

FALMOUTH

UNIVERSITY

BA(HONS) JOURNALISM & CREATIVE WRITING WITH PLACEMENT YEAR

Dear [NAME]

Welcome to our Falwriting and Faljournalism community. We are a tight-knit group, and we are delighted that you are going to be joining us. We look forward to getting to know you - and your writing and audiovisual work - over the next four years!

We're getting in touch to share some important information about your course and to tell you what you need to know as you prepare to join us in September.

At the end of this letter, you will find a suggested reading list. It's not essential that you complete the reading before you start the course, but if you're looking forward to your studies and can't wait, we recommend these texts.

You will also find a list of equipment that you should bring with you, as well as a breakdown of other costs that you might incur throughout your course.

Your academic experience will be predominantly in person with some modules using a small number of digital resources to support your learning. To engage in the digital learning activity, although you will be able to access IT suites on campus, you will benefit from having a laptop of your own to access the platforms and tools we use. You will be provided with free access to the Microsoft Office suite (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint) while you study at Falmouth.

If you are eligible for a loan from Student Finance and have not yet applied, please do so immediately to ensure the loan is approved before you enrol. Once you enrol you are liable for the tuition fees. You can find more information from the Student Loans Company at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company Advice on managing your finances whilst studying can be found on the University's website here: falmouth.ac.uk/study/student-funding/how-much-does-it-cost .

Over the summer, you can join our Step into Falmouth Sessions. These online workshops are designed to provide advice and guidance on settling into university life.

They are scheduled to take place across three weeks in July and August. Some of them will also be also recorded so you can watch them back at a time that suits you. More information can be found at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth

Over the summer, if you have any questions, you can join the Student Mentor team on Discord to talk about the course, living in Cornwall and what to expect at Falmouth. Our mentors are already studying on your course, so ask them anything you like. Find them at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/mentoring. Alternatively, email your name and your course to: studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk and they will be in touch.

If you haven't yet had a chance, check out falwriting.com, our online magazine and blog. It's a great insight into our community. You can also sign up to work on it and follow us on social media on [@falwriting](https://twitter.com/falwriting) and [@faljournalism](https://twitter.com/faljournalism).

Over the next few weeks, we'll email you more important information about your course and life at Falmouth. If you're going to be away or out of contact, make sure you ask someone to check your emails and reply on your behalf.

We know there is a lot to think about before you start at university. So, we're here to help. If you have any questions, just get in touch with Applicant Services on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website, or email applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk

Finally, we wish you an enjoyable summer and we're looking forward to welcoming you to Falmouth in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Young', is centered below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

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Getting started

Your offer

If you have a conditional offer, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. This means we're waiting to receive your results or some more information before your place can be finalised. You can see these conditions on your UCAS Hub

<https://accounts.ucas.com/account/login>

If you need to ask us anything about your offer, get in touch with our Applicant Services team on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk

Enrolment and Student Terms & Conditions

You'll get an email two weeks before the start of term telling you how to enrol online. You'll need to enrol before the first day of term to officially register as a student of Falmouth University and receive your undergraduate student loan.

When you enrol, you'll need to agree to and comply with the University's Student Terms & Conditions. These Terms & Conditions are important, and we encourage you to read them carefully, before enrolling. You can find them under 'Student Terms & Conditions' on our website www.falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations

Tuition fees (per year)

2023-2024 full-time UK: £9,250

2023-2024 full-time International: £17,460

2023-2024 placement year: £1,850

Term dates

You can find our term dates on the website at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2023-24

Study Block 1 starts on Monday 18 September.

Teaching and assessment will be throughout the full 15 weeks of the study blocks.

Your timetable

Your academic timetable shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be published in early September. After you've enrolled, you can view it via the Student Portal at falmouth.myday.cloud/ or the Falmouth University App. You can download the app by searching the Google Play Store or Apple Store.

Welcome Week

Your timetable will show you where you need to go and when on Monday 18 September and throughout the week.

This is the week when you'll meet your course mates, course tutors and University staff. There will be important inductions to both your course and the wider University facilities and services, in addition to social activities organised by the University and Students' Union.

Reading list

In response to the cost of living crisis we've worked extra hard this year to invest in digital resources and select a range of quality texts to support your studies, the majority of which will be freely available to you once enrolled.

If you would like to invest in a couple of books which will be useful throughout your Journalism studies, we recommend:

- *English for Journalists* (4th or 5th edition) by Wynford Hicks. Published by Routledge.
- *The Universal Journalist* (5th edition) by David Randall. Published by Pluto Press.

Year two and year three reading lists will be provided prior to the summer vacation each year. Course books might cost between £50-70 per module, so approximately £300-400 per year in total. Many modules will have lower costs than these indicated.

Equipment and costs

A laptop will be an essential piece of equipment along with a reliable broadband connection (if you are living in University accommodation you will have this).

Although we have our own stock of iPhones to support lessons in mobile journalism, you are strongly advised to have a smartphone of your own. These range in price from £30 to £600 depending on the brand and specification but a mid-range phone will be fine for our purposes.

You will also need a steady supply of reporter's notebooks and pens and should budget for approximately £20 for these.

Study trips and costs: optional

We intend that there will be optional study trips each year in which you can participate. In previous years we have taken trips to such places as New York, London, Stratford, and Bristol. Costs have ranged from approximately £1,000 for trips abroad to a few hundred pounds for those in the UK. Your performance on the degree will not be affected if you do not attend these.

Professional placement

You can access support from the University Employability team to help you prepare and search for placement opportunities. Usually, students undertake paid placements so you should be able to earn whilst you are working. Depending on where your placement is, you will need to be prepared to factor in costs such as accommodation, costs of travel, etc. If you are unable to find a suitable placement, you will be able to transfer to the 3-year version of the course.

