

Schools & Colleges Newsletter

New courses for 2015

We have expanded our portfolio this year to include a number of new courses for 2015.

- Comedy: Performance and Production
- Media and Communication
- Media and Audio Communication
- Media, Communication and Advertising
- Media, Communication and Journalism
- Media, Communication and Social Media
- Geography
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre for Children and Young People

Record numbers of attendees on Open Day

We received the largest number of attendees ever on our most recent October Open Day. It was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic and interested students considering the University of Winchester as the place for them. We hope to continue to attract more students to our forthcoming Open Days in June and September 2015. We advise all those interested in attending an Open Day to book on early to secure their place. Please note that bookings open roughly six weeks before the Open Day – please check our website for more information.



University of Winchester wins for its commitment to gender equality

The University of Winchester has been named as one of only five higher education institutions to have been awarded the new Gender Equality Charter Mark bronze across each of its departments. Staff at the University pulled together data and drew up an action plan for the trial accreditation scheme, run by the Equality Challenge Unit (ECU) – a London-based organisation that promotes equality and diversity in universities and colleges in the UK.

“We are delighted that the University of Winchester is one of the first recipients of the Gender Equality Unit's bronze charter mark – the highest for this pilot scheme,” said Malcolm Willis, the University's Director of Human Resources. “It is a testament to the University's commitment to addressing obstacles to women's career progression.”

Based on the principles of ECU's highly successful Athena SWAN Charter for women in science, the gender equality charter mark aims to address chronic gender imbalance and underrepresentation in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Bronze level is the first step in the process, showing

a strong commitment to specific actions and building a culture that improves the representation, progression and success of both staff and students.

While the charter has a particular focus on the underrepresentation of women in senior roles, it also encourages progress on the underrepresentation of men in subjects such as teaching and social work and seeks to address the unfair treatment often experienced by trans people.

David Ruebain, ECU's Chief Executive, said “We hope that the gender equality charter mark will have the same positive effect for these subjects as Athena SWAN has had on women in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine.”



Diversity Week

The University held a week long celebration of diversity across campus and in the local community and beyond. The week's activities coincided with Black History Month, a month dedicated to the acknowledgment of the contribution and achievements of the Black and Ethnic Minority communities to the nation.

The activities offered ranged from Zumba to Bollywood taster sessions through to African Drumming workshops and Jui Jitsu for beginners. Students and staff alike were able to celebrate diversity, race and ethnicity within the University of Winchester.

University visit with a focus on Criminology

A group of Year 12 and 13 students visited the campus to explore what studying a criminology degree would involve at the University. As well as benefiting from a tour of the campus the students were able to hear from current students studying at the University in order to expand their understanding of student life. Professor Tim Hall, Academic Head of Department provided an insightful talk into the study of criminology and the graduate career opportunities that it offers.

If you would like to bring students onto campus to experience BA (Hons) Criminology or any other programme then please contact the Schools and Colleges team by emailing schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk



Public Events Calendar

The University offers a range of public lectures open to all free of charge.

Recently, we have had lectures delivered by Guardian columnist Erwin James, highlighting the 'Truth about prisons' and Labour MP for Southampton John Denham focusing on 'Re-imagining England' which centred on national identity.

The upcoming events are listed on our website under the News & events section. These events allow for interested members of the public to engage with the University as well as providing prospective students with a great opportunity to build upon their interests before embarking on their higher education journey.

The Schools and Colleges Team are always happy to hear from you whether it's about event requests or even questions about the University and national Higher Education news.

We offer a range of talks/workshops including:

- Applying to university through UCAS
- Choosing a course and university
- Information on higher education for parents
- Next Steps
- Student Finance
- Student Life
- Writing a Personal Statement
- Why go to uni? (Years 9-11) / The benefits of higher education (Year 12)

If you would like us to attend an event at your school or college, please email us at schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk and the Schools and Colleges team will respond as quickly as we can.

For all other enquiries you can contact Lucy our Schools and Colleges Liaison Coordinator. Email: Lucy.McDonagh@winchester.ac.uk Telephone: 01962 827030



Graduate Careers Service

Our Careers team support not only our current students but also our graduates. We offer all graduates a range of services including CV advice, one-to-one careers advice, help finding graduate jobs, help with interview skills as well as email and telephone guidance for those not able to visit the Careers team in person.

Open Day

We will be holding an Open Day on Friday 12 June which is open for Schools and Colleges to bring interested students in Year 12 and 13. Further information about this event will be sent out nearer the time.

Dates for the Diary


Choreography and Dance Taster Days

Wednesday 20 May and Wednesday 1 July 2015

- Visit our beautiful campus
- Join in practical workshops in our stunning studios
- See examples of student choreography and performance
- Talk to current students, graduates and staff
- Ask questions

More information will be available soon. Please contact Lucy.McDonagh@winchester.ac.uk if you have any questions.

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Check out our Facebook page to see Student Life blogs written by current Undergraduate students about what life is like as a student at Winchester.

Our Facebook page is also where you will find all the latest information about our events and other exciting news. "Like" our page through the link above.

Follow us on Twitter

We're also on Twitter and upload tweets letting you know where the Student Recruitment Team are and what we're

talking about each week. We'll also let you know about key dates and deadlines like when you can start applying for housing at The University of Winchester. There are also tweets throughout the day on Open Days letting students know which talks are about to start.

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