University of Essex

Information Fact Sheet 2018/2019

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 21 departments spanning the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Engineering.

Admissions	
Application deadline	31 May for October entry. 01 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 the link by email
Other requirements	Academic transcript of study, copy of passport information page, English language certificate and learning agreement.
Language Requirements	- Non-EEA nationals studying for more than 6 months: standard requirements*, IELTS: 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each element (requirement of the Tier 4 visa) TOEFL: 76 overall with a minimum of 17 listening&writing, 18 reading, 20 speaking, - Non-EEA nationals studying under 6 months (short-term study visa): standard requirements* - EU/EEA nationals (no visa required) or non-EEA nationals holding a permission other than Tier 4/short-term study visa: standard requirements*. If the student's home tuition is in English (at least 50%), it is not necessary to provide a language certificate but a proof of this from the home university is adequate. Language certificate provided by the home university to certify that the student has at least CEFR B2 level is also accepted. **Standard requirements:** https://www1.essex.ac.uk/cer/documents/language-requirements/english-international.pdf
Important Language / Visa information	http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx

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Website	http://www.essex.ac.uk/essexabroad/

Semester dates: Autumn Term, 2018-2019 Academic Year	
Expected date of arrival	Sunday 30 September 2018
Orientation week	Monday 01 October – Friday 05 October 2018
First day of classes	Monday 08 October 2018
End of term (for Full year students)	Friday 14 December 2018
Exam period *(for Autumn only students)*	*Monday 17 December – Friday 21 December 2018*
Departure date *(for Autumn only students)*	*Saturday 22 December 2018*

Semester dates: Spring/Summer Term, 2018-2019 Academic Year	
Preferred Arrival date	Wednesday 09 January 2019
Orientation	Thursday 10 & Friday 11 January 2019
Classes start	Monday 14 January 2019
End of term	Friday 22 March 2019
Easter closure	*TBC*
Classes start	Monday 22 April 2019
Exam Period	Mid-May to Mid-June 2019
End of term / Departure date	Friday 28 June 2019 (Students are permitted to leave after their final written examination)

Location	
University Address	University of Essex Wivenhoe Park Colchester, Essex CO4 3SQ
Climate	Autumn/Winter Average Temperature: 0°C-11°C Spring/ Summer Average Temperature: 11°C-25°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 or 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 / Healthcare	Insurance cover should be arranged by student prior to their studies http://www.essex.ac.uk/students/new/international/default.aspx EEA students comprehensive sickness insurance: http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/EEA--Swiss-Students/Staying-in-the-UK-as-a-student
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	The Student Union offers assistance to find private local accommodation for the students who are not staying on campus accommodation (unfortunately we do not have enough places for everyone): http://www.essexstudent.com/studentlets/
Opening and Closing Dates 2018-19	Sunday 01 October 2017 - Saturday 30 July 2018
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-esuite rooms.

	The costs of each type of accommodation can be found online - http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx

Student Services	
Computer Services	14 computer labratories with over 600 computers, 100 of those are accessable 24 hours a day. There is university wide Wi-Fi including in all accomodation.
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/