



University of Essex

PARTNER INFORMATION FOR 2014-15

Name of institution : University of Essex
Country : United Kingdom

History

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.

Location

City/Nearest major city	Colchester, Essex.
Climate	Mild in all seasons, one of the driest climates in England
Website for further information on city/town around University	http://www.visitcolchester.com/
Transportation system	Excellent transport links (road / rail / air/ sea) to the whole of the UK & Europe (less than 1 hour by rail from London); local bus service runs around edge of campus, as well as a direct service to Stansted Airport. http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/getting_here/colchester/default.aspx

Academics

Structure of Institution	Departments and Centres, which are grouped in Faculties
System of assessment	Coursework (mostly essays) and examinations at end of academic year
Teaching methods	Lectures, seminars, tutorials, self-study
Language of instruction	English (other than in foreign language modules)
Restrictions for incoming international students	The on-line module directory indicates which modules are available to study abroad/exchange students (see link below). Students are only permitted to take modules from the Colchester campus. Students are not permitted to take non-credited modules.
Standard credit load for term (Autumn or Spring/Summer)	Students are required to take 60 Essex credits per term, this is the maximum and minimum requirement.
Standard module load for a year	Students are required to take 120 Essex credits per term, this is the maximum and minimum requirement.
Division of academic years	Trimester (but there is no teaching in the Summer Term, which is used purely for revision classes /examinations.) The periods of study available are Autumn term (October to December), Spring/Summer terms (January to June) and Full Academic year (October to June).
Website link to module(course) directory	http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/

Finances

Tuition fees	Full year £11,250 Autumn term only £4,500 Spring/Summer terms £6,750
Ancillary fee	There may be laboratory fees depending on modules chosen.
Residence fee	http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx
Cost of insurance	Students should arrange this personally.
Personal expenditure (39 week stay)	http://www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance/cost_of_living.aspx#international
National Currency	UK Pounds Sterling
Scholarships	We do not have any scholarships available for incoming study abroad/exchange students.

Student Services

Library	Collections of national and international importance Major holdings of UK parliamentary papers and official publications European Documentation Centre Access to bibliographic and full-text databases via SuperJANET and the Internet http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/library/default.aspx
Computer Service	Fourteen general-access computer laboratories with powerful workstations and up-to-date PCs network facilities in all on-campus student accommodation Open access to all computer services, including the Internet for electronic mail and the World Wide Web http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/it/default.aspx
Maintenance Service	All campuses residences are maintained centrally (further info is contained in Accommodation Services information).
Students Support	http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/student_support/default.aspx
Careers Centre	http://www.essex.ac.uk/careers/
Information Office	Centrally located on campus and open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
Student Organizations	http://www.essexstudent.com/main/student/clubsandsocieties/socs/list

Recreational Services

Sports Facilities	40 acres (16 hectares) of sports pitches on main campus well-equipped, modern Sports Centre over 30 sports clubs http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/sports/
Arts Events	University theatre with regular professional and student productions Musical events and activities for all tastes Exhibition gallery http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/arts/
Students' Union	Modern social facilities Over 120 clubs and societies, Student radio station broadcasting 24 hours, student newspaper, etc. shops http://www.essexstudent.com/

Semester dates Autumn term, 2014-2015 Academic Year

Preferred Arrival date	Sunday 28 September 2014
Orientation date	Tuesday 30 September 2014 (TO BE CONFIRMED)
Classes start	Thursday 2 October 2014
End of term	Friday 12 December 2014
Exam Period	Saturday 13 – 19 December 2014
Departure date	Saturday 20 December 2014

Semester dates Spring/Summer Semester, 2014-2015 Academic Year

Preferred Arrival date	Wednesday 7 January 2015
Orientation date	Thursday 8 January 2015 (TO BE CONFIRMED)
Classes start	Monday 12 January 2015
Easter Vacation	Friday 23 March - Sunday 19 April 2015
Exam Period	Mid May to early June/Dates to be confirmed.
Departure date	Friday 26 June 2015, (students are permitted to leave after their final written examination)

Accommodation

Type of student housing (e.g. University residence, share flat)	We offer single study bedrooms with shared facilities or en-suite single rooms. Students can only select accommodation at our Colchester campus. Further information is available at: http://www2.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/
Dates of opening and closure (University residence)	From Sunday 28 September 2014 until 28 June 2015.
Are residence halls closed during holidays?	During the Christmas and Easter vacations the Halls remain open. All students are required to vacate their rooms at the end of the Summer term.
Meal plan	http://www.everythingessex.co.uk/Your-Food-Meal-Plans/ - not compulsory
Residence application deadline	Accommodation is arranged via Essex Abroad and 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.

Admission

Application deadline	By 31 st May for October entry, 1 st November for January entry. Late Applications will not be accepted.
Online link to application	
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 tuition is in English it is not necessary to provide a language certificate.
PLEASE CHECK THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx – WE ARE CURRENTLY NOT ABLE TO ISSUE A CAS BASED ON TOEFL TESTS.	

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