City of Worcester

The University of Worcester is a community where students love to live and learn. Whatever walk of life you come from, Worcester provides an active, friendly, and supportive environment in which to grow and learn. We are a campus University based in the charming city of Worcester - where lively city culture and idyllic rural beauty combine to offer the best of both worlds.

A great student city

A beautiful, cathedral city in the heart of the English countryside, Worcester offers a unique combination of small-town charm and big-city sophistication.

Idyllically situated between two areas of outstanding beauty, Worcester is surrounded by the rolling Malvern Hills and the Cotswolds, and offers sensational views of the Severn Valley.

Renowned for its captivating history and colourful culture, the compact city centre is brimming with riverside cafes and bars, stylish shops, museums, theatres, and plenty of live cultural events.

Closer than you think

Centrally located and with excellent rail and road links Worcester is easily reached from the rest of the UK and the world. You can drive to Worcester in just 60 minutes from Bristol, Coventry or Telford; 45 minutes from Birmingham; 45 minutes from Hereford or Wolverhampton; or 90 minutes from Cardiff. Excellent rail connections mean that travel times by train are nearly as swift. You can find more information about our location on our Find Us page.

Getting around

Travelling around the city is easy, whether you're exploring on foot, by bicycle or by bus. With University campuses and facilities within a 20 minute walk of each other and the city centre nearby, you can head out on foot or borrow a bicycle through the University's Cycle Loan Scheme. Alternatively, you can hop on a bus right from campus, with student semester bus tickets available for £75.

A taste of culture and history

With its rich history, fascinating sites and a busy events calendar, you'll never be stuck for things to do in Worcester. City highlights include the Tudor architecture of Friar Street, Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum, outdoor Shakespeare productions from the Swan Theatre, the Victorian 30-acre Spetchley Gardens, and the University's very own vibrant live arts and children's literature festival. You can find more places to visit on our Worcester Student Life blog.

Come along to an Open Day

Worcester. A place to belong. A place to discover your potential. A place to be inspired for life.

I love living and studying here. It has everything for students of all ages, from lovely surroundings to great nightlife.

Natasha Bird, Drama and Performance BA (Hons)

Exploring the natural landscape

Amid the city centre hustle and bustle are dozens of beautiful parks, peaceful gardens, and riverside locations, perfect for walking, cycling, picnicking, and even horse riding. With the Severn river running right past the University, you can also enjoy a relaxing river cruise and try your hand at rowing.

Beyond the city lies the spectacular Worcestershire landscape just waiting to be explored - from the Wye Valley to the west and the Cotswold hills to the south. With thousands of acres of open countryside, Worcester is ideal for discovering England's breathtaking beauty and partaking in exciting outdoor activities including hang gliding, kiting and mountain biking.

Eat, drink and be merry

From vintage tea rooms to riverside alfresco dining, Worcester caters for every taste and budget. Whether you're meeting friends for breakfast, grabbing a quick lunchtime snack, or partying the night away, there are dozens of cafes, restaurants, bars and clubs offering a wide-range of local and global dishes and drinks at student-friendly prices.

For the food connoisseurs, Worcester also hosts a number of local markets and vibrant food festivals - perfect for sampling delicious local produce, picking up your fruit and veg, and meeting new people.

Shop until you drop

A haven for fashion lovers, you'll find all of the high street brands and designer labels in the pedestrianised city centre, as well as independent boutiques, vintage stores, and second-hand shops.

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