



University of Essex

Postgraduate
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IMPATIENT FOR CHANGE?

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Find out why we think our university should be your next home, by learning about our values and what make us uniquely 'Essex'.



SEE OUR CAMPUSES

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Discover where our three campuses are in the county of Essex, and learn about the facilities, services and community available to you.



FIND YOUR COURSE

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We have a wide range of Masters courses, research degrees and CPD opportunities available, so use this prospectus to pinpoint those which you are interested in.



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If you are ahead of the game and have decided which course to study and that Essex is for you, then discover what you need to do next.



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If you have questions to ask and want to chat with a member of staff or a current student, get in touch or visit our campuses.

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IMPATIENT FOR CHANGE?



"I want to work towards improving literacy. Access to education is the right of every child and I want to be actively involved. Each day that goes by with no progress is a day that we are taking away a child's opportunity to build the life they deserve. I also want careers in science and engineering to have no gender bias anywhere in the world."

Maria Waheed
PhD Computer Science



"This is the time we need to bring about change for a better future. We have just one life, so if not now then we can never do it. One way we could change is to educate the present generation of children about equality – that is when such values will be upheld by them for the rest of their lives and be passed onto future generations."

Sankalan Pal
LLM International Human Rights

An Essex education will encourage you to be curious, to think differently and to listen to alternative arguments. We are home to inquisitive people who want to make a difference.



"I would like to change the UK's approach to waste management to make recycling more efficient. My plan is to launch my own waste management scheme that will benefit the environment and will bring value to every household. My plan is aligned with my passion to serve the planet by creating a process that helps."

Arunima Malik
The Essex MBA



"I am passionate about society and want to help reduce crime; specifically I want to make positive change and tackle re-offending. I believe change is constantly occurring and we are able to shape it positively. My plans for the future include building a career in this area where I can make a difference."

Uroosa Anjum
**MSc Organised Crime,
Terrorism and Security**

OUR RESEARCH

“Our researchers address global challenges that generates new knowledge for the benefit of communities and society across the globe.”

Professor Chris Greer, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)



Why research?

Research has the ability to shape our world and transform the way we live our lives. Our research today might find answers to many modern challenges and can lay the foundations to define and build a better, more sustainable world for generations to come.

We're one of the fastest growing research communities in the UK with more than 700 academics submitted to the Research Excellence Framework 2021 (REF2021) and our research power is increasing. We have five subjects in the UK top 10 for research power across the social sciences, arts and humanities, and science and health – sociology, law, economics and econometrics, politics and international studies and computer science (Times Higher Education 2022).

86.5% of our research output, impact and environment is world-leading or internationally excellent and we're 1st in the UK for research environment in sociology, 1st for research impact in modern languages and linguistics, 2nd for research outputs in politics and international studies, 3rd for research environment in economics and econometrics and 3rd for research outputs in art history (Grade Point Average, REF2021).

Why Essex?

Our strengths in social science research help us understand the social forces shaping our world. Our insights shape policies and solutions which work for people and help to tackle inequality in many areas.

As part of our research community, we'll help you develop your high-level skills, build your networks and enhance your professional knowledge.

Expertise and impact

We are nurturing the next generation of researchers. Our academics solve real-world problems, often taking an interdisciplinary approach.

We're helping to shape debates on global mental health law, developing the crops which will feed the world in the future, understanding the human rights implications of our surveillance culture and helping the developing world unlock the potential of data analytics.

We share knowledge and insights working regularly with partners to develop innovative applications and ideas for the benefit of communities, wider society and the environment.

We're committed to making an impact through research, harnessing relationships with business and the public sector by building powerful, outcome driven partnerships with SMEs through to multinational corporations and from regional bodies through to international institutions.

RESEARCH SHOWCASE



Children's health

Our research has provided the backbone for how to measure and assess the health-related fitness of children.

Our research has helped to establish award-winning fitness assessment company Fitmedia, which has worked with over 50 schools and organisations, assessing over 8,000 children and directly influencing charities.

Fitmedia informs public debate by providing evidence supporting the importance of child fitness assessment to five working parties of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for a Fit and Healthy Childhood.

The research has influenced Active Essex and Essex County Council, supporting the development of new physical activity assessment methods and enabling the Council to access £10 million of funding to transform the delivery of physical activity in the county of Essex.

Internationally, the research has influenced policies in Colombia, enabling accurate fitness assessment of over 95,000 children and informing new health and fitness recommendations to improve the fitness of school children.



Business archives offer a wealth of information about company history. But how can they inform business practice today?

Working with archivists from the John Lewis Partnership and other organisations, Essex historian Dr Alix Green is helping business leaders understand how looking to their past can help them in the future.

“Each business archive holds material unique to the company, such as product designs, advertising material, company newsletters, photographs, staff records and correspondence. But unless you have a major licensing operation, like Coca-Cola, archive services tend to be seen as a net cost to businesses,” said Dr Alix Green.

“The Partnership’s investment in an award-winning new heritage centre shows the company values its past but the archivist, Judy Faraday, and I realised there was a need to put the historical records to pro-active use.

Our challenge was to demonstrate historical archives are business resources that can help influence decisions today.”

Alix influenced how the Partnership understands and communicates its pay policy but the scope of projects co-designed with archivists is “as wide as the archival collections themselves and as ambitious as your business needs it to be” according to Alix.

By adopting this approach, she has shown how researchers, not just historians, can influence anything from railway station design to helping theatres reach new audiences.



The plight of refugees

We are revolutionising the way support services are provided to help governments and aid organisations improve the plight of refugees.

A crucial part of Professor Renos Papadopoulos' work is providing training and support to those working on the frontline of disaster areas and war-torn countries.

No one can have escaped the disturbing images of people abandoning their homes and risking their lives in a desperate bid to flee persecution and armed conflict.

According to the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) we are currently witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record, with one person being forcibly displaced every two seconds globally.

Professor Papadopoulos is the Director of our Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees, which examines the reality of being a refugee, assessing

conditions and suggesting improvements at refugee camps across the world.

Over the course of several years, he has developed a unique approach to working with refugees and migrants, called Synergic Therapeutic Complexity (STC). This approach works as a collaboration between caregivers (eg aid organisations) and beneficiaries (the refugees or migrants).

The approach provides a framework that Professor Papadopoulos has called the Adversity Grid. This provides a way for both parties to acknowledge the problems being faced, whilst at the same time recognising the strengths of the individual refugee – both those that were retained from before the adversity and new strengths gained as a result of dealing with adversity.



Feeding the world's population



There is a global challenge to feed the world's growing population. But at what cost will this be to our environment as more pressure is placed on the agricultural industry to deliver more?

Essex research by Professor Jules Pretty has shown that sustainable intensification not only increases farm productivity but can also support our valuable ecosystems.

This work has benefited policy makers, farmers, ecosystems and businesses in 130 countries, by shaping the development of a UN agriculture food systems framework and influencing the recommendations of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on agricultural development policy.

Increasing food production usually means intensifying agriculture by using more fertilisers and pesticides which have a negative impact on the environment – destroying habitats, damaging wildlife and polluting our rivers and oceans.

Although per capita global food production has increased by 1.5-fold over 50 years, about 800 million people across the globe are malnourished.

Substantial increases in farm productivity are needed; the challenge is achieving this without causing harm to biodiversity, climate and ecosystem processes and functions.

Landmark global agreements, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Change Agreement have emphasised the need for innovation in food systems to meet this challenge.



Ethics of powerlessness

Imagine being diagnosed with a terminal illness and feeling unable to alter your prognosis; or watching your teenage child spiral into drug addiction, unable to stop them.

These are situations of powerlessness, where we feel we have no control. Though these examples, of lives in crisis are extreme ones, powerlessness is something many of us face in our everyday lives.

But powerlessness does not need to always be a negative experience and Essex philosophers have shown how understanding it properly could transform healthcare.

The Ethics of Powerlessness study, which launched in 2015, has impacted end of life care within the NHS and helped local carers better empathise with their patients.

“We wanted to draw attention to what it feels like to be powerless, good or bad,” said Professor Béatrice Han-Pile, of the School of Philosophy and Art History.

“The feeling of powerlessness can be a very painful experience but properly understood and related to, it can also be an important factor of change and growth.”

Working with a team of Essex researchers, Professor Han-Pile built an international network of health care practitioners and researchers. She set out to examine how those experiencing powerlessness at the end of life could be better understood and how this sensitivity to their personal feelings could improve how they are supported.



Facial recognition technology

There has been debate around the world about the emergence and use of powerful artificial intelligence, such as live facial recognition technology.

Two Essex academics have used a range of techniques and expertise to conduct a detailed, interdisciplinary analysis of the Metropolitan Police Service's trials of live facial recognition technology.

Unprecedented access was given by the Met to Professor Peter Fussey and Dr Daragh Murray, which allowed them to conduct a thorough examination of how the technology works in practice, how it guides police activity and how it shapes officers' decision-making and interactions with the public.

There has been widespread public concern about the levels of insight such technology gives the authorities into a citizen's day-to-day life – whilst the flip side of the debate centres around concerns about global security and safety.

Prior to this report, there was an absence of robust, independent analysis into the use of these new forms of surveillance and therefore a lack of accurate information on which to base future debate and leadership.

The research has shaped police processes, been referenced in parliament, and informed surveillance oversight at both UK and EU levels.

IMPATIENT FOR ANSWERS?

Across the next four pages, you will find answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.



Why should I come to Essex?

You'll be a member of our global community with access to support services, research and learning facilities, and extracurricular activities.
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Can I visit Essex?

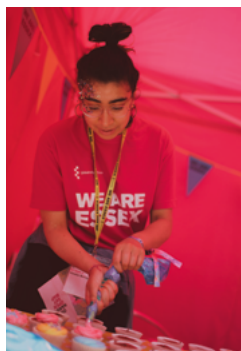
Yes, we'd love to meet you! We run campus tours and open days, and postgraduate events throughout the year.
See page 75.

How do I apply?

Applying to Essex is simple; our online application form takes about 20 minutes to complete.
See page 66.

What are the tuition fees?

You can find your course fee under the fees and funding tab on the relevant course page on our website.
essex.ac.uk/subjects



How can I fund my studies?

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries, and you may be entitled to a UK Government-backed loan. See [page 62](#).

When do courses start?

Most courses start in either September or October; some also allow you to start in either January or April. Check out our list of courses from [page 50](#).

Can I study part-time?

Yes, check out our list of courses from [page 50](#) where you will be able to see which are offered part-time as well as full-time.

Can I speak to current students?

Yes, many of our Student Ambassadors (as well as some staff) are available for you to chat with online. essex.ac.uk/life/chat

How can I meet new people?

Our Students' Union hosts a range of events. There are over 100 societies, where you can find almost anything to take part in outside of your studies. The VTeam, the volunteering branch of the SU can connect you with all kinds of projects. If you're living on campus, our Residents' Assistants are here to help. Our Active Campus sessions are a great way to try a new sport and make new friends.

What support is available for mature students?

The Mature Students' Network, run by the Students' Union, offers support and runs social events. See [page 23](#).



What mental health support is available?

Our Student Wellbeing and Inclusivity Service provides a range of support including workshops and counselling.
See page 22.

Can I get a part-time job on campus?

Yes, there are lots of opportunities from the SU shop, bar and restaurants to being a Student Ambassador.
See page 26.

Do you offer placements or links with industry?

Some of our Masters courses include a professional placement. We work with a wide range of employers and aim to offer a variety of placement opportunities. Our Knowledge Transfer Partnerships also offer collaborations with businesses.
See page 27.

Who can help me find a job after my course?

Our Careers Services can help with everything from CV writing to interview skills.
See page 26.

What accommodation is available?

You are guaranteed accommodation for your first year of study and we try to ensure that you'll be sharing with other postgraduate or mature students. Our team of Residents' Assistants can give you advice and support to help you settle in.
See page 40.



How much does accommodation cost?

We have options on campus which range from £110.18 to £219.73 per week.
See page 40.

Can I get to campus by public transport?

Yes, our campuses are served by local bus services and have train or London Underground stations close by.

What sports facilities and clubs are available?

We have a wide range of sporting options including our Sports Centre and Sport Arena. There's also an all-weather tennis court, 18-hole disc golf course, 5-a-side football pitches and a plethora of clubs and teams.
See page 21.

Can I commute and park my car on campus?

Parking is available at our Colchester Campus and there are plenty of public car parks near our Southend and Loughton campuses. Parking charges apply.

Are there childcare facilities?

Yes, our Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery is located at our Colchester Campus.
wivenhoeparkdaynursery.co.uk

Do I get any benefits for being an Essex graduate?

We'll give you a loyalty discount of up to 33% on the tuition fee for your first year of postgraduate study.
See page 63.

IMPATIENT TO DISCOVER ESSEX?

You'll be part of a thriving community, with a huge range of activities, support, and learning spaces on your doorstep. This ensures that your time with us is a rich and colourful chapter in your life.

essex.ac.uk/life



WHY ESSEX?



Our vibrant, scenic campuses are home to a global community. You'll find that Essex has everything you need to enjoy your studies and prepare you for your future career.



The Essex Spirit

When you join Essex, you join for life. You become part of our global family and our amazing, creative, diverse community, full of people who are engaged and kind, and where everyone is equal. Our Essex community reaches far beyond the boundaries of our campuses. We support each other; we live and learn together; we disagree agreeably; and we develop interests and embrace values that change our lives and careers forever.

Global community

We provide an intimate but global setting; fusing ideas, culture, and a breadth of perspectives, with internationalism at the heart of everything we do. Our students and staff represent over 140 nationalities and supports over 30 different cultural societies. Whoever you are and whatever you do – to succeed and contribute – you need a global view; an understanding of different people and cultures and ways of looking at the world. We are ranked top 25 for international outlook (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022). We engage with research and education from every corner of the earth.

Research that matters, that makes a difference to the world today and shapes a sustainable tomorrow. Our research informs our education and makes sure we are active, empathetic, and entrepreneurial and engage global citizens

Research mindset

At Essex you are in a research environment helping to define the next generation of challenges, set agendas for addressing enduring and emerging questions, lead the advancement of knowledge and develop innovative applications, and ideas for the benefits of people, the environment, communities and society. Our research has an impact on the world. Inspiring curiosity is profound in creating positive change. At Essex, you will partner with academics, taking part in and doing research that drives progress. Learn more about our research impact on [page 4](#).



Data for All

We offer free data science training in response to the increasing need for expertise in data analysis. Our data science short courses provide added support for new and returning Essex students.

essex.ac.uk/short-courses/data-science

Languages for All

We want you to add your voice today's global conversation, so we make language learning easy. With our Languages for All programme, you can learn a language alongside your course at no extra cost for a year. Depending on the campus you're studying at, you can choose from Arabic, British Sign Language, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian or Spanish.

essex.ac.uk/life/supporting-your-success/learn-a-language

Masters Preparation Programme

This short course is designed to make sure you are ready for postgraduate study if you are coming from an undergraduate degree or have been out of education for a while. The programme is divided into modules covering teaching, learning, research, as well as academic integrity. Throughout, you'll build your academic skills that will help you to succeed at Essex.

essex.ac.uk/short-courses/masters-preparation-programme

Sport

We are committed to offering sport for everyone. Whatever your level or interests we'll help you play to your strengths. We have a great range of indoor and outdoor facilities including gym and fitness classes. Active Campus sessions are a great way to try out something new. Our Students' Union is home to the Essex Blades – over 40 sports clubs who compete locally and nationally. And if sport is more than a hobby to you, we have strong partnerships with sports organisations and national governing bodies as well as offering sports bursaries.

essex.ac.uk/life/colchester-campus/sport



Sustainability

In 2020 we declared a climate and ecological emergency and have made a commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2035. Our priority areas include cutting carbon emissions, embedding sustainability into teaching and research practices, reducing waste, and increasing recycling, amongst others. We have a dedicated Sustainability Team who are committed to improving our environmental performance, who work with people from all parts of the University and the SU to support environmental improvements. At Essex you are part of a community that is working to make a difference. essex.ac.uk/sustainability

Students' Union (SU)

Our SU represents students to make sure that you're getting the very best education and that your voice is heard in every decision that affects you. Students come to Essex because they want to make change in the world, no matter how big or small. For the time you spend with us, we are here to help you start making that change. We work together to make sure your time at Essex is incredible by organising events, supporting you through your course, and running some of the best venues on campus.

Societies

There are over 100 societies at Essex, all part of a diverse, welcoming and friendly community where you can find almost anything to take part in outside of your studies. There are seven different types of societies: activities, arts, cultural, departmental, musical, political and representation, and religious. And, if we don't have a group that represents your interests, the SU will help you set one up. essexstudent.com/societies

Volunteering

If you want to give your time, skills and all-round awesomeness to a special cause, you need to join the VTeam. The volunteering branch of the SU can connect you with all kinds of projects; why not run a coding session for kids, clean up local beaches, or lend a hand at the zoo? essexstudent.com/volunteering

STUDENT WELLBEING



We are here for you if you need information, advice or support to stay healthy and happy, and succeed.

Student Services Hub

Each of our three campuses has a dedicated Student Services Hub, where you can talk confidentially to our friendly and experienced staff in whichever way is convenient for you, either in person, online, or by phone. Our staff provide support and guidance for your wellbeing, as well as practical advice, including funding and immigration, amongst other things.

Mental and emotional health

Our Student Wellbeing and Inclusivity Service (SWIS) is here to help. We can advise and signpost you to the support available for mental and emotional health and disability support.

Access and disability

Our Accessibility and Wellbeing Advisers are part of SWIS. If you have a disability, medical condition or Specific Learning Difference, eg dyslexia, and have additional support needs to access your studies, a specialist adviser will be available to talk with you and provide advice. You'll also have a Departmental Disability Liaison Officer and an SU Disabled Students' Officer to represent you.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

SWIS offer a wide range of support to individuals and groups of students who may have specific requirements, interests or responsibilities. They support student groups such as LGBTQ+, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students, estranged students, care experienced students and students with refugee/asylum status.

Department support

Your academic department will provide you with a range of support services which will enable you to discuss specific course issues with your lecturers. You'll be assigned a Personal Tutor (if you're a taught student) or a Supervisor (if you're a research student) as well as a Peer Mentor (who is an existing student) who will help you with any academic, personal, or practical issues you may have.

Mature Students' Network

Around 43% of all our postgraduates are mature students (which means they are at least 25 years old). This means we have a real understanding of the challenges that come when combining studies with other responsibilities. As a mature postgraduate student, you are automatically enrolled into the Mature Students' Network, which is run by our SU. It's a support network, research sharing platform and a social group. essexstudent.com/communities/maturestudentshub

Faith Centres

Essex is the world in one place, so we bring together a mix of faiths and beliefs from across the globe. Our Faith Centres at Colchester and Southend are places to practice or explore faith, either on campus or by connecting staff or students to a local place of worship. essex.ac.uk/student/faith

Residence Life

Residents' Assistants (RAs) are returning students who live in accommodation to provide peer-to-peer support. If you have a query or are struggling with university life, speaking to an RA is a good place to start. RAs can offer you advice and guidance on any problems you may encounter. They also organise events to help you settle in and make connections. essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/living-on-campus/residence-life

Health and childcare

You have access to our well-established night-time support service, Nightline, and an on-campus NHS health centre. If you require childcare during your time at Essex, we also have a high-quality day-time nursery at our Colchester Campus. The nursery is open all year round and provides childcare and education for children aged three months to five years, as well as a summer holiday club for children aged five to eight years old.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY



At Essex you'll discover a range of development opportunities to help prepare you for your future career.



Careers support

Our Careers Team will support you with your job applications, covering letters, CVs, personal statements, interview preparation, as well as mathematics, statistics, numeracy and problem-solving skills. We also provide free academic English classes for students with English as an additional language.

As a postgraduate student you will be able to access a range of services including our CareerHub, annual Careers Fair and online vacancy service. Your academic department will also offer development and career-focused activities.

You'll be able to book onto one of our events or workshops, as well as find a range of job opportunities on campus and in the local area using our vacancy board, CareerHub.

Discover a wide range of interactive resources including CV360, which is a powerful new CV reviewing tool that provides instant, detailed feedback to help you optimise your CV.

We provide you with support and advice to help you develop your skills, find opportunities and gain experiences throughout your time at Essex and beyond. Achieve your academic potential and build your confidence, resilience and the necessary experience to progress successfully into the next stage of your life and career.

Engagement with employers

We work with a wide range of employers from SMEs to multinationals, as well as organisations in the Not-for-Profit sector and professional bodies, to provide a good variety of placement and employment opportunities to our students. These include the Office for National Statistics, Cancer Research, West Ham FC, Chevron, KPMG and AusDiagnostics. We also have Employer Advisory Boards which ensure the relevance of our postgraduate curricula so that we're delivering workplace-relevant content.

Skills for success

Our Skills for Success scheme helps you identify your talents and strengthen areas you want to develop during virtual and timetabled classes and workshops. The areas we can support include English language, writing skills, mathematics and statistics.

Your development journey

Use Chart My Path to discover the broad range of extra-curricular and voluntary opportunities available to you at Essex. Access the Big Essex Award and gain recognition for the activities you complete on your digital transcript.



Teaching and lab experience

There are many opportunities to work as part-time teacher or lab assistant while you study. Research students may work as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) or Graduate Laboratory Assistants (GLAs) and gain experience of teaching in higher education.

Working on campus

Our award-winning Frontrunners scheme gives you the opportunity to undertake paid, challenging and career-relevant work within the University which helps you develop the higher level skills you may need to help you compete for the best graduate jobs.

We also provide support to help you find other part-time jobs on or beyond campus such as working as a Student Ambassador, or even in roles such as a sports coach, social media coordinator, or other retail, hospitality or administrative work.

Give something back

There are many volunteering opportunities available locally and through some of our clubs and societies. Our Students' Union volunteering team, VTeam, can help you to secure volunteering experience in many different areas. The VTeam are here to help you gain skills and make positive changes to the community. Projects include supporting animal conservation, providing much needed company for elderly residents or helping local children learn to code.

essexstudent.com/volunteering

Professional placement courses

Gain professional work experience within an external business or organisation of your choice, as part of a two-year Masters degree. Choose from five of our carefully selected Masters with Professional Placements. Each course is an opportunity to put taught skills into practice and

develop a network of industry professionals. Your placement is a sought-after contribution to your employability, giving you the tools employers look for in skilled graduates.

[**essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/masters/masters-with-professional-placements**](https://essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/masters/masters-with-professional-placements)

Research training

Although your degree is about gaining specialist knowledge, we also equip you with a range of skills tailored to your chosen career path. Aspiring researchers are guided by an experienced supervisor, and the majority of our Masters students benefit from modules designed to boost research skills.

Our research students also have access to Proficio, our Professional Development Scheme, which offers learning and development courses that can lead to further qualifications, professional membership, and new skills.

We give all of our research students up to £2,500 to access a variety of courses, which cover everything from languages and IT, to research and public engagement, so that you develop skills that you can use in both academia and industry.

[**essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/proficio**](https://essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/proficio)

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)

If businesses are looking to develop a new product or improve a process, KTPs can give the business a competitive advantage. They are an established and successful initiative, funded by Innovate UK and Research Councils, that bring together businesses with research expertise. We are the number 1 university in the UK for Knowledge Transfers Partnerships, with 40 KTPs across eight academic departments. Any new partnerships that are developed between a business and the University will recruit a motivated and highly qualified postgraduate student who will be based at the company as a research associate. Their role will be to manage the project. This is therefore an opportunity for many Essex postgraduate students and a great way to gain a portfolio of new skills and experience.

[**essex.ac.uk/business/expertise/knowledge-transfer-partnerships**](https://essex.ac.uk/business/expertise/knowledge-transfer-partnerships)



Starting a business

The Essex Startups Team offer a range of support for students and graduates who want to take control of their future. If you are interested in starting your own freelance business, start-up, social enterprise, or charity, we have one-to-one mentoring sessions, weekly interactive workshops, expert talks, funding opportunities, and more, to help take your idea to the next level. We work out of StudioX – our dedicated co-working space – which is designed to launch the next-generation of exciting new ventures.

IMPATIENT TO SEE OUR CAMPUSES?

The University is spread across the county of Essex with our three campuses in Colchester, Southend-on-Sea and Loughton.

essex.ac.uk/about

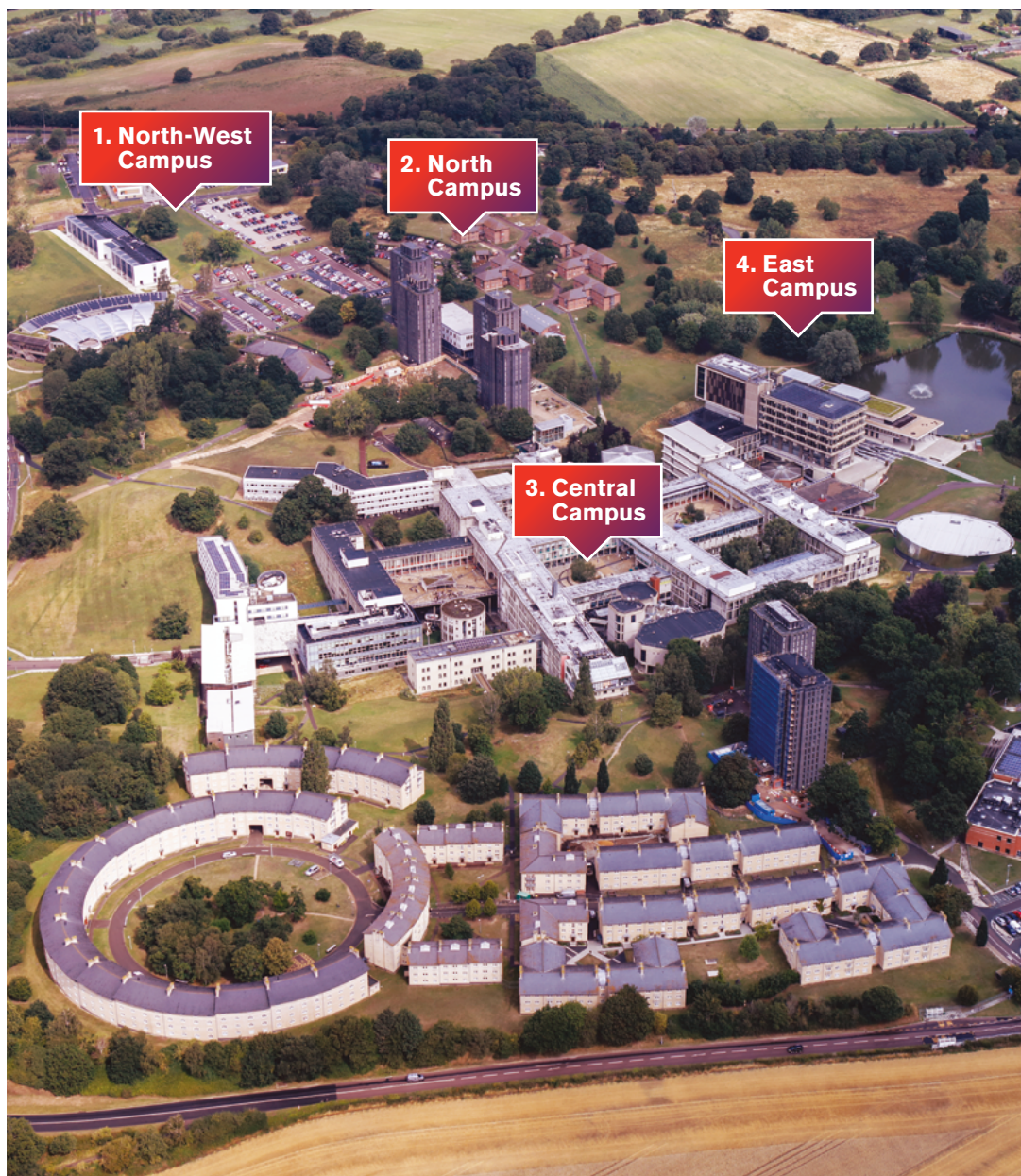


C Colchester

S Southend-on-Sea

L Loughton

COLCHESTER CAMPUS





1. North-West Campus

- Accommodation: University Quays and The Meadows
- Essex Business School
- Day Nursery
- Knowledge Gateway
- Innovation Centre

2. North Campus

- Accommodation: North Towers
- Health Centre
- Three teaching facilities

3. Central Campus

- Lecture Theatre Building
- Academic departments
- Lecture and seminar rooms
- Students' Union
- Bars, cafés and restaurants
- Shops and Post Office
- Postgraduate Common Room
- STEM Centre

4. East Campus

- Silberrad Student Centre and SU Creative Studios
- Albert Sloman Library
- Ivor Crewe Lecture Hall
- Lakeside Theatre and Café
- Parkland and lakes

5. South-East Campus

- Sport Arena, Centre and Gym
- Synthetic turf pitch
- Tennis courts

6. Wivenhoe Park

- Wivenhoe House Hotel
- Brasserie Restaurant
- International College
- Edge Hotel School
- Essex Collection of Art from Latin America (ESCALA)
- Campus allotment
- Sports pitches and parkland



Located within Wivenhoe Park, our Colchester Campus is surrounded by beautiful landscapes and wildlife, providing you with the perfect place to live and study. You'll have everything you need to call our campus 'home', with a large library, shops, a Post Office, cafés, bars and restaurants, and even a cinema!

Our campus community

Our Colchester Campus is at the heart of what makes your Essex experience. Study in our state-of-the-art computer labs, stay up all night in our 24-hour library or break out with course mates in our group workspaces. Take a walk through our Green Flag award-winning 200 acres of parkland or watch a film at Cine10.

Study spaces and facilities

The Silberrad Student Centre is home to our Student Services Hub – your go-to place for any questions. It's also a fantastic contemporary space for you to study, with 24-hour access to learning pods, a reading room overlooking one of our beautiful lakes, and our Students' Union Creative Studios, which includes two radio studios, a newsroom and a TV studio.

The iconic and student-favourite Albert Sloman Library offers you 24-hour access to study facilities, live chat, one-to-one sessions with librarians, skills workshops and countless online resources. There's also a postgraduate workspace on the ground floor. We're a member of the SCONUL Access Scheme, which means you can borrow books from other libraries – great if you're working away from campus.

Located near Central Campus, our Postgraduate Common Room is a great place to unwind, or get some work done with friends. You will also have access to group working facilities across campus including the popular Limehouse and Orangery.

We've got almost 1,000 computers around our Colchester Campus, along with scanners and printers in our IT labs, which you will be able to use. There are also helpful digital facilities, such as our digital library which has 100,000's resources available anytime, anywhere.

essex.ac.uk/life/student-facilities/study-facilities

Food on campus

We have a wide range of outlets and street huts serving delicious meals that include seasonal produce. We're proud of the diversity of our options, with food from all over the world. We're also committed to protecting the planet by choosing ethically sourced, sustainable, and local produce, as well as offering a variety of plant-based options.

Each Thursday our Students' Union hosts market stalls for local suppliers to share their products with you, from vegan wraps to spicy curries, cakes and cheeses to fresh fruit and vegetables. Our bars and restaurants are perfect if you want to hang out with your friends or just grab a bite to eat between lectures.

Sport on campus

We believe that the health and wellbeing of our students is a number one priority. Our focus is to provide a wide range of facilities and sporting activities that are accessible to everyone, suitable for all ability levels, and, most of all, fun. After all, our research here at Essex shows that exercise can have a positive impact on your mental health and boost your employability skills.

We have a great range of indoor and outdoor facilities including a gym equipped with cutting-edge Technogym equipment, fitness studios, a climbing wall, and courts for sports such as volleyball and badminton. We also boast 40 acres of outdoor sport areas consisting of an 18-hole disc golf course, all-weather tennis courts, and pitches for 5-a-side football. Plus, if you're looking to meet new people or learn a new skill, our dedicated Active Campus programme of social sport sessions, learn-to courses, activity challenges, and leagues and tournaments, are also available to all Essex students.

Our 1,655-seat Sport Arena has been built to international sporting standards and is equipped with facilities that allow for the broadcast of live television events. As well as providing the space for badminton, netball, volleyball, and basketball courts, the Arena is also the home to the Essex Rebels, the professional men and women's basketball teams who compete with some of the top teams in the country. Essex Rebels gamedays

are packed with a variety of entertainment, making for a truly exhilarating fun-filled experience that every student should see.

Our Students' Union also runs over 50 sports clubs, so even if you're a complete beginner, there is bound to be something to get you active at Essex.

essex.ac.uk/life/student-facilities/sport-and-fitness

Arts on campus

We bring both internationally famous and emerging artists to our campus, and offer you the chance to work with them.

We're the proud home of Art Exchange, a gallery at the heart of our campus which hosts exhibitions by artists who inspire, push boundaries and comment on the world. But Art Exchange is not just about exhibitions; it also hosts talks, film screenings and art classes throughout the year.

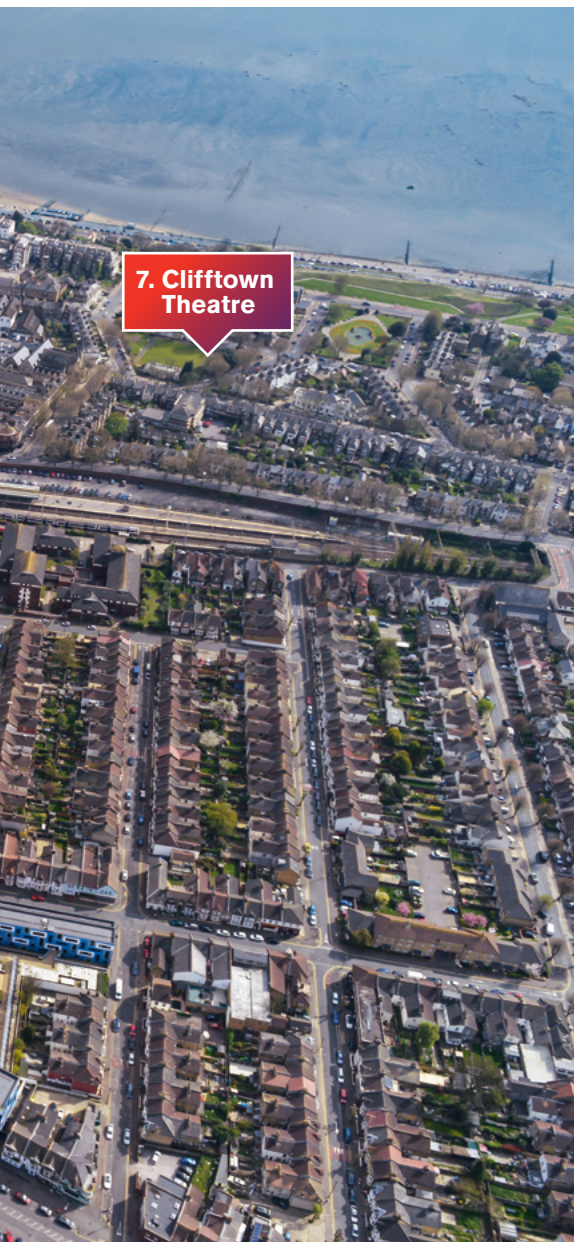
We also have a world-renowned Latin American art collection, ESCALA, which is unique in Europe. It gives you unparalleled access to art from Latin America for researchers of all disciplines. Our teaching and research space gives students the opportunity to experience our creative object-based learning approach as part of taught modules and extracurricular activities.

We also have the amazing Lakeside Theatre on campus which hosts internationally acclaimed plays, live music, and performances by our own talented students.

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SOUTHEND CAMPUS





7. Clifftown Theatre

1. The Forum

- The Learning Hub
- Student Services
- Public and academic library
- Lecture and seminar rooms

2. The Gateway Building

- Academic departments
- Lecture and seminar rooms
- Students' Union lounge and the Mezz

3. Southend Central Station

- Connections to Leigh-on-Sea, London and Lakeside Shopping Centre

4. University Square Accommodation

- Supermarket
- International shops

5. High Street

- Cinema
- Cafés and restaurants
- Post Office
- Chain stores and independent shops

6. Southend Victoria Station

- Connections to Colchester, London and Southend Airport for flights across Europe

7. Clifftown Theatre

- East 15 Acting School
- Prittlewell Square Gardens

8. Seafront

- Southend Pier
- Adventure Island amusement park
- Beach and promenade



Southend-on-Sea is a vibrant and modern city, and our campus sits right at the heart of it. With seven miles of coastline, an international airport close by, a thriving arts and cultural scene, and a wide variety of restaurants and nightlife, it's a great place to live and study.

Community spirit

Full of cultural diversity, our Southend Campus offers a close-knit, international community from around the world. Our social venue, the SU Lounge, which is run and owned by students is your home-from-home and the ideal spot to grab a snack, relax and catch up with friends, play some games or get stuck into a new book. On the first floor, you can find The Mezz – a social space that stays open after the SU Lounge closes.

As a city-centre campus, Southend combines all the conveniences of modern, urban living with state-of-the-art facilities to offer you a superb learning environment.

Our Southend Campus is home to students in our School of Health and Social Care, East 15 Acting School, and Essex Business School. If you're interested in a course in one of these departments, you may be living and learning in Southend.



Things to do

Head to the beach for traditional seaside fun and thrills, catch a film at the cinema, relax in one of the many lovely parks or immerse yourself in our fantastic live music and theatre scene; you'll never be stuck for something to do in Southend.

With the city's High Street on your doorstep, you don't have to go far to enjoy a spot of retail therapy or your favourite restaurant. With hundreds of places to eat, you'll have plenty to choose from!

Close to our campus, Clifftown Theatre is home to the East 15 Acting School in Southend. Set in a converted gothic church, it presents an eclectic programme of events with discounted rates for students.

If you're into theatre and performance arts, this is definitely a place not to miss. If you love a sporting challenge or just like to keep fit, there are a huge variety of activities on offer, from hitting a local gym to yoga and everything in between. Feeling

adventurous and want to try something new?

Then why not check out the popular bouldering wall and coffee shop, Indirock, where you can pop on some climbing shoes and try your best to climb to the top. Whatever your level or ability, there is something for everyone in Southend.

Study spaces and facilities

The Forum, open 24-7, even on Christmas Day, is home to an integrated public and academic library, our Student Services Hub, plus all our student support services in one convenient place. From quiet reading spaces to technology-driven group study pods, there are a range of spaces dedicated to different styles of learning.

The Gateway Building is where you will find our academic departments, who each have their own common room. There are also group working pods and quiet study spaces to use.

[essex.ac.uk/life/student-facilities/
study-facilities](https://essex.ac.uk/life/student-facilities/student-facilities)

LOUGHTON CAMPUS



Dedicated to our East 15 Acting School, our Loughton Campus sits on the eastern edge of London, providing access to the cultural diversity of the British capital city and attractive, peaceful setting in which to study.



Facilities

A beautiful Georgian house, Hatfields, is the heart of our Loughton Campus. Set in five acres of green land, the site boasts 28 rehearsal spaces, a dance studio, radio recording room, a large café and common room, computer facilities, library, screening rooms and the school's own, fully equipped theatre.

Based on the Hatfields site, the Corbett Theatre is a unique performance and learning space, recently kitted out with a brand-new industry-standard sound system. The theatre is a converted barn, transformed into seating for 130 people, equipped with dressing rooms and full technical facilities. East 15 host many public performances throughout the year, alongside lectures, rehearsals and technical classes.

Roding House is a new facility containing the School's Joan Littlewood Studio Theatre, ten rehearsal rooms, a green room, sound recording studio, video editing suite and a costume department.

Home to our Stage and Production Management Department, our Unit Four facility contains a large workshop, paint shop, prop department and teaching spaces.

Accommodation

Our East 15 students at our Loughton Campus live and study in the local area and our Student Services Team are here to help with any questions you may have. Choose between a shared house, living with a landlord or letting a whole house.

More info is available by joining the 'East 15 – Living in Loughton' Facebook group or by emailing askthehub-1c@essex.ac.uk.



ACCOMMODATION



All our students are guaranteed accommodation for their first year of study. To guarantee yours, make sure you've had your place confirmed, you accept your offer of study, and your accommodation application is received by the deadline published on our website.

Living on campus

Wi-Fi, heating, hot water, contents insurance, electricity and the cleaning of communal areas are all included in your rent. Also included, for those living on our Colchester Campus, is an Essex Sport Silver membership package. Rooms are normally let for 50 weeks in a single year for postgraduate students from late September to the following September, which means that even if you're away from the University during the winter, spring, and summer vacations, you don't have to remove your things from your room.

We also offer:

- Single gender flats
- Adapted rooms
- Self-contained accommodation for single or double occupancy
- Shared twin en suite rooms and studios

We cannot guarantee accommodation for first-year students who are accompanied by a partner, but we'll do our very best to help. Just make sure you get in touch as early as you can if you think you need to talk to us about any of this.

askthehub@essex.ac.uk

Residence life

We have a team of full-time staff and part-time student-staff known as Residents' Assistants (RAs). Our Residence Life scheme is designed to help make sure you have a positive experience whilst living and learning at Essex. An RA can provide you with advice and support, and signpost you to additional support if needed. They can also help you connect with your Essex community by providing events for you to meet new people and make connections.

Living nearby

Our Students' Union offers a house-finding service, called SU Homes, from our Colchester Campus. They provide support for students planning to or living off campus, including helping you to find your ideal property, and completing property and landlord checks to ensure your safety.

Living at home

Whilst there are lots of benefits to living on campus, you may decide it makes more sense for you to stay at home. With a jam-packed programme of social events, plus hundreds of clubs and societies, you'll still be as much a part of student life as your friends who live on campus.

Please be aware that the accommodation costs on the following pages show the 2022-23 costs per week. It's likely that our rental charges for 2023-24 will increase from these amounts.



UNIVERSITY QUAYS



You'll have a pleasant walk to campus and are closer to the city centre.

Cost per week: £153.79 - £219.73

Location: Colchester Campus

- En suite facilities
- 15-minute walk to campus
- 4 – 8 rooms per flat
- Premium rooms (big bed) and double rooms available

SOUTH TOWERS



Living right in the heart of campus.

Cost per week: £110.18

Location: Colchester Campus

- Shared bathroom facilities
- Enhanced (newly refurbished) accommodation
- 2-minute walk to campus
- 5 – 16 rooms per flat

THE MEADOWS



Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and a short walk to central campus.

Cost per week: £167.93

Location: Colchester Campus

- En suite facilities
- 10-minute walk to campus
- 5 – 7 rooms per flat
- All rooms have a small double bed

UNIVERSITY SQUARE



Based next to our main campus buildings in the heart of Southend.

Cost per week: £152.67 - £188.30

Location: Southend Campus

- En suite facilities
- 5 minutes from main university buildings and the city centre
- 4 – 11 rooms per flat
- Studio rooms and adapted studios available

BEYOND

CAMPUS



Essex has superb venues for arts, music and culture, independent shops and great nightlife, plus countryside walks and coastline water sports.



Colchester

The city of Colchester has centuries of fascinating history but also the modern conveniences that make it a wonderful place to live. From theatre and live comedy to vintage shopping and bustling markets, Colchester is a thriving regional hub for culture and leisure – and we're less than an hour into central London by train.

Explore our history as the Roman capital of Britain and uncover the secrets that lie within Colchester Castle. Tucked away in other corners of the town are Roman Walls, priory ruins, witch-trial legends and the iconic water tower, Jumbo. For contemporary culture, head to arts venue Firstsite, which won the Art Fund Museum of the Year in 2021, rewarding the extraordinary and innovative ways in which the museum has served and connected with the community. You can also see a play at the Mercury Theatre, while the Odeon and Curzon screen blockbusters and art-house classics for your viewing pleasure.

Head to the High Street for your favourite big brands or the quirky lanes for indie boutiques. Going out-out? There are pubs and clubs galore, and top gigs at Colchester Arts Centre.

On a sunny day chill at Castle Park, visit Colchester Zoo or maybe head to picturesque Wivenhoe for a drink on the quay. Visit Constable Country, where John Constable painted some of his most famous artworks, or take a peaceful rowing boat or paddleboard out in Dedham, along the River Stour. But there's no need for rain to stop play – Rollerworld, Jump Street, and Dice and a Slice are all student favourites.

And there's more! Water sports on Mersea Island, seaside fun at Clacton-on-Sea, miles of beautiful coast and acres of countryside – and all just a short train ride from London.



Southend

With an abundance of coastline and green open spaces, a rich cultural heritage and exciting entertainment – there is so much to offer both on and off campus, you'll be spoilt for choice in Southend!

Head to the seafront and enjoy some mood-boosting sea air. Wander down the longest pleasure pier in the world, grab an ice cream or try your hand at a range of water sports for the ultimate adrenaline fix. Further along the coast, Leigh-on-Sea with its quaint Old Town and bustling Broadway full of independent shops, bars and cafes is perfect for people-watching or an evening out and is just ten minutes from Southend by train.

Take a break from your studies and explore the great outdoors at one of Southend's many parks and nature reserves. Discover historic woodland and ornamental gardens, or pack a picnic and enjoy the beautiful Essex sunshine.

The city of Southend is a hotbed of creative activity with enough museums, galleries and theatres to keep the most discerning arts and culture buffs entertained. Drop in at the Focal Point Gallery for the best in contemporary visual arts, visit one of the city's four museums to discover the history of our seaside city or check out the Cliffs Pavilion and Palace Theatres for everything from pantomimes and comedy to concerts and West End shows.

Whatever your interests, there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved, with festivals, workshops and community events running throughout the year. If you love the buzz of the capital, London is less than an hour away by train. Whether you want to take in the sights, shop 'til you drop or visit the Royal Parks, there is so much to see and do.

Just two miles from our campus is London Southend Airport. With flights to destinations across Europe, the only problem you'll have is deciding where to go first!



Loughton

The campus is just a five-minute walk from the nearest London Underground station, Debden. Take a 30-minute ride into central London for West End theatres, shopping, and mainline stations, including Eurostar to continental Europe.

Jump off the tube even earlier for Stratford's Westfield shopping centre – home to hundreds of the best high street brands, cinemas, restaurants, and entertainment, all surrounded by London's newest parkland – Queen Elizabeth Park – home to the 2012 Olympics where you can even now take a dip in the pool or a spin around the Velodrome.

Many theatres and arts venues across London have discounts available for students – often offering tickets at heavily reduced rates for otherwise sold-out shows. From the National Theatre to The Globe to West End musicals, make the most of these incredible venues in London.

The centre of Loughton is short stroll away from our campus. Treat yourself to some shopping in the independent boutiques, or head out to one of the many restaurants and pubs. Many of the pubs offer great nightlife, including live music and quizzes, as well as special offers for students.

We're also close to London Stansted International Airport, which opens the world up for travel and holidays, as well as an easy journey via London to the other campuses based at Southend and Colchester. Great offers and discount cards are available for students for coach, rail, and tube travel allowing access to cheaper tickets to visit friends and family nearby and further afield.

If you need some time to relax and unwind in a green space, our campus is situated on the edge of Epping Forest, a 6,000-acre ancient woodland, which also doubles-up as a perfect location for a creative study break in the fresh air. There are also lots of walking routes and cycling trails through the forest for you to enjoy.

IMPATIENT TO FIND YOUR COURSE?

On the following pages we give you essential information about each postgraduate course that we offer, such as where they are located, when they start and how you can study. There is a key on page 58. Visit our website to learn more about each one.

essex.ac.uk/subjects



OUR COURSES

Accounting, finance and banking

Taught courses	Key
MSc, MRes Accounting	C FT PT 10
MSc Accounting and Finance	C FT PT 10
MSc Accounting and Financial Management	C FT PT 10
MSc International Accounting and Banking	C FT PT 10
MSc Banking and Finance	C FT PT 10
MSc Finance	C FT PT 10
MRes Finance	C FT 10
MSc Finance and Data Analytics	C FT 10
MSc Finance and Global Trading	C FT 10
MSc Finance and Investment	C FT PT 10
MSc Finance and Management	C FT PT 10
MSc Financial Engineering and Risk Management	C FT PT 10
MSc Financial Technology (Finance)	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Accounting	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Accounting and Finance	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Finance	C FT PT 10

Acting and directing

Taught courses	Key
MA Acting	L FT PT 10
MA, MFA Acting (International)	L FT PT 10
MA, MFA Acting for Digital Media	S FT 10
MA, MFA Theatre Directing	L FT PT 10
MA Advanced Professional Theatre Practice	L FT PT 10

Research degrees

PhD Drama and Performance (Practice as Research)	L FT PT 10
PhD Drama and Performance	L FT PT 10

Actuarial science

Taught courses	Key
PG Dip, MSc Actuarial Science	C FT PT 10
PG Dip, MSc Mathematics and Finance	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
PhD, Integrated PhD Actuarial Science	C FT PT 10

Art history

Taught courses	Key
Grad Dip, MA Art History and Theory	C FT PT 10
MA Curating	C FT PT 10
MA Curating with Professional Placement	C FT 10
MA Heritage and Museum Studies	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD Art History and Theory	C FT PT 10
PhD Curating	C FT PT 10

Biological sciences

Taught courses	Key
MSc Biotechnology	C FT 10
MSc Cancer Biology	C FT 10
MSc Health Genomics	C FT 10
MSc Molecular Medicine	C FT 10
MSc Tropical Marine Biology	C FT 10

Taught courses	Key
MSc Marine Science and Sustainable Development	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biochemistry	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biological Sciences	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biological Sciences: Immunology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Cell and Molecular Biology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Microbiology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Molecular Medicine	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Molecular Medicine: Medical Microbiology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Marine Biology	C FT PT 10 1 4
Integrated PhD Tropical Marine Biology	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Plant Biology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Biology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Sciences	C FT PT 10 1 4

Business and management

Taught courses	Key
Master in Business Management (MBM)	S FT PT 10 1
MSc Management	C FT PT 10
MSc Management (International)	C FT PT 10
MSc Global Project Management	S FT PT 10
MSc International Business and Entrepreneurship	S FT PT 10
MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation	S FT PT 10
MSc Business Analytics	S FT PT 10 1
MSc International Logistics and Supply Chain Management	S FT PT 10
MSc Human Resource Management	C FT 10

Taught courses	Key
MSc Organisational Change Management	C FT PT 10
PG Dip, MA Management and Organisational Dynamics	C FT PT 10
MRes Management and Organisation	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
PhD Business Analytics	S FT PT 10
Integrated PhD Business Administration	S FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Management	C FT PT 10
PhD, Integrated PhD Management Studies	S FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Human Resource Management and Organisation Studies	C FT PT 10 1
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Entrepreneurship	S FT PT 10

Childhood studies

Taught courses	Key
MA Childhood Studies	C FT 10
Research degrees	
PhD Childhood Studies	C FT PT 10

Clinical psychology

Professional doctorates	Key
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D Clin Psych)	C FT PT 9

Computational finance

Taught courses	Key
MSc Algorithmic Trading	C FT PT 10
MSc Computational Finance	C FT PT 10
MSc Financial Technology (Computer Science)	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Computational Finance	C FT PT 10 1 4

Computer Science

Taught courses	Key
MSc Advanced Computer Science	C FT PT 10
MSc Artificial Intelligence	C FT PT 101
MSc Artificial Intelligence and its Applications	C FT PT 10 1 X
MSc Big Data and Text Analytics	C FT PT 10
MSc Computer Engineering	C FT PT 10
MSc Computer Games	C FT PT 10
MSc Intelligent Systems and Robotics	C FT PT 10
MSc Internet of Things	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Computer Science	C FT PT 10 1 4

Creative writing

Taught courses	Key
MA Creative Writing	C FT PT 10
MA Literature and Creative Writing	C FT PT 10
MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD Creative Writing	C FT PT 10 1 4

Criminology

Taught courses	Key
MA Criminology	C FT PT 10
MA Sociology and Criminology	C FT PT 10
MSc Criminology and Socio-Legal Research	C FT PT 10
MA, MSc Organised Crime, Terrorism and Security	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, Integrated PhD Criminology	C FT 10
PhD Criminology	C FT PT 10

Data analytics

Taught courses	Key
MSc Data Science	C FT PT 10
MSc Data Science with Professional Placement	C FT 10
MSc Applied Data Science	C FT PT 10 1 X
MSc Data Science and its Applications	C FT PT 10 1 X
MSc Statistics	C FT 10
PG Dip, MSc Optimisation and Data Analytics	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Data Science	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Statistics	C FT PT 10 1
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Operational Research	C FT PT 10 1
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biostatistics	C FT PT 10
PhD Bioinformatics	C FT PT 10

Drama

Taught courses	Key
MA Theatre Practice	C FT PT 10
MA Scriptwriting (Theatre and Digital Media)	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies	C FT PT 10 1 4
MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies (Playwriting)	C FT PT 10

Economics

Taught courses	Key
Grad Dip, MSc, MRes Economics	C FT 10
MSc Economics and Econometrics	C FT 10
MSc Behavioural and Experimental Economics	C FT PT 101

Taught courses	Key
MA, MSc International Economics	C FT PT 10
MA Management Economics	C FT PT 10
MSc Management Economics	C FT PT 101
MSc Economics with Data Analytics	C FT PT 10
MSc Applied Economics and Data Analysis	C FT PT 10
MSc Financial Economics	C FT 10
MA Financial Economics	C FT PT 10
MSc Financial Econometrics	C FT 10
MSc Financial Economics and Econometrics	C FT 10
MSc Financial Technology (Economics)	C FT PT 10
MSc Financial Economics and Accounting	C FT PT 10
MSc Financial and Business Economics	C FT PT 10
MSc Money and Banking	C FT PT 10
MA Economics with Public Policy	C FT PT 10
MA International Development	C FT PT 10
MSc Quantitative International Development	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
PhD Economics	C FT PT 10
Integrated PhD Economics	C FT 10

Engineering

Taught courses	Key
MSc Computer Engineering	C FT PT 10
MSc Computer Networks and Security	C FT PT 10
MSc Electronic Engineering	C FT PT 10
MSc 5G and Emerging Communication Systems	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
Integrated PhD Engineering	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Applied Physics	C FT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Computing and Electronic Systems	C FT PT 10 1 4

Taught courses	Key
MSD, MPhil, PhD Electronic Systems Engineering	C FT PT 10 1 4

English language and English language teaching

Taught courses	Key
MA English Language and Linguistics	C FT PT 10
MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
PhD English Language Teaching	C FT PT 10
PhD Linguistics	C FT PT 10
Integrated PhD Linguistics	C FT 10

Environment

Taught courses	Key
MA, MSc Environmental Futures with Climate Change	C FT 10
MA Environment, Society and Culture	C FT PT 10
MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Biology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Sciences	C FT PT 10 1 4

Film studies

Taught courses	Key
MA Film Studies	C FT PT 10
MA Film and Literature	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD Film Studies	C FT PT 10 1 4
MPhil, PhD Film Studies (Creative Practice)	C FT PT 10

Health and social care

Taught courses	Key
MSc Global Public Health	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD Applied Psychology	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Health and Organisational Research	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health Studies	C FT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Nursing Studies	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Public Health	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Social Policy	C FT PT 10
Professional doctorates	
Doctorate in Health Care Education	C PT 10
Doctorate in Health Service Management	C PT 10
Doctorate in Nursing	C PT 10
Doctorate in Public Health (Health Visiting)	C PT 10

History

Taught courses	Key
PG Cert History	C FT 10
MA History	C FT PT 10
MA War, Culture and Society	C FT PT 10
MA History, Power and Identity	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD History	C FT PT 10

Hospitality and events management

Taught courses	Key
MSc International Hospitality Management	C FT 10 1

Human rights

Taught courses	Key
LLM International Human Rights Law	C FT PT 10
LLM International Human Rights and Economic Law	C FT 10
LLM International Humanitarian Law	C FT PT 10
LLM Corporate Responsibility and Business Law	C FT PT 10
LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	C FT PT 10
MA Theory and Practice of Human Rights	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
PhD Human Rights	C FT PT 10 1
PhD Human Rights and Research Methods	C FT PT 10 1 4

Journalism

Research degrees	Key
MSD, MPhil, PhD Journalism	C FT PT 10 1 4

Law

Taught courses	
LLM International Law	C FT PT 10 1
LLM Corporate Responsibility and Business Law	C FT PT 10
LLM International Commercial and Business Law	C FT PT 10
LLM International Commercial and Business Law with Professional Placement	C FT 10
LLM Maritime Law	C FT PT 10
LLM International Trade Law	C FT PT 10
LLM International Trade and Maritime Law	C FT PT 10
LLM International Trade and Maritime Law with Professional Placement	C FT 10
LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	C FT PT 10

Taught courses	
LLM International Human Rights Law with Economic Relations	C FT 10
LLM International Humanitarian Law	C FT PT 10
LLB Law (Senior Status)**	C FT 10 X
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD Law	C FT PT 10 1 4

Linguistics

Taught courses	Key
MA Linguistics	C FT PT 10
MRes Linguistics	C FT 10
MA Applied Linguistics	C FT PT 10
MA Linguistic Studies	C FT PT 10
MA English Language and Linguistics	C FT PT 10
MA Psycholinguistics	C FT PT 10
MRes Experimental Linguistics	C FT 10
MRes Analysing Language Use	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, PhD Linguistics	C FT PT 10
MPhil, Integrated PhD Linguistics	C FT 10
MAD, MPhil, PhD Applied Linguistics	C FT PT 10
Integrated PhD Applied Linguistics	C FT 10
PhD Experimental Linguistics	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Psycholinguistics	C FT PT 10
Integrated PhD Psycholinguistics	C FT 10
MPhil, PhD Sociolinguistics	C FT PT 10
Integrated PhD Sociolinguistics	C FT 10
MPhil, PhD Analysing Language Use	C FT PT 10

Literature

Taught courses	Key
MA Literature	C FT PT 10
MA Literature and Creative Writing	C FT PT 10
MA American Literatures	C FT PT 10
MA Modern and Contemporary Literature	C FT PT 10
MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment	C FT PT 10

Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD Literature	C FT PT 10 1 4

Marketing

Taught courses	Key
MSc Marketing	C FT PT 10
MSc International Marketing and Entrepreneurship	S FT PT 10
MSc Management (Marketing)	C FT PT 10

Mathematics

Taught courses	Key
Grad Dip, MSc Mathematics	C FT PT 10
PG Dip, MSc Mathematics and Finance	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Mathematics	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Pure Mathematics	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Applied Mathematics	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Mathematical Biology	C FT PT 10

MBA (Master of Business Administration)

Taught courses	Key
The Essex MBA	C FT (1 year) 10 1
The Essex Executive MBA	C PT (2-3 years) 10 1
The Essex MBA Online***	O PT (2-3 years) 10 1

Occupational therapy

Taught courses	Key
MSc Occupational Therapy (pre-registration)	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Occupational Therapy	C FT PT 10

Professional doctorates	
Doctorate in Occupational Therapy	C FT PT 10

Oral health sciences

Taught courses	Key
PG Dip, MSc Periodontology	C PT 9
PG Dip, MSc Advanced Periodontal Practice	C PT 9

Philosophy

Taught courses	Key
Grad Dip, MA	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD Philosophy	C FT PT 10 1 4

Physiotherapy

Taught courses	Key
MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration)	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD Physiotherapy	C FT PT 10 1 4
MPhil, PhD Musculoskeletal Practice	C FT PT 10
Professional doctorates	
Doctorate in Physiotherapy	C PT 10

Politics and international relations

Taught courses	Key
MA Politics	C FT PT 10
Graduate Diploma Politics	C FT 10
MA, MSc International Relations	C FT PT 10
MRes International Relations	C FT 10
MA, MSc Conflict Resolution	C FT PT 10
MA United States Politics	C FT PT 10
MA, MSc Global and Comparative Politics	C FT PT 10

Taught courses	Key
MA Ideology and Discourse Analysis	C FT PT 10
MA, MSc, MRes Political Economy	C FT PT 10
MA, MSc Political Psychology	C FT PT 10
MA, MSc, MRes Political Science	C FT PT 10
MA Political Theory	C FT PT 10
MA, MSc Public Opinion and Political Behaviour	C FT PT 10
MSc Social Data Science	C FT PT 10
MSc Politics, Communications and Data Analytics	C FT 10
MA, MSc Environmental Futures with Climate Change	C FT 10
The Essex MPP (Master of Public Policy)	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Government	C FT PT 10
PhD Ideology and Discourse Analysis	C FT PT 10

Psychological wellbeing

Taught courses	Key
Grad Cert, PG Cert Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (Low Intensity)	C FT 9

Psychology

Taught courses	Key
MSc Psychology	C FT 10 1 X
MSc Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	C FT 10
MSc Research Methods in Psychology	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Psychology	C FT PT 10 1 4
Integrated PhD Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology	C FT PT 10

Psychosocial and psychoanalytic studies

Taught courses	Key
MA Psychoanalytic Studies	C FT PT 10
Grad Dip Psychodynamic Approaches	C FT PT 10
MA Psychodynamic Counselling	C FT PT 10
MA Gender and Sexuality Studies	C FT PT 10
MA Jungian and Post-Jungian Studies	C FT PT D 10
MA Refugee Care	C FT PT D 10
PG Dip, MA Management and Organisational Dynamics	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD Psychosocial Studies	C FT PT D 10 1 4
PhD Psychoanalytic Studies	C FT PT 10
MAD, PhD Refugee Care	C FT PT 10
Professional doctorates	
Doctorate in Analytical Psychology	C PT 10
Doctorate in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy	C PT 10
Doctorate in Psychodynamic Psychotherapy	C PT 10
Doctorate in Psychodynamic Counselling	C PT 10

Social and economic research

Taught courses	Key
MSc Applied Economics and Data Analysis	C FT PT 10
MSc Survey Methods for Social Research	C FT PT 10
MSc Sociological Research Methods	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD Applied Social and Economic Research	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Economics	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Health Research	C FT PT 10
MPhil, PhD Survey Methodology	C FT PT 10

Social work

Taught courses	Key
MA Social Work	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Social Work	C FT PT 10
Professional doctorates	
Doctorate in Social Care Education	C PT 10
Doctorate in Social Services Management	C PT 10

Sociology

Taught courses	Key
MA Sociology	C FT PT 10
MA Sociology and Criminology	C FT PT 10
MA Sociological Research Methods	C FT PT 10
MSc Survey Methods for Social Research	C FT PT 10
MA Advertising, Marketing and the Media	C FT PT 10
MA, MSc Migration Studies	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MAD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Sociology	C FT PT 10

Speech and language therapy

Taught courses	Key
MSc Speech and Language Therapy (pre-registration)	C FT 10
Research degrees	
MPhil, PhD Speech and Language Therapy	C FT PT 10
Professional doctorates	
Doctorate in Speech and Language Therapy	C PT 10

Sport and exercise

Taught courses	Key
MSc Sport and Exercise Science	C FT PT 10
MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology	C FT PT 10
MSc Coaching Science	C FT PT 10
MSc Strength and Conditioning*	B FT PT 10
Research degrees	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Science	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Psychology	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Medicine	C FT PT 10 1 4
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sports Therapy	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health and Exercise Sciences	C FT PT 10
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health and Physical Activity	C FT PT 10
Professional doctorates	
Doctorate in Sport and Exercise Science	C PT 10
Doctorate in Sport Performance and Coaching	C PT 10
Doctorate in Sports Therapy	C PT 10

Key

Location	Key
Colchester	C
Southend	S
Loughton	L
Online only	O
Blended learning (online and on campus)	B
Study mode	
Full-time (normally 12-months taught; 36-months research/doctorate)	FT
Part-time (normally 24-months taught; 72-months research/doctorate)	PT
Distance learning	D

Translation and interpreting

Taught courses	Key
MA Conference Interpreting and Translation (Chinese-English)	C FT 10
MA Advanced Interpreting with Specialised Translation (Chinese-English)	C FT 10
PG Dip Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting	C FT 10
MA Chinese-English Translation and Professional Practice	C FT PT 10
MA Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling	C FT PT 10
MA Audiovisual and Literary Translation	C FT PT 10
MA Translation and Professional Practice	C FT PT 10
Research degrees	
PhD Translation Studies (Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling)	C FT PT 10

Start month	Key
January	1
April	4
September	9
October	10
Other	
Course is subject to final approval	*
Undergraduate-level course suitable for those with no background in law	**
Taught by University of Essex Online in partnership with Essex Business School	***
Conversion course	X

Professional development

Maintain your practice registration or business knowledge by engaging in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at Essex. We offer a range of credit-bearing modules with both on- and off-site learning and workshops which will enable you to think critically about your professional area, to apply the latest research and explore new ideas. Our staff are academically and clinically qualified, and many are also practising clinicians or business professionals. We appreciate you'll likely be working alongside studying with us, so our courses are flexible – choose either standalone modules or accumulate your modules to build a postgraduate degree.

essex.ac.uk/short-courses

Health and social care

PG Cert, PG Dip Health Care Practice, or MSc Advanced Clinical Practice, or Advanced Clinical Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship

Mapped to the national Multi-Professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice, this modular course develops specialised clinical skills and knowledge.

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Medical and Clinical Education (MaCE)

Consolidate your role and emerge as an education leader, able to design, implement and coordinate educational initiatives that can transform learning and make an impact on your organisation.

essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care/cpd

Physiotherapy

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice

You will evaluate musculoskeletal assessment and management approaches and extend your scope of practice. This award has been designed to align with the four pillars of Advanced Clinical Practice.

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice (Hand Therapy)

This BAHT-approved pathway enables clinicians who have specialised in hand therapy to advance their practice.

PG Cert First Contact Musculoskeletal Practice

This pathway supports clinicians' training for roles as musculoskeletal First Contact Practitioners.

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Musculoskeletal Practice

This is a flexible pathway that allows clinicians to select modules to develop their musculoskeletal practice.

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Imaging

These CASE-accredited courses are appropriate for sonographers, physiotherapists, radiologists and other health care practitioners in musculoskeletal medicine.

essex.ac.uk/departments/sport-rehabilitation-and-exercise-sciences/cpd

Business

The Essex MBA is an Association of MBAs (AMBA) accredited programme that can be studied part-time over two or three years so you can continue to work alongside your studies. An MBA is a highly valued postgraduate qualification that develops your skills in leadership, management and strategic thinking to equip you for a senior role. The Essex MBA seeks to develop the business leaders and entrepreneurs of the future. Our immersive programme attracts talented and ambitious candidates from all areas of business and looking to make an impact.

essex.ac.uk/departments/essex-business-school/the-essex-mba

Summer schools

We also offer three flagship summer schools which combine academic rigour, research excellence and innovation. We bring experts together from around the world to share their expertise and experiences, to provide insight into current trends and developments, and to train participants in a range of specialised fields.

Our summer schools cover:

- social science data analysis
- analytics, data science and decision-making
- human rights

essex.ac.uk/summer-schools

IMPATIENT TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

The next few pages cover important things you should consider if you're going to study with us, such as tuition fees, funding opportunities and how to apply. We're also here to help, so get in touch if you cannot find what you're looking for.

essex.ac.uk/about/contact



FEES AND FUNDING

Learn about our fees, living expenses and all the ways in which you can save money on your degree – either through discounts, loans or scholarships.



Postgraduate fees

Tuition fees for all of our postgraduate courses are on our website. Just find the course you're interested in and click on its 'Fees and funding' tab.

Part-time fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis from the course's full-time fee.

Tuition fee increases

Currently, fees increase by up to 5% for each academic year of study. This is subject to review for each academic year. Fee increases for students commencing their studies in 2023-2024 academic year will be announced in January 2023.

What are fees spent on?

We re-invest our students' fees to employ some of the best academic minds in the UK, as well as improve our facilities. Recent additions to our campuses include the Sport Arena, the STEM Centre (for science, technology, engineering and mathematics students), and the Innovation Centre on our Knowledge Gateway Research Park.

essex.ac.uk/about/how-we-use-your-fees

Student visa requirements

If you require a Student visa to study in the UK, as part of the visa application process you may be asked to produce evidence of your ability to pay tuition fees and to cover living expenses during your course. Find out more about the current Home Office requirements on our website.

essex.ac.uk/international/immigration-and-visas

Payment of tuition fees

Your fees can be paid in full when you start studying with us, or in three equal instalments at the start of each academic term, in October, January and April. If you require sponsorship for a Student visa, we will normally ask you to pay a deposit in order to be assigned your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), or to show proof that you are being sponsored by a body recognised by our University.

essex.ac.uk/tuitionfeedeposit

Living expenses

The average amount required for living expenses for a single postgraduate student in 2021-22 was estimated to be £15,227 for both our Colchester and Southend campuses and £14,595 for our Loughton Campus. This included the cost of university accommodation and an allowance to cover food and other expenses, such as travel, leisure activities and study-related books. Expenses are usually higher for families and research students.

essex.ac.uk/student/money/cost-of-living

Discounts

If you're an Essex alumnus you can save up to 33% on one year of postgraduate study at either Masters or research level. We also offer a 10% discount if you previously studied at Essex on a study abroad programme for at least one term. There's never been a better time to stay at Essex and take advantage of the financial support we are providing our alumni.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/progression

Loans and scholarships for postgraduate taught courses

Postgraduate Masters Loan

If you're a UK/Home student and looking to study a Masters course, you may be entitled to a government-backed loan of up to £11,836. The loan has almost no subject restrictions (MBAs are included), isn't means tested (ie it is not dependent on your or your family's income) and is available for full-time, part-time and distance learning courses.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/masters/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-loans

Scholarships

We want talented people from all backgrounds to be able to benefit from an Essex education, so we offer a range of scholarships for Masters-level students. To find out more and check your eligibility, visit our website.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/masters/fees-and-funding

Masters (PGT) EU Scholarship

This scholarship has been created specifically to support our postgraduate taught students from the European Union who will be studying as a new student in the academic year 2023-24, and who are classified as international students for fees purposes. The awards are worth up to £5,500, which will be automatically deducted from your tuition fees.

[**essex.ac.uk/scholarships/masters-pgt-eu-scholarship**](https://essex.ac.uk/scholarships/masters-pgt-eu-scholarship)

Funding for pre-registration masters

If you're a UK/Home student looking to study one of the following pre-registration courses, you will not be entitled to a Postgraduate Masters Loan (above) but may be able to access undergraduate loans from the Student Loan Company.

- MSc Occupational Therapy
- MSc Physiotherapy
- MSc Speech and Language Therapy

Students on these courses will be able to apply for the same package of support as undergraduate students, including tuition fee loans and maintenance loans. Please note that eligibility criteria apply.

Additional support will also be available through the Learning Support Fund administered by the NHS Business Services Authority, including:

- non-means-tested training grant of £5,000
- child dependants' allowance
- exceptional hardship support
- additional travel and accommodation expenses

Please note that the Learning Support Fund is separate to funding from the Student Loan Company and requires a separate application.

[**essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care/scholarships-and-funding**](https://essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care/scholarships-and-funding)

Funding for MA Social Work

Students looking to study our MA Social Work may be eligible for the NHS Business Service Authority's (NHSBSA) Social Work Bursary. This bursary includes a contribution towards your tuition fees and a grant towards living costs. As this bursary is not guaranteed we recommend that you make alternative plans to cover your fees and expenses. If you are awarded the bursary, you will not be eligible for the Postgraduate Masters Loan.

[**essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care/scholarships-and-funding**](https://essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care/scholarships-and-funding)

MA Social Work students entering their first year of study (and who do not receive the Bursary) may be eligible to apply for the NHS Business Service Authority for costs relating to placement (Placement Travel Allowance).

[**nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund**](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund)

Financial assistance for postgraduate research degrees

Postgraduate Doctoral Loan

If you're a UK/Home student and you're keen to start a PhD programme at Essex, you may be in luck! The UK Government offers loans of up to £27,892 for students applying for PhDs and equivalent qualifications (up to eight years in length, in any subject).

[**essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-funding**](https://essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-funding)

Scholarships

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Postgraduate Research EU Scholarship

This new scholarship has been created specifically to support our postgraduate research (including PhD) students from the European Union who will be studying as a new student in the academic year 2023-24, and who are classified as international students for fees purposes. The awards are worth up to £8,000, which will be automatically deducted from your tuition fees.

[**essex.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate-research-eu-scholarship**](https://essex.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate-research-eu-scholarship)

Funding for training and conferences

As a research student, you'll be able to benefit from our innovative research training scheme, Proficio. Receive up to £2,500 which you can spend on training courses and conferences designed to give you the skills needed to be successful in academia and industry. There is online learning and multi-day training, across all of our academic departments and for professional development. Here are just a few of the courses on offer:

- time management
- longitudinal data analysis
- methods of fieldwork
- making the most of your supervisory relationship
- thesis writing
- creating digital content on Adobe

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/proficio

Training partnerships

If you're still unsure about how you're going to pay for your research study, take a look at Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) which are usually funded by UK Research Councils. These partnerships will:

- fund you to do a research degree
- enable you to work alongside leading academics in your subject
- offer opportunities for a variety of research training and skills development
- offer cross-institutional collaboration with other consortium member institutions

There are three DTPs that Essex belongs to which may be able to fund your studies (see below). These DTPs enable you to gain advanced skills and knowledge whilst receiving funding to support your research. We are also a member of a range of subject-specific and multidisciplinary Doctoral Training Centres and Centres for Training Partnerships.

Learn more about the doctoral funding and training opportunities on our website.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/doctoral-training-partnerships



ARIES

Funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), ARIES is an extensive world-class partnership integrating 59 partners from universities, research institutes and end users. ARIES is built upon scientific excellence within five overlapping research themes: ecology and biodiversity; marine, atmospheric and climate science; geosciences, resources and environmental risk; environmental genomics and microbiology; agri-environments and water.

CHASE

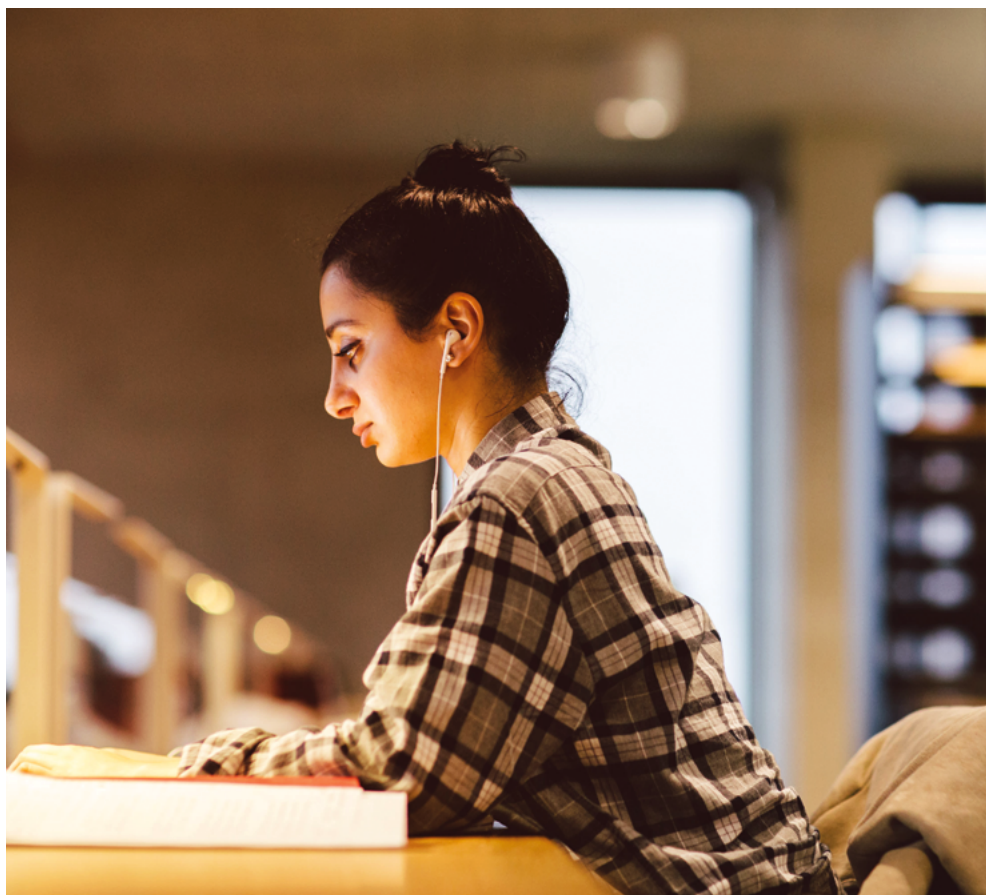
Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), CHASE offers studentships in the arts and humanities, including art history, creative, writing, film, history, human rights, languages, law, linguistics, literature, philosophy, politics, sociology, and theatre studies.

SeNSS

Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), SeNSS offers studentships in a range of disciplines, including economics, politics and international studies, business and management, linguistics, sociology, psychology and socio-legal studies.

APPLYING TO ESSEX

These pages will guide you through things to consider before applying to Essex. When you're ready, you can apply directly to us by visiting essex.ac.uk/pgapply



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Taught courses

We will normally consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in an undergraduate degree. For some courses there may be additional requirements.

Research degrees

In most cases you will need:

- a good performance in a Masters degree (in order to study for a PhD, in most disciplines)
- a well-developed research proposal in an area we can offer supervision

English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you need to provide evidence of your ability to understand and express yourself in English for academic purposes. We accept a range of tests, including IELTS, TOEFL and Pearson. A test should normally be less than five years old at the time you start your course. If you have already taken a test, you can include a copy of your test certificate with your application. Your offer will be conditional upon you achieving an acceptable English language qualification if you do not meet the English language requirements for your course.

The score required will vary by subject, but all postgraduate courses require a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 overall and 5.5 in each component (or equivalent). If you have successfully and recently completed a degree taught in English, this can also sometimes be sufficient proof of proficiency.

Specific entry requirements

Visit the individual course pages on our website for information on specific entry requirements, as well as English language requirements.

essex.ac.uk/subjects

Pre-sessional English language courses

We offer pre-sessional English language courses which can be taken before your degree if you do not meet our English language entry requirements. The courses will help you improve your English. On successful completion of the pre-sessional course you will be able to proceed on to your degree course without having to retake IELTS. Our pre-sessional courses are delivered by the University of Essex International College.

essex.ac.uk/international/pre-sessional

Pathway courses

University of Essex International College, a partnership between the University of Essex and Kaplan International Pathways, provides pathway courses that can prepare you to study a Masters course. Postgraduate pre-Masters courses are offered in the disciplines of humanities, science and health, and social sciences.

kaplanpathways.com/colleges/university-essex-international-college

Contact us

Contact our Postgraduate Admissions Office for all enquiries about applying to Essex.

pgadmit@essex.ac.uk

TAUGHT COURSES



Choosing a taught course

Use the information here and on our course pages to identify your preferred course. Visit our website to find out detailed information about each one.

Types of taught courses

- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Business (MBA)
- Master of Law (LLM)
- Master of Fine Art (MFA)
- Master of Research (MRes)
- Graduate Certificate (Grad Cert)
- Graduate Diploma (Grad Dip)
- Postgraduate Certificate (PG Cert)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PG Dip)

Applying for a taught course

Once you have identified the specific taught course you would like to apply for, you can complete your Essex application online which should take less than 20 minutes to complete.

Whichever taught course you're applying for, you'll normally need to provide a copy of your degree transcript with your application. An unofficial copy is normally fine at this stage. For some courses you will also be required to provide additional documents so you should check the course requirements before making an application.

RESEARCH DEGREES

Choosing a research degree

Understanding which university is right for you may come down to several different factors. Here are a few questions to ask yourself before applying to us:

- Does Essex have expertise in an area that I'm interested in?
- Does Essex have a suitable academic supervisor for my research?
- Does Essex offer the specific research degree I want to study?
- Can I get funding to do a research degree at Essex?

Use the information here and on our course pages to work out which degree is best for you. Visit our website to find out detailed information about each one.

Types of research degrees

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Integrated Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated PhD)
- Professional Doctorate
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Master of Arts by Dissertation (MAD)
- Master of Science by Dissertation (MSD)

Research funding

We offer a number of funded studentships and scholarships which may match your own research interests. Further information about our opportunities can be found online.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/opportunities

Applying for a research degree

To apply for a postgraduate research degree, you should first make contact with one or more of our academic members of staff by email in order to discuss your suitability for a research degree, your research proposal and to identify your preferred supervisor. This is particularly important to ensure the availability of facilities and supervisors. Information about potential supervisors can be found on our website. Just use our 'research search' function and search for a research topic.

essex.ac.uk/research-search

Once you have identified your preferred supervisor and discussed your research proposal with them, you can complete your Essex application online to apply for your chosen research degree. Whichever research degree you're applying for, you'll need to provide the following supporting documents with your application:

- a research proposal
- a copy of your degree transcript(s)

For some courses you will also be required to provide additional documents, so you should check the course requirements before making an application. We interview all research applicants as part of our selection process so that we can discuss the suitability of your proposed project for PhD study.



Research proposal

Your research proposal is an important part of your application for a research degree. Use it to:

- explain your personal and academic goals in undertaking an extended piece of research
- reflect on the contribution you will make to the development of new knowledge, ideas and solutions
- comment on how your research interests fit with the academic focus and expertise at Essex

Your research proposal should be between 800-1,000 words in length and include:

- a working title and key words
- a summary of the aims and objectives of your research

- an outline of the ways you meet these aims and objectives, referring to the research methods and specific resources you will use to show evidence of your awareness of relevant literature and theoretical approaches
- an overview of the expected outcomes and the original contribution your research will make to existing bodies of knowledge
- a brief statement on how your research interests tie in with those found in your department, school or centre

ALL COURSES



Application deadline

Please check our website for details on application deadlines. You should also take into account any deadlines for funding applications, such as scholarships, or time needed to obtain a student visa, if required.

Conditional offers

If you are offered a place on your chosen course, your offer may be made conditional upon us receiving supporting documents such as proof of English language proficiency, final transcripts and degree certificates.

References

You are required to submit references only if you are applying for one of the following courses.

- The Essex MBA
- MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)
- MSc Speech and Language Therapy (Pre-Registration)
- MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)
- MA Social Work
- MA Psychodynamic Counselling
- Professional Doctorates

Don't worry if you cannot provide your reference when you make your application, as if we make you an offer you will be able to provide this at a later stage. References should normally be dated within two years, but exceptions might be made

if it has been longer than two years since you left a workplace or place of study. References can be emailed but should be on letterhead paper and should be signed and dated by the referee. We'll also accept an email directly from your referee.

Track your application

We aim to respond to applications for taught courses within two weeks, and for research degrees within four weeks, once we have received all your relevant documents. If you are offered a place, we'll send you an email requesting that you check your myEssex portal to view and download your offer letter.

Students who require a UK student visa to study in the UK

Up-to-date advice and guidance about immigration requirements and study visas is available on our immigration webpages. We also recommend you consult the UK Home Office website, and familiarise yourself with the guidance. [essex.ac.uk/international/immigration-and-visas](https://www.essex.ac.uk/international/immigration-and-visas)

or [gov.uk/student-visa](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa)

Essex students

For current Essex students, if you wish to apply for a postgraduate taught course, you can do this directly from your myEssex student portal with our fast-track application form. [essex.ac.uk/myessex](https://www.essex.ac.uk/myessex)

Contact us

Contact our Postgraduate Admissions Office for all enquiries about applying to Essex. pgadmit@essex.ac.uk

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If Essex sounds like home, take the next step. Check out the information on our website, get in touch, or even visit our campuses.



CONTACT US



If you have things you want to ask and find out more about, get in touch. There are different ways to do this, including live chat, email and social media.

Live chat

If you want to ask a quick question and get a quick reply, talk to us on live chat and we'll be happy to answer any queries you have. Our team will be available to speak to from 9:00 to 21:00 (GMT/BST).

essex.ac.uk/about/contact

Email

If you have any questions about our courses, accommodation, finance, welfare, applying to Essex, or anything else, get in touch with our Enquiry Management Team.

pgadmit@essex.ac.uk

Chat with our students

There are some questions only our students can answer, so if you want to talk to a current Essex student to find out more about life and studies with us, this is your chance.

essex.ac.uk/life/chat

Blogs and podcasts

We have a wide range of blogs and podcasts for you to enjoy in your own time. Just visit our website to check out our blogs and search for University of Essex podcasts on your favourite platform.

essex.ac.uk/blog

Social media

Don't forget to follow us on all the main social media channels and keep up-to-date with the latest news, research and developments at Essex. You can also message us privately on social if you have any questions about studying with us and we'll get back to you.



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VISIT US



Now is the time to get to know us better, so come and visit. Explore our campuses, meet our academics, look inside our accommodation and chat to our students.

Open Days

Open Days are your chance to find the place you will forever call your second home – they're a pretty big deal. You probably think an Essex Open Day is the same as all the rest, and of course, we'll show you all the important stuff, but we don't stop there.

essex.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days

Campus tours

Can't make it to one of our Open Days but still want to look around? Don't worry, we run campus tours, allowing you to get inside knowledge about what our campuses have to offer.

essex.ac.uk/visit-us/campus-tours

Postgraduate events

Every year we host different events specifically for postgraduate students, both on campus and online, which will provide you with an opportunity to meet with our academics and Student Services. If you're on campus, you will also have a chance to look at our accommodation, tour our campus and chat to our students.

essex.ac.uk/visit-us/postgraduate-events

Can't visit us?

We understand that it's not always possible to visit us in person, so why not take a virtual look around? From virtual tours of our campuses and accommodation, to live chat where you can get all your questions answered, we won't let you miss out on a thing. And don't forget to check us out on social media where you can find loads of great photos and videos made by us and our students.

essex.ac.uk/visit-us/cant-visit-us

We'll come to you!

We're proud to be a global university and have students and staff from all over the world. We have several regional offices as well as events throughout the year in lots of countries, so even if you don't live anywhere near us in Essex, we might still be able to meet you in person. If you want to get in touch with our Regional International Offices or to see what we can do for you in your country, visit our website.

essex.ac.uk/international

LIFE AFTER ESSEX



After you've graduated, we'll remain in contact, offering support, inviting you to events, and helping you to develop your career.

Our alumni network

The Essex alumni community is an extraordinary, global network made up of over 100,000 Essex graduates. When you complete your studies, you will automatically join a group of like-minded people who share the unique Essex spirit. Continually questioning, inspiring and making change, Essex graduates are making a difference in every corner of the world.

Your studies don't have to end when you complete your course. A lifetime membership to online journals through JSTOR means you'll always be able to keep on top of the latest developments in your subject. If you live locally, continual access to the library will also provide further resources and a quiet place to work.

If you find yourself needing some guidance after your time at Essex, career support is available for life. Appointments and advice can be completed in person and online, so wherever you are based you will still have this support to hand. Your new alumni network will also provide support and advice through mentoring and events.

Professional and social networking events, which take place around the world and online, will help you expand your network and create opportunities, and you will have the chance to develop your CV and build your network through our alumni volunteering programme. Our social media channels also allow you to link with those in your field, while keeping up-to-date with all the news and research from Essex.

If you plan to start your own business, Essex Startups at Studio X supports both current students and recent graduates, and our pioneering Click crowdfunding platform also continues to be available to you as a graduate. With no fees to use the platform, and specialist fundraising support always on hand, you can make your big idea a reality.

essex.ac.uk/alumni

Graduate immigration route

The UK Government introduced a new Graduate Immigration Route in 2021. This route allows eligible graduates to remain in the UK to work (or to look for work) for up to two years after completing their course. Students who complete a PhD will be able to stay for up to three years. Once you have found a suitable job, you may then be able to switch to a skilled work visa.

essex.ac.uk/international/immigration-and-visas



PARTNERSHIPS



We work closely with partner institutions to develop and maintain high-quality and accessible learning opportunities across the region and beyond. Graduate with a degree awarded by the University of Essex.

University of Essex Online

University of Essex Online offers a variety of postgraduate programmes which are delivered online, enabling you to gain a qualification from a respected university whilst fitting your studies around work and personal commitments. Online distance learning is a cost-effective, convenient and flexible way to gain advanced skills which help you stand out in today's competitive workplace. Upon successful completion of your studies, you will be invited to a graduation ceremony at the University of Essex. We have regular intakes throughout the year and our entry requirements recognise work experience as well as previous academic achievements.

online.essex.ac.uk



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University of Essex International College

University of Essex International College, a partnership between the University of Essex and Kaplan International Pathways, provides pathway courses that prepare international students for their undergraduate degrees and Masters courses. Successful achievement of the published progression criteria for a pre-Masters course will enable articulation to a relevant Masters course at the University. Kaplan provides fantastic study opportunities to international students and, since 2005, thousands of students from every corner of the globe have started their path to success with a Kaplan pathway course.

kaplanpathways.com/colleges/university-essex-international-college



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International College

The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust is a prominent provider of clinical mental health services and a leading NHS mental health postgraduate training organisation. They train clinicians, nurses, educators, social workers, volunteers and many more. All the teaching is delivered by clinician-tutors. They also carry out a substantial amount of research which influences clinical guidelines and best practice in a number of settings.

You can study at the Trust for postgraduate taught or research degrees awarded by the University of Essex. The Trust offers postgraduate Certificates, Diplomas and Masters-level courses and Professional Doctorates. Courses are delivered at the Tavistock Centre, London, with some courses delivered online or at centres across the UK and Europe.

tavistockandportman.nhs.uk



The Tavistock and Portman
NHS Foundation Trust

Dual awards

Study at Essex and with one of our partner universities to achieve two separate Masters degrees within two years. Our partnerships with universities in Germany (Universities of Bamberg and Konstanz) and Japan (Kobe University) enable students to achieve two Masters-level politics or economics degrees in two years across two universities.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/masters/dual-awards

European networks

We are a member of two important European networks to enrich our research and enhance learning opportunities for our students. The Young European Research University Network (YERUN) is a cluster of 17 young universities from 12 European countries with a focus on joint research and teaching initiatives, open sciences, and graduate employability. Young European Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) is a ground-breaking European network of ten universities from across Europe. The YUFE alliance wants to develop a truly European university promoting physical and virtual mobility across our universities and encourages students to get involved in societal engagement.

essex.ac.uk/global/engagement/european-networks

International doctoral partnerships

We have an expanding portfolio of international collaboration at doctoral level. We offer international joint doctorate degrees in a number of areas, which brings benefits of international experience, reputation, and research exchange. Postgraduate researchers undertaking a joint degree have the opportunity to work with supervisors at both institutions, spending time at each and benefitting from access to learning and resources in both locations. Get in touch to learn more.

partnerships@essex.ac.uk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

About this prospectus

When we might make changes to advertised courses and other information

This prospectus tries to answer your questions about life and academic provision on offer at the University of Essex. It was prepared in 2022 and refers to courses which will be available in the academic year starting October 2023. The University makes every effort to ensure the prospectus is accurate at the time it is printed. In exceptional circumstances, it can be necessary to make changes, for example to courses, facilities or fees due to legitimate staffing, financial, regulatory or academic reasons. Examples of such reasons might include a change of law or regulatory requirements, industrial action, lack of demand, departure of key personnel, change in government policy, or withdrawal or reduction of funding. Changes to courses may for example consist of changes to the content and method of delivery of programmes, courses and other services, to discontinue programmes, courses and other services and to merge or combine programmes or courses. If a course change or closure is proposed in such circumstances the University will take all reasonable steps to minimise disruption to students. This will include informing students of the changes in advance and giving them appropriate opportunity to comment on the proposals.

A course would only be closed in exceptional circumstances. If it is ever necessary to close a course the University's preferred approach would be to continue to teach current students on that course until they have completed their studies. If exceptionally that is not possible, the University will explore other options with the affected students for example by considering whether those students can be offered places on alternative courses, or whether their studies can be completed at another institution. The University/we would inform and engage with you if your course was to be discontinued, and would provide you with options, where appropriate, in line with our Compensation and Refund Policy.

No liability for matters outside our control

The University cannot be held responsible for failure/delay in performing obligations caused by things outside our control. This includes but is not limited to: strikes, other industrial action,

staff illness, severe weather, fire, civil commotion, riot, invasion, terrorist attack or threat of terrorist attack, war (whether declared or not), natural disaster, restrictions imposed by government or public authorities, epidemic or pandemic disease, or failure of public utilities or transport systems. In the above context "the University" also includes the University's officers, employees and agents, and those provisions may be relied on by those officers, employees and agents.

Admissions policy

Applicants are considered in line with the University's Postgraduate Admissions Policy and the regulations relating to admissions (listed under Academic Regulations), which can be found online at: essex.ac.uk/-/media/documents/admissions/graduate-admissions-policy.pdf

The student contract

If your application to the University of Essex is successful, by accepting the offer you will be entering into a legal contract with us, subject to fulfilling any conditions included in your offer. Your rights and obligations to us and our rights and obligations to you will be detailed in the information that we provide once the offer has been made. Applicants and registered students must comply with university regulations, policies and procedures as part of their contract.

University regulations

The University regulations are available at: essex.ac.uk/governance-and-strategy/governance/regulations

The procedures, rules and regulations of the University, governing how it operates, are set out in the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances and in the University policies.

essex.ac.uk/governance-and-strategy/governance/charter-statutes-and-ordinances

essex.ac.uk/governance-and-strategy/governance/policies

Complaints procedure

The University is committed to equality of opportunity for all applicants, and the University's admissions policies, procedures and processes are designed to ensure that all applicants are considered fairly, consistently and in accordance with professional standards. The Postgraduate Admissions Office strives to provide a high quality experience for all applicants throughout the admissions cycle. In the event that an applicant is dissatisfied with any aspect of the University's admissions process, procedure or policy and wants to submit a formal complaint, they can do so via the Complaints Policy for Applicants. This policy can be found in full via a link on our website at:

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/masters/applying-to-essex

Policy Statement on Equality and Diversity

The University of Essex fosters good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not, celebrates diversity, challenges inequality and is committed to nurturing an inclusive and diverse community that is open to all who have the potential to benefit from membership of it, and which ensures equality of opportunity for all its members. We expect all our campus communities, employees, workers, contractors, students, invitees and visitors to be treated, and to treat others, with dignity and respect. We have a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination, harassment and bullying. Zero tolerance means that (i) we will take action and (ii) the action will be proportionate to the circumstances of the case. We are committed to meeting our obligations under the Equality Act 2010, which requires the University show no discrimination as required by law on account of age, disability, gender reassignment*, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. The University will always act lawfully and this may include taking action to support people with particular protected characteristics, including disability and sex. In addition to its obligations under the EA, the University shall adopt policies, practices, and procedures that define expected standards of behaviour and specify any additional characteristics, beyond those required by law, to which protection is provided, for example, in relation to political belief, social background and refugee status. *The University's policies, practices

and procedures specifically extend to all gender identities including trans, non-binary and gender non-conforming people.

Tuition fee increases during your studies

Currently fees increase by up to 5% for each academic year of study. This is subject to review for each academic year. Fee increases for students commencing their studies in the 2023-2024 academic year will be announced in January 2023. Part-time fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis from the course's full-time fee.

Alternative formats

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