



Exchange Information Fact Sheet 2021/22

The University of Essex, based at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, 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	
Nominations	<p>1st March to 30th April 2021 (October entry for Autumn)</p> <p>1st to 30th September 2021 (January entry for Spring/Summer)</p>
Applications Exchange	<p>Applications for Exchange students for October Entry open on 1st May 2021 and close on 31st May 2021.</p> <p>Applications for Exchange students for January Entry open on 1st October 2021 and close on 31st October 2021.</p> <p>We may be able to accept late applicants so please contact the Essex Abroad Office for more information.</p>
Other Requirements	<p>All applicants MUST provide us with colour copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport • Academic Transcript <p>Most applicants will also have to provide colour copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language certificate (please see our website for the full list of the documents we accept. You will not need to provide a language certificate if English is

	<p>the national language of your home country or your current course is taught in English).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Language Requirements</p>	<p>Full year students from EU/EEA and Non-EU/EEA countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IELTS: 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each element (requirement of the UK Student Visa) • TOEFL iBT: 76 overall with a minimum of 17 listening & writing, 18 reading, 20 speaking – further details can be found here. Please refer to the 'First Year Entry' section. <p>Term only students from EU/EEA and NON-EU/EEA countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum requirements can be found here. Please refer to the 'First Year Entry' section. • We are also happy to accept a letter or certificate confirming the student has reached the minimum B2 level from EU/EEA institutions.
<p>Visa Information</p>	<p>Full Year students (over 6 months)</p> <p>EU/EEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to apply for Student Visa • Can apply for visa up to 6 months before course starts, decision are usually made within approximately 3 weeks • Visa fee from outside the UK can be found here • The student may be able to work • Student will be required to pay Healthcare surcharge • Essex will provide student with CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) in order to apply for Student Visa. <p>Non-EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to apply for Student Visa • Can apply for visa up to 6 months before course starts, decision are usually made within approximately 3 weeks • Visa fee from outside the UK can be found here • The student may be able to work • Student will be required to pay Healthcare surcharge • Essex will provide student with CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) in order to apply for Student Visa. <p>Term only students (under 6 months)</p> <p>EU/EEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not need to apply for a visa • Student will be provided with proof of acceptance by Essex Abroad • Not allowed to work including volunteering • Health surcharge not required –if students are eligible under the government healthcare rules. If not eligible, any NHS treatment will payable unless it's a free service <p>Non-EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students MUST check here if they need to apply for a Standard Visitor Visa. Not all Non-EU/EEA students will require a visa.

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Semester dates: Autumn Term, 2021-2022 Academic Year	
Preferred Arrival Date	Provisional date Sunday 3 rd October 2021. To be confirmed
Orientation Week	Monday 4 th October to Friday 8 th October 2021
Classes Start	Monday 11 th October 2021
End of Term (Autumn Students)	Friday 17 th December 2021
Exam Period (Autumn Students)	December/January - to be confirmed
Departure Date (Autumn students)	Saturday 18 th December 2021
End of Term (Full Year Students)	Friday 17 th December 2021
Departure Date (Full Year students)	Saturday 18 th December 2021

Semester dates: Spring/Summer Term, 2021-22 Academic Year	
Preferred Arrival Date	Wednesday 12 th January 2022
Orientation Days	Thursday 13 th January to Friday 14 th January 2022
Classes Start	Monday 17 th January 2022
End of Spring Term Taught	Friday 25 th March 2022
Summer Term Revision/Classes Start	Monday 25 th April 2022 Classes are dependent on modules taken. Students will need to check with departments and be aware of accommodation policy below (Holiday Arrangements).
End of Summer Term	Friday 1 st July 2022
Exam Period	Mid May 2022 – Beginning of June 2022 (exact dates to be confirmed in March 2022)
Departure Date	Saturday 2 nd July 2022

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Programmes)	
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Grants and Agreements	Email: eaagreements@essex.ac.uk
Website	https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students

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
Colchester 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Arrivals Day (Autumn term and full year students only) the University operates a direct coach service to the campus from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Airports. Students will be provided with the details on how to book this at a later date.
University Location Information	https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/colchester-campus/how-to-get-here

Academics	
System of assessment	Assignments and tests with exams at the end of the academic year. Autumn students will have exams (where required) at the end of December.
Teaching methods	Lectures, seminars, tutorials, and self-directed 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 study abroad/exchange students. Students are only permitted to take Incoming Essex Abroad modules from the Colchester or Southend campus, it is not possible to take modules from across both campuses. 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
Standard module load for an academic year	All students are required to take 120 Essex credits per year
Division of academic years	Academic Year: October – June Autumn Term: October – December Spring/Summer Term: January – June/early July
Module Directory	http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/

Finance	
Tuition fees (not applicable to Exchange students)	https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme
Pre-Sessional English Programs	Please see our website to find out which course is best for your current level of English. https://www1.essex.ac.uk/forms/pre-sessional/
Additional fees	There may be laboratory fees depending on modules chosen.
Insurance	Should be organised by student prior to their departure.

Accommodation	
Types of University maintained accommodation	<p>We offer single study bedrooms with shared kitchen facilities and either shared or en-suites bathroom. If students are studying at Colchester they must only select accommodation at our Colchester campus, students wishing to study at Southend must only select accommodation at our Southend campus.</p> <p>All students are offered on campus accommodation so long as they apply for it before the relevant deadline. This is subject to availability and is allocated on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>https://www1.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/</p>
Private accommodation	<p>If you do not wish to apply for campus accommodation the Student Union offers assistance to find private local accommodation options.</p> <p>https://www.essexstudent.com/suhomes/</p>
Holiday Arrangements	<p>Accommodation remains open during the Christmas and Easter holidays. All students are required to vacate their rooms at the end of the Summer term.</p> <p>Students are able to leave their accommodation early if their exams finish before the end of term but they will be liable to pay their fees until the end of their contract.</p>
Accommodation application deadline	<p>Accommodation is arranged via Essex Abroad and students will be notified in August/September for October entry and in December for January entry. Students are not able to use the online Accommodation Application.</p>
Accommodation fee	<p>We offer a range of different types of accommodation, from shared facilities to ensuite rooms. The costs of each type of accommodation varies, and can be found online: http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx</p> <p>Accommodation payment will be due within the first month of arrival/beginning of each term. The Accommodation team will manage this.</p>

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 campus accommodation.
Students Support	<p>We offer a range of services open to all students. Please let us know in advance if you have an on-going issue that will require support so that we can make arrangements prior to your arrival.</p> <p>https://www1.essex.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/default.aspx</p>
Information Office	Centrally located on campus and open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
Sports Facilities	<p>Essex Sports Membership is included in your on campus accommodation fee!</p> <p>We have a great range of facilities, both indoors and outdoors at our Colchester Campus. In 2018, we launched the £12 million Essex Sport Arena which is built to international sporting standards and is available to hire. The new space boasts seating for 1,655 spectators, and includes 20 courts for basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and futsal. https://www.essex.ac.uk/sport</p>
Arts Events	<p>The Lakeside Theatre frequently runs professional and student productions. Art Exhibitions and Music events are held regularly.</p> <p>https://lakesidetheatre.org.uk/about/university-of-essex/</p>

Students' Union	<p>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. https://www.essexstudent.com/societies/</p>
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COVID-19 UK Guidance	
University of Essex guidance	<p>Find the latest updates on the COVID-19 situation for applicants, students and staff https://www.essex.ac.uk/covid-19</p>
UK Government guidance	<p>UK Government updates and guidance on COVID-19 https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>