



At Plymouth College of Art, the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and visitors are of the highest importance. As new guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19) is released from UK government authorities, we're committed to keeping our community informed and reassured. To help you make sense of the latest developments and what to expect on campus going forward into the new academic year, we've compiled the following provisions that have been made to ensure a safe return to our campuses and buildings whilst utilising facilities and services wherever possible.

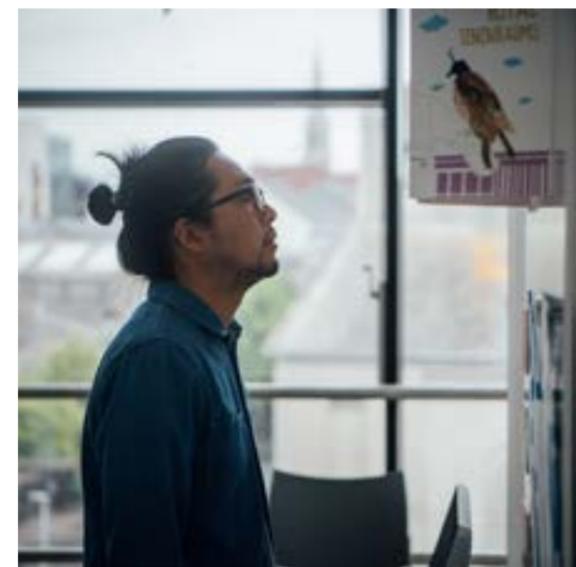
Please take a moment to read through the information [here](#), which will help you to settle in smoothly on campus. If you have particular queries about your course you should contact your Subject Leader.

**Further information about International Study can be found [here](#) on our main website.**

# Stories

## FUTURELAB SHANGHAI 2019: LEARNING THROUGH MAKING

[VIEW STORY](#)



## TOKYO TO PLYMOUTH: IN CONVERSATION WITH GRAD TATSU ISHIKAWA

[VIEW CONVERSATION](#)

# Key dates

Click [here](#) to see a list of key dates for students across all programmes, including term dates, enrolment, reading weeks, and Summer Shows dates. Don't forget you can also like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#), or check us out on [Instagram](#) for updates

	Start date	Teaching starts	Teaching finishes
Trimester 1	Week starting the 5th October 2020	Undergraduate - Week starting 5th October 2020 Postgraduate - Week starting 12th October 2020	Week starting 1st February 2021
Trimester 2	Week starting the 8th February 2021	Week starting 8th February 2021	Week starting 7th June 2021
Trimester 3	Week starting the 14th June 2021	Week starting 14th June 2021	Undergraduate - Week starting 5th July 2021 Postgraduate - Week starting 17th September 2021

UNDERGRADUATE REGISTRATION AND WELCOME BACK WEEK  
**MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020**

POSTGRADUATE REGISTRATION AND WELCOME BACK WEEK  
**MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2020**

CHRISTMAS BREAK  
**FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2020 TO MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021**

EASTER BREAK  
**THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021 TO SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2021**

UNDERGRADUATE RESIT PERIOD  
**12 JULY 2021 TO 16 AUGUST 2021**

# Timetables

Below you will find your pre degree timetables.

[20 21 STUDENT DELIVERY MODELS - PRE-DEGREE YR 1.PDF](#)

[20 21 STUDENT DELIVERY MODELS - PRE-DEGREE YR 2.PDF](#)

Below you will find your undergraduate timetables.

[20 21 STUDENT DELIVERY MODELS - HE.PDF](#)

[20 21 STUDENT DELIVERY MODELS - PT UG MODULE STRUCTURE.PDF](#)

Below you will find your postgraduate timetables.

[20 21 STUDENT DELIVERY MODELS - L7.PDF](#)



# Student support

Student Support have a broad reach regarding the level of guidance they can offer. Some of the areas include: Finance Issues, Registering with a G.P, Wellbeing and Welfare, Mental Health Support, Ear Acupuncture and Mindfulness and Disability and Inclusivity. Contact us on [studentsupport@pca.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@pca.ac.uk)

We have spaces available for you to speak to councillors in private but also offer group sessions around wellbeing and mindfulness, we always encourage our students to reach out and access this support whenever needed, we are here to help.

The Academic Skills staff and resources are available for UK, Erasmus and International students to access all year round. The service provides a broad and dynamic range of offerings, please click to read more: [ESOL Support Doc](#)

## WELL BEING AND HEALTH

Counselling, Health and Wellbeing The College offers a variety of free in-house services through the Student Hub to support you during your studies including mentoring, student counselling, health services and referrals, and wellbeing workshops. Appointments with the Student Hub Counsellors are professional and confidential.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

Plymouth College of Art is recognised as a Sponsor by the UKVI. This means we can issue you a Confirmation of Acceptance to Studies (often referred to as a CAS), which will then allow you to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student Visa. We will issue your CAS following payment in full of your tuition fees. We strongly recommend that you research how the visa application works well in advance of starting your course and also read about other issues that may affect you such as preparing to come to the UK and Culture Shock.

## OPEN DOORS - ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

If you are looking for English Language support to improve your IELTS level before or during studying in the UK, Plymouth College of Art works with Open Doors to offer international students a selection of intensive pre-sessional courses to improve their English Language, including short courses and one-to-one support options.

## TIER 4 VISA

From 5 October 2020, a new Student Route visa will replace the Tier 4 route. As an international student, you will need a Student Route visa which you can apply for online. Student Route and Child Student Route replace Tier 4 route. The Student route, which falls under the UK's new points-based immigration system, improves on the previous Tier 4 route making for a more streamlined experience for both sponsoring institutions and students. Visas that have been issued through the Tier 4 route are still valid and those eligible will still be able to apply for the Graduate Route when it opens in summer 2021. The Graduate Route will be available to international students who have completed a degree at undergraduate level or above at a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance and who have a valid Student (or Tier 4) visa at the time of application.

More information about the UK's new points-based immigration system can be found [here](#). Further guidance for EU, EEA and Swiss students, who from 1 January will need to comply with the new system can be found [here](#).

Our Admissions Team is here to help you prepare for your stay, for more information please email [international@pca.ac.uk](mailto:international@pca.ac.uk).

# Students' union

We firmly believe in embracing your views and aim to offer structured opportunities for you to have direct involvement in assessing and shaping your own learning experience. [The Student Voice section on the Student Portal](#) explains the significance of the student voice and the impact it has within the college and beyond. Take a look at our [Plymouth College of Art Students' Union webpage](#) where you can meet the team, browse merchandise and keep up to date with upcoming events!



# Discover Plymouth

## OUR HORIZONS COULDN'T BE MORE INTERNATIONAL

Plymouth's place in the history books is a true reflection of how much our city values international perspectives. Across this harbour have sailed Charles Darwin and The Beagle, Robert Falcon Scott bound for the Antarctic, Ernest Shackleton's Endurance, Napoleon imprisoned on the Bellerophon, survivors of The Titanic and innumerable pilgrim ships, bullion ships and warships, and the world famous Mayflower Steps on Plymouth's historic Barbican mark the place that the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from on their voyage to the New World in 1620.

## GETTING TO KNOW PLYMOUTH

Getting better all the time  
Plymouth is constantly changing and developing. Our college is in the middle of an exciting 'cultural quarter' and Plymouth is riding a wave of change that we hope you become part of. Check out the [interactive and illustrated map of Plymouth](#), highlighting just a few of our favourite gems, jaunts and hideaways... Please also check out our [Discover Plymouth](#) site for even more information.

## HISTORY

Plymouth has tales to tell of Drake, Darwin and the Pilgrim Fathers. The old port area – The Barbican – offers narrow cobbled streets and Elizabethan warehouses amongst restaurants, cafes, bars, art galleries, a gin

distillery and curio museums and shops. Built in the early 1800s, the award winning Royal William Yard is a Grade I listed ex-Naval victualling yard where you will find restaurants with al-fresco dining, more cobbles, bars, galleries, shops and an eclectic range of high quality, local and national events – from monthly good food markets, theatre and outdoor cinemas through to live music and circus performances as well as hosting a thriving creative business community.

## SHOPPING

Our College is next to the Drake Circus shopping mall but for small, independent shops, there's a wealth of historic areas from the Barbican to the Grade 1 listed Royal William Yard. You can find antique and vintage wares, art galleries and plenty of places to stop for coffee or dinner.



## CONNECTIONS AND TRAVEL

The train can get you to London in just over 3 hours or you can hop on a ferry straight to France via Brittany Ferries. There are reliable coach services to Exeter, Bristol and London with Exeter and Bristol (and even Newquay) also having international airports. If you want to stay closer to home there are local ferry services to Mountbatten, Calstock or Mount Edgcumbe or take a trip further into Cornwall for the Tate St Ives or The Eden Project. Plymouth City Council has provided more information about the City [here](#).

## ACCOMMODATION

We work closely with providers within the city to make your transition to the student community in Plymouth as smooth as possible. There are various Student Letting agents in the city. Visit our [accommodation page](#) to get started. Take a look at the [International Student Calculator](#) for information on typical costs in the UK and advice on how to manage your money effectively.



# Finance

## BURSARIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## BOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS

## PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES

## FEE ASSESSING

### FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2020/21

Our International Fees\* are very competitive and are less costly than many of our competitors – yet our [facilities](#) are world-leading.

Extended Diplomas per year:  
**£9,000 (two-year course)**

International Foundation Diploma:  
**£9,000 (ten-month course)**

Degree programmes per year:  
**£14,000 (three-year course)**

Masters programmes:  
**£12,000**

Master of Fine Art (MFA) programme:  
**£8,000**

Our fees may seem lower than other institutions, but we pride ourselves in being committed to offering students accessible and affordable quality programmes.

Please contact our Admissions team if you wish to discuss further on [admissions@pca.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@pca.ac.uk)

### FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2021/22

Extended Diplomas per year:  
**£11,500**

International Foundation Diploma:  
**£11,500**

Degree programmes per year:  
**£15,500 (three-year course)**

Masters programmes:  
**£15,500**

Master of Fine Art (MFA) programme:  
**£10,330**

International fees (all categories) exclude costs for any pre-session English course and ongoing in-year English language support; Allowance for scholarships up to £2,000 per year for International students.

Please note, fees are correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change.



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# FAQs

Looking for information on the college's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus)? [Click here to read our international student FAQs.](#)

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