



UNIVERSITY OF
PLYMOUTH

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINI PROSPECTUS



We are one of a select number of UK universities to achieve triple Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework 2023.

Ranking among the world's top 100 universities – and the top 15 in the UK – supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Plymouth is also among the top 10 UK universities for our performance in SDGs: Zero Hunger; Good Health and Wellbeing; Affordable and Clean Energy; Responsible Consumption and Production; Climate Action and Life Below Water. This recognises our long-held commitments to sustainability across teaching and learning, research and our University operations.

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025

TEF
2023

Overall: Gold
Student experience: **Gold**
Student outcomes: **Gold**

Teaching Excellence Framework



University of Plymouth
RANKED =84th

www.thewur.com
 **Times Higher Education**
Impact Rankings 2025



JOIN A TOP 2 MODERN UNIVERSITY

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024



OVER 195,000 ALUMNI IN 150+ COUNTRIES



RANKED 5TH IN THE UK FOR WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Best 50 Universities for Work Experience, Rate My Placement, 2024

OVER 95%

OF OUR GRADUATES ARE IN WORK OR FURTHER STUDY 15 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

Graduate Outcomes Survey (2023/24)





STUDY ON A VIBRANT CITY CAMPUS, LOCATED BY THE SEA



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CAMPUS FACILITIES

1. ROLAND LEVINSKY BUILDING

Combining forward-looking teaching spaces, specialist art and design studios, digital fabrication and immersive media laboratories, exhibition areas, two cafes and a cinema, our prestigious flagship Roland Levinsky Building sits at the heart of the city's arts and cultural offer.

2. STUDENTS' UNION (UPSU)

Situated in the heart of our city centre campus, this is the most popular meeting place for our students. Between lectures, you can grab a coffee from the SU kitchen, check out the latest UPSU events and find out about student groups, sports clubs and societies.

3. CHARLES SEALE-HAYNE LIBRARY

The library supports teaching, learning and research, providing access to approximately 350,000 books, 500,000 eBooks and 80,000 current journal titles alongside subject-specific library guides. Facilities include a cafe and 24/7 open access study area.

4. MARINE STATION

Located on the shores of Plymouth Sound, the Marine Station has lecture facilities overlooking the sea, a wet lab and a seawater aquarium. This facility is a base for our research vessels and supports teaching and research across the full breadth of our marine, environmental science and engineering courses.

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CAMPUS FACILITIES

5. BABBAGE BUILDING

Dedicated to teaching and research, Babbage brings STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) subjects together. This state-of-the-art space aims to inspire the engineering and design pioneers of the future. Outstanding facilities include STEAM laboratories, a Wood Fabrication Facility and an Immersive Visualisation Suite.

6. DRAKE'S PLACE GARDENS AND RESERVOIR

This Green Flag accredited community space offers a safe and tranquil environment on campus where you can enjoy a peaceful break between lectures and study periods. Overlooking the water is our Reservoir Cafe, a Vegetarian Society certified vegetarian bistro and a great stop for a healthy, light meal or snack.

7. INTERCITY PLACE

A dedicated space on our main city centre campus to train and develop the next generation of nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. Facilities include an anatome room (offering a virtual dissection and visualisation system for anatomy education), visual optics and eye and vision suites, and clinical skills wards, a simulated ambulance and community home simulation suite.

8. NANCY ASTOR SPORTS CENTRE

The SU Gym, located on campus, provides a range of activities to assist you in achieving your fitness goals. Facilities include a 50-station gym, squash courts, a multi-purpose sports hall, a dance studio and a sports injuries clinic.



YOUR CITY BY THE SEA

Plymouth is a unique and special place – a vibrant city by the sea, in the beautiful South West of England, where Devon meets Cornwall, and the UK meets the rest of the world.



AS WELL AS BEING BRITAIN'S BEST CITY IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK

(PWC'S INDEX MEASURING CITIES BY
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
OF LIFE, 2024)

PLYMOUTH HAS BEEN RANKED 21ST IN TIMEOUT'S LIST OF THE WORLD'S MOST UNDER-RATED TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

(TIMEOUT, 2024).

THINGS TO DO IN THE CITY

Live and study at the heart of a thriving student community. Our campus is right in the heart of Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City, within easy walking distance of everything the city has to offer.

CITY CULTURE AND EVENTS

A short walk from campus takes you to the Hoe, where you can take in views across Plymouth Sound. Close by is the Barbican, Plymouth's historic old town, where you'll find vintage shops, galleries, places to eat, plus

the National Marine Aquarium – the UK's largest aquarium and home to over 5,000 amazing sea creatures.

Royal William Yard, with its waterfront views, attracts outdoor theatre shows, open-air cinema screenings and festivals, and boasts a lively artistic scene with frequent exhibitions and events.

The Box, in partnership with the University, is a major international

cultural attraction with a lively piazza, permanent galleries and high-profile exhibitions, plus a dedicated University teaching and research room/moot court.

There are lots of events to get excited about throughout the year. Plymouth hosts food festivals such as Flavour Fest and Seafest, where you can sample local produce of the South West.

If you're in Plymouth in the summer, the world-famous British Firework Championships are not to be missed. You also have the

famous Boardmasters festival in Cornwall on your doorstep.

SHOPPING AND LEISURE

Across the city centre there's an abundance of high street names and independent retailers waiting to welcome you. Have a wander around Drake Circus shopping centre, an exciting venue with more than 70 retailers – many of which offer student discounts. Or visit The Barcode, a complex that includes a cinema, plus two 18-hole indoor adventure golf courses and popular restaurants.



PLACES TO EAT IN THE CITY

Plymouth has a real foodie scene where the choice of places to eat is endless. For a cheap lunch look no further than our 10 award-winning campus cafes. The SU has its own coffee shop and Food Bar offering a wide range of hot and cold drinks plus food to eat in or take away.

The 24-hour go-to stop for students, The Caffeine Club, is only a few minutes' away from the campus, near The Box.

The Barbican is a haven for proper West Country style food and drink, and only a 15-minute walk from campus. Try a traditional Cornish pasty at The Barbican Pasty Company, or for a sit-down lunch with an incredible view go to The Harbour restaurant, where vegan fish and chips or gluten-free ice cream are on the menu.

Got a sweet tooth? Head to Roly's Fudge Pantry and sample the traditional vanilla clotted cream fudge.

On a sunny day, grab an ice cream from Pilgrims Ice Cream Shop and take in the views of the harbour. In the evening, try award-winning traditional fish and chips from Harbourside or savour a sourdough pizza from The Stable.

You can also venture to Arribas just off from the Barbican, for Mexican-style food. Turtle Bay in the city centre is a popular student hangout, and a great place to celebrate when you've done well in an assignment.

Close to campus is Mr Wok Thai Noodle Bar, offering pad thai

and curries. Dine with a sea view at the always stunning Royal William Yard with a wide range of restaurants including Seco Lounge, Wagamama, Pho, Bistrot Pierre and Wildwood, as well as cafes selling freshly baked cakes and pastries with great coffee.

The bustling Pannier Market is home to over 140 stalls, eateries and cafes. Take the opportunity to treat yourself to fresh, local produce or beautiful international cuisine all under one roof.



**PLYMOUTH HAS BEEN
FOUND TO BE ONE OF THE
SAFEST CITIES IN THE UK**
(COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE, 2023)

NIGHTLIFE IN THE CITY

Our campus couldn't be better located for student nightlife, being a few minutes' away from the city centre and within walking distance of the Barbican.

Start your evening in our on-campus pub, the James Street Vaults. The Students' Union provides a great atmosphere with themed nights, live music, cultural events, karaoke nights and DJs.

At the Barcode, Spinners offers a combination of cutting-edge gaming with classy cocktails, while Boom Battle Bar lets you unleash your competitive spirit with arcade games. Alternatively, you can chill out with your mates at the Barcode's IMAX cinema.

The Theatre Royal Plymouth is the largest and best attended regional producing theatre in the UK, offering a wide range of theatre including classic and contemporary drama, musical

productions and performances by national opera, ballet and dance companies.

For a lively atmosphere and big-name acts, the Plymouth Pavilions hosts top musicians, bands, comedians and performers from around the world.

The Barbican is a hub of activity in the evenings. Explore a variety of pubs, bars, and restaurants lining the harbour, giving you a chance to unwind with drinks and delicious food. The Barbican Theatre offers diverse entertainment with

theatre, dance, comedy, live music and spoken word performances. If themed nights are your thing, the B-Bar inside the theatre delivers different music and comedy acts throughout the week.



**TOP
BANDS
AND LIVE SHOWS
PERFORM AT
PLYMOUTH
PAVILIONS ARENA**



EXPLORE DEVON AND CORNWALL

Living and studying in Plymouth gives you the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside and stunning beaches Devon and Cornwall have to offer. Your great adventure starts here...

DAY TRIPS

When you have a day free of lectures, don't miss the chance to

take a boat trip. The Cremyll Ferry takes you across the River Tamar where you can catch amazing views of Plymouth Sound and the Royal William Yard. Mount Edgcumbe Country Park known as Britain's historic park by the sea, has a coastline of 7km as well as lots of different forest trails to explore.

Only a 20-minute drive from the University campus is Dartmoor National Park. The vast landscape covers 368 square miles and offers stunning views, awe-inspiring granite tors, deep wooded valleys with fast-flowing rivers and rugged, wide open spaces.

If you're an animal lover, Pennywell Farm is a top attraction where you can interact with hundreds of farm animals, and

the famous Dartmoor Zoo is only 30 minutes away!

Take a road trip into Cornwall to the largest indoor rainforest in the world at the Eden Project and discover the huge crater of incredible plants and gardens on view. Adrenalin Quarry, home to a 490m zip wire, giant swing and a water park, is a great day out for groups.



BEACHES

Devon and Cornwall are blessed with stunning beaches. A bus ride away from campus is Wembury Beach, where you can explore rock pools and enjoy a splash or snorkel in fairly shallow waters. Further afield you can explore the coves and rock pools around Bigbury-on-Sea, or visit Bantham Beach, a surfer's paradise with dramatic cliffs.

One of the best things about studying in Plymouth is that you can easily hop on a train to amazing seaside villages! You are also very close to Cornwall and its world-famous beaches. Make the most of your time here by visiting places like Looe, Newquay, St Ives and Land's End. No matter your preference, you'll find a perfect beach escape all within easy reach of Plymouth.

WATERSPORTS

We're situated in one of the country's best locations for watersports. The spectacular Plymouth Sound – the UK's first National Marine Park – is only a mile from campus and offers numerous opportunities for you to develop a closer connection with our coastal environment. Here you can kayak, surf, sail, swim, or head out on a stand-up paddleboard! If you're new to

watersports, the Mount Batten Centre and South West SUP offer lessons.

If scuba diving is something you're interested in, the University is unique in offering its students the opportunity to gain the HSE Professional SCUBA certification alongside their marine-based degree, subject to space availability.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

"My main reason for choosing to study at the University was because I've always been curious about the world, so attending an international school has been a dream. There's so much to learn and share from the diversity of other people's experiences. Plymouth offered a mechanical engineering course at a university renowned for its leading research in sustainable development.

The city of Plymouth itself was welcoming, with friendly faces, easy navigation, and a quiet energy that suited my introverted personality. The city offered stunning beauty with the ocean and parks for nature lovers, and I embraced the changing seasons – the warm autumn leading to a crisp winter, a rainy spring, and another glorious summer."

Mya Symister

Antigua and Barbuda,
MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Our University-managed halls are a big hit with our students with organised events, a dedicated support team and 24-hour security. They're a great place to start building lifelong friendships in a safe and supportive environment during your first year.

UNIVERSITY-MANAGED HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Our halls are located on campus, or within the nearby Student Village, which is a couple of minutes' walk from the University's facilities and nearby city-centre amenities.

Bookings are made on a first come, first served basis, and your hall of residence and room type is normally confirmed within 72 hours. Once this is complete, you can meet your new neighbours through our dedicated social media groups and make like-minded friends before arrivals day.


International students can apply for accommodation using the same application portal on our website as all other students. The Accommodation team works closely with the Student Services team to help you settle into university life and feel supported throughout your time living with us.

BE PART OF A THRIVING COMMUNITY

Students who choose University-managed halls enjoy a range of benefits. These include a Residence Life programme of social activities and trips throughout the year, special offers in our campus cafes and exclusive resident competitions. You'll meet our friendly hall volunteers on arrivals day, and they're on hand at evenings and weekends to offer any help you need or provide a cup of tea and a chat.

 PlymouthUniAccommodation

 @PlymUniResLife

 @plymunireslife

Find out how to apply for accommodation at:

plymouth.ac.uk/accommodation



Halls are a great opportunity to meet people straight away when you arrive at university and lots of your housemates become your first university friends. There are also plenty of other opportunities to make friends on your course and through extracurricular activities.



Self-catered halls of residence have fully equipped kitchens so that you can cook at times to suit your lifestyle. You might want to do a food shop with your flatmates and cook some meals together. Alternatively, you can take advantage of the campus cafes which serve snacks, lunches and meals.



When booking a University-managed hall you will complete a lifestyle profile.

We use this information to match you with your future flatmates and to help you settle into university life.



Due to the convenient locations of our University-managed halls, you'll never be late for lectures! You can also explore the city centre with its wealth of shops and eateries, or venture a little further out to the historic Plymouth waterfront on foot from our halls.



We guarantee to offer a place in halls of residence (either University-managed or with an ANUK-accredited private halls provider) or in other suitable student accommodation to all new undergraduate students holding a firm offer who apply for their accommodation and are eligible under our terms and conditions.



YOUR FINANCES

Visit plymouth.ac.uk/international for up-to-date fees and funding information for international students.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries to help you fund your studies. Visit plymouth.ac.uk/international-funding for more details.



BUDGETING

TRY NOT TO IMPULSE BUY

Consider using a shopping list and sticking to it, and avoid impulse buys by waiting 24 hours before purchasing.

KEEP A BUDGETING APP ON YOUR PHONE

If you find yourself struggling to keep tabs on how much you're spending, budgeting apps on your phone can really help you organise your finances.

LOOK FOR A PART-TIME JOB

Not only will a job earn you a bit of extra money, you will also meet new people and the extra experience will look great on your CV. Don't forget to check your visa regulations before you take on part-time work.

DOWNLOAD THE UNIDAYS APP AND BUY A 16–25 RAILCARD

These will save you lots of money when shopping and travelling by train.

TRY TO SHOP BASICS

Rather than branded foods, go for the own brand alternatives. Aldi and Lidl are great places to go for a cheaper weekly shop. There are also lots of bargain stores in the city centre – well worth a visit.

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

As you are aware, due to inflation, the cost of living has increased. Visit our website for information about the support available if you're experiencing rising costs.



Please note: dependent on your visa, you may be required to show you have funds for UKVI minimum monthly living costs which may be higher.



GRADUATE SHOWCASE

"I applied to the University because my programme was very unique, one I had not seen at many other universities around the world. After reading the programme description, I was very excited by the opportunity to explore a wide field and direct my own learning. These aligned with my personal education philosophy and actually echoed the structure of my own courses when I was a teacher.

The University is filled with a vast array of creative people. Not only that, but the number of connections with people outside of the University is quite impressive. If there is something you are thinking about doing, or a resource you want to tap into, it's pretty likely that at least one person at the University will connect you with where you need to go."

Jason Grout

USA, MA Design Innovation



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need a visa to study in the UK?

Most international students will require a Student Visa to study at the University; however this will depend on your circumstances. Our International Admissions team can advise you on this.

✉ admissions@plymouth.ac.uk

The Student Hub is our first point of contact for all non-academic student queries. Our dedicated advisers are here to help you to get the most out of your time at university. No issue is too big and no question is too small. Our friendly, confidential and impartial team will be pleased to help you.

✉ studentservices@plymouth.ac.uk

Who do I speak to about non-academic things?

This will depend on your visa status. Many international students take on part-time work while studying. Visit our webpage for more information:

📍 plymouth.ac.uk/international/working-in-the-uk

Can I work while studying?

We have country guides on our website with country-specific information. Find out all you need to know about travelling from your home country to study here:

📍 plymouth.ac.uk/country-guides

Where can I find out information specific to my country?



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE (ELC)



PRE-SESSIONAL ACADEMIC ENGLISH COURSES

Join one of our pre-sessional courses to prepare you for studying at university and help ensure you can enjoy your experience of living in Plymouth to the full.

The ELC's pre-sessional courses are available if you meet all academic requirements for the degree you are applying to study, except the English language requirement. If you successfully complete a pre-sessional course with us, we guarantee progression on to your chosen degree without having to take an external exam, for example IELTS.

TERM-TIME ACADEMIC ENGLISH ADVICE

The ELC also provides language and academic skills advice for all students who have English as a second language.

Academic English development activities and resources include:

- classes and workshops
- coursework tutorials
- Academic English for your course
- targeted undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD support
- interactive academic writing resources
- online language courses
- self-study materials
- the Writing Cafe
- the Languages Cafe.

OUR CREDIT-RATED MODULES

The ELC offers credit-rated elective and core modules in English for Academic Purposes at years 2 and 3.

✉ elc@plymouth.ac.uk

🌐 plymouth.ac.uk/elc



STUDENT SHOWCASE

"I chose to study at the University for several compelling reasons. Firstly, its strong reputation in my field of interest provided a conducive environment for academic growth and professional development. Secondly, the University's commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive community resonated with my values, ensuring a holistic educational experience.

Meeting new people and making friends has been an enriching experience. Engaging in university events, joining clubs, and participating in group projects facilitated connections. Additionally, cultural exchange programmes and social gatherings provided opportunities to interact with diverse individuals, fostering meaningful friendships and expanding my social network. I love all the things at the University: facilities, student support services and its cultural life."

Hasanka Vithanage

Sri Lanka, MSc Data Science
and Business Analytics



UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE (UPIC)



UNIVERSITY OF
PLYMOUTH
International College



University of Plymouth International College (UPIC), part of the Navitas group, is our on-campus provider of undergraduate and postgraduate pathways that lead to University of Plymouth degrees.

Courses are specially designed for international students who don't meet the requirements for direct entry to their chosen degree, with a focus on developing the standard of English, study skills and subject knowledge required for success at undergraduate or postgraduate level. You can start in January, May or September, benefitting from small class sizes, top-quality tuition and 24/7 student support.

UNDERGRADUATE PATHWAYS

UPIC offers you a pathway onto a bachelors degree if you need to improve your study level and your English language.

Our programmes include English language, study skills and subject content. You can join one of our foundation programmes below or, for some students with higher levels of English language skills, you may be able to join one of our year 1 courses.

- Arts, Design & Architecture
- Biological/Biomedical Sciences & Psychology
- Business & Management
- Computer Science
- Construction Management & Building Surveying
- Engineering & Robotics
- Environmental Sciences
- Health & Human Sciences
- Law
- Marine, Coast & Ocean Sciences
- Maritime Business & Logistics
- Mathematical Sciences
- Politics & International Relations
- Tourism & Hospitality.



POSTGRADUATE PATHWAYS

UPIC can offer you a one semester pathway onto a masters degree if you need to improve your study level and English language skills. Our programmes include language and study skills, and support and subject content, all designed to equip you for success on your chosen masters programme.

Successful completion of the UPIC pre-masters course guarantees progression to the University of Plymouth masters programmes listed on the right.

- Art & Design
- Business, Management & Law
- Communication Design
- Data & Computer Sciences
- Education
- Engineering
- Law
- Psychology
- Social Sciences
- Tourism & Events Management.

USEFUL INFORMATION

UPIC has its own Student Experience team with a 24/7 helpline so you never have to face a problem alone:
✉ student.experience@upic.ac.uk

Find out about all of the different courses that UPIC offer:

☎ +44 (0)1752 411114
✉ info@upic.plymouth.ac.uk
🌐 upic.navitas.com

HOW TO APPLY

Apply using our quick and easy application form:
🌐 upic.navitas.com/apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Typically, UPIC will consider your application if you have completed high school in your home country (for bachelors) or if you have completed or partly completed a bachelors degree (for masters). More detailed information is available at:
🌐 upic.navitas.com/admission-requirements

TUITION FEES

Up-to-date fee information is available at:
🌐 upic.navitas.com/fees

ACCOMMODATION

UPIC guarantees good value accommodation close to campus for all students, whenever you join. Visit our website for more information:
🌐 upic.navitas.com/accommodation

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Check our webpage for the latest UPIC pre-departure information:
🌐 upic.navitas.com/new/travelling-to-plymouth/pre-departure-guide/



STUDENT IMMIGRATION ADVICE (SIA)

The Student Immigration Advice (SIA) team provides free specialist immigration advice for international students studying at the University.

Our immigration services include:

- a student visa application and document checking service
- assisting with visa refusals and administrative reviews
- an entry clearance correction scheme
- processing visa applications for dependants, students, visiting family and friends
- providing support for placements
- advice on working during and after your studies
- processing biometric residence permits
- helping with changes in circumstances
- processing eVisas
- providing up-to-date immigration news.



[plymouth.ac.uk/services/
international-student-advice](https://plymouth.ac.uk/services/international-student-advice)



DID YOU KNOW?

Our dedicated International Experience team provides a 'Heathrow Meet and Greet' service for first-year international students, and runs an international student welcome programme each September to ensure you have the best

introduction to your time in Plymouth.

[plymouth.ac.uk/welcome/
international](https://plymouth.ac.uk/welcome/international)



YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES



From advice and guidance services to childcare, we provide everything we can to support you.

- academic help
- student conduct
- pastoral and spiritual support
- careers and employability.

A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

During your time at the University, a personal tutor will provide individual academic and personal support, and a range of online resources will be shared with you to support your study.

THE STUDENT HUB

plymouth.ac.uk/student-hub
Our Student Hub brings together all central student support services under one roof in the heart of the campus. Located in the Charles Seale-Hayne Library, the Student Hub is a 'one-stop-shop' for advice and support on a range of issues, including:

- student wellbeing
- funding and budgeting
- mental health
- disability and dyslexia support
- international student and immigration advice

Please visit our website for further information about our full range of support.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

plymouthstudenthealth.com

The NHS-provided University Medical Centre, located in the Wellbeing Centre, offers health services to students on campus, and can also provide details of other doctors and services in the city.

COMPUTING SERVICES

plymouth.ac.uk/itservices

As a student, you have access to our fleet of networked computers. With your own email account, personal file space and e-portfolio, you also have access to our intranet and software library. Our wireless network enables you to connect your own devices to our network and receive University services across the campus.



LIBRARY FACILITIES

plymouth.ac.uk/library

The Charles Seale-Hayne Library provides access to a variety of specialist resources including: books, journals, databases, full-text collections, special collections and subject-specific electronic library guides. Services and facilities include:

- a Library and IT Helpdesk
- information specialists
- digital skills training and support
- a range of equipped and non-equipped study spaces including the Writing Cafe
- WiFi throughout the building

- large format and standard printing
- laptop loans.

There is also a 24/7 open access study area along with a student 'break room'.

CHILDCARE

plymouth.ac.uk/childcare

Freshlings Nursery on campus is run by University Commercial Services Plymouth (UCSP). It is open to staff and students and provides care and education for children from birth to five years of age.

CAREERS SERVICE

The Careers Service offers impartial information, advice, guidance and a vast array of opportunities to ensure you are fully prepared for a fulfilling career after you graduate.

WHAT WE CAN HELP WITH

- Getting started in your career thinking and planning
- Career planning advice
- Job searches
- Placement and work-based learning opportunities
- CV and application support
- Interview and assessment centre preparation
- Support with extracurricular activities.

HOW WE DO IT

- Careers education as part of your timetable
- Employability and placement drop-ins
- One-to-one appointments
- Professional mentoring
- Career management skills workshops and webinars
- Employer and alumni events bringing employers to campus from a wide range of sectors and industries.

The Careers Service is a member of ISE, AGCAS, and ASET – the Work Based and Placement Learning Association.



MYCAREER

myCareer, our innovative online system, supports you to develop your skills and career. You can:

- access our vacancy board to search for part-time work, placements, internships and graduate-level opportunities
- book one-to-one careers or application guidance appointments, to support

your career planning and preparation

- access a wide range of online resources, videos and practice psychometric tests
- view our events calendar and book to attend our fairs, employer presentations, seminars, skills workshops and other events

- set alerts and reminders for new opportunities and events according to your personal preferences and career goals.

plymouth.ac.uk/careers





YOUR STUDENTS' UNION



The University of Plymouth Students' Union (UPSU) is here to help you have the best experience while at university. We do this by representing your views and ensuring your voice is heard as well as providing you with a vibrant student community to connect with others through various activities and services designed around you.

REPRESENTING YOU

UPSU is led by students, for students. This means that you vote to elect the people who will represent you and campaign on issues that are important to you. We're committed to making sure that students are at the heart of what we do, which is why we have hundreds of representatives to support you and ensure your views are heard.



SOCIALISE

As a member of UPSU, you have access to a range of different activities, services and spaces focused on you, from study spaces and communal areas to our bar and gym. We are committed to providing you with the best social experiences to complement your studies. Located in the heart of the campus, you can use the UPSU

building as a place to relax, have fun, enjoy a night out, grab a bite to eat, study and catch up with friends.

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

We provide a 50-station gym, squash courts, multi-purpose sports hall and dance studio on campus. UPSU membership gives you access to over 50 different sports clubs, enabling you to participate in a sport that you love or to experience something new. Our 'Give It A Go' programme allows you to try out activities as a beginner, and is a great way to meet new people and have fun.

SUPPORT

When you start at Plymouth you automatically become a member of the University of Plymouth Students' Union (UPSU). UPSU is

an independent organisation that exists to represent you and your interests to the University, as well as on a local and national scale, giving you a voice on the things that matter to you. We're here to help you settle into university life and to support you in making the most of your time at Plymouth, providing you with free, confidential and independent advice when you need that extra bit of support.

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 [university-of-plymouth-students'-union](#)





**PLYMOUTH
WATERFRONT**

COURSES AND DEGREE SUBJECT AREAS

At Plymouth, we pride ourselves on providing a distinctive, applied learning experience that prepares our graduates to make positive changes in the world.

We offer a range of degrees and qualifications, each with a different emphasis. Explore our academic areas of undergraduate, postgraduate and research study at the University of Plymouth.

Architecture & Built Environment
Biological Sciences
Business & Management
Chemistry
Computer Science
Creative Arts
Design
Earth, Geography & Environment
Education
Engineering

Health Professions
Humanities
Law, Criminology & Policing
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Decided to come to Plymouth? STAY CONNECTED AFTER YOU GRADUATE

WHY JOIN OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY?

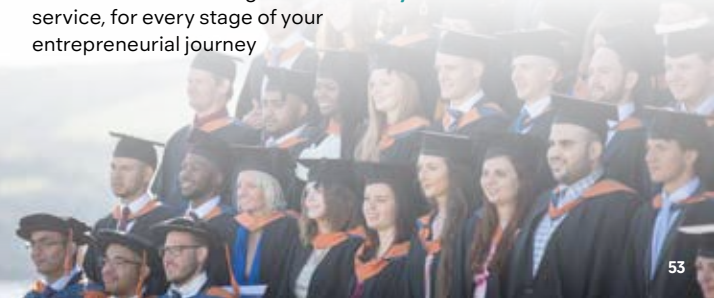
If you join us as a student of the University of Plymouth, you become eligible to join our global graduate network, and we continue to offer you free benefits and services after you graduate.

- You'll receive alumni discounts for further study
- You'll be eligible for careers support for as long as you need after graduation
- Networking events and reunions will be available, in the UK and internationally
- Get advice, funding and support from The Cube, our business creation and growth service, for every stage of your entrepreneurial journey

- You can stay connected to your classmates and lecturers via our alumni network
- University news and research will be sent to you via email
- You can join international social media groups in Singapore, Nigeria, India, Greece, Hong Kong and China (so far!).

Your lifelong connection with us offers you many benefits, including a host of alumni events around the world to help you network and stay in touch.

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ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE, TRANSFORMING LIVES

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide a friendly, inclusive learning environment that nurtures you to realise your full potential. We are a sustainable university that equips you to apply your learning to the things that matter to you.

AWARDS

UK Social Enterprise Awards

The Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise (PDSE), a subsidiary of the University, was among the winners at the UK Social Enterprise Awards in 2024. The awards are often referred to as the Oscars of social enterprise and PDSE was the winner of the Community-based Social Enterprise of the Year category.

The accolade acknowledges the continued work to provide dental care and training when students registered with the Peninsula Dental School – and working at clinics run by PDSE – saw almost 5,600 patients across Devon and Cornwall in 2023. Over the coming months, and subject to planning permission being granted, a

new Peninsula Dental Education Practice is set to open in the city centre, offering appointments and an oral surgery service to patients in urgent need of dental care.

The Queen's Anniversary Prize

Our world-leading research into microplastics pollution received the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a higher education institution – a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education in 2019.

This is the third occasion that the University has been honoured with a Queen's Anniversary Prize, previously receiving the award in 2011 and 1994.

Nearly two decades of research into the effects of marine plastics on our environment by Plymouth researchers, led by Professor Richard Thompson OBE FRS, resulted in Professor Thompson being named one of the world's Highly Cited Researchers in 2018–24, with repeated scientific breakthroughs that



have influenced national and international legislation. In addition, Professor Thompson was named by TIME among its list of the world's 100 most influential people of 2025.

Athena Swan Award

The University has been recognised for its dedication to gender equality with a Silver Athena Swan Award. Run by

Advance HE, the Athena Swan Charter is a framework used worldwide to support and transform gender equality within higher education (HE) and research.

It's the first time that the University (as an institution) has received a silver award and it is one of a select number of UK universities to achieve it.

SUSTAINABILITY AT PLYMOUTH

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Plymouth is a leading, award-winning University for sustainability with an embedded sustainability ethos, incorporating social, economic and environmental principles, across the institution that has been in place for nearly two decades.

THE UK'S SECOND CARBON NEUTRAL UNIVERSITY

We are a third party PAS 2060 verified carbon neutral university. Being only the second university in the UK to receive this verification is one step in our journey to leading the way to full net zero by 2030.

Our three main sustainability goals are to:

- have a sustainable campus
- enable learning about sustainability and to pioneer research solutions to the

world's most pressing sustainability challenges

- motivate the next generation of students to go out and tackle the sustainability challenges they will find in their workplaces.

A SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS

We have policies and targets on biodiversity, carbon, construction, energy, Fairtrade, food, investments, plastics, procurement, travel, waste and water, to create a sustainable campus and reduce our impact on the environment as far as possible.

AWARD-WINNING UNIVERSITY Green Gown Awards

The University was recognised for its long-held commitment to sustainability research, education and action at the 2024 Green Gown Awards UK &

★★★
**Three-star rating
from the
Sustainable
Restaurant
Association**

(Food Made Good report 2024)

**Low carbon
electricity
on campus**



**Less than
20kg of
waste
produced per
student
(2023/24)**



Ireland, winning the Research with Impact – Institution award and the Sustainability Champion – Student award.

People & Planet

Plymouth has been ranked as a 1st class university in the country by the People & Planet University League 2024/25.

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

The THE Impact Rankings identify and celebrate universities that support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to address the world's most pressing challenges. We were ranked 3rd in the UK for SDG 2: Zero Hunger, 4th in the UK for SDG 14: Life Below Water in 2024, and 6th world wide for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Drake's Place Gardens and Reservoir received its 10th successive Green Flag Award in 2024.
- We achieved a 2-star rating for the Fairtrade University Award in 2024 for our efforts to become more focused on Fairtrade practices.

58%
of students **WALK**
to the University



30% of students take
public transport to the
University



25%
of staff take public transport
to the University

13%



of staff cycle to work (2023/24)

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PLYMOUTH CITY MAP

- University of Plymouth campus
- Campus buildings
- City centre: shops and restaurants
- Barbican: historic area, boutiques and restaurants
- Halls of residence
- Recommended pedestrian route





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