

Terminology	Definition
Accelerated Degree	An option to fast track completing a degree, often by studying a condensed course over two years rather than three. This often involves studying for an additional semester over the summer.
Accreditation Of Prior Learning (APL)	You can apply to an undergraduate or postgraduate course with an Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) if you do not meet the standard entry requirements or if your qualifications are over five years old.
Admissions	The process of entering or joining a university. Our Applicant Services team deals with all our admissions from the point at which an application is received through to enrolment.
Alumni	People who have graduated from a university.
Applicant Number or Student ID	A unique 7-digit number provided by a university once an application is submitted. This number then becomes the applicant's student ID number when they have enrolled. This is different to the UCAS ID number and is unique to the University.
Applicant Portal	The Applicant Portal is an online service that applicants to Falmouth University can use to manage their application, for example, by providing additional information and evidence towards their application such as a digital portfolio or identity documents.
Applicant Services	Our Applicant Services team deals with the processing of all our applications and supports applicants through the admissions process.
BA/BSc	Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree, which is usually a three-year undergraduate course. A Bachelor of Arts (BA) puts a focus on liberal arts and associated subject areas. Bachelor of Science (BSc) puts a focus on science, maths and engineering.
Bursary	Non-repayable funding or grant to assist with the cost of university, often with specific eligibility criteria attached.
Campus tour	A guided tour of part or all of a university campus.
Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)	A Certificate of Higher Education is an award of tertiary study and is the equivalent of a Level 4, or first-year undergraduate learning. CertHE courses are usually one-year full time, or two years part time.
Clearing	Part of the application cycle for universities, Clearing is an opportunity for applicants who have made a UCAS undergraduate application but do not hold any offers, to be matched to university places that haven't yet been filled. Clearing opens in July and closes in October.
Conditional offer	An offer of a place on a course with conditions, often relating to achieving certain grades in their qualifications.
Confirmation of Acceptance to Study (CAS)	Confirmation of acceptance to study, which is issued by the university once all conditions have been met. If a student needs a visa to study, they will need one of these.
Cultural Immersion	Our Cultural Immersion Programme provides students with the opportunity to study abroad and experience new cultures over a four-week period.
Deferral	The process of an applicant delaying the start of their course until the following academic year.

Terminology	Definition
Enrolment	A process new students need to complete in order to officially join a university and for their student finance to be released.
Entry requirements	The criteria a candidate must meet to be offered a place on a course .
EPQ – Extended project qualification	An A-level standard qualification that involves a student completing an independent project designed to develop their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus. Some universities may consider EPQ performance as part of their entry requirements.
Firm choice	An applicant's preferred or first choice course/institution on their UCAS application.
Freshers' Week	A first-year undergraduate student is known as a 'fresher'. Fresher's Week and other associated events can help students settle into university life and get to know the different services, activities and social opportunities available to them while they study.
Graduation	A ceremony where students receive awards following successful completion of their studies.
Halls of residence	Staffed and secure university accommodation , often on site or near to the university for easy access to facilities. Halls of residence can be owned or managed by the university, or by private providers.
IELTS	The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is a common English language proficiency test for higher education.
Insurance choice	An applicant's back-up or second choice course/institution on their UCAS application.
Integrated Foundation Year (IFY)	The IFY incorporates an extra year of introductory study prior to starting a three-year undergraduate course. Note, this is different to an International Foundation Year (IFAD).
Intermittence	Taking a temporary period of leave from studying for any reason.
Internship	An internship is a period of paid or unpaid work experience undertaken by a student outside of term time, such as during the summer months or after graduation. The University may be able to support students with accessing internship opportunities.
Maintenance Loan	A loan that is available for UK students to contribute to the cost of living (rent, bills, etc). This is paid directly to the student and is usually means-tested based on household income. Graduates will be required to pay back their Maintenance Loan once their income goes past a certain threshold .
Masters (MA/MSc)	A postgraduate course that usually lasts one-year full time that can be studied after completing an undergraduate degree.
Means-tested	Used in student finance to mean an assessment made on household income to determine how much financial support a student is entitled to.
Micro-placement/ Micro-internship	Short-term practical or industry experience opportunities. These can be built into some courses and can be either compulsory or optional depending on the course or university.

Terminology	Definition
National Student Survey (NSS)	The National Student Survey asks final-year students at all public Higher Education providers in the UK to contribute to an annual survey about their experiences on their course and at their university.
National Union of Students (NUS)	A national body that campaigns for student's rights. The NUS also provides discounts for students through the TOTUM card.
Open Days	Open Days are events for prospective students and their families or supporters to go and look around a university.
Personal Statement	A part of the UCAS application in which a student can explain why they want to study their chosen course and demonstrate to the person reading their application why they should be offered a place.
Placement Year	A degree with a 'year in industry' placement (also known as a Sandwich Degree). These courses are usually four years long.
Placement	Placements are built into some courses to provide students with practical industry experience while they study. These can be compulsory or optional for some courses. They can take the form of a placement year or can be included as part of a module.
Postgraduate (PG)	Postgraduate students are studying for further advanced qualifications such as a master's degree or doctorate , usually having completed an undergraduate degree already.
Predicted grades	The grades that teachers believe a student is likely to achieve when they complete their qualifications.
Prospectus	A brochure or booklet that lists more information about a specific university and the courses they offer. This can be both digital and printed.
RealWORKS	RealWORKS is Falmouth University's careers and employability service. Students can access career support throughout their time at university, through graduation and beyond into their working lives.
Sandwich degree	A degree that contains a work placement year as part of the course, usually held between second and third year.
Scholarship	Non-repayable funding or grant to assist with the cost of university, often awarded based on academic or other achievement.
Self-release	If a student is holding a firm unconditional place, they can choose to release themselves into Clearing in order to consider a larger volume of universities and courses .
Semester / Study Block	While most academic years in schools and colleges in the UK are divided into three terms, at university they are divided into two semesters or study blocks. One before the winter break, and one after.
Student finance	Loans available to students to help with their living costs and tuition fees. In the UK, student finance is provided by one of four organisations depending on where you reside. These are Student Finance England, Student Finance Wales, Student Finance NI or Student Awards Agency Scotland.
Students' Union (SU)	The Students' Union is an organisation run by students for the benefits of students at university. They advocate improvements for students, champion the student voice to university leadership and are also often responsible for sports clubs, societies, social activities and support for students.

Terminology	Definition
Study abroad	Universities often have partner universities around the globe that allow students to spend some time studying in a different country as part of their course.
Tariff points	UCAS has a tariff system that translates qualifications and grades into a numerical value known as 'UCAS points'. These are then added together to give a total, which can be used as a requirement for entry onto a course. For example, at Falmouth University, most of our courses ask for a student to achieve between 104-120 UCAS points.
Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)	The TEF is a national scheme run by the Office for Students (OfS), which regulates universities in the UK. The TEF assesses and rates universities and colleges for excellence above a minimum set of requirements for quality and standards. Providers are rated as either Gold, Silver or Bronze.
The Compass	The Compass is a student information service at Falmouth University offering help and advice on any aspect of university life.
Tuition Loan	A loan that is available for UK students to cover the cost of course fees. This is paid directly to your university. Graduates will be required to pay back their tuition fee loan once their income goes past a certain threshold .
UCAS Hub	An online portal that enables students to check the progression of their offers.
UCAS ID	A UCAS Identification Number is generated when a student starts their UCAS application. It is 11 digits long and will remain unique to the applicant for life, no matter where they apply.
UCAS	Universities and Colleges Admissions Service . This is the organisation that deals with most higher education applications in the UK.
Unconditional offer	An offer of a place on a course with no conditions.
Undergraduate (UG)	Students studying for their first degree are known as undergraduates.