

## Court

### The Role of Court

The University Court is a stakeholder group which encourages people in the local region to take an active interest in and promote the University locally, and to comment on its affairs. Members of Court are invited to a formal annual meeting which is part of a broader annual celebration of the University and its achievements, and which allows Court members to meet and network with each other, staff of the University and its friends.

We ask Court members to take an active interest in the life of the University and to actively promote it and its interests in the local and wider region. We hope those active in business, the public sector or in the charities sector will help in providing opportunities for students or in developing links with business and the community. The University will ensure members are kept informed regarding the University's activities and strategic priorities, through the annual meeting and through other media. It will work with members with business and other connections to realise potential mutual benefits involving students and academic staff.

The annual meeting is chaired by the Chancellor of the University or his/her nominee and provides an opportunity for Court members to network and to meet with the members of the University community and other stakeholders. The meeting includes reports from the Vice-Chancellor and the Director of Finance on the workings and sustainability of the University, followed by the opportunity for Court members to ask questions.

### Membership

The membership of Court comprises the Chancellor, senior members of the University and the Students' Union, as well as current and previous External members of Council. In addition, members of the community are appointed to Court by Council on an appointed basis. This category of membership includes:

- Deputy Lieutenants of Essex
- High Sheriff, Deputy High Sheriff and former High Sheriffs
- Former Chancellors of the University
- Members of Parliament
- Principals / Head teachers
- Individual members
- Those with whom the University has business links
- Officers of the Students' Union
- Alumni of the University
- Other ambassadors or stakeholders

## Further Information

Further information can be found on the University's website at:  
<https://www.essex.ac.uk/about/governance/court>

An extract from the [University's Charter and Ordinances](#) is included in the new appointment to Court information pack. Information about many aspects of the University can be found on the website at:  
<https://www.essex.ac.uk/>

A 'Friends of the University' termly newsletter will be sent to all members of Court; if you decide to become a member of Court but do not wish for your personal data to be shared with the University's marketing and events teams for inclusion in the 'Friends of the University' subscription list; please contact the Governance Office, email [governance@essex.ac.uk](mailto:governance@essex.ac.uk).

You can update your preferences at any time; please contact the Governance Office, email [governance@essex.ac.uk](mailto:governance@essex.ac.uk) . You will receive confirmation that your record has been amended.

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