



FOUNDATION TO FIRST-CLASS HONOURS

HADIZA'S STORY

COUNTRY: NIGERIA

FOUNDATION IN LAW
LEADING TO LLB (HONS) LAW

**"I cried when I found out I
got a First. It felt amazing to
graduate."**

"I looked at my results and reloaded
the page 3 times to check that the
name was mine; I couldn't believe I'd
achieved a First-Class Honours in my
degree.

I called my family straight away; my
brother first. He was with my mum and
the time and I could hear her scream
with excitement in the background."



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If you had 3 words to describe the University of Plymouth International College (UPIC), what would they be and why?

Exciting – Because every day came with new challenges, new opportunities and new adventures. When we all first arrived we didn't exactly know anything, so it was a new experience for all of us.

Challenging – I'd use this word because the British educational system is very different to the Nigerian system. For example, what would have got a 100% score in Nigeria would only get me a 60% score here. That was a big shock at first...

New Beginning – OK, I'll admit that 'new beginning' is two words! I was learning so much all at once. I was meeting different people from all over the world, the diversity was incredible. I was learning at university, learning how to find a good balance between work and social life, and adapting to life in the UK.

Describe your experience on arrival

When I arrived, there were lots of social events organised at Plymouth for new starters. This really helped me find friends when settling in.

Clever Student Lets accommodation were also great. I moved into a shared accommodation in a 10-bed flat share. I think it's better to share a house as it's less antisocial, it felt like a family base...

All of the friends I made at UPIC remain my close friends to this day, even 4 years later.

