

# 10 Reasons to choose the University of Worcester



## 1. High Quality of Academic Experience

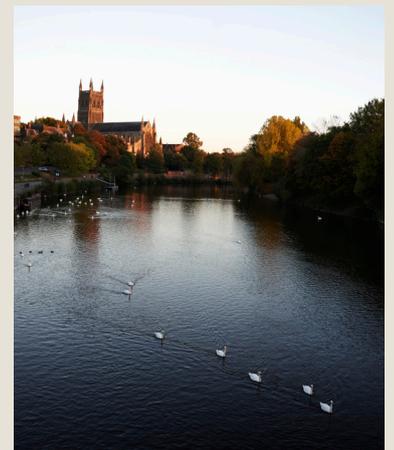
- Offers an extensive range of courses to inspire, enrich and educate
- Courses are highly relevant and designed to cater to the needs and demands of students and employers
- In addition to notable achievements in areas such as Nursing and Education programmes, the university has evolved to include new study options and course offerings in areas such as Sports, Humanities, Business and Health.

## **‘University of Worcester ranked in the UK’s top ten for its Nursing programme by Sunday Times Good University Guide’**

[Read about it here.](#)

## 2. Location, location, location

- Located in the heart of England, the historic City of Worcester boasts dramatically beautiful sceneries
- With an approximate population of over 110,000 people, it is a safe, medium sized city and has been ranked 14th most desirable place to live out of hundreds of cities and towns in the UK in recent years
- Travel to other parts of the UK is extremely convenient via well-connected motorways and easily accessible public transport
- The city is also well connected to major airports: about 40 minutes away from Birmingham International Airport and about slightly more than 2 hours away from Manchester Airport and London Heathrow



## 3. An Inclusive Community

The university recognizes and embraces its role as an agent for social cohesion and inclusion and the contribution and impact that it has on students, staff and the community. The university has developed its campus, courses and identity to reflect these values. It has ensured that social inclusion is achieved through:

- The capacity to expand the innovative Learning Through Sport and Disability in Sport programmes now that the country’s first indoor arena specifically designed to cater for the needs of wheelchair athletes has been opened
- The opening of the Hive, Britain’s first joint public and university library, housing more than 275,000 books and over 12 miles of history records
- More than 10,000 students within a diverse student community including undergraduates, postgraduates, mature students and international students from almost 75 countries worldwide
- Becoming a ‘University of Choice’ for students, staff and partner organisations

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## 4. State-of-the-Art Facilities and Resources

As part of an effort to ensure that students' learning experience is enhanced, the university has invested £150m towards developing facilities around the campus that includes:

- [The Hive library](#)
- [City Campus](#)
- [Riverside Campus](#)
- [Worcester Arena](#)
- Charles Darwin Laboratories
- New Halls of Residence
- Peirson Study and Guidance Centre



## 5. Multiple Campuses Within Walking Distance

- The University of Worcester campus includes a new multi-million pound City campus that houses our Worcester Business School and brand new city halls of residence.
- The St. John's campus which is located about a 15-20 minute walk away from the city centre boasts [high-quality halls of residence](#), brand new science laboratories, a modern and high-tech Digital Arts Centre, a new site for our internationally renowned [National Pollen and Aerobiology Research Unit](#) and an industry standard environmental test chamber, capable of replicating almost any climate in the world.
- The Riverside campus which is located in between the city campus and St. John's campus includes [The Garage](#) which houses studios and workshop spaces specifically intended for Art students. The adjacent [Riverside building](#) provides additional specialised space for the University's work in Sport, Performance and Dance. It also has a social learning and Internet space for students.



## 6. Providing Opportunities to Boost Employability

To-date, more than 90% of our graduates progress into work or further education within six months of graduating which is well above the national average.

The Quality Assurance Audit for Higher Education has praised the university's efforts in providing a wide range of opportunities to enhance [students' employability](#).

Some of these initiatives include:

- Volunteering opportunities
- Graduate internships
- Earn-as-you-learn schemes
- Optional work placement
- Study abroad / Exchange programmes with partner universities in Europe, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand

## 7. Fun and Games – Student Life on Campus!

- To experience a holistic student life, participate in the activities that the [Students' Union](#) organizes throughout the year. There are also a wide range of sports clubs and societies, such as American Football, Tae Kwan Do, Anime and Manga, Theatre and more.

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- A students' blog has also been launched recently and it provides a platform for current students to share their perspective of what it is like being a student at the University of Worcester. [Read it here.](#)

## 8. A Supportive and Conducive Environment

- Our academic staff are experts in their fields and are able to provide not only high quality teaching, relevant course materials but more importantly, they are helpful, approachable and supportive.
- [Firstpoint](#), based in the Peirson Study and Guidance Centre provides additional support in the area of student welfare, counselling, registry services and academic liaison.

**“We will support you whenever needed, with excellent counselling, guidance, welfare and support.”**

Professor David Green, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive

## 9. Gain Recognized Qualifications with Professional Accreditations

- All our academic programmes are closely aligned to the industry's needs and are guided by professional standards and aims to relate theory to practice.
- All our courses are validated and some are specifically accredited by professional bodies such as the British Psychological Society, Nutritional Therapy Council, Forensic Science Society, Institute of Financial Accountants and Broadcast Journalism Training Council among others.

## 10. Sports

- The University of Worcester is the only university offering degree courses in disability sports: [Disability Sport Degree](#)
- Opening of Worcester Arena in March 2013, a state-of-the-art indoor sports facility to facilitate training and host an array of sports events for students and the community
- Provides Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Worcester Wolves, Aston Villa FC, Birmingham City FC and West Bromwich Albion FC with support in the areas of performance analysis, fitness and nutrition advice
- Partnerships with Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Worcester Hockey Club, Worcester Wolves Basketball Club
- Offers sports, basketball scholarships – [Find out more here](#)



## The Worcester Experience

The Worcester experience encompasses all aspects of personal development for each student. The courses, the support system and facilities are in place to provide the tools necessary to create a meaningful and enriching learning experience for all our students.

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*Be a part of a truly inclusive university where each and every person counts as an individual.*