

Liberal Arts at Warwick - Undergraduate Live Chat

An opportunity for you to speak to our tutors and current students about studying Liberal Arts and life at Warwick.



Hi everyone. Welcome to our live chat today. Whether you're an offer holder for entry in 2022 or looking ahead to finding out about courses for 2023, we're really glad you could join us today. My name is Dr Kirsten Harris, and I'm the Deputy Head of School and the Director of Undergraduate Studies. I'm also the Director of Admissions, which means that if we've made you an offer it was me reading your personal statement :) So hopefully I should be able to answer any questions that you have!



Hello everyone! I am Elvire, a second-year Liberal Arts Student. Feel free to ask me any questions you might have :)



Hello everyone and welcome to our Liberal Arts at Warwick live chat. I'm Jess and I'm a Recruitment and Communications Officer in the Liberal Arts Department, and also a Warwick graduate. We hope you find this live chat useful today - please feel free to introduce yourself when you're ready and start asking us any questions you may have about our undergraduate Liberal Arts degree/life at Warwick. We are also lucky to have Elvire with us today, so we encourage you to ask her all about the student side of things!



This is a question and answer session, so we're here to answer any questions that you might have. Please do go ahead and begin to type them in the chat when you're ready. Often people want to know about the course structure, assessments, what it's like to be a student here....



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To begin with we'll play a short video from one of our graduates, Lily Rose. Meanwhile we'll be in the chat answering your questions 😊

Liberal Arts Alumni Stories: Lily Rose



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<https://youtu.be/p7mQuwfr6Ps>



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Hi Jaanashee. Great question! In our Liberal Arts classes you will usually study in a group of about 13-15 students. However, we run some modules with fewer students (the smallest class I've taught has been 5) and some with more (around 24 is the maximum). But if you take modules in other departments you might have lectures with many more students (e.g. in English Literature or Economics). Seminar classes in most departments is between 10-20.



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And if anyone's not familiar with the terminology: A lecture is a large class, where students usually sit and write notes while a lecturer teaches (or "lectures") for the duration of the session. A seminar is a smaller class, usually focused on student discussion, guided by a lecturer. Liberal arts classes are all smaller classes: we tend to run 2 hour interactive workshops, which combine minilectures from staff with lots of discussion! (Mainly group and pairs work, which then feeds into a bigger whole class discussion)



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Hi Jaanashee! Just following on from Kirsten's replies, you might be interested in taking a look at this page on the Liberal Arts website: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/prospectivestudents/teaching_and_assessment/

Teaching and Assessment - Liberal Arts - University of Warwick

Find out about our unique teaching approach, assessment methods, and typical contact hours in the Liberal Arts Department at Warwick.



Hi! I'm Anna. If a module only has 1/2 students interested will it still run?

Hi Anna. No...unfortunately not. Most modules from across the whole university only run if they have a minimum number of students. Our minimum for most Liberal Arts modules is 5, but this may be different if you take modules in other departments. Most other universities also work like this...



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Hi David, I hope you're well! In terms of modules offered by the Liberal Arts Department, you can find a list of these on this page: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/currentstudents/modules/liberalartsmodules>

Liberal Arts Modules - University of Warwick

We're continually updating our modules to reflect the latest research and expertise within our Department. Please check the module pages below for the most up-to-date information.



what are CATS?



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Hi Laurel. We have the option to take two kinds of pathways: 1) A disciplinary pathway where you focus on your specialist interest in another subject. A list of the disciplinary pathways we offer can be found here:

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/prospectivestudents/pathways/disciplinary_interest. And, yes, we have one in Theatre and Performance Studies. The Theatre department has some amazing modules, which really speak to the interests of Liberal Arts students (there's one in community theatre which I'd love to take if I could!)

Disciplinary Interest Pathways

If your passions lie in a specific subject, you may want to choose your optional modules from one of our partner departments. You can do this by following a Disciplinary Interest pathway.



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However, beyond the core Liberal Arts modules that you need to study during each year of the degree, the modules that you study for the rest of the time will very much depend on your individual interests (we will help to guide you with your module choices to ensure that they suit your interests and ambitions)



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The second option is to take a specialist interest pathway. This means that you choose a research area to focus on then take modules from different departments that speak to that area. So, for example, if you were interested in Culture and Identity (a research area that some students have been interested in exploring in the past), you may choose to take some modules from Theatre and Performance Studies, some from English, some from Film, etc.



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A good place to start when considering your optional modules (the ones beyond the core Liberal Arts modules) is the University's Module Catalogue where you can find a full list of all modules. Please note though, not all modules will necessarily be running each year.

<https://courses.warwick.ac.uk/>

Home - Module Catalogue

Welcome to the module catalogue at Warwick. Here you can browse all the modules we're currently running, search for modules containing a particular word or phrase, or check the details of a module as it was in previous years.



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And we usually have between 20-30 students per year. It means that you get to know students on your course really well, but it isn't claustrophobic because you're all also taking modules in other departments and meeting other people there!



what are CATS?

Hi Anna, great question - thank you! CATS are a term we use at Warwick relating to credits. You can find out more here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/credit/>

Credit and Module Framework - Education Policy and Quality Team

University of Warwick guidance notes on credit and CATS



Hi, I'm Alysha in Hong Kong and I'd like to address my question to Elvire. As I haven't been able to attend any of the in person open days, what do you find particularly exciting about studying Liberal Arts at Warwick? I realise this might be different for everyone, but just wondering what has impressed you. Thank you!



thank you! how many CATS are required each year?



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Thanks Jess :) Just to add to this. You need to do certain core Liberal Arts modules every year but we do then have a range of optional modules that you can take additionally if you enjoy the interdisciplinary way of teaching and learning that Liberal Arts involves.



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Hi Caitlin, thank you for your question! There are no specific subject requirements for this course. We welcome students with Arts backgrounds, Science backgrounds, and those who have studied a range of A levels (or equivalent). You can find out a bit more about our entry requirements here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/prospectivestudents/entry/>

Entry Requirements - BA Liberal Arts - University of Warwick

Find out about our entry requirements and how to apply to our BA Liberal Arts undergraduate degree at the University of Warwick.



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Hello David! Living off campus is very nice. Usually 2nd, 3rd and 4th years live off-campus as first years can be in the university's accommodations. There are different places you can live in including Coventry, Leamington Spa and Canley (which is very near the university). To access Coventry and Leamington Spa you would have to take the bus, although some students have their own cars. You can choose to live with flatmates or on your own and the university can also help out with off-campus accommodations :)



what are CATS?

Ha ha, yes you're totally right it gets a bit confusing. Basically it's a way of awarding credit. Every university requires its students each year to take a certain amount of credit, so each module has a credit weighting. Usually at Warwick, modules are either worth 15 credits (or CATs) and last for 1 term, or are worth 30 credits/CATs and last for the full academic year. There are a few exceptions of modules worth other amounts of credit



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Hi Maddalena. This is another good question. If you focus purely on a disciplinary pathway where you become an expert in that particular subject then you would choose one (e.g. Life Sciences), but you can take a specialist interest pathway that chooses to focus on two subjects - and it wouldn't matter whether these were in sciences, social sciences or the arts. For example, Elvire takes Life Sciences and Global Sustainable Development (which are in different Faculties in the University)



thank you! how many CATS are required each year?

Hi Anna. It's 120 per year and 360 over your degree overall.



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In response to your question about studying abroad, it's not compulsory to study abroad as part of the Liberal Arts degree, however, we certainly encourage our students to consider studying abroad and our students who have studied abroad have found it really beneficial! There are two options for studying abroad: firstly you can study at one of our Liberal Arts partner institutions, allowing you to spend a year abroad on a Liberal Arts programme that shares our passion for interdisciplinarity and critical thinking. On the other hand, you can choose to spend a year at one of Warwick's university-wide partnerships. These destinations are subject to annual confirmation and availability. Both options involve extending your degree by one year (to four years in total), and you'll go abroad in your third year, coming back to Warwick for your final year. Both options are also non-credit bearing, meaning that the year abroad doesn't count towards your overall degree. You can find out more about studying abroad here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/prospectivestudents/studyabroad/>

Study Abroad - Liberal Arts - University of Warwick

Do you want to broaden your horizons by studying overseas? Find out about the routes available to you for studying abroad as a Liberal Arts student at the University of Warwick.



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Hello Alysha! That's a great question! One thing that I particularly enjoy in Liberal Arts is the breadth of things we can study and the variety of skills we acquire in different modules through various assignments and weekly seminars. I really enjoy Life Sciences and Humanities/Social Sciences and Liberal Arts enables me to have the best of both worlds :)
The modules of Liberal Arts are also very unique. For example, this year I had Consumption as a core module and was able to think and reflect about concepts that I had never thought or studied before. We also get to learn about theorists and philosophers which I find to be very interesting!



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Not quite, but it gets more flexible as you progress through the degree. I should also mention that it depends a little bit on what year you join us. I'll explain how the course is structured for entry academic year 2022-23, but it may be changing slightly in academic year 2023-24. 1/



Thanks Elvire! That helps me understand the variety of modules on offer. I'm interested in Philosophy and the social sciences, so that's great to hear.



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Hello Maddalena! As Kirsten just mentioned I actually take my modules from GSD and Life Sciences as I enjoy studying about biology but also about the environment and climate change! I am really enjoying it and I often find that these two subjects actually overlap quite a bit. I took some time to decide my pathway, so do not worry if you are not certain about it the moment you start university! You have a lot of opportunities to explore different modules and you do not need to make up your mind right right from the beginning!



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The course gets more flexible as you progress through the years. This is deliberate: you spend most of your first year doing Liberal Arts modules, which gives you the training you need to move out with confidence into the departments around the University. You then do only half of your modules with us in second year, and only the dissertation with us in third year. The rest of your modules would be in the department of your choice. 2/



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If you were to take the Theatre Studies pathway you would do most of your modules with us in Y1, then you would HAVE to do TH114: Theatre and Performance in Context (30 credits). You could then take a 15 credit module of your choice, either in or out of Theatre Studies 3/



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But then in Y2 and final year you would have your choice from any of the Theatre and Performance Studies modules on offer.
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Thanks Jess!



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Hi Dev! Our next on campus Liberal Arts Offer Holder Open Day is on Wednesday 11 May 2022 - if you are available to join us on this date, you should be able to book this through your offer holder portal (the link to this portal should have been sent to you via email). Any issues accessing the portal please drop me an email: Jess.Holt@warwick.ac.uk



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There is the caveat, that no department is able to guarantee all students their first choice of every single module. So there may be some that you're not able to take (though that would be the same if you were a theatre and performance studies undergraduate too). Most students get most of their choices though



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And further details about our Offer Holder events can be found here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/prospectivestudents/offerholders/>

Offer Holders - Liberal Arts - University of Warwick

Have you received an offer to study Liberal Arts at Warwick? We want to make sure you have all the right information before you arrive with us. Hear from our Director of Student Experience, have a look at our recommended readings, and find out how you can keep in touch with us.



what is the work load like?

Hi Anna. It varies according to your module choices. For example, if you are taking modules in Life Sciences there may be a significant amount of lab work attached; if you are taking modules in English Literature, you might be asked to read a whole novel in a week for one module. 1/



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Hi Caitlin, yes we welcome applications for deferred entry 😊



Thank you for your interesting questions so far! While we make sure that we've answered everything up until now, we'll play a short video from one of our graduates, Maggie

Liberal Arts Alumni Stories: Magdalena



Alumni stories: Maggie

<https://youtu.be/VFrRHZJEjYc>



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But Liberal Arts modules set students approx. 3-4 hours preparation for class a week (and you should be doing at least this for any other modules outside Liberal Arts). So if you take four modules per term, you will do about 12-16 hours prep, plus the time in class. Then assessments are additional - so some points of the term (when there are more assessments due in) will involve more work than others (the beginning of term is usually quieter than the end)



thank you so much for all the answers! its been so helpful already :grinning:



Really glad to hear this Anna!



thank you!



Hi I'm Madeleine from Durham. Is there a limit on the amount of subjects you can study outside of the liberal arts modules?

Well, the limit is how much space you have in your timetable. In Y1 you do about 3/4 of your modules in Liberal Arts so there is only space to take a few modules in other departments; but in Y2 you only take half of your modules with us, and in final year just your dissertation. The rest of the space you can fill with other modules and you could take these in as many different departments as you like - with the caveat that we help you to choose modules that speak to your specialist research interest (you don't have to know what this is before you start! we help you to develop this as you progress through the course). So to give an example. After you have done your core modules in Y2, you have 60 credits to fill with optional modules. This could be two big modules, or four shorter modules. These modules could all be from different departments.



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That's lovely to hear!

Authentic and Applied Assessments

- Essays, case studies, written exams
- Policy proposals, documentaries, performance

Art and Revolution

- Critically analyse objects by exploring the archive collection at the University's Modern Record

Science, Society, and the Media

- Produce videos, documentaries, and podcasts
- Participate in a postmodern science fair

95.7% agreed that they have received helpful comments on their work
(The National Student Survey 2021)



Assessments



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I love answering this question :)



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Thank you for your question about assessments Maddalena! While Kirsten tells you about our variety of assessment types, I've popped a relevant slide on the screen for you



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In Liberal Arts we deliberately design our assessments so that doing the assessments helps you to develop a wide range of skills (i.e. rather than just getting good at writing essays)



what is the work load like?

Hello Anna! I would say that the work load is quite manageable. From my personal experience, working on my assignments is what takes the most time for Liberal Arts modules. However, certain weeks might have more difficult readings for the module preparation and I would have to spend more time on those. For the optional modules, the work load changes from subject to subject. In life sciences we have a few lectures each week that are about an hour long each (this can vary). We also have some workshops that we have to prepare for and that we attend. For the GSD modules I studied, I spent time attending lectures, seminars along with the assignments. However, overall students still find the time to join societies and do things outside of their studies :)



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We also think it's important that all students get the opportunity to present their work in a way they feel most confident at least some of the time. Some students are really good at written work, others are better at oral work. Sometimes we insist you complete written work, sometimes we insist you complete oral work; sometimes we give you the choice.



thats great



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And now I'll play a short video which touches on the assessments in 'Art and Revolution' 😊

Liberal Arts Core Module: Art and Revolution



Module: Art and Rev.

<https://youtu.be/9dlcbhLRxo>



That sounds great, thank you for your answers!



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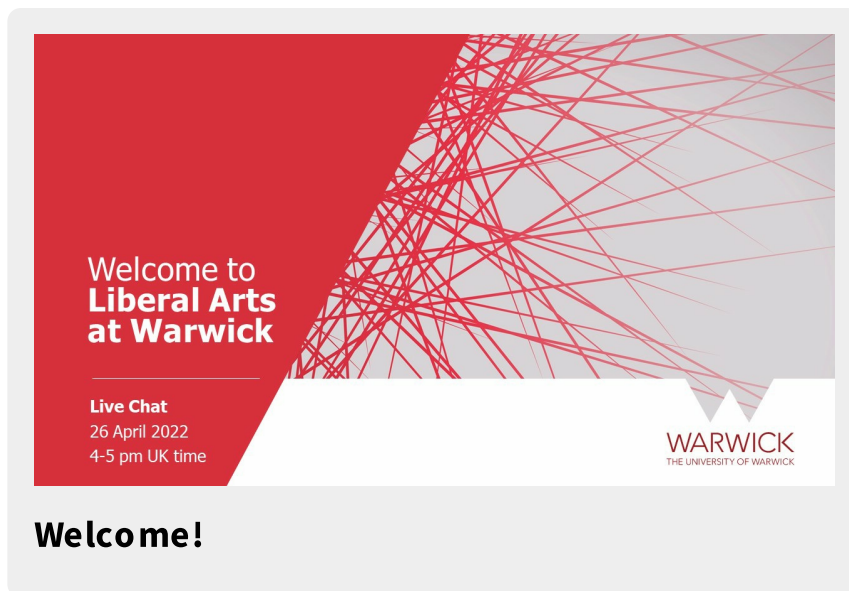


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You don't have the option to produce creative work for every single assessment, but many of our modules have that option for at least some of the assessments. For example, the core Y2 module on Consumption that I teach asks students to complete a research project for their final assessment. Students could choose to present their work as an essay, a presentation, a podcast, a videocast, a digital project, a creative project (e.g. a photoessay, creative writing, art, etc.)...there are lots of other options too. We've had students do creative dissertations (e.g. a dance project) too.....



What are the opportunities beyond the academic curriculum in class, like TA, Research work, on ground work experiential work -etc-?



Welcome to
**Liberal Arts
at Warwick**

Live Chat
26 April 2022
4-5 pm UK time

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Welcome!



what is the student satisfaction rate like?



Really high! Let me find the exact numbers for you. We have three years of graduates, so we have student satisfaction numbers for the last 3 years



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Hello Jaanashee! Yes it is very possible!! I joined quite a few societies since I joined warwick, including Chess society, Life Saving and even the Catholic society (to name a few). I always prioritize my work but I also find that finding time to unwind also helps me to remain focused on my studies. I might have certain weeks where I join less events and might work more, while certain weeks I might find more time to socialize. Studying in the library with friends might also be a great way to get some work done while also not being on your own :)



Overall Student Satisfaction

2019	90%
2020	100%
2021	95.7%



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thats amazing thank you!



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Advanced Undergraduate Research

- Quantitative Methods
- Qualitative Methods
- Methods training modules
- Research for weekly seminars
- Assessment design
- Year-long dissertation
- Opportunities to present research
- Research funding
 - Undergraduate Research Support Scheme
 - School for Cross-faculty Studies Student Funding
- British Conference of Undergraduate Research
- International Conference of Undergraduate Research
- *Reinvention* Journal



UG Research



Are you able to experiment a bit with your interests? I.e. take completely different subjects in year 2 to the ones you took in year 1?



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Well, it depends a little on the pathway/modules that you take. For example, if you take a History pathway there may be the opportunity to study for a term in Venice. Other departments may offer different kinds of field visits and ground work. 1/



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Hi Jaanashee, I can see that Kirsten is responding to your question - in the meantime, on the screen you should see a slide that expands on some of the undergraduate research opportunities available to you within and beyond the classroom as a Liberal Arts student at Warwick



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But all students have the opportunity to do research outside of the classroom. For example, the Undergraduate Research Support Scheme provides academic and financial support allowing students to complete research projects over the summer vacation. <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/skills/urss/>. We also have a departmental budget to support student research. Finally, we encourage our students to apply to deliver presentations at undergraduate conferences such as the International Conference of Undergraduate Research and the British Conference of Undergraduate Research (e.g. here's a write up from a few years ago of one of our students' experience at IVUR: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/lanews/icur19/>). British universities don't tend to have TA positions for undergraduate or masters students; however, there are sometimes positions for PhD students.

URSS : Undergraduate Research Support Scheme

Undergraduate Research Support Scheme for Warwick students

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Hello Maddalena! I would say that my biggest struggle in first year was to understand how Liberal Arts assignments worked and how to do them well. I think that it helped that we were such a small cohort. Everyone was in the same boat and it was reassuring to see that I was not alone. Also, the module tutors always say that they are here to help and provide feedback, so I really used that and asked to meet them whenever I could during their office hours to ask about essay plans, feedback and how to do them better. But I would say that a lot of the 'struggling' in first year is part of the process. You have to be patient and trust that you will get there eventually. When I was in second year I felt more confident about balancing my life and writing assignments than the beginning of first year! I think that there are a few essay writing support available through the Library and also through the Arts Department; but I am not completely sure. But I would say that reaching out to different people is quite easy and everyone is always eager to help out!



hi Elvire, do you know what the sport is like too? What options there are and standard of them? :)

Hi Caitlin, I'm sure Elvire will get to your question in a moment, but in the meantime I wanted to share a link to all of the Sports Clubs at Warwick: <https://www.warwicksu.com/societies-sports/sports-clubs/>

Sports Clubs

Warwick Students' Union - creating a better experience for students at Warwick.



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And the Sports and Wellness Hub which has incredible facilities! <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/sport>

Gym, fitness, swim & more | Warwick Sport

Gym. Fitness classes. Swimming. Climbing wall. And so much more! Find what moves you at the Sports & Wellness Hub in Coventry. Everybody welcome - join today!



how often do people get in if they don't quite meet the requirement grades? is it quite strict or does it completely depend on how many apply?



Are there mental health facilities on campus?



Hi I'm Erin from Paris, I was wondering if there is any recommended readings or concepts to know for the core modules before the first year ?



Are you able to experiment a bit with your interests? I.e. take completely different subjects in year 2 to the ones you took in year 1?

Yes and no. If you want to do a disciplinary interest pathway then no. There are core modules that you need to do in that subject in Y1 and if you haven't done them then you won't be able to be on that pathway. However, if you're more interested in taking a specialist interest pathway then yes, very much so. A lot of our students only really firm up their idea of the title of their specialist pathway as they come to the end of Y2 - because they've taken modules in Y1 and Y2 which have led them to developing an interest in a particular area.



Thank you!



If you haven't visited campus before/in the past six months, you might not be aware of the new Faculty of Arts Building. Although the Liberal Arts Department isn't based in the Faculty of Arts Building (we're based in the Ramphal Building), the Faculty of Arts Building is still an amazing space for you to use - you might have some classes in there depending on your modules, or you might use the study spaces in there. We'll play a short video now that features the new building

Discover the Faculty of Arts Building (FAB)



<https://youtu.be/yyNQLr9oenk>



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I can't answer this exactly because, as you say, it depends on quite a few factors. 1) It depends on how many places have been offered and how full the programme is. 2) It depends on how many places have been offered to students on other courses (the University commits to providing things like accommodation on campus in Y1 and if other subjects are very full they sometimes don't let us drop grades. But what I would say is this: if you miss the offer by a grade it is definitely worth calling us up to let us know, and often there will still be a place.



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Hi Erin! I hope you're well. We offer some recommended readings here (these aren't compulsory, but if you choose to engage with them they will help you to get into the Liberal Arts mindset!): <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/liberalarts/prospectivestudents/offerholders/#Texts>

Offer Holders - Liberal Arts - University of Warwick

Have you received an offer to study Liberal Arts at Warwick? We want to make sure you have all the right information before you arrive with us. Hear from our Director of Student Experience, have a look at our recommended readings, and find out how you can keep in touch with us.



hi Elvire, do you know what the sport is like too? What options there are and standard of them? :)

Hello Caitlin! Yes I know a little bit what the sports are like! I personally really enjoy swimming so I joined the Life Saving and Swimming Club. There are a lot of other options too and you can join anything even if you have not done any of them before. There are different sessions for each sports club held throughout the week and you can usually join whichever one you want depending on how much you want to get involved. There are different groups ("competitive", "club" and more "relaxed") organized in each sports club. I also tried out rowing in first year and this included going out to the river during the week and on week ends! I had never rowed before so this was a very fun and new experience! I had to pay a few yearly fees to have sports club membership to enable to join any sports club I wanted. In my first and second year the fees for each sports club was about 6 pounds per year.



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And if you aren't predicted the required grades but think you may achieve them, please don't be put off from applying. We make offers to students who aren't predicted the required grades but are relatively close because we understand that predicted grades aren't accurate and that often students exceed them.



We have a few minutes left in this live chat - thank you so much for your engaging conversations with us! If you have any final questions please do make use of these final minutes



thank you all so much this has been great!



Are there mental health facilities on campus?

Hi there. Yes, there are. Please see this webpage for information: <https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/>

Wellbeing Support Services

Wellbeing Support Services (WSS) are available during normal working hours with Online Brief Consultation sessions being offered from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday via our Wellbeing Portal or call Wellbeing Support Services on 024 7657 5570.



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If you are an offer holder, we'd love to meet you in person (if you're able to visit campus) on Wednesday 11 May. If you are looking to study in 2023/beyond, please register for our Open Days in June and October:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/opendays/>

Undergraduate Open Days at the University of Warwick

We are delighted to offer a variety of on-campus and virtual Open Days this autumn. Find out more and book your space now.

Thank you for joining us!

Register for our upcoming Open Days:

- Saturday 18 June 2022
- Saturday 25 June 2022

warwick.ac.uk/opendays

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But just to add to this, the reading and examples/case studies/texts change from year to year on the core modules so we can't just give you last year's list! The most helpful thing you can do to prepare if you're starting with us next year is to read into the history of liberal education, and liberal arts more specifically, and/or interdisciplinary learning. This will help you to really understand why we do teaching and learning in the way we do.



If you would like us to arrange a call/video call with you to chat about the course in more detail, please drop me an email: Jess.Holt@warwick.ac.uk



Thank you all for your fantastic questions!



Thank you for your time