

Name of Institution: University of Essex

Country: United Kingdom



The University of Essex is based at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester and received its Royal Charter in 1965. It is one of the UK's leading academic institutions and has an international reputation for the quality of its research and teaching. The University has 17 departments spanning the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Engineering.

Admissions	
Application deadline	1 st November for January entry.
Nominations	We would ask that nominations please be sent to Essex Abroad three weeks before the application deadline.
Online link to application	Nominated students will be sent link in a personal email
Other requirements	Academic transcript of study, copy of passport information page, English language certificate and learning agreement.
Language Certificate	IELTS: 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each element If the student's home tuition is in English it is not necessary to provide a language certificate.
Important Language / Visa information	http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx

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Semester dates: Spring/Summer Term, 2015-2016 Academic Year	
Preferred Arrival date	Wednesday 6 January 2016
Classes start	Monday 11 January 2016
End of term	Friday 18 March - Sunday 17 April 2016
Exam Period	Mid May to early June (To be confirmed)
Departure date	Friday 24 June 2016 (Students are permitted to leave after their final written examination)

Location	
University Address	University of Essex Wivenhoe Park Colchester, Essex CO4 3SQ
Climate	Spring/ Summer Average Temperature: 11°C-25°C Autumn/Winter Average Temperature: 0°C-11°C One of the driest regions in the United Kingdom
Town Tourism Website	http://www.visitcolchester.com/
Transportation Services	Excellent transport links around the United Kingdom and to Europe. Approximately an hour away from London by train. Regular bus service to town centre and local destinations with stops on campus. Direct shuttle service to Stansted Airport. On Arrivals Day (Autumn term only) the University operates a direct coach service to the campus. Students will be provided with the necessary link to secure a place during August.
University Location Information	http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/getting_here/colchester/default.aspx

Academics	
System of assessment	Assignments and tests with exams at the end of the academic year
Teaching methods	Lectures, seminars, tutorials, and self-study
Language of instruction	English (other than in foreign language modules)
Restrictions for international students	The online module directory indicates which modules are available to exchange students Students are only permitted to take modules from the Colchester <u>or</u> Southend campus. Please note that it is not possible to study at Colchester and Southend at the same time. Students are not permitted to take non-credited modules.
Standard credit load for term (Autumn or Spring/Summer)	All students are required to take 60 Essex credits per term (minimum and maximum)
Standard module load for an academic year	All students are required to take 120 Essex credits per year (minimum and maximum)
Division of academic years	Academic Year: October – June Autumn Term: October – December Spring Term: January – March Summer Term: April – June
Module/Course Directory	http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/

Finance	
Ancillary fee	There may be laboratory fees depending on modules chosen.
Insurance	Insurance cover should be arranged by student prior to their studies
Estimated Personal expenditure (39 week stay)	http://www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance/cost_of_living.aspx#international

Accommodation	
Type of University maintained campus accommodation	We offer single study bedrooms with shared kitchen facilities and either shared or en-suites bathrooms. If students are studying at Colchester they should select accommodation at our Colchester campus, students wishing to study at Southend can apply for accommodation at that location. http://www2.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/
Private Accommodation	If you do not wish to apply for campus accommodation or are not offered campus accommodation, the Student Union offers assistance to find private local accommodation - http://www.essexstudent.com/studentlets/
Opening and Closing Dates	Sunday 27 September 2015 - Saturday 25 June 2016.
Holiday Arrangements	Accommodation remains open during the Christmas and Easter holidays. All students are required to vacate their rooms at the end of the Summer term.
Accommodation application deadline	Accommodation is arranged via Essex Abroad and students will be notified in August/September for October entry and in December for January entry. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Students are not able to use the online Accommodation Application.
Accommodation fee	We offer a range of accommodation, from shared facilities to en-suite rooms. The costs of each type of accommodation can be found on-line - http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx

Student Services	
Computer Services	14 computer laboratories with over 600 computers, 100 of those are accessible 24 hours a day. There is university wide Wi-Fi including in all accommodation.
Students Support	Offers a range of support http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/student_support/default.aspx
Careers Centre	Careers Advice http://www.essex.ac.uk/careers/
Information Office	Centrally located on campus and open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
Sports Facilities	40 acre outdoor sports area with various pitches. State of the art Evolve gym and fitness studio Over 30 Sports clubs which are now free to join. http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/sports/
Arts Events	The Lakeside Theatre frequently runs professional and student productions. Art Exhibitions and Music events are held regularly. http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/arts/
Students' Union	You are automatically a member of the Students Union when you are a student at the University of Essex and there are no fees for this. They also run the on campus shops, nightclub and bar. http://www.essexstudent.com/ Over 120 clubs and societies, radio station, student newspaper you can join. http://www.essexstudent.com/activities/societies/