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Use this prospectus to learn about what we can offer you at postgraduate level.

- As a postgraduate student you’ll receive access to all of our facilities, support and advice.
- You will be immersed in our ground-breaking research community right from the start.
- University life extends beyond lectures and exams, there’s so much to explore across the county you will never run out of new experiences.
- With over 160 clubs and societies to join, your Essex experience will be one you’ll remember for the rest of your life.
- Life after graduation can be challenging, but we’ll help you prepare to achieve your goals and give you career support for life.
- As an integral part of our community, you’ll have access to 24-hour study facilities and support services, including our amazing libraries, research study spaces and computer labs. Both our staff and resources are here to support you on and offline.

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RESEARCH IMPACT

Our researchers ask difficult questions, looking at challenges in new ways, and finding fresh and thought-provoking answers.

WHY RESEARCH?
There are many different reasons to pursue research at a university. You may want to satisfy your personal and professional curiosity, stimulate your passion for your subject, or contribute to an ever-growing global bank of knowledge. You might want to change the world for the better, develop high-level skills, build networks and enhance your professional development. At Essex, you become part of a world-renowned research community that will allow you to achieve your research goals, whatever they are.

WHY ESSEX?
We need to find ways to tackle the big challenges we face — whether social, economic or environmental. Being part of our Essex research community will give you the support and resources needed to help to make a difference. The impact of our research is worldwide. You’ll receive world-class support, training and supervision, and we’ll keep pushing you to reach your potential.

EXPERTISE AND IMPACT
We celebrate our excellent research and the positive impact it has on people’s everyday lives, in the UK and around the world, with our annual research awards. Open to all our academics, researchers and PhD students, nearly 60 projects were nominated in 2020.

The Awards demonstrate the astonishing breadth of our work and show how those in different departments look at issues from entirely different perspectives. We look at issues that affect you both now and in the future — from how your online footprint affects your human rights, to how we can feed the world’s growing population. Our research shapes thinking and influences policy. We’ve helped governments model the effects of their economic policies and have shaped the global debate on mental health law reform.

Green exercise was founded at Essex – we’re always developing new ground-breaking research

The Quality Assurance Agency recognised the high-quality research environment and opportunities for professional development in their last review.
RESEARCH SHOWCASE

Across our academic departments, students and staff are creating new and innovative research which challenges the status quo. Here’s a snapshot of the work that we’re involved in right now.

THE TRUE COST OF WAR
Essex students used social media to help challenge official accounts of the bombing of the Syrian city of Raqqa. The students, members of the Digital Verification Unit (DVU) at our Human Rights Centre, provided research for a ground-breaking, immersive report, published by Amnesty International. ‘War in Raqqa: Rhetoric Versus Reality’ alleges that in 2017 bombing by the US-led Coalition resulted in over 1,600 civilian casualties, over ten times the Coalition’s own figure. The students applied geo-location and verification techniques to photo and video content shared from the city to build a detailed picture of where bombs and artillery shells fell.

THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
The warming of the Arctic Ocean due to climate change means sea ice cover is becoming increasingly seasonal, and it is predicted that it will completely disappear every year during the warmer months. The knock-on effect of this means organic matter which was previously contained within the ice is now being released into the surface water. Through experiments carried out in the High Canadian Arctic, Essex’s Professor Graham Underwood demonstrated that different organic carbon compounds released from the sea ice modify the abundance, activity, and composition of surface water microbial communities. This significant research shows the impact on the microbial communities in the Arctic and the impact on the food chain and water column carbon cycling in areas where seasonal ice is replacing permanent ice cover.

PIONEERING IMPLANT TECHNOLOGY
A Swedish woman, who has an amputated hand, became the first recipient of an 'osseo-neuromuscular implant' which offers to control a dexterous hand prosthesis. In pioneering surgery, titanium implants were placed in the two forearm bones, from which electrodes to nerves and muscle were extended to extract signals to control a robotic hand and to provide tactile sensations. This makes it the first clinically viable, dexterous and sentient prosthetic hand usable in real life. The new implant technology was developed in Sweden. Dr Luca Citi, who is leading the Essex side of the project, said: “Our team contributed to the development of algorithms which could decode and understand the neuro-muscular signals from the user’s brain about what they intended to do and then send those commands to the robotic control of the prosthetic hand.”

THE SECRETS OF AN ACTOR’S ANCESTORS
Interest in our ancestry is opening new doors for historians and giving their work greater exposure according to Professor Lucy Noakes of our Department of History, who recently helped actor Helena Bonham Carter discover her grandmother’s wartime experiences for Channel 4’s documentary ‘My Grandparent’s War’. Professor Noakes uncovered and described the experiences of Violet Bonham Carter when she was working as an air raid warden during the Blitz. She said: “It was great fun working with Helena Bonham Carter – she was very interested in her family’s history and the history of the war more widely and asked loads of good questions.”
ORGANISED CRIME AND CRIMINAL NETWORKS

An Essex-based research project aims to advance our understanding of why large seaports across the world are hotspots for organised crime and open to exploitation by criminal networks.

The project is led by organised crime expert Dr Anna Sergi, from our Department of Sociology. Anna said: “Ports are unique environments and crimes such as drug trafficking and the smuggling of illegal goods are rife within them. The problem is they are areas that comprise different border zones cutting across different national jurisdictions and inevitably there are some unregulated areas. They are places of flux, of arrival and transit, and they fall between different economic processes and political decisions – but they are also microcosms of the cities and towns beyond. Criminal networks are able to exploit and circumvent customs and controls at ports and it’s vital that we further examine and compare how this happens across the world in order to better inform policy.”

TRUE COST OF BINGE DRINKING

A new research study, conducted by Professor Marco Francesconi from our Department of Economics, provides a detailed picture of the consequences of binge drinking, by estimating its impact on road accidents, accident and emergency (A&E) attendance and arrests. It shows that binge drinking increases road accidents by 18.6% and fatal accidents by 72%; A&E attendance by 6% and the number of arrests for alcohol-related incidents by 71%. These results imply nearly 6,100 extra road accidents and 300 additional fatalities, around 63,000 additional A&E attendances each year and 100,000 extra arrests.

Professor Francesconi said: “A conservative estimate on the cost of binge drinking on the agencies left to pick up the pieces – including the NHS and police – is £1.52 billion a year.” He also worked out that each drink driving arrest costs £22,800, which is eight times the amount of the current maximum fine.

BOOSTING FOOD PRODUCTION

Our scientists, including plant biology expert, Professor Christine Raines, are using advanced tools to develop crops that give farmers more options for sustainably producing more food on less land. To do this, thousands of plant prototypes must be carefully analysed to figure out which genetic tweaks work best. New technology can more quickly scan an entire field of plants to capture improvements in their natural capacity to harvest energy from the sun. Researchers can then analyse an enormous amount of genetic material to efficiently pinpoint traits that could greatly improve crop performance.

COMBATTING PTSD WITH NATURE

A programme, developed at Essex, is improving the lives of military veterans by helping them overcome the debilitating symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Over 100 veterans have benefitted so far, with participants reporting reduced symptoms and an improvement both in their ability to work and in their personal lives. Dr Mark Wheeler, a psychological therapist working in the NHS, who is also completing a PhD at Essex, has been involved in research using green exercise techniques, such as being outdoors and fishing, which has so far proven to be enormously beneficial to the health and wellbeing of veterans suffering with PTSD.

VITAL HUMANITARIAN WORK BEING CRIMINALISED

NGOs providing legitimate humanitarian assistance and solidarity to refugees and migrants across Europe are increasingly being criminalised, Dr Carla Ferstman of our School of Law has reported. States have legislated to outlaw the normal activities of NGOs, and state agencies have acted in ways that both obstruct their work and discriminate between them based on the support they provide. Dr Ferstman said: “The response of the European Union and many governments has been to make it as hard as possible for refugees and migrants to reach the continent.”

“Our researchers address global challenges that generates new knowledge for the benefit of communities and society across the globe. Our postgraduate students, form an active part of our research community and benefit directly from our research excellence and international reputation.”

Professor Christine Raines
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
ESSEX EXPERIENCE

Being part of our community is about so much more than gaining a degree. At Essex you’ll be a member of our global community with access to a wide range of support services, research and learning facilities, and extracurricular activities that make your time with us some of the best years of your life.

OUR INCLUSIVE SPIRIT
We’re proud of our global community and inclusive spirit, and we work hard to create a living, learning and working environment that enables you to bring your whole self to university. Whatever your age, gender identity, ethnicity or sexual orientation; wherever you come from; whether you have a disability or not; whether you follow a religion or not; you can be yourself at Essex and expect to be treated with dignity and respect.

Our commitment to gender equality is recognised through holding an Athena SWAN Bronze Institution Award. In the last few years we’ve established the Essex Women’s Network which provides staff and research students with a forum to share ideas and support each other; using positive action in recruitment to address gender imbalances in our workforce; and taking action to address the gender pay gap.

STUDENTS’ UNION (SU)
Our SU represent 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 a 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.

ESSEX EXPERIENCE

Whatever you need, we’re here for you

MATURE STUDENTS’ NETWORK
Around 37% of our students are mature students. With responsibilities and other commitments, studying as a mature student can present challenges. As a mature student you are automatically enrolled into the Mature Students’ Network, which is run by our SU. Our Mature Students’ Network brings together postgraduate students over 25 years old. It’s a support network, research sharing platform and a social group.

essexstudent.com/maturenetwork

STUDENT SERVICES HUB
Studying a postgraduate degree can bring lots of challenges – some exciting but some more difficult.

That’s why each of our three campuses have a dedicated Student Services Hub, where you can get answers to your questions and receive the help you need. 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.

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.

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/life/student-facilities/religion-and-faith

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.
OUR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY
At our Colchester Campus our exciting facilities include our STEM Centre, which includes a 180-capacity life sciences lab and an IT-rich exploratory learning space. We are members of Research-Council-funded Doctoral Training Partnerships, and have a diverse research expertise, infrastructure, and new technologies, including world-leading data analytics. Essex scientists are at the heart of interdisciplinary and collaborative national and international academic and industrial networks, such as with BT, Intel, NHS Trusts, environmental organisations and local SMEs.

THEATRES
The Lakeside Theatre on our Colchester Campus, the Clifftown Theatre in Southend and the Corbett Theatre at our Loughton Campus showcase student and professional productions. Whether you’re a keen actor, interested in production, or just enjoy an evening at the theatre this provides an excellent creative space for students with an interest in the arts.

LATIN AMERICAN ART
The Essex Collection of Art from Latin America (ESCALA) is unique in Europe, offering 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. ESCALA also offers an internship opportunity and access to professional networks.

LEARN A LANGUAGE
We want you to add your voice to 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, French, German, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian or Spanish. You can also learn a language through Essex Modern Language Certificates, from beginner to mastery level, on a fee-paying basis or via Proficio.
essex.ac.uk/life/student-services/learn-a-language

SHARING NEW IDEAS
Throughout the year our THINK series of debates engages with the issues that matter today. Open to all, each debate welcomes a guest speaker to introduce a topic before the floor is opened for discussion. From sex work to capitalism and climate change to global population, nothing is off limits.

Having won the Guardian University Award for Student Experience in 2016, our THINK series continues to challenge convention at every opportunity.

INNOVATIVE LEARNING SPACES
You have access to a wide range of study and research facilities across our campuses. In Colchester, work with your friends in our interactive group-working spaces, the Limehouse and the Orangery, and our iconic Forum in Southend houses a mixture of pods and open-plan spaces for solo or group work.

ESSEX LAB
Researchers from the EU, US, and all over the UK benefit from ESSEXLab’s large participant database, networked lab environment and biometric equipment. In our lab, researchers can carefully control the lab environment to assess the causal impact of their intervention, generating useful insight about peoples’ attitudes, behaviours and decisions. Postgraduates are able to apply for funding to use our lab with their supervisors.
essex.ac.uk/research/ESSEXlab

ESSEX BUSINESS SCHOOL (EBS)
Our EBS students become members of a lifelong international business community. The Student Engagement Team in Colchester organise regular events for our Masters students to help them grow their network and build vital business contacts for the future. The seminar series hosted by our research groups also offers a valuable opportunity to hear from leading thinkers from universities across the globe.
essex.ac.uk/departments/essex-business-school

IN THEATRES
Lakeside Theatre
Essex Business School
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Gaining a postgraduate qualification is instrumental to your career. At Essex you’ll find a range of additional development opportunities to help prepare you for your future.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
Our Student Development Team provides tailored support and friendly, professional advice, face-to-face, over the phone and online, to help you enhance your career. We have a range of tools and resources and can help you gain valuable skills and experience for your CV through work and volunteering opportunities, advertising local and part-time work as well as internships throughout the UK that are only available for our students.

We provide you with online learning resources, digital skills content and e-appointments with careers professionals. Also available to you is our CV360 CV checking tool, as well as online courses, and one-to-one help and guidance via Zoom.

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

ENGAGEMENT WITH EMPLOYERS
We work with a wide range of employers and professional bodies. These include Rolls Royce, Defra and Transperfect. We also have Employer Advisory Boards which ensure the relevance of our postgraduate curricula so that we’re delivering workplace-relevant content.

STARTING A BUSINESS
We offer a range of support for business development and start-ups. This includes peer support, mentoring and tutoring, as well as enterprise grants and support through Essex Startups at Studio X in our Innovation Centre.

The team at Studio X offer interactive sessions to help you develop your idea, create a business plan, streamline your brand and secure funding. They help you and our graduate entrepreneurs launch cutting-edge enterprises.

“The Student Development Team at Essex offers a great service to help students prepare for their future. I definitely recommend any postgraduate student making the most of what they provide, which includes lots of resources and information, virtual and face-to-face support, and they also run regular events too.”

Siobhan Ralfe
MA History, 2018
“Studying risk management gave me useful knowledge and a broad view of financial markets and companies’ risk management techniques and processes. Using the Bloomberg terminals was a unique perk of my Essex degree that has helped me in my current job. After graduating I was hired by a hedge fund company which operates in London.”

Ludovico Luce
MSc Financial Engineering and Risk Management, 2019
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

You never lose the connection you have with Essex. After you’ve graduated, we’ll remain in contact, offering support, inviting you to events, and helping you develop your career. We also offer CPD courses in specific areas that will help you stay on top of your profession.

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 based around the world, and who share the unique Essex Spirit. Continually questioning, inspiring and making change, Essex graduates are making the difference in every corner of the world.

Your studies do not end when you complete your course, and a lifetime membership to online journals through JSTOR means you’ll always be up to speed with your subject. If you end up based a little closer to campus, 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 be available to provide support and advice through mentoring and bespoke events.

Professional and social networking events, which take place around the world and online, will help you expand your network and create opportunity out of every moment. Our social media channels also allow you to link with those in your field, while keeping up to date with all of 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 the 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.

GRADUATE IMMIGRATION ROUTE

The UK Government is introducing a new Graduate Immigration Route, which should be open to applications from summer 2021 onwards. This new route will allow 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 will then be able to switch to a skilled work visa.

essex.ac.uk/international/new-graduate-immigration-route

We host events around the world for our alumni to develop their personal and professional networks
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Maintain your practice registration or business knowledge by engaging in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at Essex. We offer a range of CPD courses with both on- and off-site learning, workshops, credit-bearing modules and degree pathways. Our staff are academically and clinically qualified, and many are also practising clinicians or business professionals.
essex.ac.uk/short-courses

Health and Social Care
- **PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Health Care Practice**
  Mapped to the national Multi-Professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice, this modular course develops specialised clinical skills and knowledge.

- **PG Cert, PG Dip, MA Professional Practice**
  Advance your understanding of professional practice, your professional reasoning and decision-making with this flexible and dynamic course.

- **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.

Physiotherapy
- **PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice**
  Learn to assess and manage patients with a range of musculoskeletal conditions beyond the scope of your normal practice.

- **PG Cert Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice (Hand Therapy)**
  This pathway enables clinicians who have specialised in hand therapy to advance their 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.

Business
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**SHORT COURSES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS**

- We also offer short courses and summer schools in business, psychosocial and psychoanalytic studies, human rights, and data science.

- Our Essex Business School offers a range of short courses including management and leadership, innovation, sales and customer account management and business strategy.

- Each of our summer school bring experts together from around the world to share their experiences, provide insight into current trends and developments, and explore research methods in a variety of contexts.
essex.ac.uk/summer-schools

“**I came to an Essex Summer School because I searched for data mining and analytics events, and what Essex was offering seemed perfect. All the relevant information was sent to me in advance, it was well organised, and it brought together researchers, academics, and industry professionals to give a good overview of data technologies.”**

Analytics and Data Science Summer School Delegate
The University of Essex is spread across the county with three campuses in Colchester, Southend-on-Sea and Loughton.
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
OUR COMMUNITY
Our Colchester Campus is at the heart of what makes your Essex experience. Study in our state-of-the-art computer labs, stay 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.

FOOD ON CAMPUS
From burritos in Cantina to burgers at Fusion Grill, wraps at Moa or something sweet at Crumbs, we’re proud of the diversity of our food and drink options, with foods from all over the world. We’re committed to ethically-sourced, responsibly-packaged, always-available options whatever you fancy, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free. 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. Grab a Starbucks or Costa with friends, or sit down with a burger and chips to watch the game – the choice is yours.

SPORTS, SOCIETIES AND VOLUNTEERING
We believe your health and wellbeing is very important. We have a great range of facilities, both indoors and outdoors, including a spacious gym, fitness studios, squash courts and large sports halls.

Essex is renowned for our research on the benefits of Green Exercise and we practice what we preach. Covering 40 acres, our outdoor sport areas includes an 18-hole disc golf course, all-weather tennis courts, plus loads of space for you and your friends to play a game of five-a-side football.

There are over 50 clubs and 100 societies at Essex. From choirs to juggling, and everything in between, you’ll be able to find one that suits you. And if you can’t, you can start a new society yourself!

CREATIVE COLCHESTER
We bring both internationally famous and emerging artists into the heart of our campus and offer you the chance to work with them. We’re the proud home of ESCALA, a world-renowned collection of art from Latin America, and our Lakeside Theatre hosts internationally acclaimed plays, live music, performances by our own talented students, and you can get involved through the regular open mic nights.

Located within Wivenhoe Park, our Colchester Campus is surrounded by beautiful landscapes and wildlife, providing the perfect place to study, live and relax. The centre of campus is buzzing with life, it’s a vibrant hub bringing together students and staff from over 130 countries.
Located near Central Campus, our Postgraduate Common Room is a great place to unwind, or get some work done with friends. The best part? It’s just for you.

If you require childcare during your time with us, we have a day-time nursery. You’ll also have access to an NHS health centre on campus.

The diversity of our student body is what makes Essex so unique. Our Faith Centre brings together a mix of faiths and beliefs, giving you a space to practice or explore your faith either on campus or by connecting you to a local place of worship.

Essex Business School is the UK’s first zero-carbon business school building, featuring a winter garden, café, virtual trading floor and numerous group and quiet study spaces.

For our healthcare students, we have a functioning hospital ward with robotic patients which can simulate a range of medical conditions.

Wivenhoe House is a 4* country house hotel on campus, perfect for visiting family and guests. It’s part of our Edge Hotel School.

Our Sport Arena has 1,655 seats and international standard facilities for televising sporting events. It’s competition-standard, the biggest of its kind in the country, and provides space for twelve badminton courts, three basketball courts, three netball courts or five volleyball courts. It’s also the home of our School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences.

Our purpose-built Centre for Brain Science provides world-class equipment which can measure and modulate brain activity, track eye movements and measure physiological responses. We also have a virtual reality suite. Our psychology staff and postgraduate students use these facilities to investigate why we think, feel and act the way we do.

Our interpreting training lab can be used to interpret conferences of up to 20 people. You can use the lab as part of your studies, giving you the tools you need to become an expert interpreter.

You’ll have everything you need on campus to call it home. With a large library, shops, a Post Office, hairdressers, restaurants and bars, a cinema, theatre and plenty of study spaces – weeks could fly by without ever needing to leave.

The 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, meaning you can borrow books from other participating libraries – great if you’re working away from campus. Oh, and we have a lot of books!

Need some help? 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 gorgeous lakes, and our Students’ Union Creative Studios, which includes two radio studios, a newsroom and a TV studio.

We can offer initial legal advice to the local community through our Essex Law Clinic. Law and human rights students can work alongside practicing lawyers and advise real clients to gain vital experience.

The STEM Centre includes a 180-seat lab for our School of Life Sciences students and a learning space for collaboration between students in our Faculty of Health and Science.
Colchester is the oldest recorded town in Britain with centuries of fascinating history, but also has the modern conveniences that make our town such 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.

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

**EATING AND DRINKING**
World-famous Wilkin & Sons’ Tiptree jam. An Oyster Festival dating back to 1845. Refreshing, local beers at the picturesque waterside of Wivenhoe. Some of the UK’s most well-known and revered seafood restaurants. Comforting, family-owned gastropubs serving pub grub all year round.

And when the sun goes down, we rise up. Local breweries and underground gin bars, bustling restaurants and cheap and cheerful takeaways. Nightclubs, pubs and bars packed at the weekends with the energy of no tomorrows. Calmer cafés and local hangouts – there’s something for everyone. Empty glasses and empty stomachs? No thank you.

**HISTORY, CULTURE AND NATURE**
Colchester Castle gives you the chance to discover our incredible local history. It’s surrounded by a beautiful park where you can watch fireworks in autumn or go boating in the summer. Tucked away in other corners of the town are Roman walls, priory ruins, witch-trial legends and the iconic water tower, Jumbo.

Visit the world-famous Beth Chatto Gardens for over six acres of incredible woodland and water gardens. For animal lovers, Colchester Zoo is one of the best zoos in Europe and has a strong focus on conservation. Visit Constable Country, where John Constable painted some of his most famous artworks, or take a peaceful rowing boat out in Dedham along the River Stour. There’s plenty of gorgeous, untouched countryside to take a wander in as well.

**SPORTS**
There are swimming and leisure centres, golf clubs, tennis courts and even roller- and ice-skating nearby. Or why not push the boat out with some sailing or kitesurfing at one of our nearby coastal towns.

We’ve got the professional Colchester United for football fans, countless countryside cycling routes and we’re only 45 minutes from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park by train.

**SHOPPING**
Colchester has big-name brands as well as a cinema for all the latest blockbusters. Make sure you visit Sir Isaac’s Walk, Eld Lane and Trinity Street – three of our most colourful and characterful streets in the town centre, full of retro clothes shops, cosy tea rooms and old-school sweet shops.

Did you know board games are making a comeback? Check out Dice & A Slice, a board-game cafe in Colchester
1. THE FORUM
   - 24/7 access to The Learning Hub
   - Student Services
   - Public and academic library
   - Lecture and seminar rooms
   - Focal Point Gallery

2. THE GATEWAY BUILDING
   - Academic departments
   - In-house dentist
   - Lecture and seminar rooms
   - SU Lounge and The Mezz

3. SOUTHEND CENTRAL STATION
   - Lovely Leigh-on-Sea is just a few stops away, and there are frequent, direct trains to London, as well as Lakeside shopping centre

4. UNIVERSITY SQUARE ACCOMMODATION
   - Dedicated block for postgraduate students
   - Supermarket
   - International shops

5. HIGH STREET
   - Cinema
   - Cafés and restaurants
   - Post Office
   - Chain stores and independent shops

6. SOUTHEND VICTORIA STATION
   - Frequent links to Colchester and direct trains to London and London Southend Airport for flights across Europe

7. CLIFFTOWN THEATRE
   - Home to the East 15 Acting School in Southend
   - Prittlewell Square Gardens
   - The Railway Hotel music venue

8. SEAFRONT
   - Southend Pier
   - Adventure Island amusement park
   - Beach and promenade
Southend-on-Sea is a vibrant and modern seaside town and our campus sits right at the heart of it. With seven miles of coastline, an international airport, a thriving arts and cultural scene, and a wide variety of restaurants and nightlife all on your doorstep, it’s the perfect place to live and study.

**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.

If you love a sporting challenge or just like to keep fit, there are a huge variety of activities on offer, whatever your level or ability. If you want to try something new, you can learn to dive in world class facilities or ride one of the UK’s top mountain biking trails at Hadleigh Country Park.

**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.
SOUTHEND FACILITIES

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

STUDY SPACES AND FACILITIES

- **The Forum** is home to an integrated public and academic library, our 24-hour Learning 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. There are also group-working pods and quiet study spaces here, including a PhD room.

- **The SU lounge** is the perfect spot to settle down with a cuppa and catch up on your reading. On the first floor, you can find **The Mezz** – a social space that stays open after the SU Lounge closes.

- With the **High Street** on your doorstep, you don’t have to go far to enjoy a spot of retail therapy or your favourite restaurant. With more than 300 places to eat, you’ll have plenty to choose from!

- **Our Faith Centre** in The Gateway Building is open to anyone, of any religion or none, and is a welcoming place to meet, make friends and explore your faith.

- **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.

- Gain hands-on experience in our purpose-built [Dental Skills lab](#) and clinical patient care facilities, located in The Gateway Building.

- **Essex Business School** in Southend occupies the entire third floor of Gateway Building. We are perfectly located at the heart of the Thames Gateway, one of the Government’s key areas for economic growth – a fitting location for entrepreneurial study!
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 water sports for the ultimate adrenaline fix. Further along the coast, Leigh-on-Sea with it’s quaint Old Town and bustling Broadway full of independent shops and eateries is perfect for people watching and 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.

Southend is 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 town’s four museums to discover the history of our seaside town or check out the Cliffs Pavilion and Palace Theatres for everything from pantomimes and comedy to concerts and West End shows.

Whatever your interest, 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 city, London is less than an hour away by train. Whether you want to take in the sights, shop ‘til you drop, hit the West End or visit the Royal Parks, there is so much to see and do in the Capital.

Just five minutes from our campus is London Southend Airport. With flights to over 50 destinations across Europe, the only problem you’ll have is deciding where to go first!
LOUGHTON CAMPUS

Dedicated to our East 15 Acting School, our Loughton Campus sits on the east edge of London, providing access to both the rich, cultural diversity of the British capital city and an attractive and 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.

- 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.

- Based on the Hatfields site, the Corbett Theatre is a unique performance and learning space. 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.

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. askthehub-lc@essex.ac.uk

BEYOND CAMPUS

- It’s not all work and no play in 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 train stations, including Eurostar to continental Europe.

- The campus is situated on the edge of Epping Forest, a 6,000 acre ancient woodland, ideal for a study break in the fresh air.

- The centre of Loughton is a 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.
We place as much importance on living as we do on learning, so all postgraduate students are guaranteed accommodation for their first year of study. To guarantee yours, just 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 and spring 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 2020-21 costs per week. It’s likely that our rental charges for 2021-22 will increase from these amounts.
UNIVERSITY QUAYS

Cost per week: £148.40 - £174.44  
Location: Colchester Campus  
- En suite facilities  
- 5 minute walk to campus  
- 4 – 8 rooms per flat  
- Premium rooms (bigger bed) and double rooms available

YOU’LL LOVE THIS IF YOU...  
want a peaceful existence, and a picturesque walk to campus.

NORTH TOWERS

Cost per week: £102.13  
Location: Colchester Campus  
- Shared bathroom facilities  
- 2 minute walk to campus  
- 5 – 14 rooms per flat

YOU’LL LOVE THIS IF YOU...  
want to roll out of bed into a lecture and would rather spend your money on pizza.
THE MEADOWS

Cost per week: £155.26 - £162.05
Location: Colchester Campus
- Shared and en-suite bathroom facilities depending on flat
- 10 minute walk to campus
- 5 – 12 rooms per flat
- Premium rooms (bigger bed) available

YOU’LL LOVE THIS IF YOU...
need chilled vibes and fancy a short stroll into the centre of campus.

UNIVERSITY SQUARE

Cost per week: £152.67 - £188.30
Location: Southend Campus
- En suite facilities
- 5 minutes from main university buildings and the town centre
- 11 rooms per flat
- Studio rooms and adapted studios available

YOU’LL LOVE THIS IF YOU...
want to be central to the campus buildings and the town centre.

essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation
The next few pages cover important things you’ll want to consider if you’re going to study a Masters or research degree at Essex.

SO WHAT NEXT?
These next few pages give you information on how much it costs to study at Essex, potential sources of funding and how to apply.

But we’re here to help, so if you can’t find the information you’re looking for either in this prospectus or on our website, please do get in touch.

essex.ac.uk/about/contact
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.

**TUITION FEE INCREASES**
The University sets postgraduate tuition fees for one academic year at a time. If your course lasts for more than one academic year, the fees due for your second and subsequent years of study may therefore be different to the fee advertised on our website.

For students commencing their studies at the University of Essex from the 2021-22 academic year, your fees will increase by up 5% for each academic year of study.

**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.

**STUDENT VISA REQUIREMENTS**
As part of the visa application process, you’ll need to be able to provide evidence that you can pay tuition fees and cover living expenses.

**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 will require sponsorship for a UK immigration permission, you must pay your first instalment of £1,000 as a deposit in order to be assigned your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), or show proof that you are being sponsored by a body recognised by our University.

**LIVING EXPENSES**
In January 2019, the average amount required for living expenses for a single student in 2019-20 was estimated to be £14,418 for both our Colchester and Southend campuses and £13,622 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.

**LOYALTY DISCOUNT**
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!
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 £11,222. The loan has almost no subject restrictions (MBAs are included), isn't means tested (i.e. it is not dependent on your or your family's income) and is available for full-time, part-time and distance learning courses.

nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund

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 loans from the Student Loan Company:

- MSc Occupational Therapy (pre-registration)
- MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration)
- MSc Speech and Language Therapy (pre-registration)

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:

- child dependants’ allowance
- exceptional hardship support
- additional travel and accommodation expenses

Further information can be found online.

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

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

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

You can also check out our Scholarship Finder, which helps pinpoint the most appropriate scholarship for you to apply for.

essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/masters/scholarship-finder

MASTERS EU SCHOLARSHIP
This brand new 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 2021-22, 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/fees-and-funding/masters/scholarships/pgt-eu-scholarship.aspx

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 has recently introduced new loans of up to £26,445 for students applying for PhDs and equivalent qualifications (up to eight years in length, in any subject).

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

PROFICIO FUNDING
If you're applying for research study, you'll be able to benefit from our innovative research training scheme, Proficio. Receive up to £2,500 which you can spend on training designed to give you the skills needed to be successful in both academia and industry.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/proficio

DOCTORAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS
If you're wondering how you're going to pay for your research study, take a look into Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) which are usually funded by UK Research Councils. These partnerships will:

- give you funding to enable 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. These DTPs enable you to gain advanced skills and knowledge whilst receiving funding to support your research.

ARIES
Funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), ARIES is an extensive world-class partnership integrating 89 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, 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.

Learn more about each DTP to see whether they can fund your research.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/doctoral-training-partnerships
APPLYING TO ESSEX

We offer a wide range of postgraduate degrees from Graduate Diplomas to Professional Doctorates. The following 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

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Taught courses
We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in an undergraduate degree. For some courses there may be additional requirements. Visit the course pages on our website for information on specific entry 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

Visit the course pages on our website for more information on specific entry requirements.

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 three 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 requirements above. The score required will vary by subject, but all postgraduate courses require a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 in each component (or equivalent).

If you have successfully and recently completed a degree taught in English, this is also likely to be sufficient proof of proficiency.

Visit the course pages on our website for information on specific English language requirements.

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.
pquery@essex.ac.uk
TAUGHT COURSES

CHOOSING A TAUGHT COURSE

Use the information here and on our subject 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. We’ve made it as simple as possible to apply to Essex and it should take less than 20 minutes to complete our form online and send us the information we need.

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

Whichever taught course you’re applying for, you’ll need to provide a copy of your degree transcript with your application.

For some courses you will also be required to provide additional documents, so we strongly suggest you check the course requirements before making an application.

RESEARCH DEGREES

CHOOSING A RESEARCH DEGREE

Understanding which university is right when deciding where to do your research 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 subject 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)
- Doctor of Medicine (MD)

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 via 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 ‘people search’ function.

Once you have identified your preferred supervisor and discussed your research proposal, 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)
- a personal statement (applicants requiring a UK student visa)

For some courses you will also be required to provide additional documents, so we strongly suggest you 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.

Full details about applying for a research degree are available online.

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

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

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RESEARCH PROPOSALS
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
- 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

Please be aware that a research proposal may be rejected if it is poorly expressed or badly presented.

“...the journey of a PhD student is just like a roller coaster, so make sure you take the time to celebrate the wins and reflect on the losses. My PhD involves examining the process of skeletal muscle activation/deactivation by developing novel mathematical methods to extract dynamic information from image data. The most enjoyable aspect of my work is the flexibility it gives me as an individual and being able to deepen my understanding in the field of Bayesian statistics, which I find particularly interesting...”

Madalina Mihailescu
PhD Data Science

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 references, a personal statement, a certificate 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

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 be recent, ideally on letterhead paper, as well as signed and dated by the referee. We can 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. Your offer letter will be uploaded to your myEssex portal within 24 hours of you receiving the email.

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.

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www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

ESSEX STUDENTS AND ALUMNI
If you are currently studying at Essex, or have just completed a course with us, and are now progressing to further study in the same or next academic year, you won’t need to provide a reference. This is the case unless you are applying for our MA Social Work, the Essex MBA or our pre-registration courses.

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 new fast-track form.

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Contact our Postgraduate Admissions Office for all enquiries about applying to Essex.
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On each of our subject pages in this prospectus you’ll find both our taught courses and research degrees listed. Visit our website to learn detailed information about each one.

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ACCOUNTING, FINANCE AND BANKING

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Many courses are accredited and give you exemptions from some professional exams with ACCA, CIMA and ICAEW
- Learn how to use our virtual trading floor and access Bloomberg financial data
- We are ranked in the top 200 in the world for accounting and finance (QS World University Rankings 2020)

TAUGHT COURSES
- MSc, MRes Accounting
- MSc Accounting and Finance
- MSc Accounting and Financial Management
- MSc International Accounting and Banking
- MSc Banking and Finance
- MSc, MRes Finance
- MSc Finance and Data Analytics
- MSc Finance and Global Trading
- MSc Finance and Investment
- MSc Finance and Management
- MSc Financial Engineering and Risk Management
- MSc Financial Technology (Finance)

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Accounting
- MPhil, PhD Accounting and Finance
- MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Finance

“Essex provided me with new theories, techniques and strategies. I’m a senior risk consultant, developing and assessing credit risk models with major G-SIBs in Mexico and Europe.”
Silvia Marisol Sanchez Uicab
MSc Financial Engineering and Risk Management, 2019

ACTING AND DIRECTING

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our reputation extends far beyond the UK as a home for excellence in performing and media arts globally, with graduates working on stage, screen and behind-the-scenes worldwide
- Our exceptional industry links offer you access to distinguished visiting actors and directors from UK theatres and beyond
- We are ranked first for drama and dance (Guardian University Guide 2020)

TAUGHT COURSES
- MA Acting
- MA, MFA Acting (International)
- MA, MFA Theatre Directing
- MA Advanced Professional Theatre Practice*

RESEARCH DEGREES
- PhD Drama and Performance (Practice as Research)
- PhD Drama and Performance

“I was 30 when I did my Masters, and it was the best decision I ever made! I'm a director at The Big House Theatre Company working with young adults on the verge of social exclusion.”
Laura Thompson
MA Acting, 2017
ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

TAUGHT COURSES
PG Dip, MSc Actuarial Science
PG Dip, MSc Mathematics and Finance

RESEARCH DEGREES
PhD, Integrated PhD Actuarial Science

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our MSc Actuarial Science is based on the syllabus of the majority of the Core Technical subjects of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries
- Our focus on up-to-date research means you gain a solid training in actuarial modelling and actuarial analysis
- We have active links with industry to broaden your employment potential and placement opportunities

“In the era of big data, it is an important skill to be able to manipulate, interpret and gain insights from your data. I am currently working as a Pricing Analyst for RSA Insurance, the oldest property insurance company in the UK.”

George Brooks
MSc Actuarial Science, 2018

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ART HISTORY

TAUGHT COURSES
Grad Dip, MA Art History and Theory
MA Curating
MA Curating with Professional Placement

RESEARCH DEGREES
MAD, MPhil, PhD Art History and Theory
MPhil, PhD Curating

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our facilities include the Essex Collection of Art from Latin America, which houses over 750 pieces of art
- Recent placement experiences have sent students to work at the Hayward and V&A
- We have a broad range of expertise from the Renaissance to modern and contemporary art

“I was the Magazine Designer for REBEL during my time at Essex which was an incredible experience. I gained a lot of knowledge on the job. I’m currently studying an MFA at Goldsmiths University.”

Tara Benjamin-Morgan
Grad Dip Art History and Theory, 2018

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BIOLOGY: MOLECULAR AND CELL

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Biotechnology
MSc Cancer Biology
MSc Data Analytics in Health Genomics
MSc Molecular Medicine

RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biochemistry
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biological Sciences
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biological Sciences: Immunology
MSD, MPhil, PhD Cell and Molecular Biology
MSD, MPhil, PhD Microbiology
MSD, MPhil, PhD Molecular Medicine:
Medical Microbiology

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Study specialist modules taught by our academics, industry experts and clinicians within academic and hospital settings
- Graduate with skills and expertise in demand from the biotechnology and biomedical industries
- Our research covers a wide range of areas, giving you the opportunity to develop new ideas and interdisciplinary projects

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“Studying molecular medicine felt like the next step, but I discovered that working in a lab interested me more. My lecturers at Essex really helped me and aided my knowledge and career.”

Neil Lorente Cobo
MSc Molecular Medicine, 2018

BIOLOGY: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARINE

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Tropical Marine Biology

RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biological Sciences
MSD, MPhil, PhD Marine Biology
Integrated PhD Tropical Marine Biology
MSD, MPhil, PhD Microbiology
MPhil, PhD Plant Biology
MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Biology
MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Sciences

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our degrees evolve to reflect the latest findings across plant, environmental and marine biology, from the impact of climate change on coral reefs to sustainable crop yields
- You’ll have access to our Coral Reef Research Unit and will be part of our friendly and supportive School
- Network with internationally recognised researchers at the forefront of their field

essex.ac.uk/subjects/marine-biology#pg

“I started working as an Environmental Consultant for Orbis Energy a month after handing in my dissertation, and have been employed there since! This role involves map creation in ArcGIS, report writing and research.”

Rebecca Daniel
MSc Tropical Marine Biology, 2018
 CHILDHOOD STUDIES

MA Childhood Studies*

RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Childhood Studies+ J A

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

J January-start option  A April-start option
+ Distance-learning available
* Subject to approval

“Childhood studies is a vibrant, interdisciplinary field of study and our unique psychosocial perspective places a high priority on understanding children’s lives alongside their social, cultural, and political contexts.”

Jess Clark
Lecturer and course leader


BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

TAUGHT COURSES

Master in Business Management (MBM) S J
MSc Management C
MSc Management (International) C
MSc Management (Leadership) C
MSc Global Project Management S
MSc International Business and Entrepreneurship S
MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation S
MSc Business Analytics S J
MSc International Logistics and Supply Chain Management S
MSc Human Resource Management C
MSc Organisational Change Management C
PG Dip, MA Management and Organisational Dynamics C
MRes Management and Organisation C

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD Business Analytics S
Integrated PhD Business Administration S
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Management Studies C S
MPhil, PhD Human Resource Management and Organisation Studies C
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Entrepreneurship S

These courses are based at either our C Colchester Campus or S Southend Campus

J January-start available

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- Our zero-carbon building at our Colchester Campus offers an inspiring setting for you to study sustainable business management
- We have start-up and business incubation space for student entrepreneurs at both our campuses
- As a champion of ethical business practices, we’re a signatory of the UN Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)

“We at Essex, the lecturers fostered my interest in the subject and I decided to take steps for an academic career.”

Carolin Welser
MSc Management, 2019

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- We approach childhood as a whole – you will broadly explore childhood from birth through to young adulthood
- We place a high priority on understanding children’s inner lives and emotional worlds
- Our staff have experience of working with children in residential care and mental health settings

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Jess Clark
Lecturer and course leader
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D Clin Psych)
This course is based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Develop both applied research skills and your understanding of substantive theories and advanced practice in your field
- Our research addresses local, national and international issues relating to health and social care policy and practice
- Our flexible approach is designed to fit around your current practice commitments

“My course provides me with an opportunity to challenge the status quo and advocate for those who need this the most. Learning from Clinical Psychologists enriches the experience and helps link the academic and clinical parts of the course. The range of placements means that my skillset is expanding all the time.”

Sade King
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology

COMPUTATIONAL FINANCE

TAUGHT COURSES
- MSc Algorithmic Trading
- MSc Computational Finance
- MSc Financial Technology (Computer Science)

RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD Computational Finance
All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus
J January-start available

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We focus on established and emergent technologies to deal with big data, such as machine learning, and decentralised exchanges, including blockchain
- Our highly cross-disciplinary expertise covers different aspects of the interplay between computer science, economics and finance
- Gain practical hands-on skills and undertake projects alongside industry experts

“Studying at Essex helped me to improve my data analysis skills and financial knowledge such as risk management. I work as a Data Scientist in a high-frequency trading firm in Hong Kong.”

Wai Chung
MSc Computational Finance, 2018

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essex.ac.uk/subjects/computational-finance#pg
COMPUTER SCIENCE

TAUGHT COURSES
- MSc Advanced Computer Science
- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc Artificial Intelligence and its Applications
- MSc Big Data and Text Analytics
- MSc Computer Engineering
- MSc Computer Games
- MSc Financial Technology (Computer Science)
- MSc Intelligent Systems and Robotics
- MSc Internet of Things

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD
- Computer Science

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our courses are closely aligned to the needs of industry and provide ideal preparation for further study
- Get involved in our cutting-edge research which is changing people's lives
- Use our exceptional facilities and labs, such as our Robotics Lab and Intelligent Environments Lab

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

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January-start available

"I knew that I was strong at programming and simulations. With these skills I thought it would be nice to go into a field with a bit more creativity and fun, so I chose computer games. What it gave me most was confidence in my own skills."

Joseph Munro
MSc Computer Games, 2019

CREATIVE WRITING

TAUGHT COURSES
- MA Creative Writing
- MA Literature and Creative Writing
- MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MPhil, PhD Creative Writing

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Join a pantheon of great writers, including Booker Prize winner Ben Okri and poet Robert Lowell
- Get published in our yearly anthology, Creel
- Explore both artistic expression and critical discernment, in our unique literary conservatoire

"From my first visit of the Colchester Campus, it felt like home. The community atmosphere, environment and the fact that Essex encourages interdisciplinary study meant I fell in love with Essex from the first moment. I am currently writing a young adult science fiction novel."

Rachel Simson
MA Creative Writing, 2018

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CRIMINOLOGY

TAUGHT COURSES
MA Criminology
MA Sociology and Criminology
MSc Criminology and Socio-legal Research
MA, MSc Organised Crime, Terrorism and Security

RESEARCH DEGREES
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Criminology

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We pioneered sociologically informed approaches to criminology – Essex is where it all started
- We have a dedicated student resource centre offering academic and personal support to all sociology and criminology students
- We are top 15 for criminology (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020)

“"I’m the Group Manager for Security Standards with Sandals Resorts International. I conduct site visits and risk assessments, give lectures and training sessions, and establish standards and expectations for stakeholders.""

Gordon Ellison
MSc Organised Crime, Terrorism and Security, 2017

DATA ANALYTICS

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Data Science
MSc Data Science with Professional Placement
MSc Applied Data Science (conversion course)
MSc Data Science and its Applications (conversion course)
MSc Statistics
PG Dip, MSc Statistics and Operational Research

RESEARCH DEGREES
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Data Science
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Statistics
MSD, MPhil, PhD Operational Research
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biostatistics
PhD Bioinformatics

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Work in partnership with businesses to develop skills and knowledge to inform important decisions and predict trends
- Focus on real-world challenges, opportunities, commercialisation and the use of data
- Access specialist on-campus facilities including the UK Data Archive and our Business School’s trading floor which uses Bloomberg financial data

“"Data science is one of the most exciting fields to be a part of right now. Essex students are well-prepared to be competitive in the field because the courses on offer are so high quality.""

Tanya Ramirez
MSc Data Science, 2018
DRAMA

TAUGHT COURSES
- MA Theatre Practice
- MA Scriptwriting (Theatre and Digital Media)
- MA, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies
- MA, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies (Playwriting)

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies (Playwriting)

We are ranked 1st in the UK for drama and dance (Guardian University Guide 2020)
- We have a strong tradition of creating politically engaged theatre
- Our industry links offer you access to distinguished visiting actors and directors from UK theatres

“I particularly enjoyed the freedom my course gave me, allowing me to start making progress in my professional life as well as taking time to independently research for my dissertation project. I have worked my way up at the Mercury Theatre, and now run their Young Company as their Creative Practitioner.”

Fabiana Sforza
MAD Theatre Studies, 2019

ECONOMICS

TAUGHT COURSES
- Grad Dip, MSc Economics
- MSc Economics and Econometrics
- MSc Behavioural Economics
- MA, MSc International Economics
- MA, MSc Management Economics
- MSc Economics with Data Analytics
- MSc Applied Economics and Data Analysis
- MA, MSc Financial Economics
- MSc Financial Econometrics
- MSc Financial Economics and Econometrics
- MSc Financial Technology (Economics)
- MSc Financial Economics and Accounting
- MSc Financial and Business Economics
- MSc Money and Banking
- MA International Development
- MSc Quantitative International Development

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Economics

We’re top 5 in the UK for research excellence for economics (REF 2014, mainstream universities, THE 2014)
- We are ranked 11th in the UK for economics and econometrics (QS World University Rankings 2020)
- Dual Award Option – get dual Masters degrees in two years, studying at Essex and one of our partner institutions in Germany

“Studying at Essex specifically advanced my research skills, in addition to increasing my knowledge in economics. This is essential to me because I am pursuing a PhD.”

Lawrence Greenslade
MSc Economics and Econometrics, 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

TAUGHT COURSES
MA English Language and Linguistics
MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

RESEARCH DEGREES
PhD English Language Teaching
PhD Linguistics

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Computer Engineering
MSc Computer Networks and Security
MSc Electronic Engineering
MSc Global Communication Systems

RESEARCH DEGREES
Integrated PhD Engineering
MSD, MPhil, PhD Applied Physics
MSD, MPhil, PhD Computing and Electronic Systems
MSD, MPhil, PhD Electronic Systems Engineering

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Gain real-world, practical experience in the analysis and description of English
- Pursue your academic interests – specialise in a range of areas in the study of English language or teaching
- Classes are small so you benefit from intensive, personal teaching throughout

"The knowledge and experience I gained at Essex has been a great help for my career as a teacher of English. It was amazing to listen to other students’ opinions, especially when they came from different countries and educational backgrounds."

Truong Thanh Que Ly
MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), 2018

"My research was in artificial engineering and the Internet of Things. Technology is getting smarter and it’s very useful to have knowledge in these areas. I am now a postdoctoral researcher."

Sahar Ahmadzadeh
PhD Electronic Systems Engineering, 2018

ENGINEERING

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Computer Engineering
MSc Computer Networks and Security
MSc Electronic Engineering
MSc Global Communication Systems

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We develop engineers who are working on optoelectronics, nanorobotics, neural engineering, comm’s, cyber security, the internet and IoT, and even robotic fish, fruit pickers, and solar-farm survey drones
- Our graduates are driving the economy by pushing the frontiers of knowledge with the latest technology
- You’ll use imagination as you fine tune your creativity, team-working and leadership skills

"My research was in artificial engineering and the Internet of Things. Technology is getting smarter and it’s very useful to have knowledge in these areas. I am now a postdoctoral researcher."

Sahar Ahmadzadeh
PhD Electronic Systems Engineering, 2018
**ENVIRONMENT**

**TAUGHT COURSES**
- MA, MSc Environmental Futures with Climate Change
- MA Environment, Society and Culture
- MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment

**RESEARCH DEGREES**
- MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Biology
- MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Sciences

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**WHY CHOOSE ESSEX**
- Our academics engage closely with local ecologies and communities working together on environmental issues
- You'll have access to leading research on global environmental challenges across the humanities and sciences
- Our green campus is close to nature reserves, waterways and coastline that are central to our research and teaching

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“Studying an environmental degree at Essex will mean you’re part of a community passionate about confronting global and local issues from across different disciplines.”

Dr Lisa Blackmore
Director of Global Studies

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**FILM STUDIES**

**TAUGHT COURSES**
- MA Film Studies
- MA Film and Literature

**RESEARCH DEGREES**
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Film Studies
- MPhil, PhD Film Studies (Creative Practice)

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

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**WHY CHOOSE ESSEX**
- We put theory into practice and are ranked top 5 for dance, drama and cinematics (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020)
- Whether your focus is critical or creative, we will provide you with access to the UK’s creative industries sector
- We engage in world-leading research and film analysis, and make award-winning films with our industry-standard equipment

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“I particularly enjoyed the Cityscapes and Modernism modules. The professors were really knowledgable and their passion and excitement for film inspired me to look further and dig deeper.”

Debbie Oluwaseyi Sonaike
MA Film and Literature, 2018
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

TAUGHT COURSES
- MSc Health Research
- MA Health and Organisational Research

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MPhil, PhD Applied Psychology
- MPhil, PhD Health and Organisational Research
- MSD, MPhil, PhD Integrated PhD Health Studies
- MSD, MPhil, PhD Nursing Studies
- MSD, MPhil, PhD Public Health
- MSD, MPhil, PhD Social Policy

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES
- Doctorate in Health Care Education
- Doctorate in Health Service Management
- Doctorate in Nursing
- Doctorate in Public Health (Health Visiting)
- Doctorate in Social Care Education
- Doctorate in Social Services Management

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Develop applied research skills and your understanding of substantive theories and advanced practice in your field
- Our research addresses local, national and international issues relating to health and social care policy and practice
- Our flexible approach is designed to fit around your current practice commitments

“My Professional Doctorate prepared me to make a smooth transition into my current role as the lead for infection prevention and control for Southend University Hospital.”

Axilia Tanakasei Makoni
Doctorate in Health Service Management, 2018

HISTORY

TAUGHT COURSES
- PG Cert, MA History
- MA War, Culture and Society

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MAD, MPhil, PhD History

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We specialise in public, social and cultural history from 1450 to the present – our research interests span the globe
- We encourage you to challenge and question what you’ve been told, and we help you develop the means to do it
- Our courses are flexible, so you can choose the modules and thesis topic which best suits your interests

“I work at the British Library as a Project Officer, conducting research and assisting with the preparation of a Recommendations Paper. I’ve also had the opportunity to work with curatorial teams from the Western Heritage Department.”

Jake Millar
MA History, 2017
HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc International Hospitality Management*

- Subject to approval

This course is based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Your learning is integrated alongside the operation of Wivenhoe House, our fully-commercial 4-star hotel
- Our unique approach to industry-engaged learning creates networking and career progression opportunities
- Delivered in collaboration with the renowned management experts at Essex Business School

"Our Masters course connects you with our extensive network of industry professionals, equipping you with the skills, contacts and knowledge to succeed in the global hospitality industry."

Andrew Boer
Principal

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HUMAN RIGHTS

TAUGHT COURSES
LLM International Human Rights Law
LLM International Human Rights Law (Economic Relations)
LLM International Humanitarian Law
LLM Corporate Responsibility
LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
MA Human Rights and Cultural Diversity
MA Theory and Practice of Human Rights

RESEARCH DEGREES
PhD Human Rights
MPhil, PhD Human Rights and Research Methods

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Join one of the largest and most effective human rights alumni networks in the world
- Our academics are engaged in teaching, research and practice, meaning we offer an unrivaled range of modules
- We have been providing a pioneering education in human rights for almost 40 years

"Studying at Essex opened the door for me to do a placement at the UK-based charity, Freedom From Torture. Since graduating, I've been running a charity called Revive Congo."

Pamela Abiola
LLM International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law*, 2017

* This specific course is no longer available
JOURNALISM

RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD Journalism
All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We’re committed to upholding the highest of reporting standards, alongside predicting the latest developments in media technology
- As established journalists and scholars, our staff are ideally positioned to guide topical and interdisciplinary research
- Enjoy the use of our purpose-built newsroom and studios to expand your broadcasting skillset

"Ten years ago, journalism teaching was still locked into separate silos – print, television, and so on. Some still is. But the important thing is finding and telling the story. Nowadays the platform comes second. I want to develop students who can tell important, honest stories about the world in a compelling way,"

Tim Fenton
Director of Journalism

LAW

TAUGHT COURSES
- LLM International Law
- LLM Corporate Responsibility
- LLM International Commercial and Business Law
- LLM International Commercial and Business Law with Professional Placement
- LLM Maritime Law
- LLM International Trade Law
- LLM International Trade and Maritime Law
- LLM International Trade and Maritime Law with Professional Placement
- LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- LLM International Human Rights Law
- LLM International Human Rights Law with Economic Relations
- LLM International Humanitarian Law
- LLB Law (Senior Status)*

RESEARCH DEGREES
MPhil, PhD Law

“After graduating from Essex, I worked as an intern in an organisation called Right and Humanity. I am now working at the Centre for Human Rights in Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, as a legal officer,”

Tamru Kedir Ireso
LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2017

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We offer tailored degrees which develop top commercial and human rights lawyers and activists
- Gain real-life practical experience in our Law and Human Rights Clinic
- Network with solicitors, lawyers, Members of Parliament and judges at annual lectures and study trips

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

* Undergraduate-level course suitable for those with no background in law
LINGUISTICS

TAUGHT COURSES
- MA, MRes Linguistics
- MA Applied Linguistics
- MA Linguistic Studies
- MA English Language and Linguistics
- MA Language in Society
- MA Psycholinguistics
- MRes Experimental Linguistics
- MRes Analysing Language Use

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Linguistics
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Applied Linguistics
- MPhil, PhD Experimental Linguistics
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Psycholinguistics
- Integrated PhD Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Sociolinguistics
- MPhil, PhD Analysing Language Use

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We are ranked 13th in the UK for linguistics (QS World University Rankings 2020)
- Our state-of-the-art facilities, including eyetracking and EEG equipment, allow you to gain hands-on experience
- Your classes are small so you benefit from intensive, personal teaching throughout your course

"I loved studying syntax, which has always been one of my favourite disciplines. I am now working as an EAL Teaching Assistant and my degree really helped me with the foundations of the role."

Tegan Walker
MA Linguistics, 2017

LITERATURE

TAUGHT COURSES
- MA Literature
- MA Literature and Creative Writing
- MA American Literatures
- MA Modern and Contemporary Literature
- MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MAD, MPhil, PhD Literature

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our staff and students have been Nobel Prize, Booker Prize and Pulitzer Prize winners
- We aim to shed light on new modes of writing and reconsider classics using emerging forms of literary criticism
- A home to practising poets and novelists, we have a reputation for nurturing radical writers and thinkers

"I loved the freedom to explore so many potential research opportunities with a teaching team who were keen and regularly available to chat to. It made me feel like we were making valuable contributions, especially as seminars were so student-led."

Cara Darroch
MA American Literatures, 2019
MARKETING

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Marketing and Brand Management C
MSc International Marketing and Entrepreneurship S
MSc Management (Marketing) C
MSc Management (Advertising and Corporate Communications) C

These courses are based at either our C Colchester Campus or S Southend Campus.

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our Creative Studios, at the Colchester Campus, mimic the environment found in top marketing and design agencies, helping you develop a range of practical skills.
- We work with Colchester-based marketing agency Footprint Digital, who run the Footprint Academy for our students.
- Our courses are perfect either if you’re studying marketing for the first time or if you want to extend your skills.

“I’m employed as Head of Client Services at Footprint Digital. My Essex degree gave me the confidence to step into the world of business and challenge myself with new opportunities.”

Hannah Meadows
MSc Marketing and Brand Management, 2016

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MATHMATICS

TAUGHT COURSES
Grad Dip, MSc Mathematics
PG Dip, MSc Mathematics and Finance

RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Mathematics
MSD, MPhil, PhD Pure Mathematics
MSD, MPhil, PhD Applied Mathematics
MSD, MPhil, PhD Mathematical Biology

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus.

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We offer a wide variety: algebra, geometry, analysis, differential equations, numerical methods and mathematical modelling, applied maths and mathematical physics.
- We have a dedicated maths peer mentoring scheme, an open-door policy and no hierarchies.
- We undertake ground-breaking research and we’re at the heart of a revolution in mathematics teaching.

“Maths is for people who enjoy challenges. I’ve especially enjoyed studying the D’Alembert principle by which you can find the solution just by knowing the initial conditions.”

Despoina Makri
MSc Mathematics student

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MBA (MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

TAUGHT COURSES
The Essex MBA (full-time – 12 months)
The Essex Executive MBA (part-time – 2-3 years)
The Essex MBA Online* (part-time – 2-3 years)
The Essex MBA (Degree Apprenticeship)* (part-time – 2 years)

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

* Taught by University of Essex Online in partnership with Essex Business School: online.essex.ac.uk/courses/mba
* You can only apply for this course if you have been put forward by your employer via our apprenticeships team

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- The Essex MBA is accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA)
- You won’t sit any exams during this course – our emphasis is on consultancy projects, site visits and employer workshops
- Pitch your business idea at one of our Shark Tank events around the world or impress in your interview, and you could be considered for a scholarship

“It’s great that I’m able to get formal learning and qualifications while still on the job. What I’m studying really contributes to our work at Essex County Council.”

Joe Chell
Head of School Organisation and Place Planning at Essex County Council
The Essex MBA (Degree Apprenticeship) student

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Occupational Therapy (pre-registration)
RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD Occupational Therapy
PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES
Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

January start available

* Taught by University of Essex Online in partnership with Essex Business School: online.essex.ac.uk/courses/mba
+ You can only apply for this course if you have been put forward by your employer via our apprenticeships team

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- Undertake over 1,000 hours on a healthcare-based placement to blend theory and practice
- Develop your practical skills with exclusive use of our dedicated occupational therapy labs on campus
- Our close links with clinicians in practice will strengthen your career prospects

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 22.

“I really loved bridging the gap between theory and practice. After graduating from Essex I secured a role as an Occupational Therapist in a National Specialist Childrens Unit.”

Rebecca Licorish
MSc Occupational Therapy, 2016

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ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES

TAUGHT COURSES
PG Dip, MSc Periodontology (for dentists)
PG Dip, MSc Advanced Periodontal Practice (for hygienists and therapists)
These courses are part-time and are based at the University of Essex Academic Dental Clinic in Colchester.

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 22.

 WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our Academic Dental Clinic is the only place in England to teach advanced periodontology outside of a hospital setting.
- You have access to a state-of-the-art dental skills lab with the latest simulation ‘phantom heads’ to practise on.
- We are practice focused – you’ll be treating patients under the supervision of clinically trained and experienced academics.

“*It has been incredibly valuable to work with real patients in clinical sessions and learn from great academics – particularly in one-to-one tutorials.*”

Deepak Simkhada
MSc Advanced Periodontal Practice, 2018

PHILOSOPHY

TAUGHT COURSES
MA Philosophy
Continental philosophy pathway
Critical social theory pathway
Philosophy and art history pathway

RESEARCH DEGREES
MAD, MPhil, PhD Philosophy
All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus.

 WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We’re world-renowned for our combination of continental and Anglo-American philosophy.
- Become part of a tight-knit school which prides itself on its collaborative and supportive ethos and teaching environment.
- We run three major projects: Competition and Competitiveness, The Ethics of Powerlessness, and The Essex Autonomy Project.

“*I'm now a contributing writer at The Outline, write a monthly column on British universities and academia for Vice, and have also written for the likes of The Guardian and The New York Times.*”

Tom Whyman
PhD Philosophy, 2018

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PHYSIOTHERAPY

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration)

RESEARCH DEGREES
MPhil, PhD Physiotherapy
MPhil, PhD Musculoskeletal Practice

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES
Doctorate in Physiotherapy

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus. J January-start available. A April-start available.

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 22.

"My course definitely prepared me for the demands of working in a healthcare profession. I'm working as an MSK Physiotherapist at Circle Integrated Care as part of an NHS contract in Bedfordshire."

Kieran Mitham
MSc Physiotherapy, 2018

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We offer a unique approach with innovative teaching and assessment
- You develop physical approaches to promote, maintain, and restore physical, psychological and social wellbeing
- Adopting a patient-centred scientific approach allows you to extend, apply, evaluate and review the evidence.

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

TAUGHT COURSES
MA Politics
MA, MSc, MRes International Relations
MA, MSc Conflict Resolution
MA United States Politics
MA, MSc Global and Comparative Politics
MA Ideology and Discourse Analysis
MA, MSc, MRes Political Economy
MA, MSc, MRes Political Science
MA Political Theory
MA, MSc Public Opinion and Political Behaviour
MSc Social Data Science
The Essex MPP (Master of Public Policy)

RESEARCH DEGREES
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Government
PhD Ideology and Discourse Analysis

"After completing my Essex degree I attended the UN General Assembly in New York, delivered statements with our country’s ministers, visited the UN, and had my proposed paragraph adopted in a UN resolution!"

Natalie Haas
MSc Conflict Resolution, 2018

"We are ranked 6th in the UK and top 30 in the world for politics and international studies (QS World University Rankings 2020)
- We have always been the highest-rated politics department in the UK (REF 2014, mainstream universities, THE 2014)
- Dual Award Option – get dual Masters degrees in two years by studying at Essex and in Germany or Japan

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus.
PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING

TAUGHT COURSES
Grad Cert, PG Cert Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (Low Intensity)

These courses are based at our Colchester Campus and are only available to UK applicants.

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We give you a solid grounding in cognitive behavioural protocols and treatments, allowing you to utilise self-help processes to empower patients.
- We personalise learning and development through small group processes to help you become an effective practitioner.
- We work closely with our local IAPT-compliant partners to ensure your training prepares you well for your current role in practice and your future career.

"I really valued the one-to-one support with patients while I was studying. I knew I would be able to work anywhere with an Essex degree in psychological wellbeing and I’m now a step 2 team leader managing a team of Practitioners."

Eliza Pepper
Grad Cert Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner, 2018

PSYCHOLOGY

TAUGHT COURSES
- MSc Psychology (conversion course)
- MSc Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology
- MSc Research Methods in Psychology

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Psychology
- Integrated PhD Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus.

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our research and teaching spans three areas: thinking about the world, interacting with the world, and experiencing the world.
- Use state-of-the-art facilities, learn from our world-renowned experts, and pursue your intellectual passion.
- We are ranked top 300 in the world for psychology (QS World University Rankings 2020).

"Human behaviour has always fascinated me. Studying psychology at PhD level enabled me to utilise neuroscience techniques to examine empathy and meditation. I loved being able to create and conduct my own research project."

Steven Southworth
PhD Psychology, 2019

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PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES

TAUGHT COURSES
- MA Psychoanalytic Studies
- Grad Dip Psychodynamic Approaches
- MA Psychodynamic Counselling
- MA Jungian and Post-Jungian Studies
- MA Refugee Care
- PG Dip, MA Management and Organisational Dynamics

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MPhil, PhD Psychosocial Studies
- PhD Psychoanalytic Studies
- MA Psychodynamic Counselling
- PhD Refugee Care

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We have links with the Institute of Psychoanalysis, the Society for Analytical Psychology and the International Association for Jungian Studies
- Our close ties with education, social care and health services ensures our courses are highly credible
- Essex is top 20 in the UK for research excellence (REF 2014, mainstream universities, THE 2014)

PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES

“The course gave me the qualification that I needed to pursue my career. As the training involved clinical placements, I felt confident in my abilities when I qualified.”

Fiona Hanna
MA Psychodynamic Counselling, 2018

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH

TAUGHT COURSES
- MSc Applied Economics and Data Analysis
- MSc Survey Methods for Social Research
- MSc Sociological Research Methods
- MSc Health Research

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MPhil, PhD Applied Social and Economic Research
- MPhil, PhD Economics
- MPhil, PhD Health Research
- MPhil, PhD Survey Methodology

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) is a powerhouse for social and economic research in the UK and around the world
- We have been conducting research into issues of major social, economic, and policy importance for over 30 years
- Take advantage of the vast range of study and research facilities at our Colchester Campus – including ESSEXLab

"Essex offered opportunities to cultivate data analysis skills in addition to continuing my studies in economics. The UK Data Archive was also a draw, as we were trained on interesting datasets.”

Nina Heyden
MSc Applied Economics and Data Analysis, 2018
SOCIOLOGY

TAUGHT COURSES
MA Sociology
MA Sociology and Criminology
MA Sociology and Management
MA Sociological Research Methods
MSc Survey Methods for Social Research
MA Advertising, Marketing and the Media
MA, MSc Migration Studies

RESEARCH DEGREES
MAD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Sociology

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- We are ranked 7th in the UK and among the top 50 in the world for sociology (QS World University Rankings 2020)
- We are top 20 in the UK for research excellence for sociology (REF 2014, mainstream universities, THE 2014)
- We have a dedicated student resource centre offering academic and personal support to all sociology and criminology students

SOCIAL WORK

TAUGHT COURSES
MA Social Work

RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD Social Work

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus
For information about making an application, visit our website: essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Unique to the UK, our Masters course enables you to qualify as a social worker whilst developing expertise in human rights and social justice
- Gain a global outlook through our work with the UN, governments, human rights organisations and corporations
- Undertake over 170 days on placement as a Student Social Worker, blending theory with practice and widening your professional network

“Our diverse team of lecturers provides an international representation, views and knowledge of some of the most complex individual, family and community challenges.”
Gert Scheepers
Lecturer in social work

“Essex was one of the only universities in UK that offered advertising, marketing and media modules. I am now a Student Recruitment Manager for Navitas Europe.”
Trisha Hedge
MA Advertising, Marketing and the Media, 2018

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SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Speech and Language Therapy (pre-registration)

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES
Doctorate in Speech and Language Therapy

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- You’ll have exclusive access to our Communications Lab
- We offer you a wide range of high-quality practice placements leading to excellent employment opportunities
- All of our teaching staff are registered Speech and Language Therapists, who are still in practice and engage in current research

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 22.

“The best thing about my course is the theoretical grounding you receive in the first year. It underpins everything you do going forwards.”

Lorna Maclean
MSc Speech and Language Therapy student

SPORT AND EXERCISE

TAUGHT COURSES
MSc Sport and Exercise Science
MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology
MSc Coaching Science

RESEARCH DEGREES
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Science
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Psychology
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Medicine
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sports Therapy
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health and Exercise Sciences
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health and Physical Activity

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES
Doctorate in Sport and Exercise Science
Doctorate in Sport Performance and Coaching
Doctorate in Sports Therapy

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our multidisciplinary approach means you are able to work in the field with external partners or support elite athletes in our Human Performance Unit
- Study alongside staff internationally recognised for their research in our new Sport Arena
- Develop skills using state-of-the-art equipment in biomechanics, physiology, psychology and biochemistry

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

"I wanted to develop myself as an academic researcher under the supervision of world-leading experts on my specific topic of research, so Essex was the place for me."

Marco Konings
PhD Sport and Exercise Science, 2018
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING

TAUGHT COURSES
- MA Conference Interpreting and Translation (Chinese-English)
- MA Advanced Interpreting with Specialised Translation (Chinese-English)
- PG Dip Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting
- MA Chinese-English Translation and Professional Practice
- MA Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling
- MA Audiovisual and Literary Translation
- MA Translation and Professional Practice
- MA Translation and Professional Practice with Professional Placement

RESEARCH DEGREES
- MPhil, PhD Translation Studies (Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling)

WHY CHOOSE ESSEX
- Our modern facilities include an interpreting lab and UN-style conference interpreting booths
- Your classes are small so you benefit from intensive, personal teaching throughout your course
- We’re 4th in the UK for social science research excellence (REF 2014, mainstream universities, THE 2014)

“"I found the Technologies of Translation module very useful, because CAT tools are essential when doing long translations. It was an excellent degree. I currently work as a freelance translator.”

Emily Bettini
MA Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling, 2019

GOLD RATED
in the Teaching Excellence Framework
(2017)

4TH IN THE UK
for international outlook
(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021)

25TH IN THE UK
for research quality
(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020)
VISIT US

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, our students run campus tours every weekday and you can book a place on our website.

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

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. But 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

#LittleChoicesBigChanges campaign encourages our students to save energy and recycle when living in our University accommodation

Our Green Thumbs Gardening Society has a space for students to ‘grow their own’ on our campus allotment

We host an annual Environment Week on campus where you can find out more as well as get involved in our activities

YOU CAN DO YOUR BIT TOO
When you're finished with this prospectus, save the trees and pass it on to a friend, leave it in a careers library or pop it in your recycling bin.

SUSTAINABILITY

We advocate a sustainability-centred approach across the entire University and encourage our students, staff and local community to be stewards of the environment.

- We are currently committing over £1 million per year to sustainability initiatives and projects and we are on track to hit our carbon emission reduction target of 43% by the end of the 2020-21 academic year
- Our electricity is sourced from a company who supply only 100% renewable energy
- The Green Impact accreditation programme helps us create effective sustainability plans
- We have a dedicated Sustainability Team who are committed to improving the University’s environmental performance
- Our campus food outlets offer compostable boxes and cutlery, and biodegradable straws
- We have drinking fountains across our campuses, giving students and staff easy access to fresh water for refilling bottles
- #LittleChoicesBigChanges campaign encourages our students to save energy and recycle when living in our University accommodation
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Now is the time to get to know us better and find out what we’re all about. The best way to do it? Come and visit! Explore our campuses, meet our academics, look inside our accommodation and chat to students.

Our Silberrad Student Centre at our Colchester Campus

Open Day at our Colchester Campus

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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

We offer 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

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/universities/university-of-essex

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.

The Tavistock and Portman

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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

DUAL AWARDS

Study at Essex and with one our partner universities to achieve two separate Masters degrees within two years. Our partnerships with universities in Germany (Universities of Bamberg, Mannheim 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 eight 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 equal time at each and benefitting from access to learning and resources in both locations. Get in touch to learn more. partnerships@essex.ac.uk
ABSTRACT

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.

University terms and conditions, procedures, rules and regulations

If you accept an offer of a place, you will have entered into a legal contract with us which will be subject to the University’s terms and conditions. The full Procedures, Rules and Regulations of the University governing how it operates are set out in the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances and in the University Regulations, Policy and Procedures. All applicants and current students of the University are covered by the Student Protection Plan, a document approved by the Office for students which explains how the University manages risk in relation to the education we deliver.

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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

Please contact our Graduate Admissions Office for information about alternative formats.

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QUALITY ASSURANCE AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

We are registered with the Office for Students which means we meet its requirements for course quality, student support and more.

This includes meeting the expectations for standards and quality that are set out in the UK Quality Code for Higher Education, including actively engaging students in quality assurance and enhancement processes. Our dedication to offering our students a transformational education has led to Essex being awarded the highest rating of Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework.

The gold rating shows the University delivers consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students and is of the highest quality found in the UK.

Our top 20 ranking in the Research Excellence Framework means Essex is part of a very select group of universities that excel at both delivering excellence in education and research.

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POLICY STATEMENT ON EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The University of Essex 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 members of our campus communities, employees, workers, contractors, students and visitors to be treated, and to treat others, with dignity and respect.

We do not tolerate discrimination against any individual or groups of people because of their age, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership status, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, because they have a disability, or because they are pregnant, breastfeeding or have recently given birth.

To support our value-commitment to inclusivity, we extend protection from discrimination beyond our legal obligations to cover other forms of difference such as socio-economic background, political beliefs and affiliations, family circumstances, appearance, personal interests.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you have any comments or concerns about the recruitment or admissions process we operate, or about an application decision, which you do not wish to discuss with the Head of Graduate Admissions, you can write to the Director of Communications and External Relations. Alternatively, you can follow our complaints procedure.

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DATA FOR MARKETING PURPOSES

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• Essex was awarded University of the Year at the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards in November 2018
• Essex was rated Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) in June 2017
• The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide (TGUG) results are based on the 2020 publication
• QS World University Rankings (by Subject) results are based on the 2020 publication
• Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings results are based on 2020 data
• Employability figures are based on 2020 data from the Graduate Outcomes survey
• Research Excellence Framework (REF) results are based on 2014 data*
• Our Frontrunners scheme has won the following awards: Business in Community Award (2013); Times Higher, Outstanding Commitment to Students (2013); AGCAS Employability Award (2015)
• Essex received its Athena SWAN Bronze Award in September 2013 and was successfully renewed in November 2017

*REF 2014, mainstream universities, THE 2014. The University’s preferred methodology is intensity-weighted Grade Point Average, denoted by the phrase ‘research excellence’. Rankings by intensity are based on the THE REF 2014 intensity ranking of 19 December 2014.

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