



Student Priorities

For Election Candidates

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
**STUDENTS'
GUILD**

- This survey was promoted during Refreshers Week through interactive stalls, table talkers in DH1&2, social media posts, on our website and through the AU's channels
- Our aim for this survey was to take a snapshot of the issues affecting students at the moment.

What's a big issue or priority for you at the moment?

- The main broad themes of issues are as follows:

Answer	%	Count
Academic Topics	29.44%	146
Student Experience	18.75%	93
Health and Wellbeing	12.90%	64
Personal Development	10.08%	50
University facilities	7.86%	39
Miscellaneous	5.85%	29
Sustainability Topics	4.64%	23
Food & Drink	4.23%	21
EDI Topics	3.23%	16
Student Groups	2.42%	12
Technology Topics	0.60%	3

- The topics under these themes are described on the next page.

- **Academic Topics** included mentions of; course, assignments, classes, staff, timetable etc
- **EDI Topics** included mentions of; BAME, LGBTQ+, international, discrimination
- **Food & Drink** included mentions of; cafes, alcohol, prices, cooking
- **Health and Wellbeing** included mentions of; covid, mental health, safety, fitness
- **Personal Development** included mentions of; jobs, time management, skills, communication
- **Student Experience** included mentions of; accommodation, relationships, socialising, friendships, the Guild
- **Student Groups** included mentions of; sport clubs, societies
- **Sustainability Topics** included mentions of; the environment, climate change, pollution, recycling
- **Technology** included mentions of; internet, wifi, phones
- **University Facilities** included mentions of; the forum, travel, seating, buses

The following pages are the highest topics under each of the themes

Academic topics

- Study
 - Study space
 - Future studies (ie. PG options)
- Exams
 - Getting a good grade
 - In person vs. virtual
- Classes
 - In person vs. virtual classes

Student Experience

- Work
 - Academic work/study
 - Workload worries
- Accommodation
 - Finding accommodation
 - Expensive housing
- Finance
 - Budgeting
 - Earning money
- Socialising
 - Making friends

Health and Wellbeing

- Covid
 - Impact on classes
 - Impact on student group activities
 - Safety concerns
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - Students experiencing poor mental health
 - Mental health services and support
- Women's safety
- Healthy living

Personal Development

- Time management
 - Balancing time (e.g. study, part-time job, socialising)
- Career
 - Part-time jobs
 - Graduate jobs
- Skills
 - Learning new skills

University Facilities

- Study space
 - Not enough space on campus
 - Not enough quiet workspace
- Forum
 - More space to sit in the forum
- Travel
 - Buses don't run on time
 - No shuttle bus between campuses

Sustainability Topics

- Climate change
- Environment
 - Plastic pollution
- Waste
 - Not enough recycling on campus
 - Not enough bins on campus

Food & Drink

- Food
 - Lack of diversity of food
- On campus outlets
 - Prices of on campus products
 - Not enough food outlets on campus
 - Pret queue length

EDI Topics

- Language
 - English not being students' native language
- Diversity
 - Student body diversity

Student Groups

- Societies
 - Returning back to normal after covid
 - Finding a society to join
 - More slots for sessions
- Sports
 - Choosing a club
 - More slots for sessions
 - Varsity

Technology Topics

- Wi-Fi connections
- Phone issues

The following pages are the demographics of the respondents

College	%	Count
The Business School	26.07%	110
College of Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences	25.59%	108
College of Humanities	18.72%	79
College of Social Sciences and International Studies	14.22%	60
College of Life and Environmental Sciences	12.09%	51
College of Medicine and Health	3.32%	14

Campus	%	Count
Streatham Campus	95.10%	408
St Luke's Campus	4.90%	21

Year Group	%	Count
Year 1	29.34%	125
Year 2	28.64%	122
Masters	22.07%	94
Year 3	10.09%	43
Year 4	3.05%	13
MPhil/PhD	2.82%	12
Study Abroad/Industrial or Professional Placement	1.64%	7
Foundation year	0.70%	3
Year 5	0.70%	3
Professional Doctorate	0.70%	3
Other (please specify)	0.23%	1

Sexual Orientation	%	Count
Heterosexual / Straight	74.00%	313
Bisexual	12.77%	54
Gay / Lesbian	4.49%	19
Unsure	3.78%	16
Prefer not to say	3.07%	13
Prefer to self-describe	1.89%	8

Gender	%	Count
Female	55.56%	235
Male	41.37%	175
Non-binary	1.18%	5
Prefer not to say	1.18%	5
Prefer to self-describe	0.71%	3

Age	%	Count
20 or under	52.68%	226
21-30	43.82%	188
31-40	2.56%	11
71 or over	0.47%	2
41-50	0.23%	1
Prefer not to say	0.23%	1

Ethnicity	%	Count
White	56.06%	236
Asian	31.59%	133
Mixed	4.99%	21
Other	3.33%	14
Black	2.38%	10
Prefer not to say	1.66%	7

Disability Status	%	Count
No known disability	78.95%	330
Prefer not to say	8.13%	34
A learning disability	7.18%	30
Other	3.11%	13
A physical disability	2.63%	11

Domicile	%	Count
UK	60.33%	257
Other international	35.68%	152
EU (excluding the UK)	3.99%	17