

# Achievements

Since 2006, the number of people applying to study at the University of Worcester has more than doubled.

## Worcester has become so popular because we have:

- 1 Highly relevant, very professional [courses](#)
- 1 Excellent, inspiring teaching
- 1 A truly friendly, inclusive approach
- 1 An outstanding record of [graduate employment](#)

## Here's a snapshot of some of other recent achievements:

- 1 [The Hive](#), Britain's first joint public and university library, won the Guardian University Award 2013 for Contribution to the Local Community. The Hive, which was opened by HM The Queen in July 2012, has attracted over 600,000 visitors since opening and has led to a doubling of book borrowing by members of the public
- 1 Opening of the new [City Campus](#) - providing a stunning new facility for our [Business School](#) and giving the University a presence in the heart of the city
- 1 A record number of graduates at this year's ceremonies. They join an illustrious community of over 18,000 [Alumni](#)
- 1 Our prestigious guest lecture series has attracted a number of interesting speakers including the Director of the CBI, the Head of the Crown Prosecution Service and the Duke of Gloucester
- 1 Opening of brand [new science laboratories](#), environmental testing facilities and halls of residence
- 1 The men's Basketball team wins the BUSA championships for the fifth consecutive year
- 1 Our low allergy garden designed for the Chelsea Flower show wins a silver gilt medal and attracts significant media attention
- 1 We recruit many more disabled students than the national average
- 1 We are the first university in the UK to gain Eco Campus Platinum across the whole campus
- 1 The Sunday Times rates the University of Worcester as one of the [best places to work in the UK](#) - one of only three universities to make the list

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