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**Clearing
Mini
Guide**



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A new chapter

We're so pleased you're considering applying to Marjon through clearing.

We know that applying through clearing can be daunting, and you may not know much about Marjon. The information in this pack is designed to get you up to speed with what we offer, how we support our students, and what life is like on our campus.

Waiting for results?

We know many people with conditional offers are feeling pretty nervous. Try not to worry and on results day, if you don't quite get what you need, call us on the number at the bottom of this page and we'll talk it through. Remember dreams are rarely out of reach; you just might have to take a different route.

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Making friends and settling in

Many people worry about meeting new people. At Marjon we do everything we can to make it easy.

- Your class sizes are small, giving time for conversation, group discussions and social interaction. It's much easier to get to know people than if you were sitting in a big lecture theatre.
- Our lecturers are experts at helping everyone to take part and get involved. We know you learn best when you engage with the learning, talking it through and challenging each other, and by doing that, you get to know each other too.
- If you live on campus, you'll discover a ready-made friendship group in your flat or house. You'll all be in the same situation; eating, socialising, and studying together.
- If you join a sports club or society, you'll get a different friendship group again. We really recommend this as it gives you a group of new friends.
- If you get part-time work, you'll again find a new group of friends, whether this is on campus or somewhere in Plymouth.
- And finally, once you make a few friends, they introduce you to people they've just met. Soon, you'll feel like you know everyone on campus.

WE ARE MARJON



Ella

“What’s really nice about Marjon is that you know everybody, it’s a small community, that seeks to help each other and put you forward for opportunity. I love the interaction I have with my lecturers, I feel very supported. The lecturers are understanding, they’ll give you all the help and time you need, if you communicate with them. I always feel like there are people in my corner.”

Ella O’Neil, BSc (Hons) Sports and Exercise Science



“I chose Marjon so I could study abroad. I studied in Pennsylvania for my second year. I love meeting new people, learning about new cultures, and hearing people’s stories. I made friends from all over the world. Sport has been really important to me in making me feel at home. I want to research more into how sport brings people together and breaks down cultural barriers.”

Geoffery Gulzar, BA (Hons) Sport Coaching



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Personalised student support

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Taking the plunge into higher education is a big step, no matter what age you are or where you’re coming from.

That’s why we’ve got loads of support in place to help you make the most of your time at university. If you have concerns about finances, mental health, travel, disabilities and inclusion, childcare, or living on campus and in the city, our staff and student colleagues can help.

We have a dedicated Disability & Inclusion Advice Service, which provides guidance and support relating to a wide range of disabilities, medical and mental health conditions, and Specific Learning Difficulties such as dyslexia and dyspraxia.

We also recognise that at times, life can be stressful. We have a Student Counselling service, located on campus, and the team are always happy to have a chat and arrange appointments for you.

Academic support is available through a range of services. You will have a Personal Development Tutor, who will provide you with academic support and guidance throughout your time at Marjon. There is also support available from our fantastic Library and Study Skills team. They run regular sessions on referencing, researching and resource literacy, and drop-in sessions if you’re struggling with an assignment.

We also recommend you make the most of our library and computer rooms, open 24/7, and don’t worry about library fines, as long as you return your books when asked.

If something has happened and you can’t submit an assignment on time, you can apply for extenuating circumstances to give you some added flexibility from time to time.

If you have a concern about your physical or mental health, wellbeing, or have concerns for someone else, our Student Wellbeing and Support team, Student Life Officers, and Resident Student Assistants (for those living on campus) are around to help you.



Join us in the Octagon for
FREE tea and toast every morning.

Tap/ click to learn
more about the
support on offer





FUTURES

You deserve a career you love
We can help you refocus, aim for that next level or apply for your dream role.

Tap/ click to access
Futures online



Expert careers advice

The Futures team is experienced and ready to help you enhance your career and lifelong employability.

At Marjon we use
Handshake
The #1 way
university students
find jobs



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Futures

Access our dedicated Futures team to get career ready. They can help you with:

- ✓ Developing your interview skills
- ✓ Experiential learning through placements and work experience
- ✓ Identifying your values
- ✓ Funding to support opportunities and business ventures
- ✓ Seeking employment
- ✓ Creating the perfect CV
- ✓ Networking with industry professionals

The perfect location

Marjon is a small campus with a big personality, and with everything you need on your doorstep, you can't go wrong. With lectures a moment's walk from the Halls of Residence, there's no wonder campus is a desirable living location for our first years.

Our first-class facilities are bound to keep you busy. Get energised in our cutting-edge Sport & Health Centre, complete with a 25-metre swimming pool, gym, climbing wall, and Astroturf pitches. If you're injured, access our on-campus osteopathy or sports therapy clinics, to get yourself back to fitness quickly. Unwind in our cinema or games room, or get competitive on our Padel courts. Make time to discover your favourite books, or study in the library's dedicated workspaces and grab a coffee on the way in Barjon or the Grandstand Cafés. Visit Marjon Stores, our campus shop, to pick up your weekly groceries or grab takeaway food and drinks. You can drop by any time from 8 am to 10 pm, seven days a week, and with a wide selection of vegan and vegetarian options, there is something for everyone.

Marjon boasts a wide range of clubs, societies and teams that offer a great opportunity for socials and meeting new people, so whether your interest is sport, music, theatre or the great outdoors, you'll be sure to find your place.

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Make sure you venture beyond campus and explore your exciting new home, as the city has plenty to offer. Plymouth is the ideal fusion of urban, coastal, and country life, tucked between the picturesque South Devon coast and the expansive hills of Dartmoor. Just a short journey into the city centre, with theatres and cinemas, waterfront cafés, big-name and independent shops, as well as bars, pubs and restaurants, the vibrant oceanside city is jam-packed with attractions, so you'll never run out of things to do. You'll find the perfect blend of work, study, relaxation, and play in the safe city of Plymouth, with one of the UK's top ten nights out.

“It's nice having the variety – you've got the city centre, you've got Dartmoor and you've got beaches. And all three are on your doorstep”

Cully, BA (Hons) Sports Development with Sports Management




1st in the UK for Most Relaxing City
(Goodrays, 2022)



4th in the UK for Most Active City
(Blacks 2022)



UK top 10 for City Nightlife
(Get Licensed 2022)



6th in South West for Happiest Place to Live
(Happy at Home Index 2022)



England's top 10 Most Popular Cities
(YouGov 2022)



On-campus accommodation

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Our accommodation is all on-site, meaning that everything you need is within a short walk.

“My favourite thing about campus is the atmosphere. There’s one great big family vibe, there’s always someone around to talk to. You get to know people so quickly, just because you have something in common living on campus together, and I think that’s fantastic.”

Gee, BA (Hons) Special Educational Needs and Disability Studies

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This includes your lecture rooms and teaching facilities, the library, Barjon, our new community shop, the Sport & Health Centre, and much more.

It is also really affordable, with rooms starting at £113 per week. This is significantly lower than the average university-owned accommodation price in the South West of £166 per week (NUS/Unipol Accommodation Costs Survey 2021), leaving you with more money to spend on the things you enjoy.



Your rent includes bills and personal contents insurance, and as the accommodation is owned by the University, there are no hidden costs. Our accommodation and campus is secure, with 24/7 security and support from our Resident Student Ambassadors (RSAs).

We still have accommodation available for 2023 entry, and you can apply as soon as you’re made


an offer. When you have an offer, **tap/ click the QR code below and complete the form.**

Our accommodation team do all they can to group you together with students with similar interests, or other Marjon students that you might already know. This way you can settle in quicker, building friendships and feeling part of the Marjon community.



Tap/ click to complete the form




We have launched a new £1,000 bursary for first year undergraduate students, which is available to those who are eligible for the maximum Maintenance Loan from the government.

Tap/ click for more information



Financial support for students

The cost of living crisis can be worrying for many people, but you're in safe hands at Marjon. Our close-knit community is a great network of support, and we have an array of helpful options for those who may need it.

MARJON PROVIDES



Marjon Provides – our community larder is there for anyone who needs it. We have meal bags ready for cooking, a wardrobe of clothes that you can borrow for an interview, a free table with items you may need for university life, and free tea and toast every morning.



Free sanitary products – toilets across the campus have free sanitary products that anyone can use.



Budgeting support – our Student Wellbeing and Support team has some great tools for learning how to budget and make your money go further whilst at university.



Placement travel funding – some trainee teachers might need to attend a placement that is a little further away. Our Student Funding team can support you with these extended travel costs.



Bursaries – we have a variety of bursaries available to students, including expenses for personal development, additional qualifications, care-experienced or estranged students, and accommodation a £1000 accommodation bursary



Green travel discounts – you can get 20% off a Stagecoach 7-day ticket or a 28-day Plymouth City Bus ticket online.

Wellness pass – the Marjon Sports Federation offer a pass for just £20 per year (38p a week!), which enables you to use the sports facilities, bookable sessions, social events and activities at set times throughout the year.

Tap/ click to find out more about cost of living support at Marjon



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Jobs on campus

We know that earning whilst you study is important to many students. At Marjon, we have a range of Student Colleague roles available and a fantastic Futures team, who can help you find jobs in the local area and give great application and CV guidance.

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Our Marjon Student Colleagues work across the University. They can be found greeting visitors as a Welcome Team Ambassador, improving the student experience as a Change Maker, supporting members of the public as a Recreation Assistant in the Sport & Health Centre, promoting Marjon as a Student Ambassador, assisting with Library and IT queries, and everywhere in between.

Our Student Colleagues love what they do because:

- ✓ they can work flexibly around their studies, picking their hours to suit them
- ✓ the majority of their work takes place on campus, so it's really easy to get to
- ✓ it helps them connect with other Marjon students and people from different courses
- ✓ they develop new employability skills, and receive ongoing training and support
- ✓ the jobs pay well – for example, our Welcome Team and Student Ambassadors are paid £11.61 per hour

CC I like working as a Student Ambassador as there is always a great working atmosphere with friendly colleagues. Our opinion is valued, and we are offered career development opportunities support by staff. This has given me the confidence to speak to larger audiences.

Carrie, BEd (Hons) Physical Education - Secondary Education (with QTS)

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A summer of opportunity

If you're worried that by applying through clearing you've missed out on too much, don't worry, we've got this. Our teams are on hand all summer to help provide you with all the information, advice and guidance you need, and to answer any questions you might have.



As you're applying through clearing, you might worry that you won't have much time to get ready for your course. Don't worry – as soon as you've been made an offer we'll send you lots of information about what you need to do ahead of the course, but also key information about accommodation, funding, enrolment and our Welcome Week.

You're not alone – lots of people apply through clearing every year. The support available at Marjon, both before you start and after you join, will make sure you're up to speed in no time.

We are running a range of personalised Campus Tours over the summer, if you would like to visit campus. You will be shown around campus by a Student Ambassador who has been selected based on your interests and course. We can also arrange meetings with academic staff and our Student Support teams. Tap/ click the QR code below to find out more information about our tours and book your place.

Tap/ click for more information and book your place



Charley

Please get in touch if you have any concerns or questions over the summer – there is no such thing as a silly question. You can find contact details for your Programme Lead on the course webpage, or you can contact our dedicated Applicant Support Coordinator, Charley, by emailing applicantssupport@marjon.ac.uk. Charley is on hand to answer any questions you might have or to put you in touch with our dedicated support teams.



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We hope this clearing guide has helped, but if you have any questions, please get in touch. We hope to see you in September!



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