Flexible offers

At Essex, we believe that it’s not where you come from that should impact your chances in life, but where you’re going. We want to work with students that love to learn how and want to challenge why; both in and out of the classroom.

It’s for these reasons that an Essex education is like no other. We challenge our students, engage them in research and ensure that their experiences at Essex shape them into the person they want to be.

Don’t just take our word for it though. In the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), we were awarded the highest rating of Gold for the quality of our teaching. We were praised for ensuring “students from all backgrounds achieve outstanding outcomes with regards to continuation and progression to highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding the University’s benchmark”.

We’ve always known that an Essex education is a transformative experience and now we want to prove it, to ensure that as many applicants as possible see the benefit.

What is a flexible offer?

Eligible applicants that choose us as their firm choice by the relevant deadline will be able to take advantage of a flexible offer. Details of this flexible offer will be available in the offer text and in the offer letter on your myEssex applicant portal.

Your offer may contain more than one condition and unless specifically stated in your flexible offer, these conditions will remain the same.

Flexible offers demonstrate our commitment to helping our students be the best they can be. This offer will specify alternative grades than those published in our prospectus and online, meaning that if your grades aren’t what you had hoped for when your results come out, you could still secure a place with us.

Why are we doing this?

Essex has always offered a transformative education to students from all over the world which we believe gives you the tools and experience to succeed in a future career.

By providing an alternative offer level for those interested in studying with us, we can prove how powerful an Essex education really is. With a flexible offer, we’re giving you the best possible chance of getting an amazing degree at Essex.

How do I get a flexible offer?

The application process is the same; submit your application and if you’re eligible for a flexible offer, you’ll receive information in your offer letter. Once you’ve got this we hope that you’ll accept us as your firm choice.

Are all courses eligible for a flexible offer?

Flexible offers are not available for the following courses or subject areas:

- East 15
- Oral Health Science (foundation degree and top-up year)
- Essex Pathways degrees with a foundation year
- LLB English and French Laws
- LLB Law (Senior Status)
- MLang Modern Languages (Translation)
- Fda Edge Hotel School courses

Is everyone eligible for a flexible offer?

There are some applicants who are not eligible. These include:
- Second- and final-year entrants
- Recognised link agreement applicants
- Applicants taking the equivalent of 2 or 2.5 A-levels
- Applicants taking vocational or work-based learning qualifications
- Applicants taking qualifications graded either ‘pass’ or ‘fail’