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Travelling from London Gatwick Airport to Penryn Campus:

Information for Falmouth University students travelling

internationally to Penryn Campus, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 9FE

Welcome! We are looking forward to seeing you in Cornwall.
You may have travelled in the UK before, but just in case you haven't, here
is some travel information for getting to the Penryn Campus in Cornwall.

HEATHROW COLLECTION SERVICE

To help support students travelling from outside the UK we offer collection services from London Heathrow Airport (for full details and bookings please click here) and there are multiple coach and train links between London Gatwick and London Heathrow airports, which takes about 80 minutes.

If you are unable to link into the Heathrow collection service and need to travel independently to the Penryn Campus in Cornwall here's some helpful information on how to get here:

RAIL – via London Paddington Station:

Great Western Railway train services run from London Gatwick Airport to the Penryn Train Station. You will need to change trains in Reading, Plymouth and Truro and take a taxi from Penryn Train Station to the campus (click here for a list of local taxi companies). The total journey will take approximately 7 hours and cost between £100 and £250. Alternatively, once at Truro Train Station you can make use of our free Cornwall Collection Service, for full details and bookings please click here.

COACH

You will need to transit from London Gatwick Airport to London Heathrow Airport and follow the signs to the Airport's Central Bus Station. Purchase a National Express single ticket to Falmouth Bus Station. A single will cost around £20 if you pre-book and considerably more if you purchase your ticket on the day. Journey time is approximately 10 hours. Please note, places are limited and there are strict limits on your luggage. Once you arrive in Falmouth, take a U1, U2 or U3 First Kernow bus to the Penryn campus, or catch a taxi from the taxi rank opposite the bus stops. Click here for a list of local Taxi companies.

Top Tips for Travellers

Plan Ahead
Travelling to Cornwall is a long journey. It will take several hours (5-8 hours on average) to reach the Penryn Campus from your UK point of entry, so plan ahead (and bring a good book!). Plan and book each stage of your journey to the Penryn Campus before travelling. Tickets on the day in the UK can be much more expensive than buying in advance. Booking ahead also guarantees availability. Buy food and drink before you travel, larger airports and stations have good food choices, but there may not be any food outlets open on board or when you arrive. Carry a refillable water bottle, UK mains tap water is safe to drink.

Travel Light
Only carry the necessities for your journey and first few days on arrival. Limit luggage to what you can carry and move around by yourself. You can send luggage direct to campus, to arrive after you move in (note the University will not accept advance freight of your luggage and cannot store shipped luggage for you in advance of your arrival). You can also order starter packs, such as bedding and kitchen equipment, from Uni Kit Out, and they'll be sent to your residence in time for your arrival.

Keep in Touch
Carry a UK enabled mobile phone and UK power adapter (many airports, stations, trains and coaches offer free charging points) or spare battery pack. Have the full UK address (including post code) for your accommodation in Cornwall. Have the Penryn Campus emergency contact number +44 (0)1326 253503 so, if you get into trouble while travelling, we can help you.

In case of emergency please call the International Arrival Helpline +44 (0)1326 253503