



Campus Tour

University of Plymouth



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Welcome to the University of Plymouth

This tour will take you around our campus, showing you points of interest and giving you an idea of the facilities available here at the University of Plymouth. It should take you about an hour-and-a-half to complete the tour:

How to use this guide

Please follow the directions in **italics** to help you navigate around the campus or, alternatively, you may use the building numbers (map references) to make your own way around. You are welcome to go into any of the buildings that are open.

As we continue to invest heavily in our campus and improve our buildings and resources, please be aware of any building work that you may come across and adhere to any warning notices.

Start: standing outside Portland Square facing the main entrance map reference 36 26...



The Portland Square Building

Portland Square 36 26

Portland Square opened to its first students in Autumn 2002 costing £30 million; it accommodates the Peninsula Medical and Dental Schools and some of the Faculty of Science and Technology. It comprises three atriums, giving the building a modern and bright feel. Portland Square houses three modern lecture theatres with video conferencing facilities, numerous classrooms and a café. Peninsula Arts, the umbrella arts organisation for the whole university, also displays works in the CUBE3 gallery in the main atria, and the whole of Portland Square is often used for open days and preview days. Furthermore, the area surrounding Portland Square has been resurfaced to ensure easy access for those with mobility needs, at a cost of around £1 million.

The biggest civilian WWII disaster, after which Portland Square is named, has been commemorated by a memorial statue on the reverse side of the building.

Look to your right...



The Portland Square Memorial

Sherwell Centre ③⑦

Sherwell was originally a church but has been converted into two large lecture theatres and an exhibition foyer. The lecture theatres offer improved visual and sound systems for lectures and displays. The university's orchestra use Sherwell for rehearsals and there are concerts throughout the year.

Walk up between Sherwell ③⑦ and Portland Square ③⑥ ②⑥...



The Sherwell Centre (above)
Chaplaincy (right)

Chaplaincy ④

The Chaplaincy provides services and support to both staff and students from all faiths. They often organise events and meetings and offer free meals at the start of term. Additionally they have a quiet room where students can go and have free tea, coffee and biscuits and chill out.

For more information about the chaplaincy or to find out about events please visit www.plymouth.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Walk back down to the starting point and look towards the road, facing away from Portland Square ③⑥ ②⑥...



North Hill

A vibrant student area, there are a number of shops, restaurants and bars within walking distance of halls and campus. One to note is the University Bookseller, just to the right of the crossing, which stocks all core text books and will re-buy used text books from students.

Student Village

Looking past the crossing you will be able to see a red brick building. This is the start of the student village, and is Gilwell Hall of Residence (12). Other university-managed halls in this area are Robbins (32), Pilgrim (25) and Radnor (29). One of the two student village receptions is also situated here, Gibbon Street Student Village Reception, which forms the base for our hall teams, maintenance staff and an information point for residents. More information can be obtained from the Accommodation Office (22), and a showroom is available to view later in the tour.



Robbins Conference Centre (32)

Situated below Robbins Hall of Residence, Robbins Conference Centre houses a 250 seat lecture theatre, flexi-space seminar rooms for teaching and is used throughout the year for events and conferences.



Pilgrim Hall of Residence (above) Robbins Hall of Residence and Conference Centre (above & above top)

Cookworthy Building ⑤

Situated close to the halls on Hampton Street, Cookworthy is the home of the Plymouth Business School. In addition to our main library the Business and Language Information Service is located here, holding specialist collections for business, language and research. International students can benefit from the English Language Centre which helps improve English skills in the few months before they embark on their degree. Cookworthy is also complete with a number of computing open access areas and a refectory.

The Plymouth Business School also operates Pilgrims Café, next to Pilgrim Hall of Residence and is open to university staff, students and the public. It is a fully operational licensed café in the heart of the university student village that is the setting for the Hospitality Management students' practical sessions.

Facing the road, look to the right of Portland Square ③⑥ ②⑥...



Main Hall ②①

Used for exams, lectures and conferences throughout the year: The Music Theatre Group also put on a performance every year; the most recent being Westside Story. The Students' Union also use the main hall for gigs with Alphabeat, The Hoosiers and Roots Manuva having performed here.

To the right of the main hall is the Davy building ⑥...

Davy Building ⑥

Home to the Faculty of Science & Technology's teaching and research laboratories, lecture theatres and aquarium. Many of the labs have recently undergone refurbishment and are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment such as cell culture labs, ultra-centrifuges and a mass spectrometer.

Turn to your left and walk towards the main road. Turn right and walk down towards Drake Circus parallel to the Davy Building, until you reach the Roland Levinsky Building ③③...



The Cookworthy Building (above) The Davy Building (above right)

The Roland Levinsky Building (RLB) 33

This is a new £36 million building housing the Faculty of Arts and Peninsula Arts; the Arts and Culture Events umbrella organisation for the University of Plymouth. It is complete with lecture theatres, public art gallery and 280 seat theatre for performances. Additionally there are specialist art and design studios and the Southside Café, open to the public, providing views over the city reaching as far as Cornwall. The Peninsula Arts gallery houses exhibitions from artists all year round. Recently we hosted the Best of British Contemporary Illustration, a major retro speculative Beryl Cook exhibition and Disposable People – Hayward Touring exhibition that made Plymouth its first stop. This building, completed in September 2007, was designed by the architects Henning Larsen, famous for their work on the Royal Danish Opera House in Copenhagen, and was part-funded by the South West of

England Regional Development Agency and the European Regional Development Fund and as such its facilities are open for use by the public, benefiting the city of Plymouth and the South West region as a whole

The building is dedicated to the memory of Professor Roland Levinsky, our late Vice Chancellor (2002- 2007), who orchestrated much of the new buildings that you will see today.

Turn to your right and with the Roland Levinsky building 33 on your left, walk down the small road straight ahead of you. The first building on your right with the red panelling is the Link Building 20...

Link Building 20

The Link Building houses laboratories for our Dietetics course and offices, teaching space and lab space for Psychology courses.

Continue walking along this road. The next building on your left is the Scott Building 36...



The Roland Levinsky Building



The Link Building

Scott Building 36

Previously a grammar school and a listed building having survived The Blitz, around £2 million has been spent on the Scott Building which now provides the focus for film, video photography and sound workshops. As well as teaching space, Scott houses state-of-the-art light and dark rooms, professional photography studios, TV and sound recording studios, gallery space and printing ceramic and metal-working facilities. There is also a computer lab fitted with high spec Apple Macs – perfect for working with digital media – and along with the Roland Levinsky Building is open from 7.30 am until 10 pm every day. Students can also rent media equipment from here, such as video cameras, free of charge.

Opposite the Scott Building 36 and on your right is the Smeaton Building 38...



Smeaton Building 38

Smeaton accommodates more of the Faculty of Science and Technology and has recently undergone a £4 million refurbishment. In addition to lecture theatres and classrooms, Smeaton's labs have equipment for working with lasers, satellite communications and computer networks. Smeaton is also home to our robotic football team – currently the UK champions!

At the end of the road you will reach the main entrance to the university. Look to your left and over the road is Discovery Heights Hall of Residence (not labelled on the map)...



The Scott Building (left)
The Smeaton Building (above)

Discovery Heights Student Flats

This is one of a number of private halls available in Plymouth. For viewings or further information, please ask at the enquiries office, situated just across the road to the right in the walkway.

Straight ahead of you is the Reynolds Building ③①...

Reynolds Building ③①

Reynolds used to be a bank and now houses academic staff. No lectures take place here.

Turn to your right and walk up the road, leading away from the main road and with Smeaton ③② on your right. The next building on your right is Brunel Laboratories ②...

Brunel Laboratories ②

This is where our state-of-the-art engineering labs and workshops are housed. There are also some lecture theatres along with the Advanced Composites Research Centre. The outer layer of the Formula 1 car was designed here!

Continuing up the same road, the white building on your left is Babbage ①...

Babbage ①

This building mainly contains lecture theatres and meeting rooms. There are numerous computer labs with PCs and Apple Mac specialist computer labs. Babbage also houses the largest computing open access area on campus, complete with a support desk for students who have computing-related queries. The ground floor of Babbage is home to Disability ASSIST, who provide support and advice to students with disabilities for both the university and other institutions throughout the South West. For more information visit www.plymouth.ac.uk/disability

Open Access Computers

All students at the University of Plymouth have access to their own computer account including email, hard drive space and the Student Portal – an information portal containing news, lecture notes and community pages. All of the computers at the university are networked and grouped together in Open Access areas and are free to use. Students can also access their account via the Internet.

Continuing up the same road and to your right is the Rolle Building ③④... please continue up the road to James Street and to your left is Portland Villas ②⑦...



The Babbage Building

Portland Villas ⑰

Currently these buildings house the office of the Vice Chancellor; academic and administrative staff as well as school offices for some faculties. Behind Portland Villas is Hepworth House ⑬ where the Student Gateway is located. Here students can obtain advice and guidance on subjects such as funding, and international students can find our International Advice Service which offers advice on visas etc.

The train station is two-minutes away to the left on the main road ahead.

...and to your right is...

Kirkby Place ⑰, ⑱ & ⑳

Again this area houses non-teaching offices, along with the Post Room and Document Production Centre, which provides essential design, print, photography and

copier services to the university and the community.

At the start of Kirkby Place you will see the James Street Vaults (JSV) – the only pub on campus and popular with students and staff alike!

Turn around and back down the hill and turn left and face the Rolle building ⑳...

Rolle Building ⑳

The Rolle building opened in the summer of 2008 and is home to the Faculty of Education; at around £25 million it accommodates specialist teaching space for our education and music courses.

...walk under and through the underpass next to the Rolle building ⑳ into the courtyard area where students enter Francis Drake ⑩ accommodation...



The Rolle Building (above)

Francis Drake Hall of Residence 10

Francis Drake is our newest university-managed hall of residence. Completed in the summer of 2008, it provides a variety of en suite rooms, some studio flats and a 200 seat cafeteria. The second of our student village receptions is situated here, Francis Drake Student Village Reception, looking after the residents of Francis Drake and Mary Newman 22

Continue forward, walk past the café and turn left in between Francis Drake Hall 10 and Isaac Foot Building 15, and carry on up until you can see Nancy Astor 23 building...*

* Isaac Foot houses the postgraduate and staff refectory. The building was named after Isaac Foot (1880 -1960) a Plymouth-born British politician and solicitor. In 1903, with his friend Edgar Bowden, Isaac Foot set up the law firm Foot and Bowden, now known as Foot-Anstey, which still exists in Plymouth today.

To your left you will see the Centre for Sustainable Futures and Portland Mews 3...

Portland Mews 3

This is where our Careers and Learning Development (CLD) is based. Providing students with support during and after their studies to find employment and improve career prospects, the CLD services include one-on-one interview practice, CV checking and online guidance. They also form a partnership jobshop with other southwest institutions at www.gradsouthwest.com

Continue forward to the Nancy Astor Building 23...

Sustainability



The University of Plymouth is striving to reduce its impact upon the natural environment and in 2007 and 2008 was ranked as the second greenest university in the UK by the student network People & Planet. You can see evidence of this as you walk around the campus – our recycling bins and recyclable chewing gum bins. Furthermore, the Students' Union has recently built an eco-garden and a rainwater tank will be part of the new Nancy Astor Building. You can find out more about what the University of Plymouth is doing for a sustainable future at csf.plymouth.ac.uk or www.plymouth.ac.uk/greenagenda

Nancy Astor 23

This £10.5 million building houses a cafeteria open to the public, the new Nancy Astor Sports Centre, which comprises of our new sports hall and new fitness suite and offices for the Faculty of Health*. In addition, a new energy centre will be based here consisting of a rainwater harvesting tank, boilers and space for future biomass fuel storage, underpinning the university's commitment to a sustainable future. The rear of the building opens out on to Drake's Place Reservoir which is undergoing a complete facelift.

*The University of Plymouth is the largest provider of health and social work education in the South West and has a number of study sites and study centres located throughout the region. Our main study sites are in Plymouth, Truro and Taunton, with additional study centres across the Peninsula. The purpose built multi-million pound Peninsula Allied Health Centre (PAHC), situated on the campus of the University College Plymouth St Mark and St John is used to deliver Dietetic, Midwifery, Physiotherapy and Podiatry courses. Located four miles north of the main campus and close to Derriford Hospital the centre has state-of-the-art clinical skills labs, computing facilities, lecture theatre and seminar space.



Fitness Complex ⑧ and Nursery ⑪

The University of Plymouth is committed to improving the student experience for all and actively encourages all students to enjoy the activities and facilities on offer. The Nancy Astor Sports Centre provides an ideal opportunity for students to take part in a variety of activities ranging from five-a-side football to yoga. The 50-station state-of-the-art fitness suite includes a comprehensive range of cardio vascular and fixed/loose weights and is open seven days a week. In addition to the fitness suite there is a multi-purpose sports hall, three squash courts and a fitness studio. Sports and activities such as aerobics, basketball, badminton, dance, squash, volleyball and salsa are accommodated within the sports centre. The Nancy Astor Sports Centre is the perfect place to meet your friends, keep fit and have fun! Combined with our other facilities located in and around the city, including the Mount Batten Watersports Centre, the Coxside Diving Centre and the Mayflower Centre sports pitches, and our proximity to Dartmoor and the sea, there is plenty for students to do to keep active!

The Freshlings Nursery provides childcare to the staff and students of the university.

Continue along this route until you reach the University Medical Centre ④① at the end of the road...

The Nancy Astor Building (top left)
New facilities in the Fitness Complex
(centre & left)

University Medical Centre 41

This is the on-campus doctor's surgery and students are encouraged to register here at the beginning of term. Medical care is available to all students, even throughout the summer, as the centre is open all year round.

Turn around and walk back alongside the Nursery and Gym until you reach the Nancy Astor development again, with Portland Square now in front and on your left. Continue walking straight ahead, on your right is Mary Newman Hall of Residence 22...

Mary Newman Hall of Residence 22

These university-managed halls have recently been converted from classrooms. They are our more expensive halls as they are very spacious and are all complete with an en suite bathroom and shower.

Enter the automatic doors to view our accommodation showroom.

Showroom

Inside the door to the right is a glass-fronted view of a standard en suite room. The price of our university-managed halls of residence and university-allocated cluster flats includes water, heating, electricity and internet access.

Mary Newman is also where our Accommodation Office is based, opposite the show room. They oversee all of the university-managed halls and allocated-cluster flats and maintain a database of all the private properties in Plymouth. The

Accommodation Office visit all the listed properties every year to ensure they meet government safety standards, grade them on their quality and list the rent and facilities provided so students can make an informed decision about where they wish to live. Furthermore, the Accommodation Office provides the support and advice many students need when moving out of home for the first time. Please feel free to pose any questions to staff within the office or alternatively more information on accommodation in Plymouth can be found at www.plymouth.ac.uk/accommodation

Continue forward and down the hill with Portland Square on your left. The domed building in front of you is the Immersive Vision Theatre 14 and to the right is the Fitzroy Building 9...

Immersive Vision Theatre 14

This is the flagship project for our Experimental Learning in Environmental & Natural Sciences CETL. The Immersive Vision Theatre has been transformed into a cutting edge 'virtual fieldwork' centre where the audience is immersed in sound and projected imagery as a preparation for fieldwork. However, it is also finding applications as a tool for displaying complex data sets, such as the university's eco-footprint, visual and sonic arts and concepts in neuroscience.

Fitzroy ⑨

Home to the nautical sciences at Plymouth, Fitzroy is equipped with teaching rooms and computer labs. It also houses a wave generator which is used to test the efficiency of ship hull and surfboard designs, and a ship simulator; where students can learn navigation skills and practice piloting ships into harbour.

Continue past the Immersive Vision Theatre ⑭, go straight on, down the stairs in front of you, across the car park, down another set of stairs, continue straight forward and the library ⑰ is on your right...



The Library

Library ⑰

The library has recently been extended and is complete with a 24-hour open access computing lab. The library is a modern building with a variety of study areas including individual study rooms, quiet-study desks and group-study areas. Dedicated terminals are available to search the library catalogue and the enquiries team are on hand to help with any questions. The library is also home to the SUM-UP drop-in centre, where students can get extra help with maths and statistics. Within the library there is also a coffee shop and media counter.

Voyager

This is the online library catalogue which can be found in the library and through the Student Portal. Books can be searched for, requested and reserved. Also individual student accounts can be managed which allows students to renew books remotely.

The library also has a number of online resources. Metalib, also accessed via the Student Portal, allows students to search online journals and other databases for information. Additionally, where a publication is not available, Voyager allows it to be requested from the British Library, ensuring that students' needs are met.

Opposite the library ⑰ is the Students' Union shop and Loafers with the Students' Union Offices below. Walk down the steps and turn to your left to see the garden, Hive and entrance to the Students' Union. Go in ③⑨ if it is open...

Students' Union 39 **upsu:** university of plymouth students' union

The hub of student life at Plymouth! It's popular both by day as a place to eat and hang out, and by night as an entertainment venue, pub and club. The refectory serves hot and cold food throughout the day and at night there are plenty of bars and dance floors. The new coffee shop, 'The Lounge' is also open serving hot and cold drinks, smoothies, pizzas and more – all day and night! There's something going on every night of the week, from The BIG Cheese Friday Nightclub, the ultimate student party night, all the best anthems, chart and pop played to you until 3am, to the Great UPSU Pub Quiz on Sundays and RAG (charity) events such as a giant game of twister! UPSU also run all the sports and societies at the university, of which there are over 100! They include team sports such as football, to societies such as Music Theatre Group and less well known activities such as Octopush (underwater polo).

Furthermore, UPSU represent student views via the elected officers and provide a variety of support networks, such as UPSU:Advice. UPSU has also undergone a £3.5 million extension, including the eco-garden outside the Hive and the bar refurbishments. You can find out more about the Students' Union and sports and societies at www.upsu.com

The Hive

The Hive is the central point of the Students' Union, open throughout the day you will be able to find the answers to all of your Student Union and student life questions – from sports and societies to volunteering and much, much more.

The Hive also houses a meeting room that all students can use, five university-networked computers, sofas and extra seating with daily newspapers, and acts as the entrance to the office for the elected sabbatical officers that are elected each year to run your union.

End of your Tour

Thank you for taking the time to look around our campus, we hope you enjoyed your visit.







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