

University of Plymouth Compass

While you're at Plymouth, we hope you'll gain more than just your degree.

The University of Plymouth Compass helps you to navigate your way through your whole university experience, in both your taught curriculum and your extra-curricular activities.

What you learn at university prepares you for more than a career, so the Compass identifies key attributes in four broad areas of your life – academic, civic, professional, and personal.

During your time here, you'll have plenty of opportunities to practice and develop these attributes, helping you gain experiences, improve skills, and build networks for your life beyond graduation.

The Compass also supports us, as a community, to coordinate our efforts to offer you as broad an education as possible. It clarifies what the University values and what it anticipates will help you, as a graduate, in a future that is hard to predict.

The Critical and Creative Learner

As a Plymouth graduate, you will be able to learn independently, explore new avenues with confidence, and think in a critical, creative, and enterprising manner, enabling you to function effectively in a complex and ever-changing society. There will be opportunities to develop and practice your:

1. Specialist subject knowledge and expertise
2. Critical thinking
3. Creativity and enterprise
4. Research skills and information literacy
5. Learning and study skills

The Competent and Confident Professional

As a Plymouth graduate, you will be ready to play an active role in shaping a sustainable society and economy, understand the importance of managing your own career, and promote a positive work-life balance. There will be opportunities to develop and practice your:

1. Self-organisation and management
2. Team-work and collaboration
3. Professional and ethical manner
4. Negotiation and persuasion
5. Effective verbal and written communication

The Sustainable and Global Citizen

As a Plymouth graduate, you will be able to contribute to a more sustainable future as an informed, responsible, and active citizen, both locally and globally. There will be opportunities to develop and practice your:

1. Sustainability awareness
2. Systems thinking
3. Openness to cultural encounters
4. Responsibility
5. Change-leadership

The Resilient and Thriving Individual

As a Plymouth graduate, you will value and develop the wellbeing of yourself and others, and appreciate the role of evidence-based ways towards a flourishing life. There will be opportunities for you to:

1. Connect with others
2. Be active
3. Be empowered – you can make a difference
4. Keep learning
5. Give back in social and community life