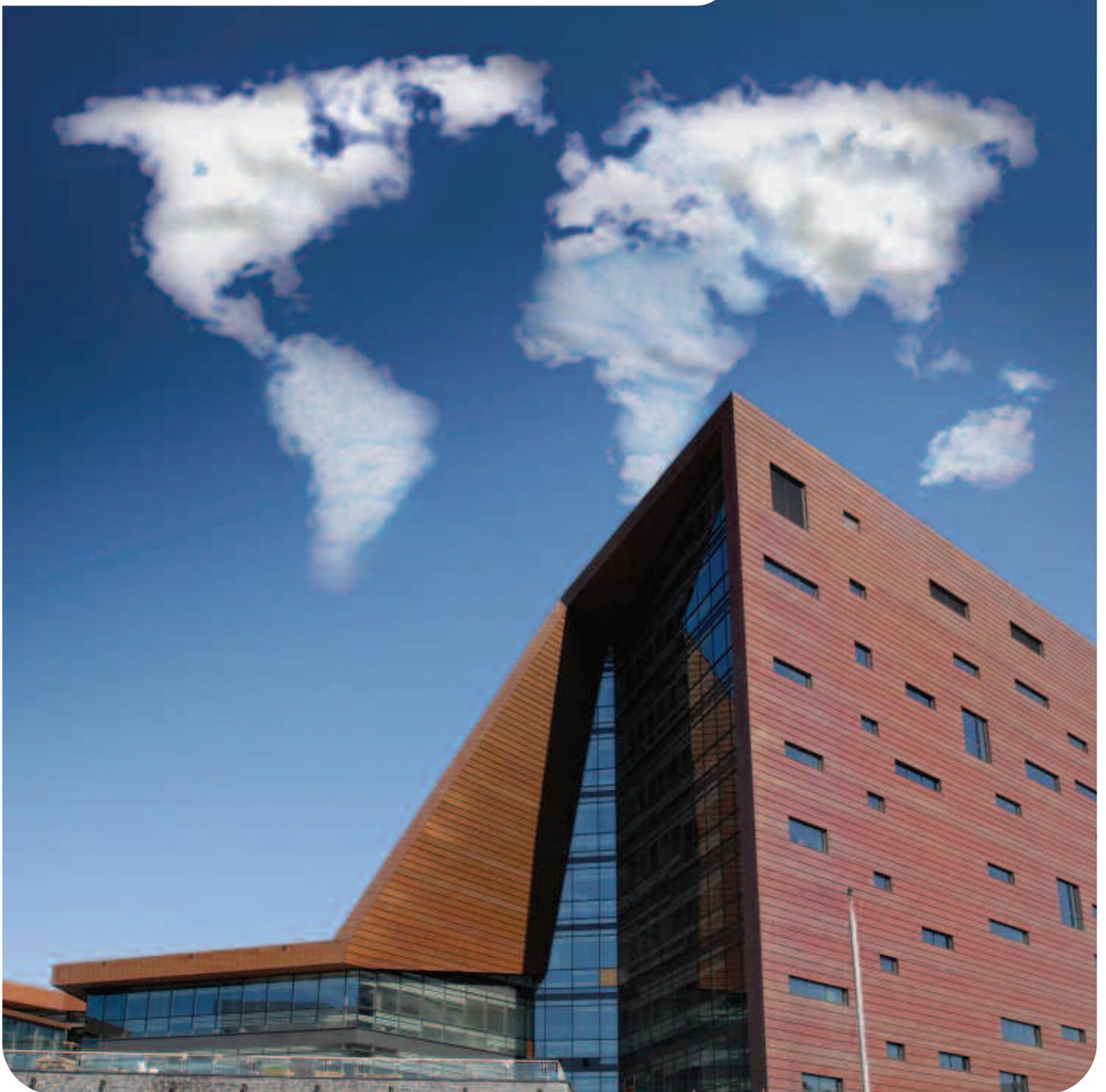


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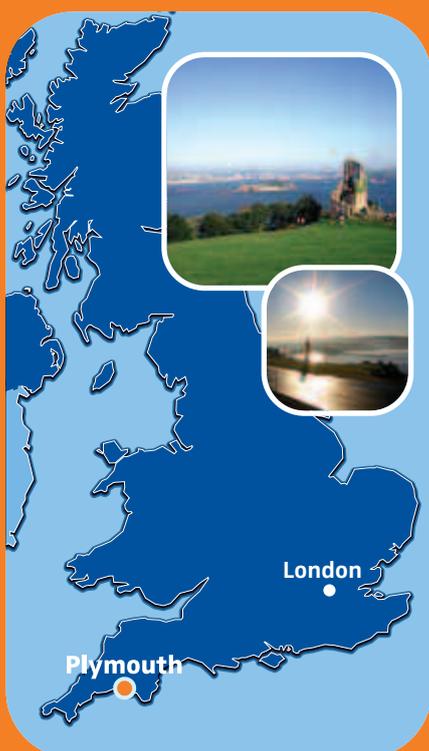


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Welcome

Welcome to the University of Plymouth's International Prospectus.

This electronic guide has been produced to help you find information about the university, the city and particularly the courses most popular with international students. It also contains web links to the university web pages and other resources, where more courses and information are available.

If you are reading a paper copy of this, you can find the electronic version with all the web links at www.plymouth.ac.uk/internationalstudents.

Where are we?

Plymouth is in the beautiful south west of the UK, on the border of the counties of Devon and Cornwall. It's a good size city (about 300,000 people), with Dartmoor National Park on one side and the sea on the other! The university is conveniently located in the very centre of the city, with shops, restaurants and other attractions all within walking distance. Plymouth can be reached from London by train in about 3 hours or by plane in 1 hour, and there are air links to other cities and ferry links to France and Spain.

Why Plymouth?

I am delighted you are thinking about applying to the University of Plymouth and I wish you every success in finding the right course. The university is friendly and dynamic with a strong reputation for excellence in teaching and research, and our graduates have an enviable employment record. I know this from firsthand experience as I was a student here. Since that time, the university has grown significantly in terms of its reputation and it is an honour to return as Vice-Chancellor. Our wide range of courses means we can support your interests across a vast number of subjects.

Our location in the South West is a big attraction too. Plymouth is a vibrant city, enjoying a splendid waterfront location and excellent facilities. We are surrounded by dramatic countryside and beautiful beaches.

Plymouth has a strong record of excellence, enterprise and innovation across its teaching and research activities and we are justifiably proud of our reputation for high-quality education.

We have a vibrant community of students and I wish you every success and look forward to welcoming you to the university.



Professor Wendy Purcell
Vice-Chancellor



The University of Plymouth:

- has higher employment rates for postgraduate students than the UK average, with 88% of students employed within six months of completing their studies compared with 87% nationally
- carries out research of international and national excellence
- was strongly commended following an audit of its academic quality and standards by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
- has recently invested over £100 million in new purpose-built buildings and facilities to provide a first-class environment for our students
- is very internationally focused with students from over 100 countries attending and many links established with institutions, organisations and companies around the world

Undergraduate Programmes

Plymouth has a huge range of undergraduate degree programmes designed specifically to improve students' employability and career prospects. Programme types are varied and include new two year degrees where students continue studying through the traditional summer vacation, and top-up degrees, which are designed for holders of three year diplomas. Graduates from these courses will be qualified to enrol on Masters degrees at universities across the world. In this section are featured courses, but the full undergraduate programme listing is available [> here](#)

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> **Architectural Technology & the Environment BA**

> **Art History BA**

> **English BA**

> **History BA**

> **Design Ecologies BA/BSc**

> **Design for Visualisation BA/BSc**

> **Digital Art & Technology BA/BSc**

> **Fine Art BA**

> **Illustration BA**

> **Three Dimensional Design BA**

> **Media Arts BA**

> **Dance Theatre BA**

> **Theatre & Performance BA**

> **Music BA**

> **Sound & Music Production BA**

> **Photography BA**

Digital Art & Technology BSc

BA/BSc Digital Art & Technology (formerly BSc MediaLab Arts) is one of the top three new-media design courses in the UK, with an established record for enabling high-profile careers in web design, digital TV, gaming, audio production and mobile phone applications. Through a critical combination of creative design and digital technologies we are creating the designers of the future.

This course is based in the Institute of Digital Art & Technology which has an international profile as a centre for excellence in the field of interactive arts. It is delivered by highly skilled interactive arts researchers who are also involved in i-DAT's masters and doctoral programmes.

> <http://b.i-dat.org> for more information

Course highlights

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Business & Management

Business Management with Business English BA

This top-up, final year of BA, course is especially suited to those students who would like to pursue a career in business or management. An elective choice is available and allows you to specialise in a particular area of business if you wish.

Entry Requirements

- An equivalent to Stage 2 of a British degree (for instance, completion of a higher diploma - our Admissions Team can advise further) in a relevant business subject such as Accounting; Economics; Marketing; Operations Management or Personnel Management
- IELTS of 6.0 or equivalent English qualification (with a minimum of 5.0 in the writing section)
- Students with an IELTS of 5.5 or 5.0 (with a minimum of 5.0 in the writing section) may also be offered a place subject to satisfactory completion of our eight or twelve week English Language summer school

Modules studied

- Business Analysis
- Business English
- English for Academic Purposes
- Business Project
- Two Electives (free choice from a range available)

Postgraduate progression opportunities include:

- MSc Business and Management
- MSc Finance
- MSc Tourism and Hospitality

Click here to view further course details [>](#)



Click below for more courses

> **Business Management (2 Year Fast Track) BSc**

> **Business Administration BA**

> **Business Information Management Systems BSc**

> **Business Studies BA**

> **Cruise Management BSc**

> **Events Management BSc**

> **International Business BA**

Great course, great location and great friends - made for life!"

Rosie Bates

Business & Management

Click below for more courses

- > **International Finance with Business English BA**
- > **International Logistics with Business English BSc**
- > **Maritime Business & Logistics BSc**
- > **Maritime Business & Maritime Law BSc**
- > **Marketing BA**
- > **Business Economics BSc**
- > **International Business Economics BSc**
- > **Economics BSc**
- > **Financial Economics BSc**
- > **Mathematics with Finance BSc**
- > **Shipping & Logistics BSc**
- > **Sports & Leisure Management BSc**
- > **Hospitality Management BSc**
- > **Tourism & Hospitality Management BSc**



Environmental Science (BSc)

This course offers you a scientific understanding of the world around us, with various opportunities for overseas study. It is built around an exciting interdisciplinary approach that combines both breadth and depth, for an understanding of environmental problems and to identify solutions. A strong emphasis is placed on fieldwork and hands-on experience, including an optional professional diving module. A focus on employability is a feature of the course.

Programme highlights

- Fieldwork orientated course, with strong emphasis on overseas fieldwork including residential courses in Malta, South East Asia and China (in preparation)
- Lectures from external experts and consultants & links with internationally renowned research institutes (Plymouth Marine Laboratory, The Marine Biological Association etc)
- Course offers membership to the Institution of Environmental Science
- Affiliation with the National Marine Aquarium and the Eden Project
- The Faculty of Science is home of the National Subject Centre for Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences

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Click below for more courses

[> Chemistry BSc](#)

[> Applied Marine Sports Science BSc](#)

[> Biomedical Sciences BSc](#)

[> Biological Sciences BSc](#)

[> Environmental Biology BSc](#)

[> Human Biosciences BSc](#)

[> Marine Biology BSc](#)

[> Toxicology & Health BSc](#)

[> Geography BA/BSc](#)

[> Applied Geology BSc](#)

[> Geology BSc](#)

[> Geology MGeol](#)

[> Marine Geoscience BSc](#)

[> Animal Science BSc](#)

[> Wildlife Conservation BSc](#)

[> Marine Studies \(Merchant Shipping\) BSc](#)

[> Marine Studies \(Navigation\) BSc](#)

[> Marine Studies \(Ocean Yachting\) BSc](#)

[> Marine Technology BEng](#)

Click below for more courses

> **Ocean Exploration BSc**

> **Ocean Science BSc**

> **Surf Science & Technology BSc**

> **Extended Science Foundation**



Computing & Engineering

Robotics BEng / BSc

Robotic development is moving 1000 times faster than human evolution. The impact on industrial and home automation is significant and this systems-based course will prepare you for the challenges offered by these exciting and varied technologies. Intelligent industrial and domestic appliances and the increasing use of robots for hazardous environments or to assist people with limited mobility are large growth areas for careers in robotics.

Programme highlights

- Joining our BEng or BSc course means working towards an honours degree that is accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET, formerly IEE)
- We have links with many sectors of Industry and benefit from their participation in course development, delivery and project sponsorship
- Our final year student project open day showcases the excellence of the engineering skills development and the high levels of achievement of our undergraduates, with many industrially sponsored prizes awarded
- BEng students can become involved with our robot football team. We frequently sponsor our students to attend matches all over the world!

Click here to view further course details 

Click below for more courses

 **Computer & Information Security BSc**

 **Computer Science BSc**

 **Computer Systems & Networks BSc**

 **Computer Systems Engineering BSc/BEng/MEng**

 **Computing BSc**

 **Computing for Business Applications (2 Year Fast Track) BSc**

 **Computing Informatics BSc**

 **Information Technology Management (2 Year Fast Track) BSc**

 **Multimedia Production & Technology BSc**

 **Web Applications Development BSc**

 **Electrical & Electronic Engineering BEng/BSc**

 **Electronic & Communication Engineering BEng**

 **Marine & Composites Technology BSc**

 **Marine Sports Technology BSc**

 **Marine Technology BEng**

 **Mechanical Design & Manufacture BSc**

 **Mechanical Engineering BEng**

Computing & Engineering/Education



Click below for more courses

- > **Mechanical Engineering with Composites BEng**
- > **Building Surveying & the Environment BSc**
- > **Civil & Coastal Engineering BEng/BSc**
- > **Civil Engineering BEng/BSc**
- > **Civil Engineering & Computer Aided Design BSc**
- > **Construction Management & the Environment BSc**
- > **Environmental Construction Surveying BSc**
- > **Foundation Pathways in Technology**

Education

- > **Education Studies BA**
- > **Mathematics with Education BSc**



Health Sciences, Social Sciences & Law, Mathematics



Click below for more courses

> **Public Health Nutrition BSc**

> **Exercise, Nutrition & Health BSc**

> **Health & Social Care Studies BSc**

> **Paramedic Practitioner (Community Emergency Health) BSc**

> **Bachelor of Dental Surgery BDS**

> **Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery BM,BS**

Social Sciences & Law

> **International Relations BSc**

> **Applied Psychology BSc**

> **Psychology BSc**

> **Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies BSc**

> **Sociology BSc**

> **Law LLB**

Mathematics & Statistics

> **Mathematics BSc/MMath**

> **Mathematics & Statistics BSc**

> **Statistics (Applied) BSc**

Postgraduate Taught Programmes

We are committed to providing high-quality postgraduate opportunities with the right mix of specialist knowledge and professional development to suit the needs of our students. This section contains just featured courses, with the complete list available [> here](#)

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Architecture, Art, Design & Media

Design MA

Aim of the programme

The programme is aimed at students who wish to develop their skills in dealing with the interdisciplinary nature of professional practice, and the application of design as a potent and creative business tool.

There is a new set of characteristics designers need to employ in order to be successful. In addition to creativity, designers have to adopt a multidisciplinary approach to design; they have to communicate a "point of view" and they need a certain entrepreneurial spirit and tenaciousness to succeed. At the University of Plymouth we want to teach "Design" not only to be fun, engaging and rewarding but also to reflect today's requirements to be a successful designer in business.

Programme highlights

- Focused, fast paced and appropriate to industry
- Reflects the multidisciplinary nature of design practice
- Challenging, rewarding and fun

Click here to view further course details [>](#)



Click below for more courses

Architecture

[> Architectural Conservation MA](#)

[> Certificate of Architectural Professional Practice ARB/RIBA Part III](#)

[> Landscape MRes](#)

Art, Design & Media

[> Art & Technology MRes](#)

[> Communication Design MA](#)

[> Contemporary Designer Maker MA](#)

[> Contemporary Film Practice MA](#)

[> Dance MRes](#)

Architecture, Art, Design & Media

Click below for more courses

- > **Design Thinking MRes**
- > **Film & Video MRes**
- > **Fine Art MA**
- > **Performance Practice MA**
- > **Photography & the Book MA**
- > **Photography & the Land MA**
- > **Photography MRes**
- > **Publishing MA**
- > **Theatre & Performance MRes**



International Logistics MSc

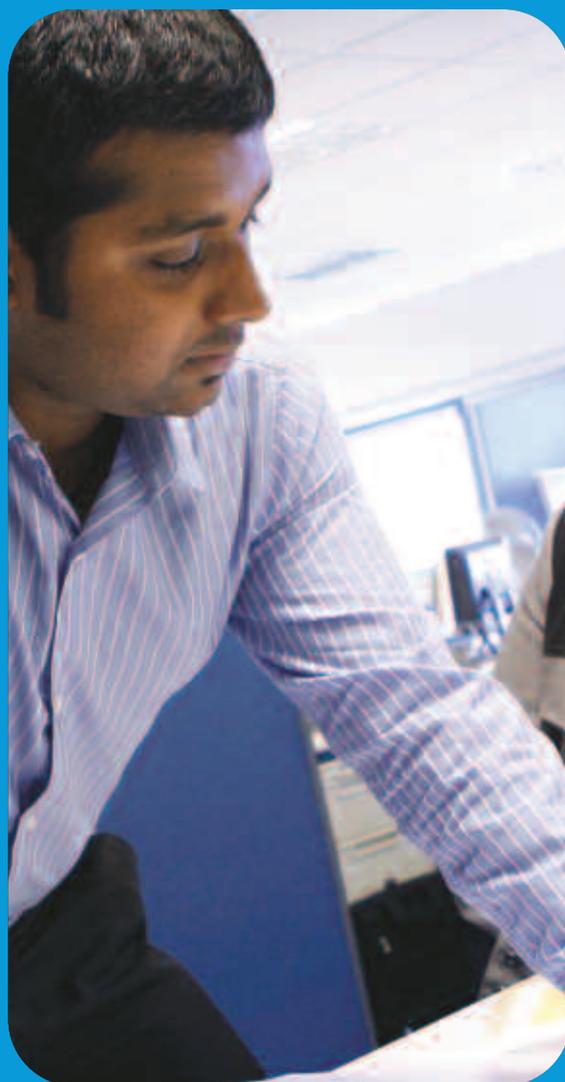
The programme aims to meet the commercial postgraduate needs of the international logistics industry. It provides you with an opportunity to study in Plymouth and at one of the leading logistics education centres in the Netherlands. All study is in English.

Programme highlights

- Global recognition of excellence by industry
- Industry focused, interdisciplinary study
- Opportunity to study in the Netherlands
- Opportunity to study over successive years

Our postgraduate programmes in shipping and logistics are professionally recognised by the Institute of Logistics and Transport, the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, the Chartered Insurance Institute and the Nautical Institute.

Click here to view further course details [>](#)



Click below for more courses

> **Business & Management MSc**

> **Doctor of Business Administration DBA**

> **Doctor of Public Administration DPA**

> **Finance MSc**

> **International Shipping MSc**

> **International Supply Chain Management MSc**

> **Organisational Leadership MSc**

> **Personnel & Development MA**

> **Port Management MSc**

> **Public Management MSc**

> **Marketing Management & Strategy MSc**

Tourism and Hospitality Management MSc

This programme combines a theoretical understanding of tourism issues and their management with practical methods of analysis.

You will acquire an understanding of the policies, strategies and leadership aspects required of the international tourism and hospitality industry.

Those who possess a comprehensive knowledge and/or experience of working in the service sector will find that this programme improves their understanding, analysis and management skills.

Programme highlights

- The programme is designed to create future tourism and hospitality industry leaders
- Suitable for those with experience of the service sector
- Develops your knowledge at both strategic and operational levels
- Staged progress to masters degree

The curriculum, without options, has been specifically designed to enable students to receive a balanced programme that considers the management of tourism and hospitality taught by subject specialists at both strategic and local levels.

Click here to view further course details >

Computing

Computer Science MSc/MRes

The MSc/MRes Computer Science is for students who, having completed a computing (or computing-related) degree, wish to further their expertise in this rapidly moving area.

The content of the MSc/MRes Computer Science is flexible, offering a wide range of optional choices. In addition to core fundamental modules, a number of modules may be selected from those available on other masters programmes in the School of Computing, Communications and Electronics, on topics such as e-commerce, web technologies, information systems security, networks, digital arts, artificial intelligence and robotics.

The School of Computing, Communications and Electronics conducts teaching and research in computer science, artificial intelligence, robotics and computer applications. The school is well equipped with high-spec workstations, and more powerful parallel computing and cluster facilities.

Programme highlights

- Flexible choice of modules to suit an individual's needs
- State-of-the-art facilities and expert practical training
- Development of excellent IT expertise
- Research-led project activities
- The school has gained national and international recognition for its research into Computer Science
- Teaching is supported by active research staff from different research groups within the Faculty of Technology
- Provides a foundation from which candidates may progress to a research degree at PhD level

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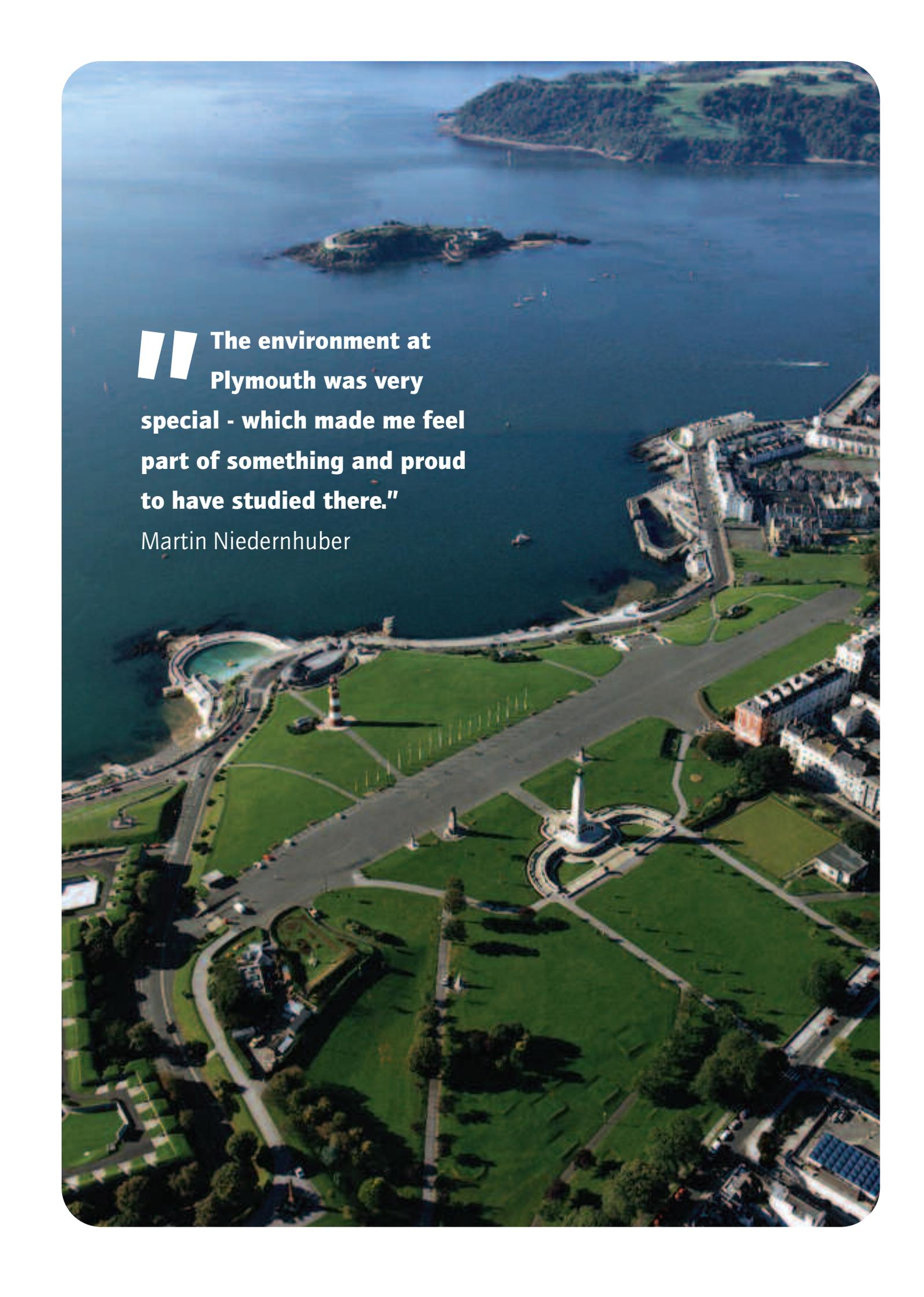


Click below for more courses

[> Computer & Information Security MSc](#)

[> Theoretical & Computational Neuroscience MSc](#)

[> Digital Art & Technology MSc](#)

An aerial photograph of Plymouth University in Devon, England. The image shows a large green campus with a central road, a circular building, and a harbor with a lighthouse. The harbor is filled with water and surrounded by hills. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**“ The environment at
Plymouth was very
special - which made me feel
part of something and proud
to have studied there.”**

Martin Niedernhuber

Engineering

Communications Engineering & Signal Processing MSc/MRes

Programme highlights

- Regularly updated to keep it at the forefront of employer requirements and excellent career prospects
- System oriented analytical skill in communications theory
- Hands-on experience in signal processing
- September or January start
- The school has gained national and international recognition for its research in satellite communications, data storage, and digital signal processing
- The programme is particularly underpinned by research from the Research Centre for Communications and Information Systems
- Resources available include a DSP laboratory allowing hands on experience, a new Networks laboratory funded in part by CISCO, a separate postgraduate study room with full Internet and specialist software, and a dedicated communications laboratory
- Strong collaboration with BT's Goonhilly satellite earth station and other companies e.g., Orange (France Telecom)

Click here to view further course details 

The programme is tailored to provide an up-to-date engineering educational experience and specialist skills to meet the increasing worldwide demand for high calibre R&D and design engineers in modern telecommunications and information industries. The contents cover a wide range of technologies of modern communication systems including wireless terrestrial and satellite communications supported by advanced DSP and Multimedia wideband networks and compression techniques.

The programme is aimed at new graduates who want to have a good start in their professional life and to train them for work in the telecommunications industry. It is also aimed at engineers working in the telecommunication industry who want to update their knowledge of the technology or change their career emphasis to telecommunications.





Click below for more courses

Engineering: Communication & Electronic, & Robotics

> **Network Systems Engineering MSc**

> **Robotics MSc**

Engineering: Civil, Structural & Coastal, & Environmental Building

> **Construction Management MSc**

> **Civil Engineering MSc**

> **Coastal Engineering MSc**

> **Flood Risk MSc**

Engineering: Mechanical, Marine & Materials

> **Mechanical Engineering MSc**



Health, Social Work & Medicine/Humanities



Click below for more courses

Health, Social Work & Medicine

- > **Advanced Occupational Therapy MSc**
- > **Cognitive Behavioural Therapy MSc**
- > **Integrated Health MSc**
- > **Mental Health MSc**
- > **Neurological Rehabilitation MSc**
- > **Social Work MA**
- > **Women's Health MSc**

Humanities

- > **Creative Writing MA**
- > **Eighteenth Century: Art, Literature, Identity MA**
- > **English: Literature, Culture and Modernity MA**
- > **Social History MA**

Click below for more courses

Sciences: Biological Sciences

> **Biological Diversity MSc**

> **Botanical Conservation MSc**

> **Marine Biology MRes**

> **Sustainable Aquaculture Systems MSc**

> **Sustainable Horticulture MSc**

> **Zoo Conservation Biology MSc**

> **Holistic Science MSc**

Sciences: Marine Sciences

> **Applied Marine Science MSc/MRes**

> **Geomatics MRes**

> **Hydrography MSc**



Environmental Consultancy MSc

The programme aims to provide up-to-date professional training in the practices carried out by those working in pre-developmental related environmental impact assessment (EIA) & strategic environmental assessment (SEA), delivered by experienced staff and practitioners.

The strengths of this programme lie in the expertise that Plymouth has in areas such as ecological impact assessment, wildlife and nature conservation, evaluation of contaminated land, water resource management, waste management and marine sciences.

If you have research interests in these areas this award is likely to be of particular relevance to you.

Programme highlights

- Support & recognition from employers & professional bodies
- Field week investigating how environmental constraints have been managed in the South West
- State-of-the-art analytical equipment for environmental monitoring & a boat for marine sampling
- 8-week placement in the environmental sector
- Project taking 5 months of full time research

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Sciences/Social Sciences



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Sciences: Physical Geography & Geology

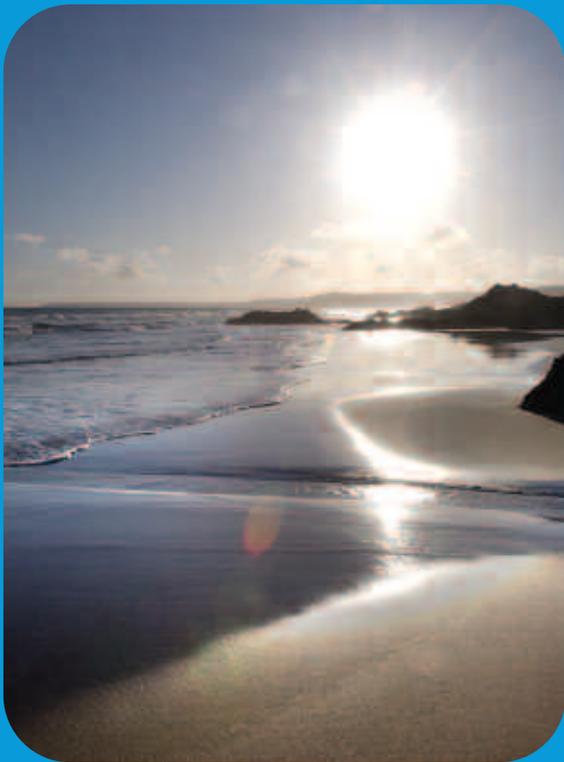
- > **Catchment & Coastal Data Analysis MSc**
- > **Global Environmental Change MSc**
- > **Landscape Conservation & Management MSc**
- > **Marine Geosciences MSc**
- > **Marine Micropalaeontology MSc**
- > **Sustainable Environmental Management MSc**

Sciences: Psychology

- > **Psychological Research Methods MSc**
- > **Psychology MSc**

Social Sciences

- > **Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies MSc**
- > **International Relations: Global Security & Development MA**
- > **Social & Education Research MSc**
- > **Social & Market Research MSc**
- > **Social Research & Evaluation MSc**
- > **Social Research MSc**



Click below for more courses

Social Sciences: Law

> Graduate Diploma in Law

Maritime & Marine Law LLM

LLM degrees are often taken with career advancement in mind, and we would expect most students to embark on the LLM in Maritime and Marine Law with an eye already to the future.

An education in English Maritime Law provides useful professional knowledge, even for people from non English speaking countries or without a common law background. Students from overseas may return to careers in their own countries in law or shipping with this qualification.

Programme highlights

- Admiralty Law
- Carriage of Goods by Sea
- International Trade Law
- Marine Insurance Law
- Carriage of Goods by Road, Rail, Air and Combined Transport
- Maritime Security
- Oil Pollution at Sea
- EU Maritime Law
- Economic Analysis of Maritime Law
- Environmental Law and Ethics
- Laws, Institutions and the Regional Seas

Click here to view further course details [>](#)

Postgraduate Research

Postgraduate Research

Research is central to the university's mission and enhances the strength of our teaching, learning and training. It plays a vital role in raising the profile and reputation of the university in the national and international academic community.

Research also enables the university to serve the region and develop partnerships with industry to improve economic growth and prosperity. The university is a founding partner in Plymouth's Tamar Science Park which offers an 'incubator unit' where researchers can transform their ideas into successful businesses.

Our research-active staff belong to research groups and centres that unite common interests and interface with the wider research community in other higher education institutions and research institutes. Opportunities for studying for research degrees exist in all the research groups and centres in the university. Further information on each research group and research centre can be found on the university's website

 [here](#)



Useful Information

The transition to university life is a challenge for all students, especially if you are in a new country, but there are a number of services we provide to help you settle in to your new lifestyle. Read on for more details.

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Accommodation

Plymouth is a fantastic city to live in, with all attractions and facilities nearby. As a student there are two main kinds of accommodation available to you: university "halls" and private rented accommodation. Both have advantages; it just depends which you prefer!

Costs for private rented rooms may be cheaper than halls. Compare the prices by looking at average weekly costs for hall rooms and also average weekly costs for private rented student properties, via the link at the bottom of this page. Most students studying at the University of Plymouth live within a 20 minute walk of the main campus. You can view an area map [>](#) to see the districts which are close to the campus.

Why do some international students live in halls?

Many international students want to be in the centre of student life and enjoy the constant bustle and energy of halls. They are happy to be in large buildings where most of the residents are first year undergraduates between 18 and 22 years old.

For more information about accommodation click [>](#) **here**

Why do some international students live in private rented student properties?

There are also many international students who do not want to live in halls as they feel they need a quieter home in which to study more effectively, or they do not want to live very close to first year undergraduates. These students therefore prefer smaller, quieter properties where they may have a larger bedroom and communal space in a private rented student house.



ISAS Orientation Programme

September arrivals can join the orientation programme for international students that includes:

- Meet-and-greet Heathrow airport coach service
- Informative presentations and workshops to help you succeed at university
- Campus and city tours
- Varied social events
- Practical advice on settling in Plymouth
- Information on English Language Support and other university services

A great way to start your life at the University of Plymouth!

Further web based information available below

> **Arriving in the UK**

> **Plymouth, the city**

> **ISAS Home page**



International Student Advisory Service (ISAS)

ISAS provides a range of specialist support for students from overseas and the EEA. Our team of advisors can offer free and confidential advice on a range of matters including:

- Immigration issues
- Student batch visa extension scheme
- Entry clearance correction scheme
- Complying with your student visa
- Police registration
- Work regulations and graduate work schemes
- Council tax
- Financial / health / personal issues
- Family / dependants
- Culture shock / adapting to life in the UK
- General academic issues

We also:

- Publish an International Student Arrival and Reference Guide
- Send a weekly e-newsletter to all international students
- Organise practical workshops on Study/Work visas

Visit the ISAS website for:

- Online pre-departure guide
- Applying for your student visa
- Living and studying in the UK
- English Language Preparation
- Cost of living and funding your studies

www.plymouth.ac.uk/isas

Useful Information

University of Plymouth Students' Union

The Students' Union is not just a meeting place for coffee and a chat between lectures – we offer more than you can believe! Run by students for students we know what you want and we aim to give it to you, either free or at prices students can afford.

UPSU is a fast moving, exciting organisation with huge opportunities for any student wanting to make a difference! Come on, get involved... You are the ones who can make changes...

The Union includes:

- Shops
- Café's
- Bars
- DJ and band nights
- Quiz nights
- Comedy nights
- Advice and info centre

For more information about UPSU please click

 [here](#)



Here is a sample of some of the many cultural societies available:

- Art Society
- Climate Change Society
- Global Students Society
- Musical Theatre Group
- Entrepreneurs
- Orchestra
- Trips Out Club

For more info on available activities please click here:



www.upsu.com



Sports & Leisure

There are over 100 clubs and societies, from sports to cultural, on offer at the University of Plymouth.

A wide range of team and individual sports are available, both indoor and outdoor, and the clubs welcome students no matter what your level of experience. The University also has excellent sports facilities on campus including courts for team sports and a fitness centre. Our sports clubs include:

- Soccer
- Rugby
- Cricket
- Basketball
- American football
- Hockey
- Water polo

With over 600 miles of coastline, the South West is one of the country's best locations for water sports. Naturally, the University helps you make the most of this by offering you a fantastic range of activities, for example:

- Canoeing
- Power boating
- Rowing
- Sailing
- Scuba
- Surfing
- Wakeboarding & Waterskiing

Useful Information

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)

KTPs link graduates with organisations, where they work on a key strategic project over a two- to three-year period, supervised by academic experts from the university and a member of the host company.

KTPs are about knowledge exchange and provide challenging and personal development opportunities for graduates – and we run one of the most successful programmes in the country, giving talented graduates the opportunity to fast track their careers and gain fully funded training and expert mentoring.

For more information please click [> here](#)

The Alumni Programme

When you complete your course and embark on a career or further study – wherever in the world you decide to go – we will keep in touch with you as a member of our alumni community. There are many ways you can continue to be part of the university and keep up to date with what is happening at Plymouth. We have also established networks for our graduates to make contact with each other and share their experiences.



Key elements of Alumni Programme:

- International alumni groups in several countries
- An alumni careers network offering careers guidance to current students and other alumni
- A monthly e-newsletter – Evolve
- A yearly magazine – Plymouth's Progress
- Alumni events calendar with informal networking and sector-specific events
- Alumni website with an online discussion forum

We look forward to finding out where life takes you!

For more info click [> here](#)



Careers

After graduating with a University of Plymouth degree a number of different career opportunities will be opened up. Students with University degrees tend to significantly increase their likelihood of finding meaningful employment within six months of graduating. Our alumni can be found in academia (universities, colleges and schools), the National Health Service, government and non-governmental organisations and a whole range of businesses. For more Careers Service info click [➤ here](#)

Finding work while studying at the University

More and more students work while studying at university, to fund their education and gain valuable skills for an advantage in the competitive jobs market. The Careers Service and Students' Union work together to actively seek part-time vacancies for students, advertising a range of part-time, vacation, voluntary and graduate jobs on our vacancy website, **Gradsouthwest.com**.

On campus we run a Job Shop to help you find part-time work, and part-time / voluntary work fairs where you can meet with employers. We also have an excellent student ambassador programme, providing students with varied marketing / promotion-related work.

For further info about working as a student here in Plymouth please click [➤ here](#)

Funding & Finance

Information about tuition fees, scholarships, awards and living expenses is available [➤ here](#)

Useful Information

Library

Our library offers direct access to over half a million books and more than 2,500 current print journal titles – plus e-books, images and thousands of journals available electronically. It houses the books, journals and DVDs most relevant to the main subjects delivered on the campus. Library staff provide enquiries services, guides to the library and course-related user education sessions to help you use these resources effectively. A recent extension to the campus library provides students with a high quality study environment. There is also a coffee shop on the top floor. More details [> here](#)



Computers

The ability to use information technology (IT) effectively is vital, both as an aid to study and in preparation for future employment. All of our courses include the development of IT skills. As a student here you will have your own email account, online diary, personal web space, access to the University's extensive software libraries and electronic information services, and – of course – the web. You will be able to gain access to services via one of the many PCs clustered around the University in open-access areas, laboratories and classrooms. If you have a computer of your own, you will be able to connect to the network in the University's student accommodation, or on campus via wireless networking. In addition many services are accessible from home via the web.





English Language

- The English Language Centre (ELC) offers a variety of English language support for you, both before and during your studies.
- Some students need to improve their level a little before being offered an unconditional place on their degree course. Our summer English courses offer a pathway to achieving this, helping them get to know the University and the city too.
- Other students may need a longer period (an academic year for example) to work on their English level. Our associate college on campus, Plymouth Devon International College (PDIC), offer courses to meet these needs. See page 37 for more details.
- If you have an unconditional offer for a degree course with the University you can join the ELC's free pre-session programme to help you prepare for your academic study and to introduce you to student life here.
- Many international students need ongoing English language support with their degree study. The ELC therefore provides a range of support services during term-time which are free for international students. These include:
 - Weekly classes and workshops
 - One-to-one tutorials
 - Online writing support

The ELC looks forward to helping you succeed at the University of Plymouth. For more info about us please click [!\[\]\(89b88375a21fd57206ff9ec1ea24d933_img.jpg\) here](#)

Useful Information

Studying in the UK

The university education system in the UK may be different from that of your home country. The differences you may come across include the style of teaching, your relationship with your lecturers, and the kind of independent study you may do.

The University of Plymouth has a student population of approximately 30,000, with around 10% international students, and at the last count we had over 100 nationalities represented!

The University is dedicated to internationalisation in all areas of its education provision and welcomes all students equally, no matter where they come from. So don't worry if studying in the UK is new to you or if you are not used to studying at a larger university; all our many support services will help you settle in, meet people and enjoy your studies.

You can find more information on studying in the UK from the UKCISA website [> here](#)



“ The four years in Plymouth were the most unforgettable years of my life.”

Phoebe Li



Plymouth Devon International College

Plymouth Devon International College (PDIC) offers a supportive learning environment and an alternative pathway into the University's degree programmes, for students from outside the EU, via its foundation programmes. There are a range of one and two semester courses leading directly into degree programmes, first year equivalent programmes and a one semester Masters Preliminary programme.

PDIC is based on the University campus with access to its facilities and services, so students are fully connected to the University while studying their foundation. PDIC's unique approach to its courses helps transform pre-university level international students into University of Plymouth graduates.

Foundation level subjects include Science, Engineering, Business, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Marine Biology and Law. First year level subjects range from Tourism and Hospitality to Business Studies, Economics, Accounting & Finance, Marketing and Maritime Business. The College also offers English language preparation from IELTS 4.5 (or equivalent) upwards, with fully qualified teachers and specifically designed curricula.

- Alternative entry route to the University of Plymouth
- Modern and dynamic college
- Supported learning environment
- Large selection of courses
- Three intakes per year:
October, February & June
- English for Academic Purposes at PDIC
- Based on the University of Plymouth campus
- Access to all the University's facilities and services

For more info visit the PDIC website [!\[\]\(711f81de5648ddf918583603859123f4_img.jpg\) here](#)

Applying to the University

Undergraduate courses

Applying through UCAS

When applying online at www.ucas.com/apply (click  **here**) step-by-step instructions are provided to assist you with your application. You may apply for up to five choices of institution/course (up to four choices only for medicine). It may benefit you to read our handy hints guide to UCAS applications and our application top tips and facts guide.

After the UCAS Application

The University of Plymouth admissions team receive the application via UCAS and then either;

- make you an offer (normally conditional on achievement of specified grades)
- invite you for interview

You receive confirmation of the decisions of all the institutions via UCAS. You will then have to specify acceptance of a firm (first) choice and an insurance (second) choice. See UCAS website for more information.

 International entry requirements



“ I just feel I am really a lucky guy - and the luck started at the University of Plymouth!”

Tod Zhang

Applying to the University



Postgraduate courses

Applying for a postgraduate course

Please complete our Postgraduate Application Form – making sure that you include all necessary details so that we can process your application as quickly as possible.

Please send your completed application and supporting documents to:

International Admissions Team
University of Plymouth
Drake Circus
Plymouth
Devon PL4 8AA
United Kingdom

If you are not sure what we require, please send an email to: international@plymouth.ac.uk

Under normal circumstances, we would expect to respond within 14 working days of receiving your form. If your application has been successful, you will receive an official offer letter, an accommodation guide, our international students' guide and other relevant information.

- > International entry requirements
- > Postgraduate application form (pdf)



**We look forward
to seeing you
here in Plymouth!**



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