

How good is Essex?

A Top Quality Teaching University

Institution	Ranking	% subjects rated 'Excellent'
Harper Adams University College	1	100
University of Cambridge	2	96.3
University of York	3	94.7
Loughborough University	4	94.1
London School of Economics	5	87.5
Open University	6	86.7
University of Oxford	7	85.7
University of Essex	8	84.6
Imperial College London	9	81.8
University of Nottingham	10	78.1

The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2009 placed us **8th in the UK** for the quality of our teaching as officially assessed by the government's Quality Assurance Agency

Rankings are based on a number of official assessments undertaken since 1995. The number of "excellent" areas is shown in university profiles as a percentage of the total number of subjects assessed.

Source: Sunday Times Good University Guide

What do our students think?

In the last National Student Satisfaction Survey, 88% of students felt satisfied with their experience at Essex. Find out more at www.unistats.org.uk



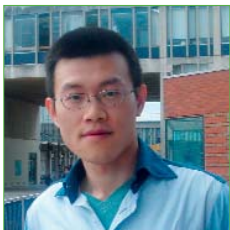
Lucy Caldwell, England BA Accounting

"I chose to study at Essex because of the flexibility of the degree scheme, and I thoroughly enjoyed the courses I took at Essex. All the modules have helped me in my career in some way. I now work for PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and now that I have started my Professional Chartered Accountant exams the knowledge acquired through my degree at Essex is proving to be invaluable. If I could do it all again I have to say that I wouldn't change a thing about my time at Essex. It is a really perfect stepping stone to starting your career."



Annie Bird, Santa Monica, USA LLM International Human Rights Law

"Graduate study here at Essex has far surpassed my expectations – the breadth and depth of the teaching team has been really impressive. The opportunity to spend time in conversation with some of the greatest minds in the field offers an unparalleled opportunity for students. The University also offers a number of opportunities to apply knowledge outside the classroom: I represented Essex at the Jean Pictet Competition of International Humanitarian Law, and also at an international collaborative research initiative, conducting research on the impact of conflict on children."



Zheng Lu, Nanjing City, China PhD Electronic Systems Engineering

"When selecting a university, my first priority was the strength of the department. Essex is a high profile institution with an excellent reputation, especially in telecommunications and optical networks. The buildings and labs offer the very latest technology, and the department is keen to progress and enhance learning opportunities wherever possible. During my studies I was given the opportunity to work as a Graduate Teaching Assistant gaining skills that have proved to be extremely useful for my future career."



How good is Essex?

A Top Quality Research University

In the 2008 government Research Assessment Exercise the University of Essex ranked 9th out of all UK universities:

Institution	Ranking Order	Average Ranking
The University of Cambridge	1	2.975
The University of Oxford	2	2.959
London School of Economics	3	2.957
Imperial College	4	2.943
University College London	5	2.844
The University of Manchester	6	2.823
The University of Warwick	7	2.799
The University of York	8	2.780
University of Essex	9	2.772
The University of Edinburgh	10	2.747
Queen Mary and Westfield College	11	2.726
The University of St Andrews	12	2.724
The University of Bristol	13	2.723
University of Durham	14	2.721
The University of Southampton	15	2.715
The University of Leeds	15	2.715
The University of Sheffield	15	2.715
The University of Bath	18	2.711
The University of Lancaster	18	2.711
King's College London	20	2.693

Source: RAE 2008

The Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), an official government assessment, evaluates all UK universities and reports on the quality of the research undertaken within them.

Essex has confirmed its position on the 2008 assessment as one of the UK's elite research universities with more than 90 per cent of its research recognised internationally for its quality.

University of Essex performance in individual subjects

As well as being ranked as the top UK University across the Social Sciences, the University of Essex was also rated:

- 1st for Politics
- 1st (jointly) for Sociology
- 2nd for Accounting and Finance
- 2nd for History
- 3rd for Economics
- 4th for Languages and Linguistics
- 9th for Art History
- 11th for Electronic Engineering

Why go to a research intensive University?

Cutting edge research feeds into teaching at all levels. Students at Essex benefit from the most up-to-date knowledge and thinking, taught by academics at the forefront of their fields.

Attending a prestigious and research-led institution can also increase your earning potential:

A study by the 1994 group of smaller research universities, of which Essex is one, shows that graduates of the 1994 Group or the Russell Group have greater earning potential across most subjects compared with other institutions.

Graduates were more likely to hold a graduate-level job, more likely to earn over £20,000 per annum, and were more likely to be happy retrospectively with their choice of university.

