

FALMOUTH
UNIVERSITY

VISITOR GUIDE



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WELCOME

TO FALMOUTH

Falmouth University is an incredible place to study. Our creative campuses are buzzing with energy and our coastal location is second to none for inspiration and outdoor activity. Here, you'll find a vibrant university atmosphere where collaboration and innovation are celebrated. You'll be following in the footsteps of thinkers, makers and pioneers who've turned their ideas into reality and forged careers in the creative industries.

Our approach at Falmouth is firmly future focused. We're continually exploring the potential of new technology and entrepreneurship, pushing boundaries and capitalising on the power of creativity. From the start, you'll have the chance not only to immerse yourself in your chosen subject but to develop a portfolio of personal and professional skills. By tackling live briefs and projects and interacting with academics and guest speakers who are

experts in their fields, you'll gain invaluable insights into industry.

We've worked hard to create an inclusive and welcoming environment where you'll feel instantly at home. With access to first-class facilities, situated within the stunning natural surroundings of our two campuses, you'll be perfectly placed to enjoy a degree course that's engaging, challenging and rewarding.

We understand that you'll be making some big decisions about your future, so we're here to help. We look forward to welcoming you to Falmouth and showing you what we have to offer.

VISITORS' EVENTS

We offer a range of visitors' events to allow you to experience Falmouth University up close – from Open Days and Applicant Days to school visits and one-to-one campus tours.

The content and timetable for your visit will depend upon the type of event you've booked. In each case, we'll email you instructions and details ahead of time to help you plan your day. Read your event communication carefully, to make sure you're well prepared and ready to make the most of your trip.

Our courses are based across two campuses, Falmouth and Penryn – find out where you need to go on page 4. Once you arrive at the relevant campus, head to the welcome desk to register. At larger events, look out for our fantastic Student Ambassadors dressed in bright yellow sweatshirts. They'll be happy to show you the way.

We hope this guide will help you get the most out of your time with us.

Enjoy your visit!

Finding your way

Depending on your chosen course/s, you'll be heading to one of our two campuses, Penryn or Falmouth, which are situated about four miles (6.5km) apart.

If you're visiting Falmouth by public transport, refer to our travel advice on page 14.

If you're coming by car:

- For **Penryn Campus**, set a course for **Treliever Road, Penryn, Cornwall TR10 9FE** ([what3words:///flows.enforced.compress](#)). When you arrive follow the signs for car park E.

- **Falmouth Campus** is situated in the town at **Woodlane, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 4RH** ([what3words:///design.singer.thing](#)). Please note: there's no parking on-site at Falmouth Campus, so you'll need to park in one of the public car parks nearby. The Dell (Arwenack Avenue TR11 3HP) is the closest, a 10min walk away, while Discovery Quay (Campbeltown Way TR11 3XP) and Maritime (Avenue Road TR11 3YB) at Events Square are a few minutes further.

Refreshments

You're never far from great coffee and tempting food on campus. You'll find refreshments at:

Penryn:

The Stannary – for deli-style lunch options and more substantial meals.

Sustainability Cafe – our vegetarian/vegan cafe, with spectacular views.

Campus shop – selling snacks, hot and cold food and refreshments.

Koofi – perfect for pizza or coffee and cake.

Falmouth:

Fox Cafe – our open-plan hub for hot food, sandwiches and snacks.

Falmouth town:

For a huge range of cafes, restaurants and bars, head into town – a 10min walk from campus.

THE
ESSENTIALS

All you need to know for
your visit to Falmouth.



Explore your chosen subject area

PENRYN CAMPUS

Acting and theatre courses

Animation

Business courses

Computing courses

Costume Design
for Film & Television

Dance & Choreography

Esports & Livestreaming

Events and tourism courses

Fashion courses

Film and television courses

Game art courses

Game development courses

Music and sound courses

Photography courses

Post Production & Visual Effects

Robotics

Textile Design

FALMOUTH CAMPUS

Architecture

Content Creation

Creative Advertising

Creative Writing

Drawing

English & Creative Writing

Fine Art

Graphic Design

Illustration

Interior Architecture

Interior Design

Journalism & Creative Writing

Marketing Communications

Media courses

Product Design

Ask a member of the team to be signposted to any of these services...

Accommodation

Our Accommodation team can provide more details about the options we offer. They can talk you through the various residence types and locations, both on and off campus, and how to apply for a place to live.

Accessibility

Our Accessibility Advisors can discuss any extra support you may need if you have a disability, a longstanding mental or physical health condition or specific learning differences. They can answer your questions or talk through your concerns about moving to Falmouth or studying here.

Application

Our Applicant Services team can help you with every aspect of your application to Falmouth, from creating personal statements and portfolios to how, when and if we interview. They can answer your questions about any related issues or point you in the right direction for more specialist services, such as student funding.

Talks/Q&As

Held at our larger events, these sessions are ideal for parents, carers and prospective students keen to find out more about the application journey, student finance, personal statements and portfolios. Each session is 30-45 minutes long and includes a short presentation followed by a Q&A. No need to book, just pop in – see the timetable for the day.

Quiet Zone

At our larger events, on each campus, you'll find a quiet space where you can relax, get away from the buzz and plan your day. A Student Ambassador or member of staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Student Helpdesk

Situated on each campus in the library, the Student Helpdesk is the go-to place to find help and support – on anything from health and wellbeing to finances and study resources.

Students' Union

Led by students for students, our Students' Union (SU) is based at our Penryn Campus. The SU runs clubs, societies and social activities and can provide advice on issues such as welfare or study support.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

ASK OUR COMMUNITY

Chat online with our students and staff – they're here to help.

Our students and staff would love to tell you all about life at Falmouth University – from choosing a course to settling in and making friends and memories. Maybe you'd like to know more about modules, what the nightlife is like or where our graduates are now working? Whatever your query, our community is here to offer genuine insights and personal experiences.

It's quick and easy to make contact via our online platform, where you can choose to message a student or staff member. Use a range of filters to direct your query – undergraduate or postgraduate, online or on campus and chosen area of study – and click send. Our students will respond within 24 hours and staff will reply as soon as they can.

You'll find students there from every subject, from all over the UK and the rest of the world, along with course teams who are always happy to discuss their areas of expertise. So, ask away!

Scan this QR code and start your conversation:



FOR PARENTS & CARERS

**Get clued up on what to expect from
the university application journey.**

As a parent or carer, there can be a lot to consider when supporting a young person through the university application process and beyond. Our online guide provides everything you need to know.

If a young person in your care is considering university study, think of our comprehensive guide as your go-to resource. You'll find information to help them at every step of the way – from selecting the right course and navigating applications and interviews, to finding suitable accommodation and helping them settle in.

We've included advice about the Clearing process, handy finance FAQs and an idea of the careers and opportunities a creative degree might lead to. There's even an A-Z of university application terms if you find yourself getting lost in the jargon.

Stay in the loop, as a parent or carer, by signing up for regular updates from Falmouth University. Scan this QR code to find out more:



STUDENT ACCOMM- ODATION

Explore your home-from-home options

Falmouth is consistently ranked as one of the safest university settings in the UK* and often celebrated as one of the best places to live for its standout lifestyle.

Whether you'd prefer the convenience of living on campus, a cosy home just moments from the sea or a vibrant spot in the heart of Falmouth town, there are a range of student accommodation options to suit your needs. From shared rooms to self-contained studio apartments, with self-catered and catered options available on Penryn Campus, you can find a space that fits your lifestyle and budget.

As a first-year student, you're guaranteed a place in University-owned, managed or approved accommodation, provided you apply by the deadline published in our online guide.

To find out all you need to know about your new home from home, scan the QR code below:

*Complete University Guide 2027



DISCOVER FALMOUTH

From the social life to the scenery, discover why students love Falmouth.

Falmouth offers the best of all worlds – a bustling small town with a big personality, nestled between magnificent coastline and stunning countryside. This is your opportunity to see the place for yourself. We've outlined a few suggestions to help you maximise your time to explore.

Many areas of Falmouth and Penryn are easily accessible by car, bus or train, and on foot. How long do you have?

One hour:

Our beautiful local beach, Gyllyngvase, is just a five-minute walk away from our Falmouth Campus. The Gylly Beach Cafe there makes the perfect pitstop, rain or shine.

Or, find your bearings with a takeaway coffee and a view. Pendennis Point, five minutes by car from Falmouth town centre or 30mins on foot, offers a 360-degree panorama of the Fal Estuary and Falmouth Bay. With a blast of fresh, West-country air and the chance to see seabirds, seals and even dolphins, you'll realise why the area has long been a favourite for adventurers and explorers.

Two hours:

Take to the High Street, which stretches from Events Square and along the harbourside towards The Greenbank Hotel. Here, you'll find independent shops and galleries and plenty of tempting places to stop and refuel – such as Beacon Coffee, or Falmouth's Middle Eastern cafe Sabzi. Or try the Old High Street, packed with independent shops, bakeries, cafes and even a witchcraft museum.

A full day or more:

Two popular beaches are within easy reach of Falmouth: Maenporth and Swanpool, each with parking and a fabulous cafe. Go further afield with a boat trip from Falmouth's Prince of Wales Pier to St Mawes, Flushing or Trelissick Garden. Or see why the area is a natural adventure playground by hiking, biking or booking ahead for one of the many watersports on offer.

If you're staying overnight, you'll find cosmopolitan food options and a busy social scene centred around popular pubs, quirky bars and performance venues. Try Harbour Lights for fish and chips, Amanzi for South African flavours or Wilder for a plant-based meal from their Indian kitchen, before heading to The Chintz or The Cornish Bank for live music.

Within a weekend, you could explore the county of Cornwall with its hundreds of miles of coastline, world-famous gardens, wild moorlands and must-see cultural highlights – including the Tate St Ives, the Barbara Hepworth Museum and the iconic open-air Minack Theatre.



Top travel tips to help you find your way here.

Between campuses

If you choose to study here, good local public transport connections make it easy to travel locally without a car. Buses run regularly between campuses (a journey time of around 20 mins) and into town – download the Transport For Cornwall app (transportforcornwall.co.uk) for schedules and live updates.

Other routes travel between Truro and Falmouth, via Penryn, or around local loops to supermarkets such as Asda, Lidl, Sainsbury's and beyond.

You can also travel between campuses by train, from Falmouth Town to Penryn stations – a journey of about 30 mins including the walk at each end (thetrainline.com).

Alternatively, speak to a member of our team to book a taxi.



Accessibility

We're an accessible campus so will support you both as a visitor and as a student. Both campuses feature inclines and some of our heritage buildings present accessibility challenges, so we can make special arrangements. If you're a blue badge holder, we can organise parking for you on both campuses. If you have any other requirements, please let us know when you book.

How to get here

By car

If you're arriving by car, we've outlined your destination postcodes on page 3. Visit falmouth.ac.uk/find-us to check which of our two campuses to arrive at. Please remember – there's no parking at our town-centre Falmouth Campus, so head to the car park postcodes mentioned in your event communications and not the campus itself! Parking at Penryn Campus is free at weekends and for key events – ask us for the parking code.

By coach or bus

National Express and Flixbus run daily services nationwide, to and from Falmouth and Penryn. Low-cost travel service Megabus also operates from UK cities including London, Bristol and Exeter to Plymouth, where connecting services can be joined. Local bus services from Truro bus station drop you at Penryn Campus and travel on into Falmouth town centre – check transportforcornwall.co.uk.

By train

Regular services to Truro run from various parts of the UK; the journey from London Paddington takes just over four hours. Change at Truro for branch line services to Falmouth and Penryn. The walk from Falmouth Town station to Falmouth Campus is less than five minutes. There's no taxi rank at Penryn station; taxis to Penryn Campus can be booked in advance (try Abacus Falmouth Taxis or A2B Taxis), or the distance of just under a mile can be walked in approximately 15mins.

By air

Flights operate direct to Cornwall Airport Newquay from London Stansted and certain UK cities including Manchester. Cornwall Airport Newquay is approximately 25 miles (40km) from Falmouth and Penryn. We would recommend booking a taxi in advance for the journey from the airport to Falmouth University. The airport's official taxi provider is Coastline Travel Cornwall.



NEXT STEPS

Now you've visited us,
where to from here?

More questions?

If you forget to ask us something on your visit, don't worry – we're still here to help. You can also reach us by phone on **+44(0) 1326 254350** or email: **futurestudies@falmouth.ac.uk**

Chat to a student or course team

What's it really like at Falmouth? For course-specific details and insights, or the lowdown on all aspects of life in Cornwall, speak to one of our friendly students. You can read their blogs and vlogs and start chatting virtually to them now at: **falmouth.ac.uk/ask-a-student** You can also chat to our course teams if you have any questions about the course.

Start your application

If you're ready to apply, we have plenty of advice and resources online to help. You'll find step-by-step guides and videos about the application process at: **falmouth.ac.uk/apply**

Once you've applied

To ask any questions about your application, including what to expect at an interview, contact the Applicant Services team. Visit **applicantservices@falmouth.ac.uk** or call **+44(0) 1326 213730**.

Soon after you apply, you'll be given access to your applicant portal – please check there for updates.

Arrange an interview

If your course offers an interview, choose your option on the portal after you apply.

Visit us virtually

Our schedule of virtual events includes online subject sessions, accommodation Q&As, advice about personal statements and portfolios and campus tours – everything you need to apply, prepare for and move to Falmouth. Scan this QR code to find out more:



WHY FALMOUTH?

Enjoyed your trip? Here's a quick reminder of what makes us unique.

CREATIVE TO THE CORE

We thrive on using imagination and innovation to generate new and exciting ideas. Hopefully, you witnessed some of our state-of-the-art facilities and met the inspiring academics and technicians who make it happen.

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

Where else can you find world food, contemporary art, great surf spots and an International Sea Shanty Festival? Falmouth can't be beaten for lifestyle, location and opportunity.

CLEANER AND GREENER

We're committed to an ambitious sustainability programme to reduce our carbon footprint. If you were impressed by our award-winning campuses, why not become involved environmentally through sustainability groups and workshops?

ACTIVE AND ADVENTUROUS

With more than 100 clubs and societies, a busy Students' Union and a well-equipped sports centre on site, this is the place to make friends, keep fit and try new things.

BASED BY THE SEA

Can you picture yourself taking a swim after studying, walking on windswept sands or meeting up for a barbecue at sundown? Being so close to the coast delivers a real feelgood factor, year-round.

INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE

Ideally, your visit offered you a feel for Falmouth – a place where you'll be supported on your educational journey, surrounded by likeminded people and can truly be yourself.

Please contact us if we can help you further as you make your university choice. Email us at **futurestudies@falmouth.ac.uk** or send us a message on our live chat at **falmouth.ac.uk**

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