



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	1 <sup>st</sup> March to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 (October entry for Autumn) 1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 (January entry for Spring/Summer)
Applications Exchange	Applications for Exchange students for <b>October Entry</b> open on <b>1<sup>st</sup> May 2020</b> and close on <b>19<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> . Applications for Exchange students for <b>January Entry</b> open on <b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2020</b> and close on <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020</b> . We may be able to accept late applicants so please contact the Essex Abroad Office for more information.
Other Requirements	<b>All</b> applicants <b>MUST</b> provide us with colour copies of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Academic Transcript</li> </ul> <b>Most</b> applicants will also have to provide colour copies of the following documents: English Language certificate (please see our <a href="#">website</a> for the full list of the documents we accept. You will not need to provide a language certificate if English is the national language of your home country or your current course is taught in English).
Language Requirements	<b>Non-EU/EEA</b> nationals studying for more than 6 months (requiring a Tier 4 visa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IELTS: 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each element (requirement of the Tier 4 visa)</li> <li>• TOEFL iBT: 76 overall with a minimum of 17 listening &amp; writing, 18 reading, 20 speaking – further details can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul> <b>EU/EEA</b> nationals or Non-Tier 4 applicants requiring a short term visa: minimum requirements can be found <a href="#">here</a> .  If the student's home university tuition language is at least 50% English, it is not necessary to provide a language certificate. We will however require proof of this from the home university. A language certificate provided by the home university to certify that the student has at least CEFR B2 level will also be accepted.
Visa Information	<a href="https://www1.essex.ac.uk/immigration/apply_for_a_visa/">https://www1.essex.ac.uk/immigration/apply_for_a_visa/</a>

### Semester dates: Autumn Term, 2020-2021 Academic Year

Preferred Arrival Date	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Orientation Week	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Classes Start	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
End of Term (Autumn Students)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
Exam Period (Autumn Students)	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 to and including Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
Departure Date (Autumn students)	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020
End of Term (Full Year Students)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Departure Date (Full Year students)	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Semester dates: Spring/Summer Term, 2020-2021 Academic Year

Preferred Arrival Date	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Orientation Days	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Classes Start	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
End of Spring Term Taught	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Summer Term Revision/Classes Start	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 Dependant on modules taken. Students will need to check with departments.
End of Summer Term	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021
Exam Period	Mid May 2021 – Beginning of June 2021 (exact dates to be confirmed in March)
Departure Date	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021

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<b>Location</b>	
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	<a href="http://www.visitcolchester.com/">http://www.visitcolchester.com/</a>
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"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
University Location Information	<a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/colchester-campus/how-to-get-here">https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/colchester-campus/how-to-get-here</a>

<b>Academics</b>	
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 <a href="#">module directory</a> indicates which modules are available to study abroad/exchange students. Students are only permitted to take Incoming Essex Abroad modules from the Colchester <b>or</b> 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	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/</a>

<b>Finance</b>	
Tuition fees (not applicable to Exchange students)	<a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme">https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme</a>
Pre-Sessional English Programs	Please see our website to find out which course is best for your current level of English. <a href="https://www1.essex.ac.uk/forms/pre-sessional/">https://www1.essex.ac.uk/forms/pre-sessional/</a>
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.  <a href="https://www1.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/">https://www1.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/</a></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.  <a href="https://www.essexstudent.com/suhomes/">https://www.essexstudent.com/suhomes/</a></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>You are able to leave your accommodation early if your exams finish before the end of term but <b>you will be liable to pay your fees</b> until the end of your 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:  <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx</a>            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	<p>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.</p>
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.  <a href="https://www1.essex.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/default.aspx">https://www1.essex.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/default.aspx</a></p>
Information Office	<p>Centrally located on campus and open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.</p>
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.</p> <p>The new space boasts seating for 1,655 spectators, and includes 20 courts for basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and futsal. <a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/sport">https://www.essex.ac.uk/sport</a></p>
Arts Events	<p>The Lakeside Theatre frequently runs professional and student productions. Art Exhibitions and Music events are held regularly.  <a href="https://lakesidetheatre.org.uk/about/university-of-essex/">https://lakesidetheatre.org.uk/about/university-of-essex/</a></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.</p> <p>They also run the on campus shops, nightclub and bar.  <a href="http://www.essexstudent.com/">http://www.essexstudent.com/</a></p> <p>Over 120 clubs and societies, radio station, student newspaper you can join.  <a href="https://www.essexstudent.com/societies/">https://www.essexstudent.com/societies/</a></p>