="#">Psychology</a>                         |  |   |



# Choosing a University

Here are some of the things you might consider when choosing a university:

- Course/subject
- Entry requirements
- Location / distance from home
- League rankings
- Post-grad outcomes
- Social scene / culture
- Extra-curricular activities



# Support at university

- Academic
- Health and wellbeing
- Finance – bursaries and scholarships
- Careers
- Accommodation



# Things to consider:

- What subjects do I actually enjoy?
- Do I prefer coursework, exams, or practical learning?
- Do I want to move away or stay close to home?
- What kind of environment suits me? Big city? Campus? Smaller town?
- What support would I need?





# Student life



## Choose from over 50 sports clubs:

American Football, Archery, Athletics  
Badminton, Basketball, Biking, Canoe, Clay  
Pigeon Shooting, Climbing, Cricket,  
Cheerleading, Dance, Fencing, Football,  
Gliding, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Jiu-jitsu,  
Karate Shotokan, Lacrosse, Netball, Ninjutsu,  
Polo, Power kiting, Riding, Rifle, Rowing,  
Rugby, Sailing, Snooker & Pool, Snowsports,  
Speleology (Caving), Squash, Sub Aqua, Surf,  
Swimming, Table-Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis,  
Trampolining, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball,  
Water polo, Water-ski, Windsurfing



# Next Steps

- Keep open minded. Explore your options!
- Look at **UCAS course finder** and individual university websites.
- Chat to teachers/careers advisors etc.
- Attend open days/ UCAS events



# Discover University Webinars

We host regular online conferences which take place on Monday evenings from 6-7pm. They are an opportunity for you to find out more about university, consider your options and to hear about specific courses.

There are also 7 subject specific sessions; Medicine, Understanding the MMI, Theology, Law, Engineering, Physics and Astronomy and Philosophy.

## Topics included:

- Introduction to higher education
- Choosing a course and university
- Considering a competitive university
- UCAS process
- Degree apprenticeships
- Student life
- Considering the University of Exeter
- Student finance
- Personal statement
- Studying at Penryn



## Book to attend

Feel free to sign up for as few or many sessions as interests you.

[exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity](https://exeter.ac.uk/discoveruniversity)



# Multi-University Conference- April 25<sup>th</sup>

Join a multi-university online conference providing information on common topics students worry about regarding university.

There will be talks on:

Choosing a university course.

Writing an effective personal statement.

Student finance & managing your money at university.

A university student Q&A session.

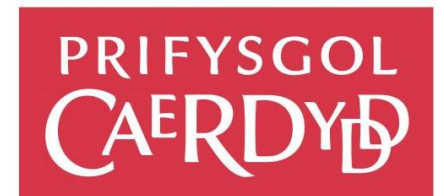
A Q&A session with representatives from all the attending universities.



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**Book to attend**

Join us for free on the **25<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.  
Sessions will run from 10:00- 13:00. Join  
here: <https://gck.fm/kizof>

# Hear from the University of Exeter

Sign up for support and information from the University of Exeter!



## Open Days

Wednesday 27 May – Penryn Campus, Cornwall

Friday 29 May – Exeter Campuses

Saturday 30 May – Exeter Campuses



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