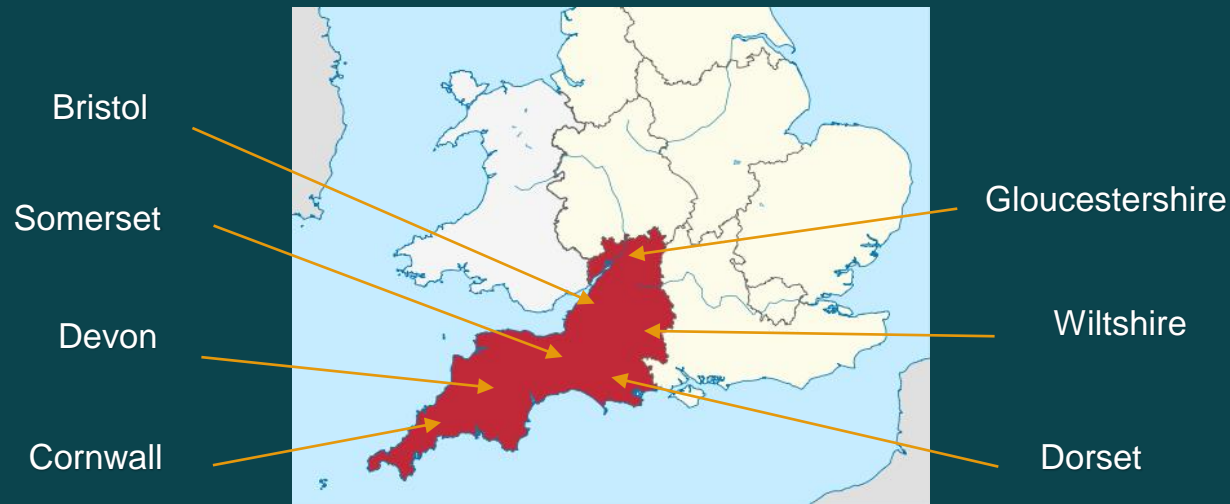


The South West



What brings people there?

Beaches, countryside and national parks, music festivals, history and attractions

What's it like to live there?

The region has diverse surroundings and communities, from big multicultural cities to remote seaside villages

Benefits of studying away from home

- Experience life in a new place – put down roots in multiple cities
- It's a stepping stone to independence
- Learn important life skills
- Get more involved with life on campus
- You will receive a higher maintenance loan

Deciding where to study

- Location – campus or city? Where in the country? How far from home?
- The quality of the campus, accommodation, facilities, and overall atmosphere
- Be smart when using league tables – filter by subject
- What do current students think? Try www.whatuni.com or Unibuddy via the UCAS Hub

Tips for studying away from home

- Buy a railcard or coach card to save money when visiting home
- Talk to your family about how you'll stay in touch before you leave, set boundaries if needed
- Get involved with the events and clubs and societies offered by the SU – browse the SU website for your university
- Learn a few basic cooking skills before leaving for university
- Budget your maintenance loan and look into part-time work

Use university support services

- Register with a local GP
- If you're feeling homesick or in need of help, don't suffer in silence
- Look into counselling, disability support, pastoral & spiritual support and more

