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**Postgraduate  
Prospectus 2021**



University of Essex

# YOUR ESSEX, YOUR WAY

Choose Essex for an education that will offer you far more than just a great degree. You will learn in a stimulating and challenging environment and be informed by new and innovative research.

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.



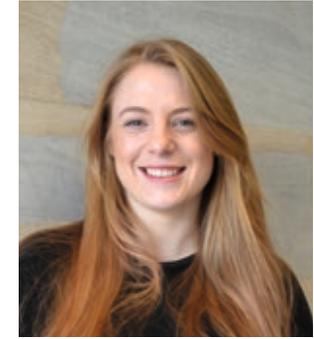
"The first thing that brought me to Essex was wanting to try something different to my country, Lithuania. I feel like the University of Essex was a very big part in shaping who I am; shaping my confidence, shaping my interests. Not just in politics in general, but in life too. I have been involved with so many activities here. I think Essex gives you the opportunity to be who you want to be, and who you are. It gives you a chance to try and do different things."

**GABIJA DALEKAITE**  
MSc Conflict Resolution



"There's a stereotype that computer scientists have to be nerdy. But I think it can be more fun and can give the opportunity to create something new. Especially in these internet days, where everything is moving fast and going online, things have to change, change is constant. And I think human beings are best when they are creative, we have this potential in us, that's what makes us unique. In my PhD, I've tried to find my own way of creating the new out of the old."

**TIMI SALAKO**  
PhD Computer Science



"I stayed at Essex for my Masters because I loved my course and department. At Essex I've really developed as a person, and my confidence has grown so much. I was a Residents' Assistant in my second year, I've been elected President of the Pole Dance Club, and I work in the Employability and Careers Centre and as a Student Ambassador. I'm really proud of myself for taking those steps and doing something great. I'm much less quiet than I used to be."

**SIOBHAN RALFE**  
MA History

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# RESEARCH IMPACT



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

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.

[essex.ac.uk/research/celebrating-our-researchers](https://essex.ac.uk/research/celebrating-our-researchers)

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**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.



Photo credit: Amnesty International.

## 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."



Professors Christine Raines and Tracy Lawson working to solve one of societies greatest modern challenges

**"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.su](http://essex.su)



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](http://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](http://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.

### 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](https://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.

### ESSEXLAB

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](https://essex.ac.uk/research/ESSEXLab)



Lakeside Theatre

### 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.

[escala.org.uk](https://escala.org.uk)

### 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.

### 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](https://essex.ac.uk/departments/essex-business-school)



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.



There are lots of opportunities for paid part-time work on campus and in our local areas

## 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 Careerhub 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

### WORK ON CAMPUS

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

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

### TEACHING AND LAB EXPERIENCE

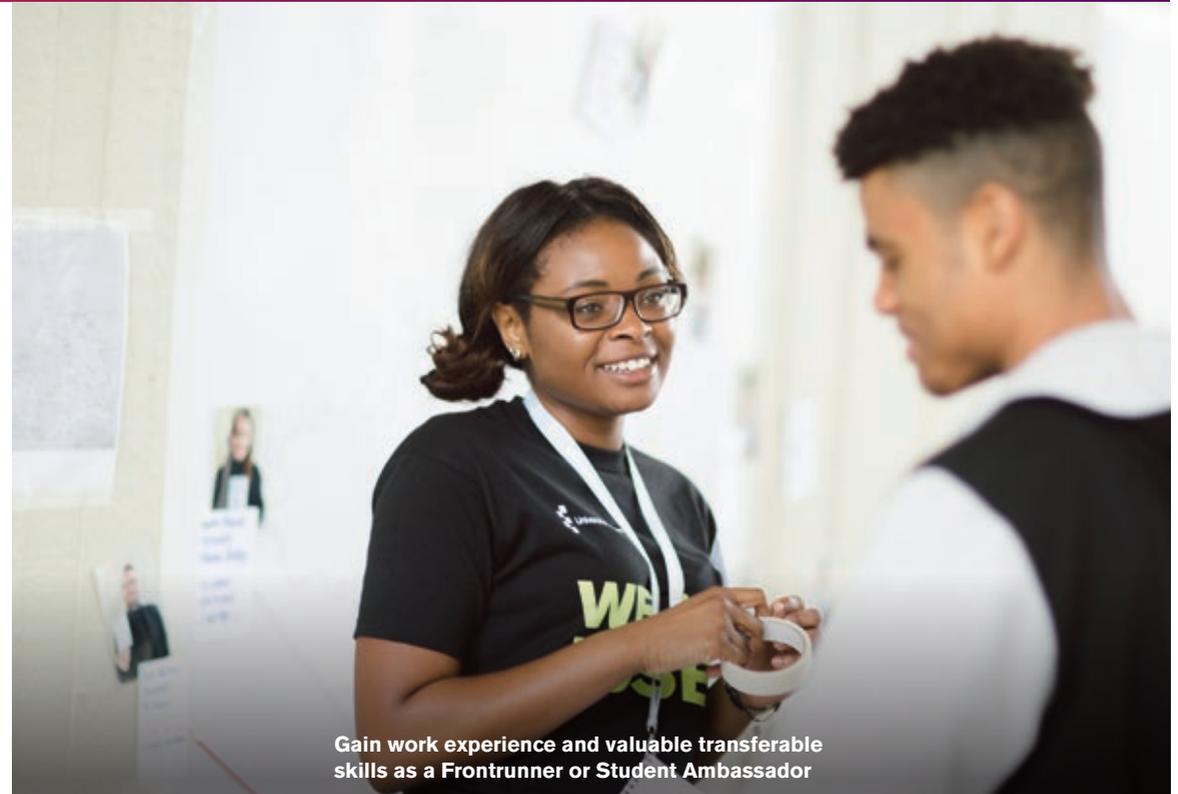
There are many opportunities to work part-time while you study. Research students may work as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) or Graduate Laboratory Assistants (GLAs) and gain experience of teaching in higher education.

### RESEARCH TRAINING

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

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

We give all of our research students up to £2,500 to access a variety of courses, which cover everything from languages and IT, to research and public engagement, so that you develop skills that you can use in both academia and industry. [essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/proficio](https://essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/proficio)



Gain work experience and valuable transferable skills as a Fronrunner or Student Ambassador

**“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

### SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

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

### BECOME AN AWARD-WINNER

Our Big Essex Award recognises extra-curricular and voluntary activities completed during your time at Essex, both on and off campus. It identifies the skills you’ve developed to demonstrate to future employers.

### GIVE SOMETHING BACK

There are many volunteering opportunities available locally and through some of our clubs and societies. Our Students’ Union volunteering team, VTeam, can help you to secure volunteering experience in many different areas.

The VTeam are here to help you gain skills and make positive changes to the community. Projects include supporting animal conservation, providing much needed company for elderly residents or helping local children learn to code. [essexstudent.com/volunteering](https://essexstudent.com/volunteering)

# 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.



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

## 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](https://www.essex.ac.uk/international/new-graduate-immigration-route)

## 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](https://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

Our MSc Human Resource Management course can be studied part-time, as can the Essex MBA which also offers a degree apprenticeship, so you can continue to work alongside your studies.

## 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](https://essex.ac.uk/summer-schools)



Essex is as much about gaining skills for professional employment as it is about education

**“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

# OUR CAMPUSES

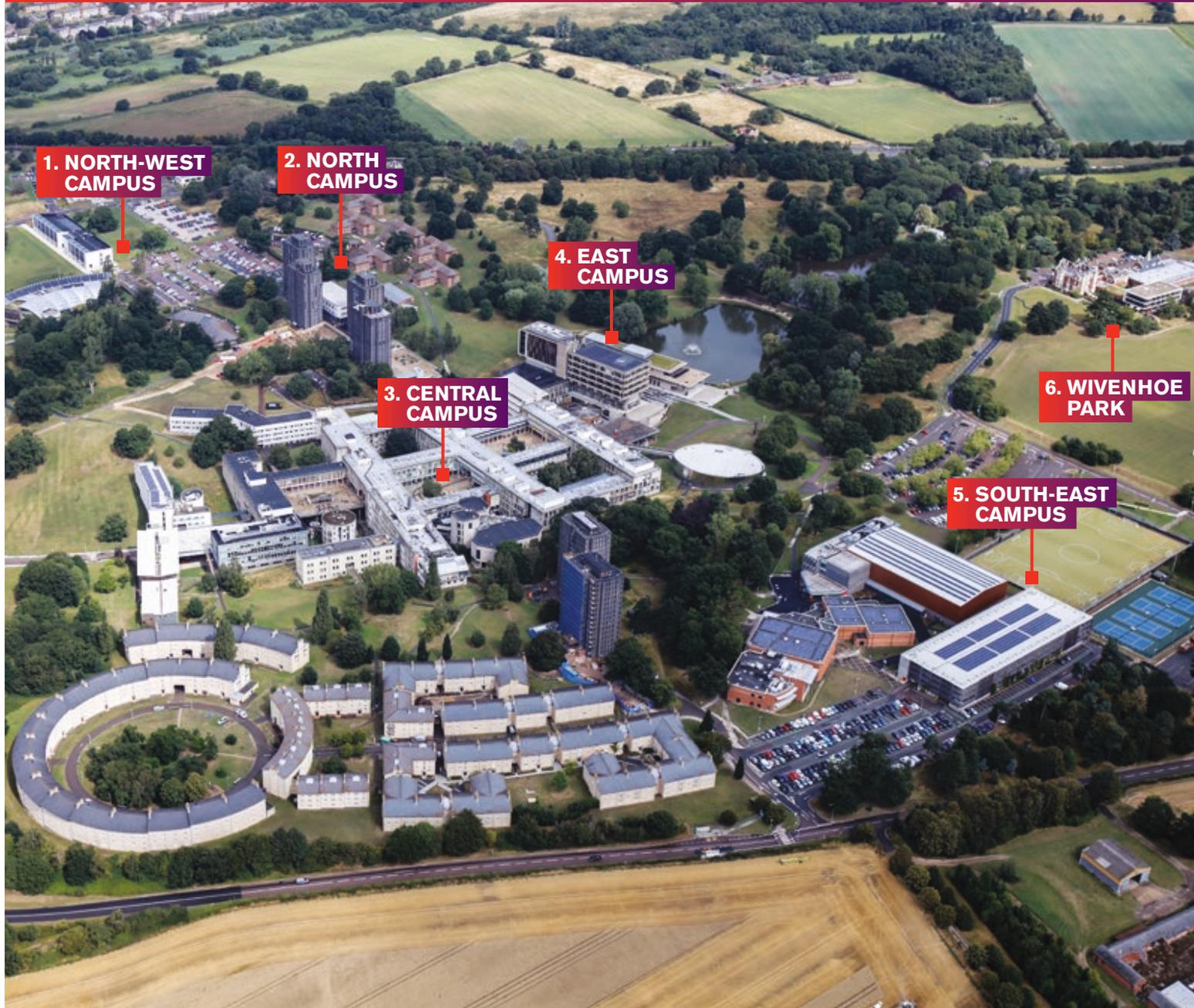
The University of Essex is spread across the county with three campuses in Colchester, Southend-on-Sea and Loughton.

### OUR CAMPUSES

- C** Colchester
- S** Southend
- L** Loughton



# COLCHESTER CAMPUS



## 1. NORTH-WEST CAMPUS

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

## 2. NORTH CAMPUS

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

## 3. CENTRAL CAMPUS

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

## 4. EAST CAMPUS

- Silberad 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

# COLCHESTER CAMPUS

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.



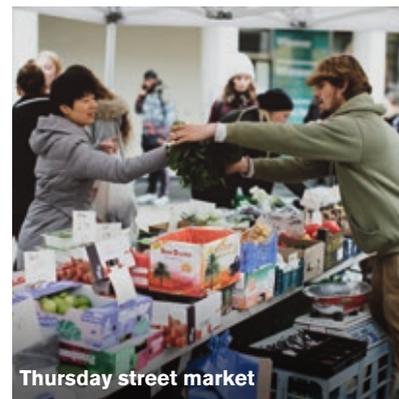
Time out from studying means meeting up with friends on central campus

## 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 up all night in our 24-hour library or break out with course mates in our group workspaces. Take a walk through our Green Flag award-winning 200 acres of parkland or watch a film at Cine10.

## 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.



Thursday street market

## 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.

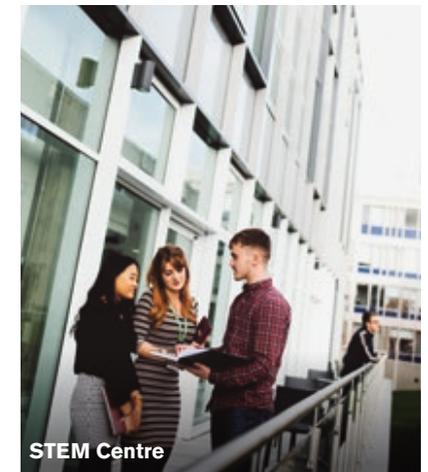
# COLCHESTER FACILITIES



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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



# BEYOND CAMPUS

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.



Did you know board games are making a comeback? Check out Dice & A Slice, a board-game cafe in Colchester

## 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.



Wivenhoe waterfront

## 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.

# SOUTHEND CAMPUS



## 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 CAMPUS

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.



Grab such chips and take a stroll along Southend Pier with friends

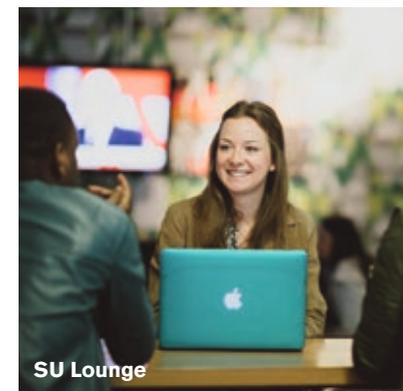
## THINGS TO DO

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.



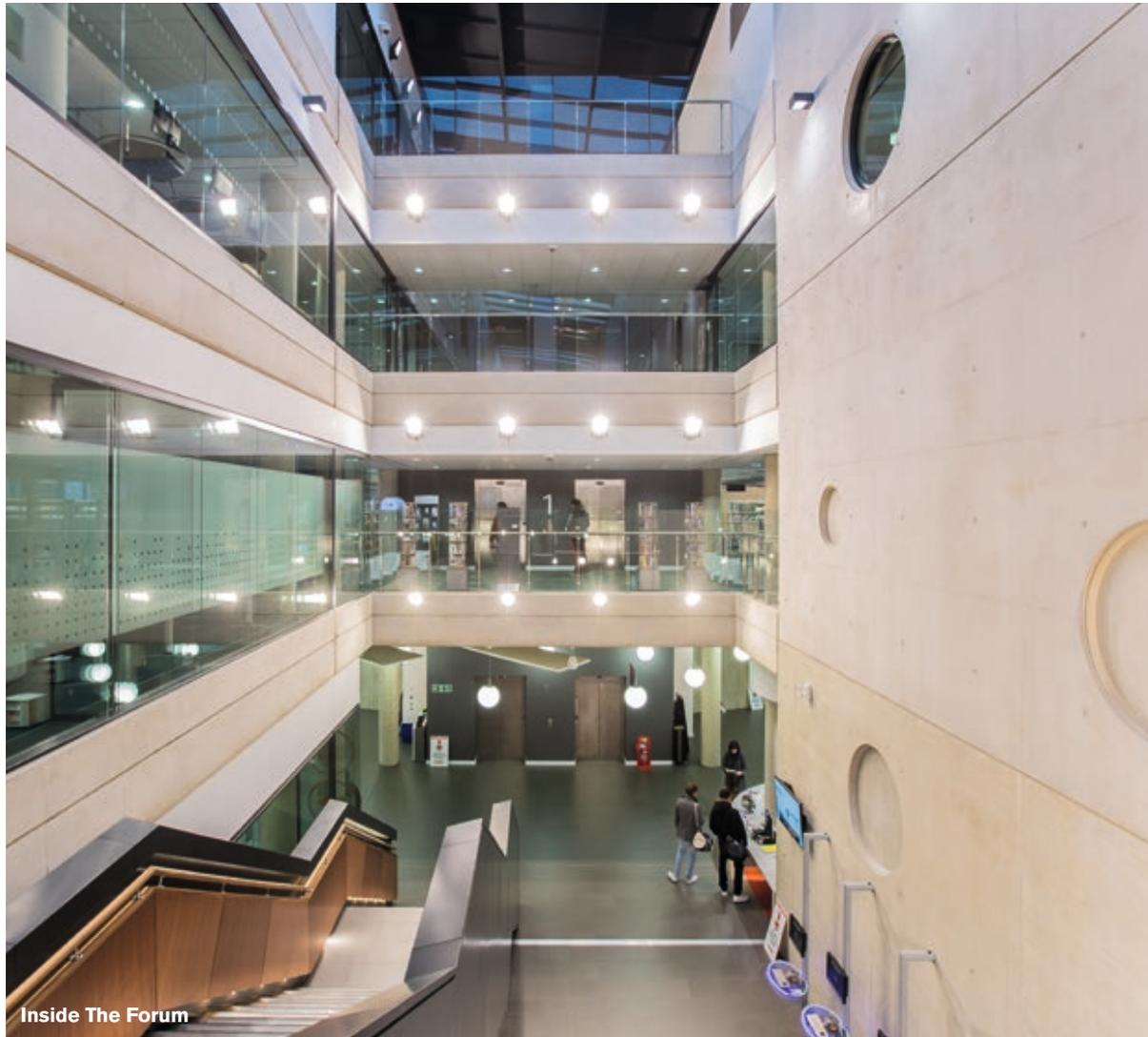
SU Lounge



Outside The Forum

# 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.



Inside The Forum

## 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 pods 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!



Southend high street



Clinical patient care facilities

- 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!

# BEYOND CAMPUS

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.



Take a moment to unwind down at the Southend seaside



Adventure Island amusement park

- 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 its 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 Pavillion 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!



Prittwell Square Gardens

# 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.



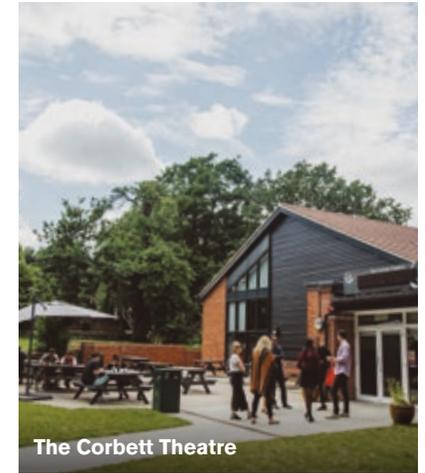
Hatfields House

## 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](mailto:askthehub-lc@essex.ac.uk)



The Corbett Theatre

## 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.

# ACCOMMODATION

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.



The Meadows student accommodation has great views across the neighbouring countryside

## 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](mailto: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

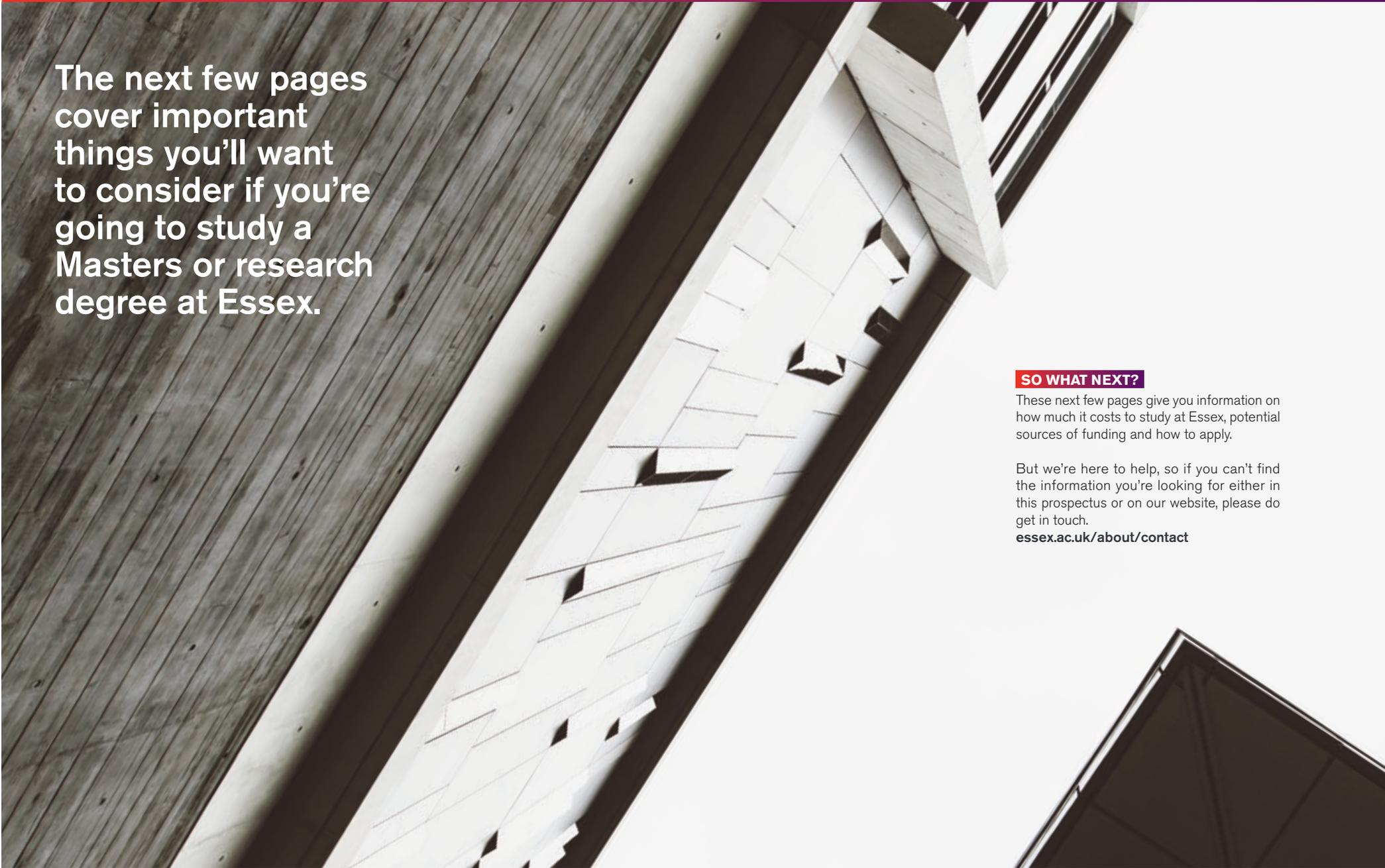


**YOU'LL LOVE THIS IF YOU...**

want to be central to the campus buildings and the town centre.



# NEXT STEPS



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](https://essex.ac.uk/about/contact)

# FEES AND FUNDING

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



## POSTGRADUATE FEES

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

## 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 to 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. [essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/using-your-fees](https://www.essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/using-your-fees)

## 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. [essex.ac.uk/immigration](https://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration)

## 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.

[essex.ac.uk/living-costs](https://www.essex.ac.uk/living-costs)

## 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! [essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/masters/loyalty](https://www.essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/masters/loyalty)

## 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 (ie it is not dependent on your or your family's income) and is available for full-time, part-time and distance learning courses.

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

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

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

## 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](https://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/scholarship-finder](https://essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/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](https://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](https://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](https://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 59 partners from universities, research institutes and end users. ARIES is built upon scientific excellence within five overlapping research themes: ecology and biodiversity; marine, atmospheric and climate science; geosciences, resources and environmental risk; environmental genomics and microbiology; agri-environments and water.

### CHASE

Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), CHASE offers studentships in the arts and humanities, including art history, 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](https://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](https://essex.ac.uk/pgapply)



Inside our Silberrad Student Centre

## 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](https://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](https://kaplanpathways.com/colleges/university-essex-international-college)

## CONTACT US

Contact our Postgraduate Admissions Office for all enquiries about applying to Essex. [pgquery@essex.ac.uk](mailto:pgquery@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](https://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](https://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](https://essex.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/opportunities)

# ALL COURSES

## 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. In the future I plan to work in the industry as a Data Scientist, on various projects related either to macroeconomics or finance.”**

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.

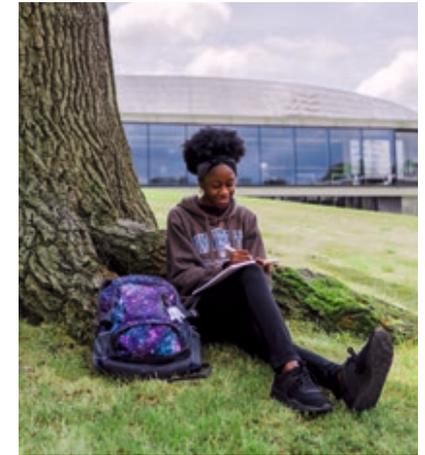
- The Essex MBA
- MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)
- MSc Speech and Language Therapy (Pre-Registration)
- MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)
- MA Social Work
- MA Psychodynamic Counselling

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. [essex.ac.uk/immigration](https://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration)  
[www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](https://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.

## CONTACT US

Contact our Postgraduate Admissions Office for all enquiries about applying to Essex. [pgquery@essex.ac.uk](mailto:pgquery@essex.ac.uk)

# OUR SUBJECTS

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# ACCOUNTING, FINANCE AND BANKING



## 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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## 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)



**“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



## 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

All of these courses are based at our Loughton Campus  
All applicants must complete the East 15 online application form  
\* Subject to approval

## 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)



**“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

# 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

# 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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## 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



**"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

# 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

MSD, MPhil, PhD Molecular Medicine:

Medical Microbiology

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## 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



**"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

# 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)

**“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

# CHILDHOOD STUDIES



## TAUGHT COURSES

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

## 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



**“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

# 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 **J**  
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

# COMPUTER SCIENCE



## TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Advanced Computer Science  
MSc Artificial Intelligence J  
MSc Artificial Intelligence and its Applications (conversion course) J  
MSc Big Data and Text Analytics  
MSc Computer Engineering  
MSc Computer Games  
MSc Financial Technology (Computer Science)  
MSc Intelligent Systems and Robotics J  
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  
J 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

# 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) J  
MSc Data Science and its Applications (conversion course) J  
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, Integrated PhD Operational Research  
MSD, MPhil, PhD Biostatistics  
PhD Bioinformatics

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

J January-start available

## 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)

## RESEARCH DEGREES

MAD, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies  
MAD, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies  
(Playwriting)

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- 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 **J**  
MA, MSc International Economics  
MA, MSc Management Economics **J**  
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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

**J** January-start available

## WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- 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.”**

Lawrencia Greenslade  
MSc Economics and Econometrics, 2018

# ENGINEERING



## 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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- We develop engineers who are working on optoelectronics, nanorobotics, neural engineering, comms, 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

# 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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## 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.”**

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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## 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



**“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

# 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

## 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



**“I particularly enjoyed the *Cityscapes* and *Modernism* modules. The professors were really knowledgeable 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

Please enquire to find out which campus each of these courses is based at



**“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\*

This course is based at our Colchester Campus  
\* Subject to approval

## 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

# 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 **J**  
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)<sup>+</sup>

## RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Law

## 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

**J** January-start available

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

# 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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus



**“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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## 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

# MATHEMATICS



## 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

# MBA (MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)



## TAUGHT COURSES

**The Essex MBA**  
(full-time – 12 months) J

**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

J January-start available

\* Taught by University of Essex Online in partnership with Essex Business School: [online.essex.ac.uk/courses/mba](http://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

For information about making an application, visit our website: [essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care](http://essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care)

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

## 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



**“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

# 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

# PHYSIOTHERAPY



## TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration)

## RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Physiotherapy J A

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

## 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

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

# 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

## WHY CHOOSE ESSEX

- 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



**“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

# 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

# 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+ J A  
 PhD Psychoanalytic Studies  
 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)

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus, with the exception of MA Refugee Care which is delivered jointly with the Tavistock Clinic, London

J January-start available A April-start available

+ Distance-learning available



**“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

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus and are delivered by ISER with either our Department of Sociology, Department of Economics, or School of Health and Social Care

## 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

# 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](http://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

# 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



**“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

# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY



## TAUGHT COURSES

**MSc Speech and Language Therapy (pre-registration)**

## PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

**Doctorate in Speech and Language Therapy**

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](http://essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care)

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

## 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



**“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 Königs  
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)

All of these courses are based at our Colchester Campus

## 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)

# 4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK

for international outlook

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021)

# 25<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK

for research quality

(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020)

# 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
- 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.



Our Silberrad Student Centre at our Colchester Campus

# VISIT US



Open Day at our Colchester Campus

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.

## OPEN DAYS

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

[essex.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://essex.ac.uk/international)

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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

Online

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](http://online.essex.ac.uk)



University of Essex

International College

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

[kaplanpathways.com/universities/university-of-essex](http://kaplanpathways.com/universities/university-of-essex)



The Tavistock and Portman  
NHS Foundation Trust

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

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

[tavistockandportman.nhs.uk](http://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk)

## DUAL AWARDS

Study at Essex and with one of our partner universities to achieve two separate Masters degrees within two years. Our partnerships with universities in Germany (Universities of Bamberg, 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](http://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 groundbreaking 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.

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## 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](mailto:partnerships@essex.ac.uk)

# EXTRA INFORMATION

## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

### Making changes to advertised courses and other information

This prospectus tries to answer your questions about life and academic provision on offer at the University of Essex. It was prepared in 2020 and refers to courses which will be available in the academic year starting October 2021.

The University makes every effort to ensure the prospectus is accurate at the time it is printed. Exceptionally it can be necessary to make changes, for example to courses, facilities or fees due to legitimate staffing, financial, regulatory or academic reasons. Examples of such reasons might include a change of law or regulatory requirements, industrial action, lack of demand, departure of key personnel, change in government policy, or withdrawal or reduction of funding.

Changes to courses and other services may, for example, consist of changes to the content or structure of courses, to the location or method of teaching or assessment, or to the type of award. The University will endeavour to keep such changes to a minimum and will also keep prospective students informed appropriately.

### No liability for matters outside our control

The University cannot be held responsible for failure/delay in performing obligations caused by things outside our control. This includes but is not limited to: strikes, other industrial action, staff illness, severe weather, fire, civil commotion, riot, invasion, terrorist attack or threat of terrorist attack, war (whether declared or not), natural disaster, restrictions imposed by government or public authorities, epidemic or pandemic disease, or failure of public utilities or transport systems.

In the above context “the University” also includes the University’s officers, employees and agents, and those provisions may be relied on by those officers, employees and agents.

### 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 it 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.

[essex.ac.uk/about/governance](https://www.essex.ac.uk/about/governance)

### ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

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

[pgquery@essex.ac.uk](mailto:pgquery@essex.ac.uk)

### 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.

[www.officeforstudents.org.uk](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk)

[www.qaa.ac.uk](https://www.qaa.ac.uk)

### 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.

[essex.ac.uk/students/voice/complaints](https://www.essex.ac.uk/students/voice/complaints)

### DATA FOR MARKETING PURPOSES

Data has been selected for marketing purposes, but all claims are based on the most recent data that were available at the time of print:

- 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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