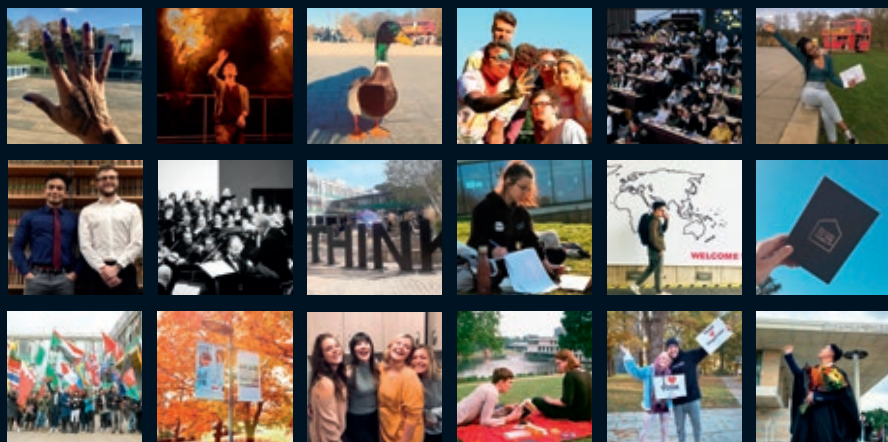




A collage of 16 small photographs arranged in a 4x4 grid, showcasing diverse student experiences. The images include: a student working at a computer; a modern building at night; a student sitting on steps; a multi-story brick building; a plate of food with chopsticks; two students walking outdoors; a group photo with an 'AMNESTY' sign; a person in a library aisle; a student in a dark setting; a close-up of a student's face; a scenic view of a lake and buildings; a student playing pool; a student sitting on a log; a bicycle with flowers; three students smiling; a laptop and papers; a red lion dance headpiece; and a smiling male student.

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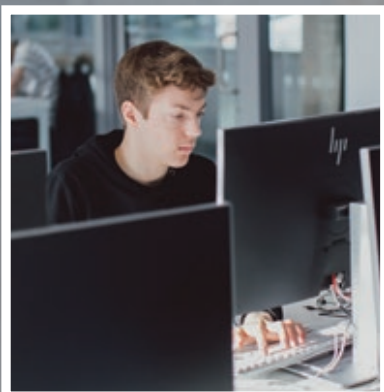
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WE ARE ESSEX

Our students and staff find innovative ways to break boundaries, challenge stereotypes and change the world for the better. Be part of our journey.

Over the next few pages, read about what makes some of our students, staff and alumni tick. Discover more of our stories online at essex.ac.uk/we-are-essex



DR MICHELLE TAYLOR

Lecturer, School of Life Sciences



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Above: Michelle beside a massive ice shelf in Antarctica.
Right: Making friends with the local penguins.

“I recently returned from a major scientific expedition to one of the most remote geographical locations in the world.”

The deep sea is the largest habitat on the planet, but at the same time the least explored. More people have walked on the moon than have been to the deepest parts of our planet. In my opinion it's important that we explore it, so we can understand how one of the most remote areas in the world functions and fits in with global processes – ones that keep oxygen in our air and food in our seas.

I recently returned from a major scientific expedition to one of the most remote geographical locations in the world, the Weddell Sea, off the coast of Antarctica. We navigated through heavy sea ice, freezing temperatures and harsh weather to investigate the ice shelves.

The primary aim of the expedition was to look at the environments under the Larsen C ice shelf. It has been 18 months since a huge iceberg (the size of Greater London) calved off the main ice shelf. Conditions have certainly changed in that time, so we were looking for clues as to what life under the ice was like. We also got to see it by sending automated robots under the ice.

A secondary aim was to locate and survey the wreck of polar explorer Sir Ernest

Shackleton's ship the Endurance, which was trapped and crushed by the ice and sank in the Weddell Sea in 1915.

This was an unusual expedition for me, with many firsts. It's the first time I've had the opportunity to work with glaciologists and marine archaeologists. Such different fields of research meant I got to learn new techniques for studying Antarctica and its history. It's also the first time I flew to Antarctica on a plane to get a ship (usually we sail the whole way)!

Since returning we have some preliminary results – evidence of ice fish breeding and sedimented vents. These data need to be worked up and investigated in more detail. Over the coming years we will be processing the video surveys to compare and contrast the communities seen in areas that have experienced different levels of iceberg impacts. Something that has never before been possible.

The entire expedition was an experience I'll never forget.

You can watch Michelle's expedition on our Instagram TV.



“More people have walked on the moon than have been to the deepest parts of our planet.”

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CHAD BLACKMAN

LLM International Trade Law, 2015



Above: Presenting credentials to the Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Roberto Azevêdo.
Right: Chad outside the Ivor Crewe Lecture Hall at our Colchester Campus.

“My studies equipped me with a firm command of law from a truly global perspective.”

I graduated with an LLB Law degree in 2014 and an LLM International Trade Law degree in 2015. I started my career as a consulting attorney with an international law firm where I advised on international trade and tax matters. Shortly after, I became a partner at advisory firm Global Partners International, where I led the firm's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Advisory team of experts and advised international clients on World Trade Organization (WTO) and Dispute Settlement matters.

More recently, I acted as the Campaign Manager for one of Barbados' MPs, Charles Griffith, during the historic 30-0 election victory of the Barbados Labour Party, which ushered in the country's first female Prime Minister in May 2018.

Since arriving in Geneva, I am now also the Chair for Trade and Development in the WTO and the Co-ordinator of Small Island Development States (SIDS) in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

My time at Essex was essential in preparing me for these endeavours and my studies equipped me with a firm command of law from a truly global perspective. One of my proudest moments was as founding president of the University of Essex Bar Society, when I helped facilitate the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bar Society and the Commonwealth Students' Association at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. This enabled Essex law students to offer legal advice to tertiary students across the Commonwealth. For this I received the International Student of the Year Award, 2014.

The School of Law and the wider Essex family has forever shaped my life and I am eternally grateful and honoured to have been trained by this global institution that prepares its students for leadership in every sphere.

You can follow Chad on Twitter @BajanDiplomat



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PENNY ROBERTS

MSc Intelligent Systems and Robotics, 2017

PhD Computer Science



“My research will allow robots to learn from experience, recall those memories and use them to form action plans.”

I always loved seeing robots in films and reading about them in books when I was young, so when I was doing my undergraduate degree, I picked all the modules relating to AI to see what it was really like. I enjoyed everything I studied so I decided to do a Masters degree at Essex focusing on robotics and intelligent systems. This convinced me that there is plenty of research to do within robotics and I've worked with robots ever since.

My current research is about creating robotics for use in care homes and hospitals. I'm working to create a cognitive framework that combines memory, navigation and social intelligence that will allow robots to learn from experience, recall those memories and use them to form action plans for how to deal with new situations and environments. It uses multiple types of neural networks and combines them to form a larger system.

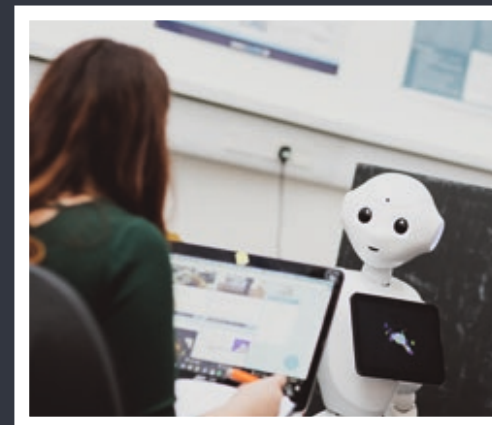
The work involves giving the robot a lot of independence so there are some safety issues to consider. It needs to be able to autonomously move around and plan where

to go and what to do by itself, so it has to be able to do that in a way that isn't a risk to others. There's also the issue of working in healthcare, so it can't make mistakes with medication or advice.

I'm proud that I was selected to present my work in Parliament at the STEM for BRITAIN 2019 event. I was able to show my initial research and experiments I have done so far on how to make it possible for a robot to act intelligently and autonomously to assist patients in care homes and hospitals, as well as the background for the research that comes from both robotics and neuroscience.

At the event I spoke to a lot of other students about their research while waiting to speak to MPs. Several of the judge's visitors were also from computer science backgrounds so it was a good opportunity to ask people already working in the area for their opinions and advice.

I plan to keep working in research, particularly cognitive robotics and I'd eventually like to become an academic lecturer.



“I always loved seeing robots in films and reading about them in books when I was young.”

Above: Penny presenting her research at the STEM for BRITAIN 2019 event.
Right: Research being conducted with our humanoid robot, Pepper.

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PROFESSOR ANDREW CANESSA

Head of the Department of Sociology



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Above: Andrew working with postgraduate students on campus.
Right: Photo of Teodosio Condori, taken by Andrew himself.

“When he died, the world he was brought up in, the indigenous world which is disappearing, died with him.”

Professionally I'm really proud of a book entitled 'Intimate Indigenities: Race, Sex, and History in the Small Spaces of Andean Life'. It took me many years to write and I'm very proud of it for several reasons. It relates to my 25 years doing fieldwork in an indigenous village in the Andes. It was difficult to write because of all the information over so many years, but I tried to write it in an accessible way and bring people to life. It's an academic book, but it sort of borrows from novelistic styles so you get to know the people. This is sort of my baby; it's my child and it went out into the world and it had its own life beyond me. I think as a piece of writing it worked. It was well reviewed and people who've read the book told me they burst out laughing in places and burst into tears in others.

My students often really inspire me. They're a funny bunch and I love teaching. I'm Head of Department but I still teach, which is a little unusual, but there's no way anyone is going to take that away from me because I love it. My students often have difficult lives, they have some big challenges, but they come to class and we have a laugh. I'm quite tough on my students, I make them work and I challenge them, but we have a really good, interesting time.

An individual who inspires me is Teodosio Condori; he is the shaman of the village in Bolivia where I did my research. He's somebody who I know professionally, as it were, but I became very close to him. He died a couple of years ago and it really affected me. He only spoke Aymara, an indigenous language, but was an incredibly knowledgeable man. As well as communicating with the spirits he could also heal people. One day when I was there he conducted a rain-making ceremony and it actually rained! He had an extraordinary presence. I've not taken many people to the village but for those I did they've always felt something being around him. Even if they didn't understand a word he said, there was something about the man which was very special. When he died, the world he was brought up in, the indigenous world which is disappearing, died with him. But he inspired me and became one of the most important people in my life, which is why I have a picture of him in my office (shown below).

One of my favourite mottos is by Oscar Wilde; 'life is too important to be taken seriously'. Don't take yourself too seriously – you have to live and enjoy life and have hope and laugh and have a sense of humour.



“My students often have difficult lives, they have some big challenges, but they come to class and we have a laugh.”

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UGONNAYA IGWILO

MAPH Public Health*, 2013



“The campaign successfully reached over 21 million Lagos residents and subsequently helped curb the outbreak.”

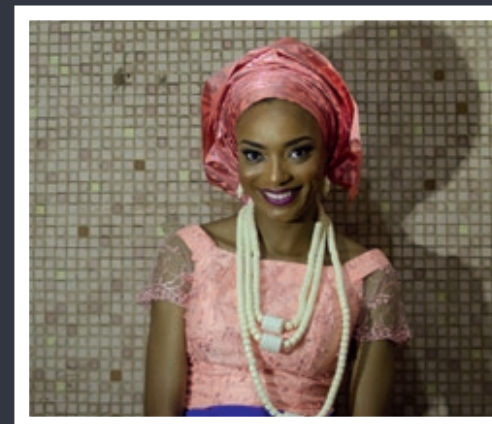
I joined the United Nations Model Society and the Human Rights Society at Essex which helped to change my perception of my role as a public health physician. The Human Rights Society in particular was a guiding principle for my volunteerism, community outreach planning and implementation, and my health service delivery.

After graduating from Essex, I became a Volunteer Medical Officer providing care to over 500 patients living with AIDS. It also involved providing emotional support through counselling to patients and families affected by the virus and administering Anti-Retroviral Therapy to pregnant women and new-borns living with HIV/AIDS.

At the time there was also a lot of people who stopped their HIV treatment which was a big concern – so we tracked which patients had stopped receiving treatment and then identified why they stopped the treatment. Encouraging them back into care was a priority to reduce the risk of it spreading further.

In 2014 I was working at the Emergency Operations Center during the Ebola outbreak and also served as a Screening Medical Officer at the Lagos International Airport. I screened over 5,000 passengers and supervised a collection of real-time data which helped improve public health information about the virus through an awareness campaign. The campaign successfully reached over 21 million Lagos residents and subsequently helped curb the outbreak. I also recently won an award at the British Council Alumni Awards for my work supporting public health campaigns against Ebola and AIDS, which was an incredible honour.

I'm now undergoing a six-year residency training program at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital in Nigeria as a Senior Registrar. I hope to bring a greater awareness and understanding of disease outbreak, educate people and change the perception and treatment of life-threatening illnesses.



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SIAN BUNNEY

MA Literature, 2015



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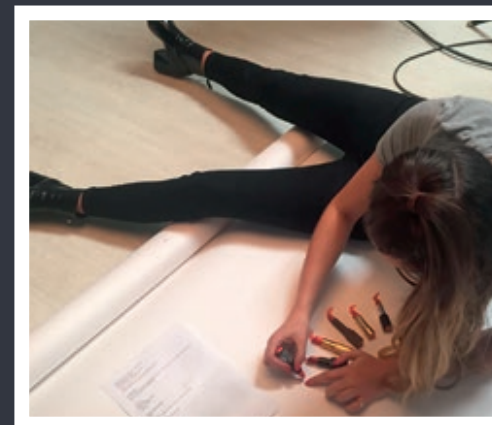
Since graduating from Essex, I've become an Editor at Aceville Publications in Colchester. I work on *Veggie* magazine, which is a monthly magazine dedicated to ethical living, sustainable fashion, cruelty-free beauty and vegetarian food.

I love the variety in my job. I usually write around 25 pages per monthly magazine, and there's plenty of work to delegate to the Deputy Editor and Content Writer, including blogs to upload on the latest trends. I direct feature meetings, and have many managerial meetings to attend, photoshoots to direct at our studio, meetings with PR firms in London, and new vegan menus to try. During monthly press week, I proof read work and ensure the design direction is optimal. Creating a product that people enjoy reading and steering them in an ethical direction is probably the most rewarding part of my job.

The next step for me is to become a Group Editor overseeing several magazines within the company, which takes many years of experience – so I will be an Editor for a while longer! However, new opportunities are always popping up, and I have considered taking a step into the digital side of publishing. It's a very interesting time to be in the media industry.

Studying at Essex didn't just make me more employable in an obvious, written CV sense. I believe the most important skill an arts education provides is the ability to think critically. You'll be deciphering the meaning behind texts day in, day out; working out the reasons for characters' actions; trying to understand why an author crafted their work in specific ways: all of this will make you form opinions, develop more empathy and allow you to understand your own mind better. You'll take this out into the wider world, and perhaps rethink entrenched world views and the ideas of those around you.

My Essex degrees (undergraduate as well as Masters) have been fundamental to my job. The writing and editing skills I gained when studying have been critical and studying at a high level has enabled me to gain a promotion at a relatively young age. Constructing an engaging piece of writing was paramount when producing essays, and it's just as important now when I write for consumer media.

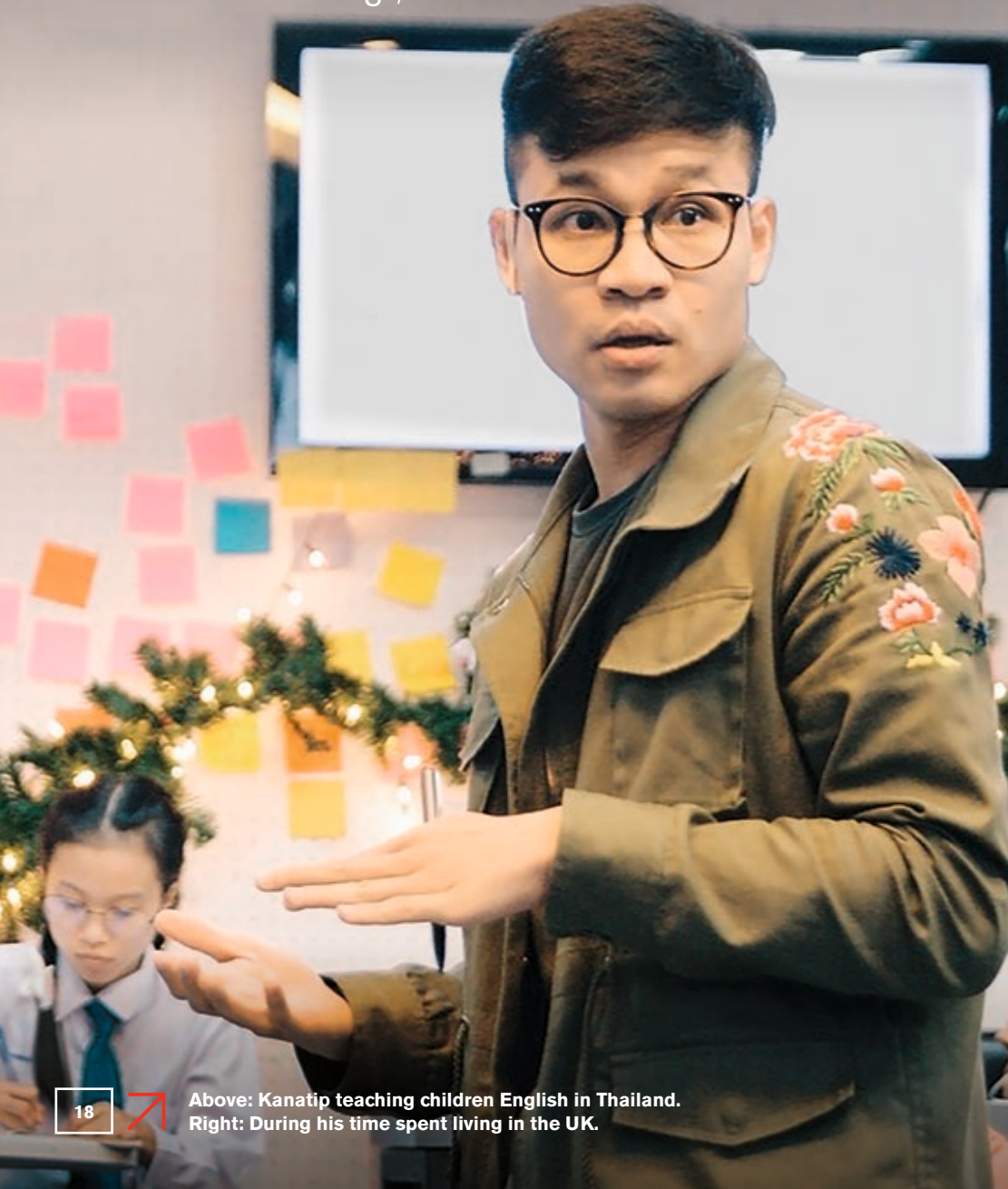


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KANATIP SOONTHORNRAK

MA Theatre Directing*, 2009



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Above: Kanatip teaching children English in Thailand.
Right: During his time spent living in the UK.

“I wanted to create an ideal classroom where no one would be judged.”

I was born and raised in a Thai-speaking family and grew up in a very small village. Learning English wasn't easy, but spending just a year in the UK broadened my horizons and changed my life forever.

I completed my MA Theatre Directing degree at East 15 Acting School, which is a department at Essex. After I returned to Bangkok I was determined to combine my theatrical skills with teaching English, and I dreamt of running a school that would change the way Thai kids thought about learning English.

Teaching is like performing. Every time I teach, it's like I am on stage. Directing taught me to guide students more effectively and studying at East 15 allowed me to learn how to direct from professional directors. I learned from them that as a teacher it's not enough just to perform well; I must be able to direct, guide and lead students. Ultimately I wanted to create an ideal classroom where no one would be judged, mocked or teased. That's why I set up ANGKRIZ, which is an English tutorial school in Thailand. The school has recently celebrated its ninth anniversary.

It's important to me to share the learning experience, so I also host my own online English talk show, LoukGolf's English Room, on YouTube which has over 130 episodes and over 30 million total views.

Alongside the school and my English talk show, I work in partnership with the laundry detergent brand OMO. For every purchase of the brand's products the customer receives a free LoukGolf's English Room English tutorial DVD.

Everyone has different roots, education backgrounds and places that make us who we are. For me I would say coming to the UK has made me who I am today.

You can follow Kanatip on Twitter @LoukgolfLG



“Coming to the UK has made me who I am today.”

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PIA POPOVIC

MA Jungian and Post-Jungian Studies

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Above: Pia with a client who is a veteran from the Air Force.

“Conversation is the key, the key for everything.”

I've always been interested in dreams, they inspire me so much. When I realised that Jung was one of the pioneers of analysing and working with dreams in psychotherapy I thought 'that's it, that's my dream job'.

No matter which specific school of psychotherapy you choose, no matter the technique, the most important factor is trust – the link and connection between two people. You are one, you are the same and at an equal level. You meet the human in front of you; you don't meet a patient, you don't meet someone with mental issues – obviously these things exist, but you deal with the human. Everything is about empathy, I think that's a compass for me.

The best thing in the world is when you see a person opening up to you. You see that they trust you; they want to share something so deep and intimate with you. They chose to share this information with you – the relationship you create is amazing. Then you see how you helped that person. I saw myself doing this with friends. I enjoyed it so much, I asked why I shouldn't do it as a job? So that's my goal: to be a psychotherapist so that I can come home each day knowing

that someone is feeling better because of our conversation. Conversation is the key, the key for everything I believe.

One of the happiest moments is when you see the sparkle in someone's eyes and they say, 'thank you for helping me'. Sometimes you feel like you didn't do anything! I worked with drug addicts for two years. There are a lot of stereotypes about them, but they're such lovely human beings. The connection we had was so strong. So many times, they cried and talked and opened up. You hear their stories and you realise how lucky you are. That's why I love this kind of thing; you can appreciate your own life far more than you would have.

After I graduate from Essex my plan is to go to Zurich to continue my studies at the Jung Institute. After Jung died his centre continued and now it's one of the most famous in the world for psychotherapy. If you go there and become a therapist, a Zurich Therapist, it really means something. I think that might be the last step for me. I think the Essex and Zurich combination will open so many doors for me.



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WHY ESSEX?

Essex is full of opportunities. As a postgraduate student you'll receive access to our full range of facilities, support and advice, and will have the chance to immerse yourself in our research community right from the start.

From our extensive library collections, to informal social spaces, our environment and award-winning services will enhance your time at Essex. Whatever your subject and whatever your passion, we've got what it takes to make your time with us a memorable and life-changing experience.



RESEARCH IMPACT

Our researchers are visionary thinkers who ask difficult questions, look at challenges in new ways, and find fresh and thought-provoking answers.

Why research?

There are many different reasons to pursue research at 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 goals, whatever they are.

Why Essex?

We are faced with major challenges. We need to build a world that can tackle the challenges we face – whether social, economic or environmental. Being part of the Essex research community will give you the support and resources needed to make a difference. The impact our research has is worldwide and our academic experts are some of the best in the UK. You'll receive world-class support, training and supervision, and we'll keep pushing you to reach your potential.

Expertise and impact

We celebrate the positive impact our research is having on people's everyday lives in the UK and around the world at our annual Research Impact Awards. The Awards are open to all our academics, researchers and PhD students, and this year 19 projects were short-listed.

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 shaped the global debate on mental health law reform.

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



RESEARCH SHOWCASE

We're home to some of the most talented researchers on the planet. Across our many academic departments our students and staff are finding innovative ways to challenge the status quo and create new knowledge. Here's a snapshot of the work that we're involved in right now.

The true cost of war

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

The effects of climate change

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



Photo credit: Amnesty International.



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, has become 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".

Organised crime and criminal networks

A new 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 will be 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."

Cultural heritage is good for your health

People from ethnic minorities coming to live in the UK tend to have healthier lifestyles than those who were born here, but the longer they stay the more bad habits they pick up. Essex researchers set out to understand the paradox of why immigrants' life expectancy decreases as they become more immersed in their new country. They found that both men and women who maintain strong links to their ethnic origins are less likely to binge drink, and women are also less likely to smoke. However, those who have weaker ties to others from their home country are more at risk of adopting unhealthy habits.

Boosting food production

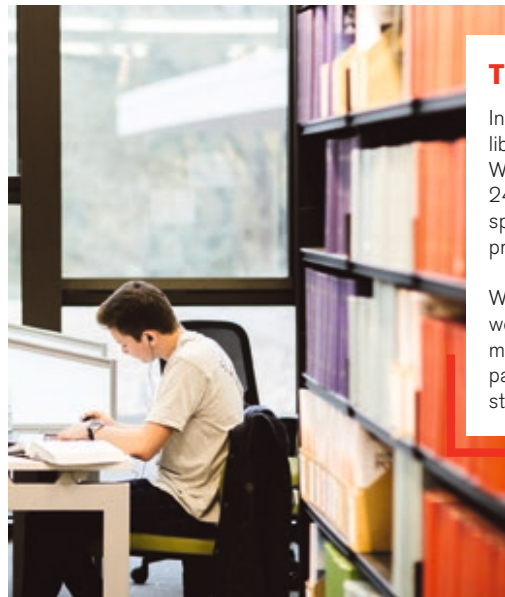
Our scientists, including plant biology expert, Professor Christine Raines, are using advanced tools to develop crops that give farmers more options for sustainably producing more food on less land. To do this, thousands of plant prototypes must be carefully analysed to figure out which genetic tweaks 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.

POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

You'll have access to all of our on-campus facilities, from technology-rich study areas to creative Students' Union social spaces. Here are a few of the perks that make being a postgraduate at Essex really special.



The Albert Sloman Library

In the heart of our Colchester Campus, our large library has a dedicated postgraduate study room. We have staff to assist you at our Helpdesk 24-hours a day during term-time. We offer specialist information, support and a dedicated programme of skills workshops.

We have a range of online resources available and we're a member of the SCONUL Access scheme, meaning you can borrow books from other participating libraries – which is great if you're studying away from campus.

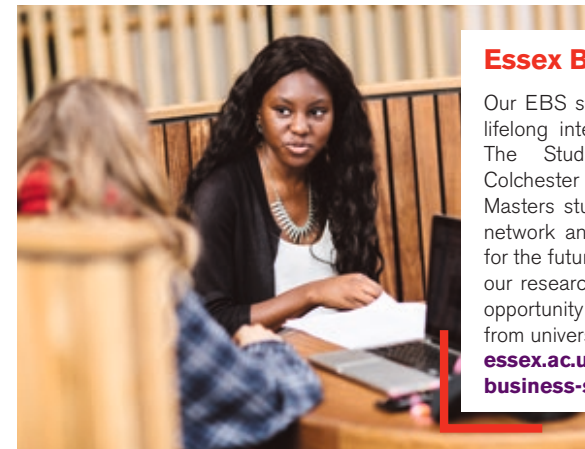
Silberrad Student Centre

Our Silberrad Student Centre at our Colchester Campus provides a contemporary space for students to study. You have 24-hour access to study pods, a reading room overlooking the lake, and our Students' Union Creative Studios which contain two radio studios, a newsroom and a TV studio. The Centre also houses our IT Helpdesk and our helpful Student Services Hub, who can provide you with guidance on all the practicalities of studying at Essex.



The Forum

Perfectly positioned in the centre of Southend, The Forum houses an integrated public and academic library, our Learning Hub – open 24-hours a day – plus all our student support services in one convenient place. From quiet reading spaces to technology-driven group working pods, there are a range of diverse spaces, each dedicated to a different style of learning and studying. Everything you need is here, so accessing support and advice is easy at our Southend Campus.



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

Sport Arena

Our amazing sports facility is 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.

essex.ac.uk/sport/essex-sport-arena



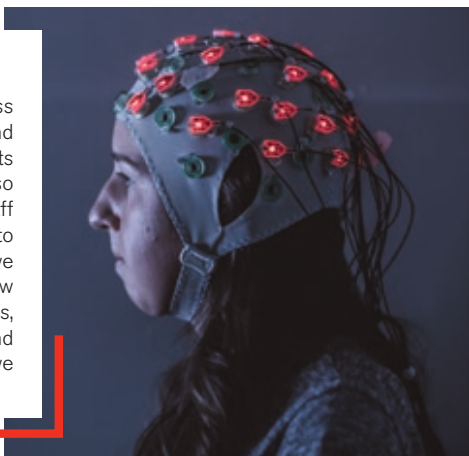


Our scientific community

Our exciting facilities include our STEM Centre, which includes a 180-capacity wet 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.

Centre for Brain Science (CBS)

Our purpose-built Centre provides world-class equipment which can directly 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. Specific questions that we explore include how our brain processes our body image perceptions, how we understand emotions and attitudes, and how stimulation of the brain can influence how we perceive the world and make decisions.



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.

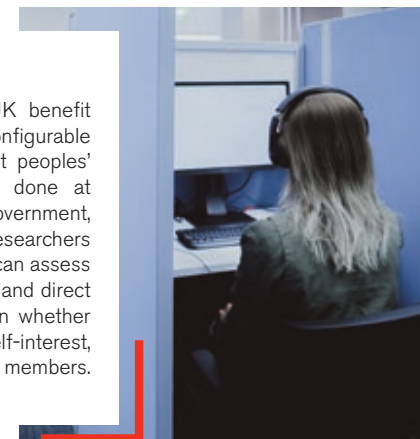
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ESSEXLab

Researchers from the EU, US, and all over the UK benefit from ESSEXLab's large participant database and configurable environment. Our lab allows us to learn more about peoples' attitudes, behaviours and decisions, and research done at ESSEXLab has had an impact in economics, government, sociology, and language and linguistics. Our lab allows researchers to carefully control the environment, so postgraduates can assess causality of interventions through random assignment and direct manipulation of variables. One researcher focused on whether power can lead group leaders to act only in their self-interest, potentially undermining the group and harming its other members.

essex.ac.uk/essexlab



Interpreting lab

We're helping people connect around the world. Our interpreting lab gives our postgraduate students the opportunity to become experts in professional interpreting. With 10 booths, a 20-microphone delegation table and the latest recording software, the lab allows for conferences of up to 20 delegates to practice consecutive and simultaneous interpreting. This pioneering facility is European Commission standard and a vital resource for advanced-level learning and teaching. Together with our media studios, translation labs equipped with the industry-leading software, and virtual practice environment, you'll have everything on hand to master translation, interpreting and subtitling.

essex.ac.uk/departments/language-and-linguistics/facilities

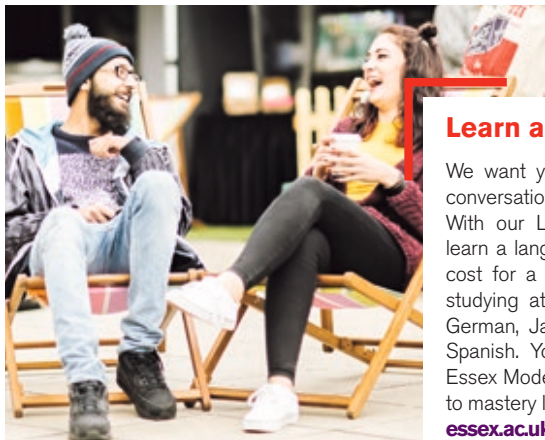


Research training scheme

Why limit your learning to the classroom? We want our postgraduate research students to leave Essex with as broad a range of experiences as possible, so we give all of our research students up to £2,500 to access a variety of courses as part of our innovative research training scheme, Proficio. These courses cover everything from languages and IT, to research skills and public engagement, so that you develop skills that you can use in academia and industry.

essex.ac.uk/students/study-resources/research.aspx





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

The Faith Centre

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.



Innovative learning spaces

You have easy-access to a wide range of study 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.



Theatres

The Lakeside Theatre on our Colchester Campus and the Clifftown Theatre in Southend 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.



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 Brexit and climate change to rogue traders, nothing is off limits. Having won the Guardian University Award for Student Experience in 2016, the THINK series continues to challenge convention at every opportunity.



Sustainability

We're going to do what we can to tackle climate change and create a sustainable university of the future. We want to help make our planet healthier for both wildlife and our own families. We're pushing to do more and to do better. Find out more on page 174.



COLCHESTER CAMPUS

It is impossible to get bored on campus. From film, theatre, art, sport, nature and more, you'll always find something to do, whatever your mood.



Our community

Our Colchester Campus is always full of life. Meet up with your friends at our lakeside barbeque and picnic area, or just find a quiet spot and relax in our amazing 200 acres of parkland (which has received a Green Flag Award for three years running that recognises well-managed parks and green spaces across the UK and around the world).

Join in with karaoke, quizzes or a game of pool in one of our many bars, catch a film in our cinema Cine10, or dance the night away in our award-winning nightclub, Sub Zero.

Food on campus

Get cakes, curries or even our favourite vegan falafel wraps on market day, fresh homemade sandwiches at Crust, or amazing milkshakes in our Buffalo Joe's diner. There are a broad range of international foods available on campus, and you can even request specific foods through our Students' Union. There are also plenty of places to grab a quick tea or coffee when you're in a rush, including Starbucks and Costa.

Sports, societies and volunteering

We understand that exercise improves your wellbeing, keeps you calm during stressful

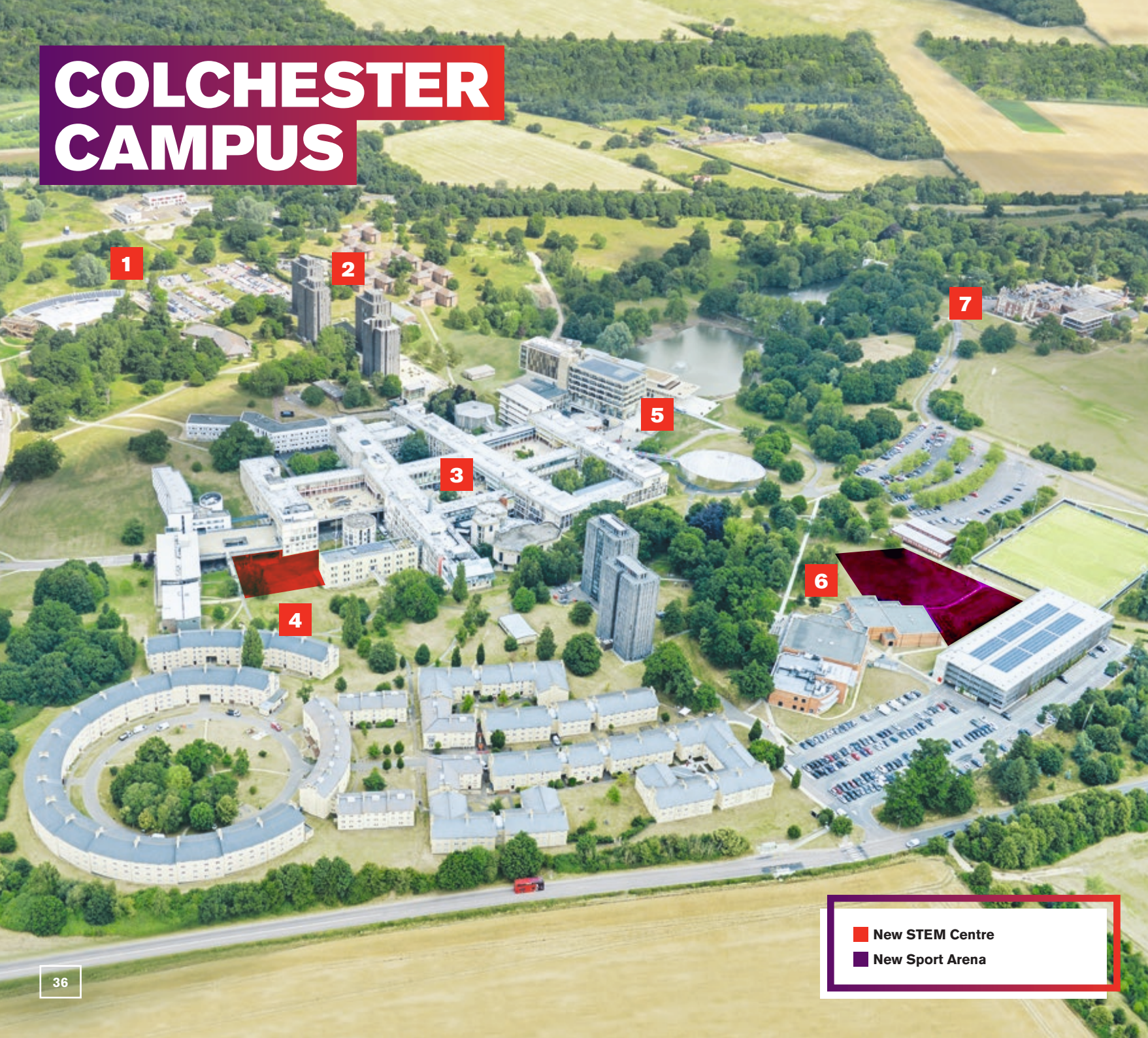
periods, and can help you do better in your studies. So, we provide access to a whole range of sports and interests with almost 50 clubs and over 100 societies, as well as our Essex Blades teams that compete across the country. We provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport, from high-performing athletes to those wishing to take part occasionally for fun. With our first-class gym and professional staff, as well as regular leagues and tournaments, fitness classes and pay-and-play sessions there really is something for everyone.

If sports or societies aren't your thing, there are loads of volunteering projects to get involved in, from helping in local schools, to volunteering at Colchester Zoo.

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, show auditions and creative workshops.

COLCHESTER CAMPUS



- 1 North-west campus**
- University Quays accommodation (10-min walk to campus)
 - The Meadows accommodation (5-min walk to campus)
 - The Copse accommodation (5-min walk to campus)
 - Essex Business School
 - Day Nursery
 - Knowledge Gateway
 - Innovation Centre

- 2 North campus**
- North Towers accommodation
 - The Houses accommodation
 - Health Centre
 - Tony Rich Teaching Centre
 - The North Teaching Centre

- 3 Central campus**
- Lecture Theatre Building
 - Academic departments
 - Lecture and seminar rooms
 - Students' Union (SU)
 - Bars, cafés and restaurants
 - Shops, bank and Post Office
 - Information Centre

- 4 South campus**
- South Towers accommodation
 - South Courts accommodation
 - STEM Centre

- 5 East campus**
- Ivor Crewe Lecture Hall
 - Silberrad Student Centre, ESCALA Gallery, and SU Creative Studios
 - Albert Sloman Library
 - Lakeside Theatre and Café
 - Waterstones bookshop
 - Parkland and lakes

- 6 South-east campus**
- Tennis courts
 - Synthetic turf pitch
 - Sport Arena, Centre and Gym

- 7 Wivenhoe Park**
- Wivenhoe House restaurant and hotel
 - Edge Hotel School
 - ESCALA Space
 - Campus Garden
 - Sports pitches and parkland

■ New STEM Centre

■ New Sport Arena

SOUTHEND CAMPUS

Southend-on-Sea is a vibrant and modern seaside town that boasts the world's longest pleasure pier and seven miles of stunning coastline. Our campus is based in the heart of the town.



Social Southend

Our social venue, the SU Lounge, is fully owned and run by students and is the ideal place to catch up with friends. This is your home-from-home for studying, grabbing a coffee and a snack, playing video games, or just relaxing between classes. Southend has also been awarded a prestigious Purple Flag Award for its night-time culture. With great comedy shows, seafront pubs, bars and clubs, Southend is hard to beat. Leigh-on-Sea was crowned the happiest place to live in the UK in 2018 and is only a ten-minute journey from central Southend.

Theatre

You'd expect a thriving theatrical scene where so many of our acting and drama students are based, and Southend doesn't disappoint. Our Clifftown Theatre provides rehearsal space for our East 15 Acting School students within a renovated gothic-style church. It hosts regular public performances which range from the extraordinary to the absurd as well as performances by five-star professional touring companies.

And you don't have to spend your time waiting in the wings – there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved too, with workshops, summer schools, and community events where you can show off under the spotlight. Alternatively, why not check out a show at the Cliffs Pavilion or the Palace Theatre, just ten-minutes away.

Arts and music

Studying in the centre of town means that you're immersed in a creative space throughout your time here. We've got an incredible live music scene, from classical music at Concert in the Park to fresh talent at Battle of the Bands. The Focal Point Gallery in The Forum is south Essex's gallery for contemporary visual art and, in addition to the many other galleries dotted around town, provides inspiration to pick up a paintbrush or camera. All of this, plus numerous film, book, and cultural festivals, makes Southend a hotbed of creative activity.

SOUTHEND CAMPUS



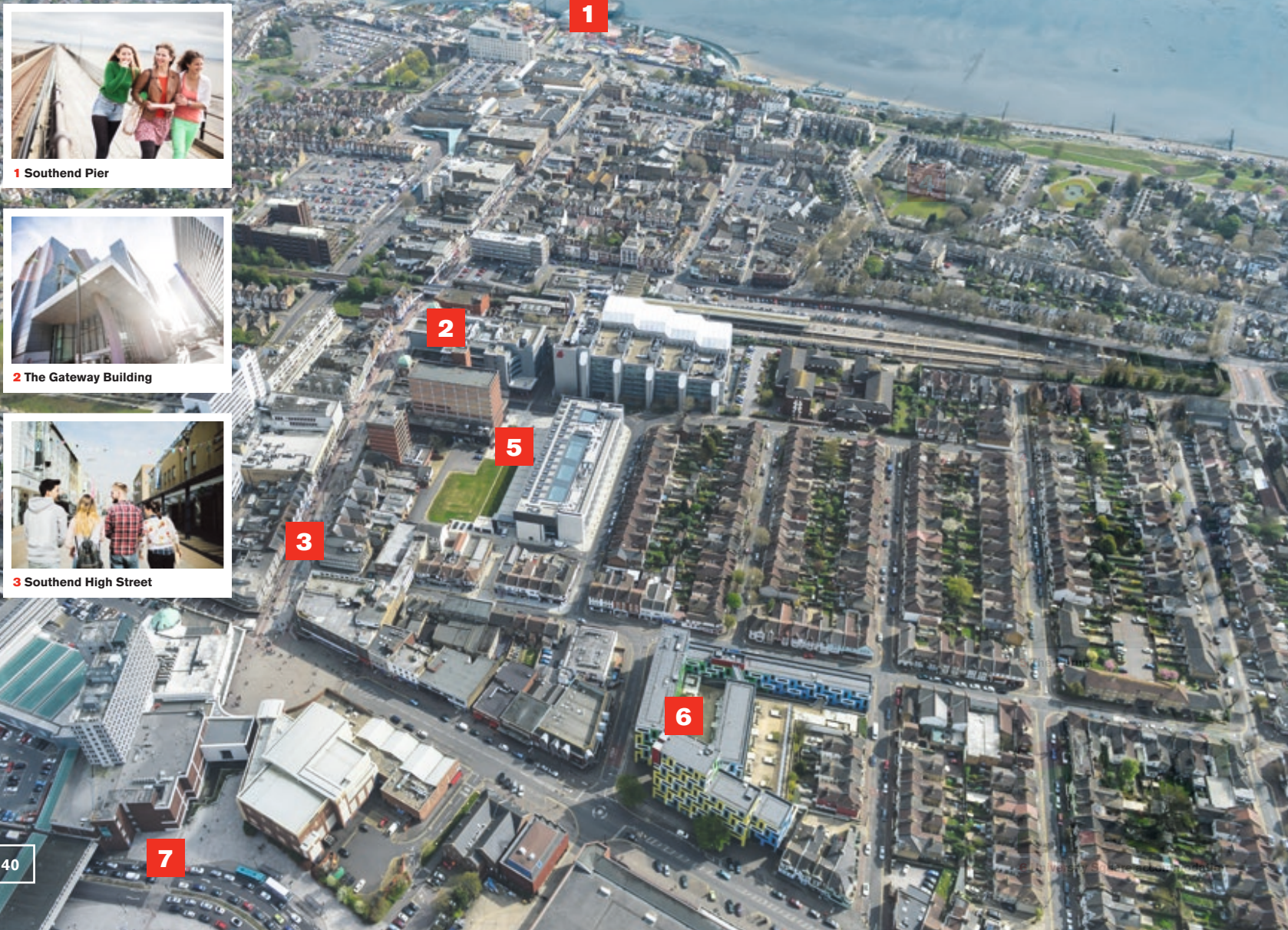
1 Southend Pier



2 The Gateway Building



3 Southend High Street



1 Seafront

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

2 The Gateway Building

- Academic departments
- In-house doctor and dentist
- Lecture and seminar rooms
- Southend Central train station (50 minutes to London)

3 Southend High Street

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

4 Clifftown

- Clifftown Theatre and Studios
- Prittlewell Square gardens
- The Railway Hotel music venue

5 The Forum

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

6 University Square

- University Square accommodation
- Supermarket
- International shops

7 Victoria Gateway

- Southend Victoria train station for travel to Colchester, London, and Southend Airport, for flights all over Europe



ESSEX LIFE

The county of Essex has got it all. From culture to water sports, vintage shopping to ghost walks, and high tea in country estates to great music venues. The hardest part will be fitting it all in. Besides studying on campus, you'll have the chance to explore some of the exciting things to do in the local area around our campuses.

Festivals and arts

There are lots of opportunities in both Colchester and Southend. We've got galleries, live music venues, and theatres, so you can enjoy music, comedy, photography and art.

Essex offers a range of festivals and events such as the Southend Carnival, Village Green music festival, Leigh-on-Sea folk festival, Essex Book Festival, and the Colchester Oyster Festival (nearby Mersea Island is famous for its fishy catch!).

Our local area is also famous for John Constable (1776-1837), an English romantic painter who is well known for his landscape paintings of Dedham Vale and even Wivenhoe Park, where our Colchester Campus is based.

And if you don't mind getting dirty to raise money for a charity close to your heart, check out the Maldon Mud Race. It might be sticky business, but you'll have a lot of fun taking part.

Eating and drinking

World-famous Wilkin & Sons' Tiptree jam. Award-winning Rossi ice cream. Tea in Colchester Castle Park. Amazing country gastropubs. Chips on the seafront. Local beers by the picture-postcard Wivenhoe waterside. The best upcoming wine-producing county in the UK. And the list goes on! Essex is a food-and-drink-lovers' paradise.

At night, the county really lights up, catering for everyone. Whether you want a relaxed catch-up with friends or a fun night out, we've got bars that serve cocktails in teapots, craft beer pubs, wine bars and top nightclubs. Life in Essex doesn't stop just because the sun's gone down.

History and culture

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. Colchester was once the capital of Roman Britain, and has plenty of history and culture to discover. It is also the oldest recorded town in Britain!

Southend too is not without its gems. Take a trip to nearby Hadleigh Castle for a great day out, with its ruins dating back to 1215, nature reserve and wonderful views over the Thames Estuary.

You can also visit a range of other castles and historic sites across the county, including Layer Marney Tower, Heddingham Castle, Audley End House and Gardens, and Cressing Temple Barns. And if you're into the history of the British railways, check out the East Anglian Railway Museum at Chappel (which also hosts an amazing beer and cider festival twice a year!).

Out and about

When you're in Colchester, make sure you visit Sir Isaac's Walk, Eld Lane and Trinity Street, three of the most characterful streets in the town centre, where you'll find retro clothing, old-school sweet shops and quaint tearooms. Trinity Street has even been likened to Diagon Alley from the Wizarding World of Harry Potter!

Just down the road from our Colchester Campus you'll find the picturesque small town of Wivenhoe. Discover several well-loved pubs serving local drinks and traditional British food, quirky craft shops, as well as beautiful walks and cycle routes along the River Colne. Wivenhoe is a firm favourite with Essex staff and students alike.

Southend boasts the longest pleasure pier in the world at over a mile long. There are amusement arcades and the Adventure Island theme park, and even a train to take you to the far end of the pier if you don't fancy walking the two-mile round trip! Just along the coast, Leigh-on-Sea boasts a wealth of independent shops, old pubs and great seafood eateries. There's even a floating art gallery!

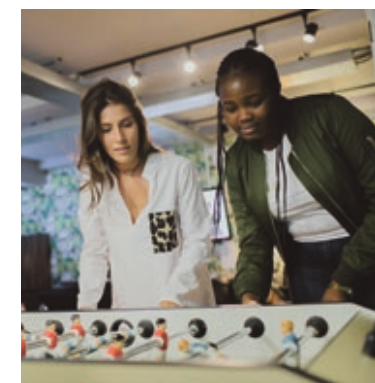
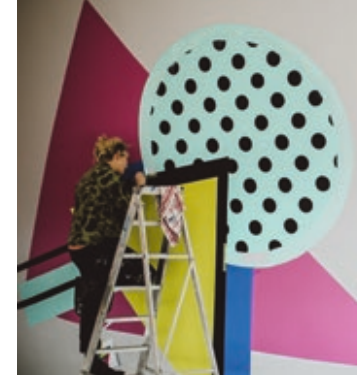
If modern shopping experiences take your fancy don't worry, both towns have a wide range of big-name brands and well-loved shops. But if you want to venture further afield, just hop on a train from Colchester or Southend and visit Stratford (also home of the London Olympic Village) to explore even more high-street shops and popular brands.

Sport and nature

If you love being active, filling your lungs with fresh air and getting out into nature, Essex has a lot to offer. Our Southend Campus is close to the seafront where you can walk, cycle or even kitesurf along the coastline! Our Colchester Campus too is near coastal towns and villages such as Mersea Island, Brightlingsea, Clacton-on-Sea, Frinton-on-Sea and Walton-on-the-Naze, where across the region you'll find a bustling maritime culture, including sailing and kitesurfing clubs.

There are two professional football teams in the area, Southend United and Colchester United, swimming and leisure centres, golf clubs, tennis courts, roller- and ice-skating rinks, wakeboarding lakes, trampoline parks, and even two nearby ski and snowboard centres. And if that's not enough, you can tackle the 18km trail at Hadleigh Park which hosted the 2012 London Olympic Games' mountain bike course.

For the animal-lovers among you Southend has a great aquarium and Colchester Zoo is definitely worth a day out – it's one of the best zoos in Europe and focuses on conservation. There are also lots of countryside walks, well-maintained parks and stunning nature reserves across Essex and in neighbouring Suffolk where you can relax and enjoy the British wildlife in our protected and celebrated wild spaces.





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 published deadline.

Living on campus

We offer a range of accommodation to suit your needs and budget, all within walking distance of your department and facilities. We mainly provide single study-bedrooms, grouped in self-contained flats of varying sizes, with communal kitchen-dining facilities. You can choose between en suite or shared bathrooms. Occasionally, we do house undergraduate and postgraduate students together; however, you'll mostly be sharing your accommodation with other like-minded postgraduate or mature students, which we feel is beneficial to all postgraduates.

Included in your rent is Wi-Fi, heating, hot water, electricity and the cleaning of communal areas (such as kitchens). Rooms are normally let for the full academic year from early October to the following September, which means that even if you're away from Essex during the winter, spring and summer vacations, you don't have to remove your things from your room.

Most flats are mixed-gender, although single gender flats are available, and we offer some single-occupancy adapted rooms. We have limited availability of self-contained accommodation which is suitable for either single or double occupancy. 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 any of this through with us.

Living nearby

SUHomes is a house-finding service run by the Students' Union from our Colchester Campus. They provide support in living off campus, carry out complete property and landlord checks to ensure your safety, help you to find a guarantor and they'll even give you a lift to property viewings.

essexstudent.com/suhomes

Living at home

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

Settling in

We understand how important it is for you to be happy in your new home. We offer a safe and secure living environment with support available 24-hours a day.

At Essex, everything is at your fingertips, with launderettes and convenience stores close by, and we are continually upgrading our residences to create vibrant living and learning environments.

If you have any questions about accommodation, get in touch.

E askthehub@essex.ac.uk

ACCOMMODATION

Feeling at home is an important part of university life. We provide a range of accommodation options for postgraduate students to suit every budget and personality.

The costs listed here are for the 2019-20 academic year. It is likely that our rental charges for the 2020-21 academic year will increase. We will publicise these on our website as soon as they are available.



University Quays

Overlooking the River Colne, the Quays are a fantastic social hub.

Size: 766 rooms

Location: Colchester Campus

Cost per week: £143.78-
£153.51

8 rooms per flat
En suite facilities

North Towers

Our iconic Towers are the heart and soul of our campus.

Size: 1,142 rooms

Location: Colchester Campus

Cost per week: £99.05

13 rooms per flat
Shared showers and toilets



The Meadows (en suite)

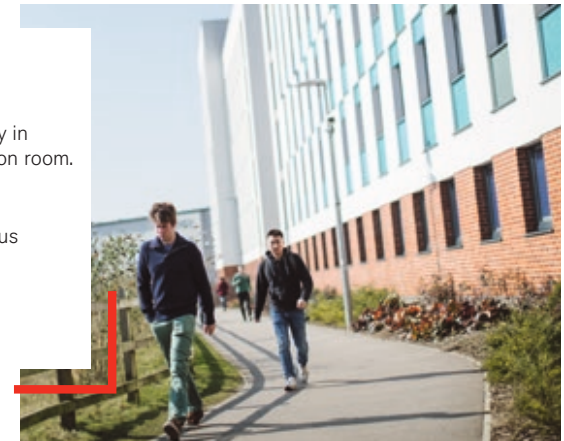
The Meadows is a community in itself, with a shop and common room.

Size: 420 rooms

Location: Colchester Campus

Cost per week: £156.94

5-7 rooms per flat
En suite facilities



The Meadows (townhouses)

Our townhouses are perfectly located just a short walk from campus.

Size: 228 rooms

Location: Colchester Campus

Cost per week: £150.43

12 rooms per flat
2 students per bathroom

University Square

Just minutes from the centre of Southend, University Square has everything on your doorstep.

Size: 497 rooms, 64 studio flats

Location: Southend Campus

Cost per week: £148.05 (en suite rooms) and £182.63 (studios)

8-10 rooms per flat
En suite facilities
Studio flats have their own kitchenette



STUDENTS' UNION

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX
STUDENTS' UNION
*WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

Our Students' Union is made up of students and staff from all walks of life. It's a family that works together to make Essex the best it can be for our students.



What is a Students' Union?

This is a university organisation which is run by students for students. Our Students' Union focuses on the wellbeing and interests of students studying across our three campuses. They support you, give you access to sports and societies during your time with us, and ensure you have a great experience at Essex.

Here for everyone

Our Students' Union makes sure that you're represented on campus. We have an elected Postgraduate Officer and a team of staff who are on a mission to look out for you.

Student Reps serve as the direct link to your department, helping to ensure that you get the best facilities and resources, and that information is fed back to the department to make sure your academic experience reaches its full potential.

We also have Postgraduate Taught and Research Convenors who are paid, part-time members of student staff who represent our students on some of the University's most important academic committees.

Network with other students

Our Postgraduate Network brings together all postgraduate students from all three campuses. It's a support hub, a research sharing platform, and a social group.

essex.su/postgraduatestudents

Join in

If there's an event you think should be run, let our Students' Union know and they can give you the support to make it happen. After all, you are the Students' Union! You're in charge of what events are run, what drinks are stocked in the bars and what is sold in our shops. Just tweet, Facebook or email the Students' Union and their team of friendly student staff will get on to it.

Postgraduate events are run throughout the year including quiz and cinema nights, academic networking and more. They've given students the tools to run over 50 sports clubs and 100 societies. There's always something to do on campus.

Welcome to the family.

SUPPORT SERVICES



Support and wellbeing

If you want practical advice, a confidential conversation or some general guidance about living and learning at Essex, each of our three campuses has a Student Services Hub where you can get answers to your questions and receive the help you need. Speak to our friendly and helpful staff in whichever way is most convenient for you, either in person, online or by phone. For example, you can speak to them about immigration, healthcare or funding, amongst other things.

You also 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. Most of our academic departments also run additional student mentoring schemes and offer one-to-one guidance, providing you with the learning support you may need to help you do your best on your course.

Celebrating diversity

We're proud of our global community and our inclusive spirit, and we work hard to create a living, learning and working environment that enables you to bring your whole self to university. So, 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.

The Faith Centre

You have the opportunity to use our Faith Centres at our Colchester and Southend campuses which welcome people from all backgrounds, faiths and beliefs.

Intellectual and professional development

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 postgraduate taught students benefit from modules designed to boost research skills.

Postgraduate research students also benefit from up to £2,500 to spend on a wide range of advanced training schemes, known as Proficio.

Essex Startups

If you're planning a future as an entrepreneur or have a great idea you want to turn into a business, Essex Startups at Studio X in our new Innovation Centre can help you. The team offers a series of interactive sessions to help you develop your idea, create a business plan, streamline your brand and secure funding.

Essex Alumni

Although your time on campus may be temporary, you are a member of our University for life. The minute you graduate, you join a network of over 100,000 alumni based in 150 countries, including award-winning actors and directors, members of parliament, and two Nobel Prize winners.

You'll receive invitations to exclusive events in the UK and around the world to keep you connected with your global network, and a lifetime membership to online journals through JSTOR means you'll always be up to speed with your subject.

If you've studied at Essex before, you may also be eligible to receive our Alumni Loyalty Discount, which allows you to save money on one year of postgraduate tuition fees, whether you do a Masters course or a research degree. We really do treat our students!



STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Gaining a postgraduate qualification is instrumental to getting your foot on the career ladder, but other factors can be just as important. At Essex you'll find a range of opportunities to help build your career.

Your personal and professional development

Our student development team provide one-to-one support throughout your time at Essex. We offer friendly, professional advice to help you enhance your career.

We 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.

And even when you leave Essex, you can still benefit from our support for the rest of your life!

Work on campus

Our multi-award-winning Frontrunners scheme also 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'll also help you find suitable part-time jobs such as a social media coordinator or sports coach, to roles in retail or administrative work.

Become an award-winner

Our Big Essex Award recognises extra-curricular and voluntary activities that you complete during your time at Essex, both on and off campus. It aims to help identify the skills you've developed so you can show future employers why they should hire you.

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. And better still, our graduate teachers are on the same pay scale and receive the same benefits as other staff.

Give something back

And if you're looking to give something back to the local community, while building up transferable skills for your CV, our Students' Union volunteering team, VTeam, can help you to secure work experience in loads of different areas.





Careers support

Postgraduate study is an investment in your future career. We'll match the commitment you make to your further studies through providing opportunities for support such as enterprise grants and tutoring, peer support and mentoring, as well as enterprise support through our state-of-the-art Innovation Centre designed to support student and graduate entrepreneurs launch cutting-edge enterprises.

Our team have engaged with employers and professional bodies such as Rolls Royce, Defra and Transperfect to set up Employer Advisory Boards. These boards enable us to check the relevance of the postgraduate curricula with employer requirements to ensure workplace-relevant content.

We've also created Toolkits to help your department enhance the development and career-focused activities open to you while at Essex.

As an Essex postgraduate you can make use of all the support of our Student Development Service, accessed through the Student Hub, and we can also put you in touch with alumni and employers. In particular, we'll give you access to:

- workshops and employer events, such as our large annual Career Fair
- our online vacancy service, Essex CareerHub
- specialist information team and resources

And even after you've graduated and left Essex, you'll continue to receive lifelong careers support, which is an amazing benefit of being an Essex alumnus.

Professional Development Scheme

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

"I undertook a paid placement while I was a Masters student, becoming an editor of the ESTRO journal. This definitely stood out on my CV, and I have no doubt that it helped me get my foot in the door as a magazine journalist. I also mentored an undergraduate student which marked my first step on the road to people management, which is now a core part of my job."

Sian Bunney

MA Literature, 2015

See page 16 for more of Sian's story.

WORKING WITH INDUSTRY



Our business links

At Essex, we're committed to building strong links with industry and sharing expertise to help businesses flourish. Our Innovation Centre accommodates over 50 start-ups and is the home of Essex Startups at Studio X, our new digital creative studio that has dedicated augmented and virtual reality equipment for our students and external partners. Our Southend Campus is home to the Business Incubation Centre that offers facilities for start-ups and SMEs with a range of specialist research facilities.

Our students and graduates can apply their skills and research working with businesses in the thriving Knowledge Gateway Research and Technology Park at our Colchester Campus, in areas as diverse as data analytics, artificial intelligence, logistics, open source technology and renewable energy solutions.

As well as working with local start-ups, we've carried out commissioned and collaborative research alongside big businesses including Ocado, BT, Honda, Intel, HSBC, Unilever, the UK Department of Health, and the UK Department of Work and Pensions.

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

We're proud of the collaborative projects we've been working on as part of the national, Innovate UK-funded KTP scheme, which connects UK companies and universities to solve real business problems. Recognising our commitment to these partnerships, we were ranked Top 5 for the number of Knowledge Transfer Partnerships in the UK (Innovate UK, 2019) – we currently have over 30!

We work with businesses to recruit high-calibre graduates, who work as Associates managing the KTP project under supervision from our academics and company supervisors. Over 350 graduate jobs are created each year through Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, and they are integral in lending business experience to our postgraduate community.

Associates often further their studies at Essex alongside the KTP project. Here are a few of the projects we've been working on.

Big data

Signal Media, a company providing automated media monitoring reports to large corporations including Apple, Tata and Virgin, needed a high-tech system to retrieve, clean and analyse vast amounts of data. We worked alongside Signal Media, and the project was so successful that the graduate hired as the KTP Associate, Dr Miguel Martinez, is now Chief Data Scientist at Signal Media, and the company has grown from a three-person operation to over 70 employees and has expanded to New York.

Thanks to the success of the first project, Signal Media have started their second KTP with Essex and will use artificial intelligence to extract and visualise insights from unstructured text files.

Developing new tech

We've hired an Essex PhD graduate to work with Leonardo, a global high-tech company and one of the key players in aerospace, defence and security. Their KTP project is focused on exploiting machine vision technology that can detect critical movement, and summarise that activity into visual video sequences. Using our leading expertise in computational intelligence and video summarisation, we are developing a system that captures video data that can be analysed and used to evaluate situations, such as monitoring elderly or infirm people, or surveillance in sensitive locations.

Business innovation

BT wanted to exploit cutting-edge computational techniques in order to develop a remote workforce management system for its employees. Essex started a KTP with BT and Innovate UK to add the latest technology, and drive business innovation. One of our PhD graduates has been working with BT using our leading expertise in fuzzy logic and augmented reality. Her work contributed to BT winning a Global Telecoms Business Innovation Award last year and she has now been employed full time by BT to lead on immersive technologies. We are devising a system that enables senior BT field engineers to guide and advise junior colleagues remotely from the base office, using augmented reality headsets.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Maintain your practice registration or business knowledge by engaging in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at Essex.



What we offer

We offer a broad range of learning opportunities that can be adapted to suit your professional needs, including workshops, bespoke learning, credit-bearing modules and degree pathways. We offer both on-site and off-site training to enable you to fit your study around your work and life. Our adaptable, bespoke CPD courses have been created to suit your professional role. Our staff are academically and clinically qualified, and many are also practising clinicians or business professionals.

Our CPD courses are offered by our School of Health and Social Care, our School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences, and Essex Business School. We also offer a range of other short courses and summer schools in the areas of law, psychosocial and psychoanalytic studies, human rights, and politics. Our School of Health and Social Care also offers CPD on a modular basis which can be taken as stand-alone courses.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Health Care Practice

This course has been mapped to the national Multi-Professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice. Advance your knowledge of factors that influence patient care, service provision and of problem-solving skills to affect best use of resources and improve clinical outcomes for all. Utilise this modular course to include development of specialised clinical skills and knowledge that can be applied to your field of health care practice (eg consultation and assessment or non-medical prescribing).

PG Cert, PG Dip, MA Professional Practice

Advance your understanding of professional practice, your professional reasoning and decision-making, and your insight into identity as a health or social care professional with this dynamic and flexible course that can be tailored to support your career development in your field. Focus on leadership, practice education or professional and/or clinical areas relevant to your practice.

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

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

SPORT, REHABILITATION AND EXERCISE SCIENCES

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

Learn how 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. *Subject to approval.

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Imaging

Become competent at assessing patients using musculoskeletal ultrasound imaging. These CASE-accredited courses are appropriate for sonographers, physiotherapists, radiologists and other health care practitioners in musculoskeletal medicine.

BUSINESS

Executive-style education at Essex Business School is interactive, inspiring and varied. We offer a range of short courses on topics such as management and leadership, innovation, sales and customer account management and business strategy. Teaching on our MSc Human Resource Management course is deliberately scheduled so that if you are in employment you can complete your studies part-time, while taking as little time out of work as possible. Finally, the Essex MBA can be studied on a part-time basis or as a degree apprenticeship so you can continue to work alongside your studies.

NEXT STEPS

The next few pages cover important issues you will want to think about if you are going to study a postgraduate taught course or research degree at Essex.

Understand our tuition fees, the sources of funding that might be available to you, how our taught courses and research degrees differ, where to go for more information, and find out how to apply to Essex.



GET TO KNOW US



We think our vibrant, colourful campuses are perfect for students to live and learn. But don't just take our word for it, find out for yourself!

Got a question to ask?

You can contact us via Live Chat every week day from 8am-10pm GMT, giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about living and learning at Essex.

essex.ac.uk/about/contact

Look around online

Our Colchester and Southend Campus web pages have lots of useful and interesting information, as well as videos and virtual tours. So pop online and get exploring!

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

If you're going to be living on campus, it's a good idea to take a look inside our accommodation. Watch our tours on our Vimeo channel.

vimeo.com/channels/ourcampuses

We also have tons of amazing photos taken by our students. Check out **#MyEssex** on Instagram to see how our students live their lives on our three campuses.

Discover our research

Fuel your interest and read what our experts are up to by checking out our ground-breaking research stories on our **@ResearchEssex** Twitter account. You can also discover opportunities to receive research experience and find out about scholarships and studentships which may be able to fund your research.

Chat with us

Follow us on social media to find out more about life at Essex, our events, and our latest news. We're always happy to respond to any questions you have, so feel free to get in touch with us by private message or by commenting on any of our posts.

Visit us

Our open events are the ideal opportunity to explore our campuses, meet our academics, have a look around our accommodation and chat to current students. We have three large open days every year in June, September and October. We also run smaller postgraduate-specific events throughout the year. Check out our website to find out more and to book onto one or more of our on-campus events.

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

Campus tours

If you can't make it to an open event, or just fancy something more low-key, book onto a campus tour. Our Colchester and Southend Campus tours are led by our fantastic student ambassadors, but if you would like to meet a specific member of staff let us know and we'll try to organise a time.

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



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FEES AND FUNDING

We make sure you've got the opportunity to be part of and contribute to our internationally acclaimed and well-connected research community.



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 Copse student accommodation. We're also taking significant steps to develop the Knowledge Gateway at our Colchester Campus with a brand-new Innovation Centre.

essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/using-your-fees

Payment of tuition fees

Your fees can be paid in full at the start of the academic year, or in three equal instalments in October, January and April. If you are a non-EEA student requiring our sponsorship for a Tier 4 visa application, you must pay your first instalment of £1,000 as a non-refundable 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.

Student visa requirements

As part of the visa application process, you'll need to be able to provide evidence of your ability to pay tuition fees and to cover living expenses.

essex.ac.uk/immigration

Living expenses

The current estimated average amount required for living expenses is £14,418 for both our Colchester and Southend campuses. This includes 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 higher for families.

Postgraduate fees

The table below shows our full-time (except where indicated) fees for the 2020-21 academic year.

You can apply for our Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsych), as a self-funded trainee (Home/EU or International fee status applicants), or you can apply as an NHS-funded trainee (Home/EU fee status applicants only). Fees for self-funded places are £17,061 plus up to £5,000 bench fees for UK/EU students, and £20,000 plus up to £5,000 bench fees for international students.

For further information, visit our website.

Postgraduate taught (PGT) fees

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

Postgraduate research (PGR) fees

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

PROGRAMME	UK/EU FEE PER ANNUM*	INTERNATIONAL FEE PER ANNUM*
Masters courses (except East 15)	£8,340-£11,820	£14,700-£18,460
Masters courses (East 15 only)	£13,320-£15,170	£16,730
The Essex MBA	£20,000	£20,000
Postgraduate Diploma	£6,648-£9,456	£14,320-£14,768
Graduate Diploma	£5,504	£11,814
Graduate/Postgraduate Certificate	£2,758-£4,728	£3,336-£4,728
Research degrees	£3,570-£7,980	£15,460-£19,950
Professional Doctorates (Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies) (part-time only)	£3,990-£4,170	£7,730
Professional Doctorates (Health and Social Care, and Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences) (some are part-time only)	£2,430-£3,500	£7,730

Fees for part-time courses are calculated pro-rata to the relevant full-time fee.

* For students commencing their studies at the University of Essex from the 2020-21 academic year, your fees will increase by up to 5% for each academic year of study.

For more information on tuition fee increases, see page 173.

There are many ways to fund your study, from loans to scholarships, and more.

Postgraduate Masters Loan

If you're a home or EU student and looking to study a Masters degree (taught or research), you may be entitled to a government-backed loan of up to £10,906. 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. If you are looking to study a pre-registration course, you will not be entitled to a Postgraduate Masters Loan, but separate funding is available.

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

Funding for pre-registration Masters

If you are a home or EU student and looking to study one of the following courses, you may be able to access loans from the Student Loan Company:

- MSc Nursing (Adult) (pre-registration)
- MSc Nursing (Mental Health) (pre-registration)
- 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

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.

Scholarships for Masters students:

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

Scholarships for research students:

essex.ac.uk/fees-and-funding/research/scholarships

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

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

Loyalty discounts

If you're an Essex alumnus you can save up to 33% on one year of postgraduate study at either Masters or research level. We also offer a 10% discount if you previously studied at Essex on a study abroad programme for at least one term.

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

"I decided to stay at Essex because of the Alumni Loyalty Discount. Getting a discount was perfect – it enabled me to afford postgraduate study!"

Neil Lorente Cobo

BSc Biomedical Science, 2017
MSc Molecular Medicine, 2018

Postgraduate Doctoral Loan

If you're a home student and you're keen to start a PhD programme at Essex, you may be in luck! The UK Government has introduced new loans of up to £25,700 for students applying for PhDs and equivalent qualifications (up to eight years in length, in any subject).

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

Proficio funding for research students

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/students/study-resources/research.aspx

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 several DTPs that Essex belongs to which may be able to fund your studies. All of these DTPs offer you the same benefit – they enable you to gain advanced skills and knowledge whilst receiving funding to support your research.

ARIES

Funded by 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.

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

CHASE

Funded by 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.

essex.ac.uk/dtc/chase

EnvEast

Funded by NERC, EnvEast offers studentships in climate, marine and atmospheric systems, biodiversity, ecosystem services and sustainable development, and natural hazards.

essex.ac.uk/dtc/enveast

SeNSS

SeNSS offers studentships in a range of disciplines in the social sciences, including economics, politics and international studies, business and management, linguistics, sociology, psychology and socio-legal studies.

essex.ac.uk/dtc/senss

Check out each Doctoral Training Partnership to see whether they can fund your research. Get in touch with the DTPs directly to find out more.

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

APPLYING TO ESSEX

We offer a wide range of taught courses and research degrees. These pages will guide you through some of the things to consider before applying to Essex.



Over the next few pages, we give you the information you need to make your application, including general entry requirements, which documents are required to support your application, picking the right course for you, and how to write a research proposal.

General entry requirements

Taught courses (PGT)

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent). For some courses there may be additional requirements. Some entry requirements also refer to a low, mid or high 2:2. This relates to the percentage achieved in your undergraduate degree: low is 50%, mid is 55% and high is 58%. See our subject pages or visit our website for more information.

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

Research degrees (PGR)

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

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

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. The main tests we accept are IELTS, TOEFL or Pearson and the test must be less than three years old at the time you start your course. 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 (see individual subject pages), 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 university-level degree in English, taken in a country that predominantly speaks English, this may be sufficient proof of proficiency.

More information about our English language requirements can be found on our subject pages in this prospectus.

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. Further information about our pre-sessional courses can be found online.

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 for degree study. Postgraduate pre-Masters courses are offered in the disciplines of humanities, science and health, and social sciences. Further information about these courses can be found online.

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

Contact us

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

E pgquery@essex.ac.uk

CHOOSING YOUR DEGREE

Choosing a taught course

The steps you should take to work out which taught course is best for you is quite straightforward. Use the information here and our subject pages to identify your favourite course. Visit our website to find out detailed information about each one.

Types of taught courses

Master of Arts (MA)/Master of Science (MSc)

By far the most popular postgraduate qualification, a taught Masters degree is designed to develop your knowledge of a specific subject and boost your career prospects. Although course content usually includes an element of independent research, the emphasis is on learning by teaching, and methods vary depending on the course, but you can expect to learn through a combination of lectures and seminars, and sometimes workshops and practical sessions. An MA usually covers humanities subjects while MScs are awarded in scientific disciplines, or for courses with notable quantitative content. A typical Masters course, when studied full-time, lasts for one academic year.

Master of Business (MBA)

An MBA is the most widely recognised business degree in the world. The Essex MBA gives you first-rate skills and knowledge of business management practice.

Master of Law (LLM)

An LLM allows you to become a specialist in a particular area of law. It can be a useful stepping stone to a PhD or solicitor/barrister training programmes.

Master of Fine Art (MFA)

A creative degree at the same level as an MA or MSc, MFAs traditionally include a strong practical element. Our MFAs are delivered by our East 15 Acting School.

Master of Research (MRes)

An MRes is delivered at the same level as an MSc. Although course content includes some taught components, the emphasis is on learning by independent research. An MRes is a good choice if you wish to pursue a PhD or a career in academic research.

Graduate Certificate/Diploma

Graduate Certificates (Grad Cert) and Diplomas (Grad Dip) are ideal if you want to gain a UK qualification, or prepare for a Masters degree. A certificate can be awarded upon successful completion of 60 credits (the equivalent of one-third of a full-time academic year), and a diploma can be awarded upon successful completion of 120 credits (the equivalent of two-thirds of a full-time academic year).

Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma

Postgraduate Certificates (PG Cert) and Diplomas (PG Dip) are delivered at the same level as a Masters course, but constitute a lower volume of work. These qualifications are a good choice if you wish to gain specialist course content and further your career, but do not need a full MA or MSc to do so. A certificate can be awarded upon successful completion of 60 credits (the equivalent of one-third of a full-time academic year), and a diploma can be awarded upon successful completion of 120 credits (the equivalent of two-thirds of a full-time academic year).

Applying for a taught course

Once you have identified the course you would like to apply for, you can complete your Essex application online.

essex.ac.uk/pgapply

No matter which taught course you're applying for, you'll need to provide the following supporting documents with your application:

- a copy of your degree transcript(s)
- a personal statement (Tier 4 visa applicants only)

Choosing a research degree

Understanding which university is right when deciding where to do your research may come down to several different factors. A few things to consider before applying are:

- 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.

You should also get in contact with a suitable supervisor at Essex to see if we will be able to supervise your project.

Types of research degrees

Master of Arts by Dissertation (MAD)/Master of Science by Dissertation (MSD)

A Masters by Dissertation sits at the same level as a taught Masters degree (MA/MSc), but is purely research-based. Although these courses do not include any taught components, modules designed to enhance your understanding of research methods are usually optional. You are examined by viva*. A Masters by Dissertation is a good choice if you have a specific research interest, or already have a topic in mind. They can also prove good precursors to a PhD.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

With an MPhil you will scrutinise a particular topic, independently producing a single large research project, and are examined by viva*. Throughout your studies you will be supported to gain a range of research skills; in some instances, if you are making good progress, you could request to convert to a PhD.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

A PhD is one of the highest forms of degree that can be awarded, and results from you making a unique and meaningful contribution to your field. As well as undertaking a large, independent research project throughout your studies, you will also be examined by viva*. You are supported by a dedicated member of academic staff, known as a supervisor, to gain a range of research skills. Our PhDs usually take three years (full-time) or six years (part-time) to complete.

*The viva (short for viva voce) is an oral examination in which examiners (usually two) pose questions to the candidate about their thesis.

Integrated Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

An integrated PhD requires you to undertake a taught module during your first year (equivalent to a Masters degree), designed to prepare you for your PhD, by enhancing your knowledge of a specific subject. Depending on which department you belong to, you may be able to also gain a Masters qualification on successful completion of your first year. As well as undertaking a large, independent research project throughout your studies, you will also be examined by viva*.

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

The equivalent of a PhD, but available only in the fields of biotechnology and molecular medicine, our MD degrees are open to medically qualified staff working at an NHS Trust which is linked with the University of Essex. You are examined by viva*.

Professional Doctorates

Professional Doctorates are equivalent to a PhD in level and are the ideal choice for experienced professionals who wish to progress in their chosen careers, or for recent graduates who are hoping to establish themselves within a specific industry. Our Professional Doctorates are delivered by our School of Health and Social Care, the Department of Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies, and our School of Sport, Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences, and combine professional training, teaching and research in a way that is relevant to current practice. Your thesis is examined by viva*.

Applying for a research degree

To apply for a postgraduate research degree you must first make contact with potential supervisors via email in order to discuss your research proposal and 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.

essex.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-degrees

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.

essex.ac.uk/pgapply

No matter which 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 (Tier 4 visa applicants only)

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.

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-degrees/opportunities

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

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

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

The quality of your writing is important, and a good research proposal may be rejected if it is poorly expressed or badly presented.

Application deadline

We advise you to apply by 1 July for a taught course or research degree starting in October. Please check our website for details on specific 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.

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.

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 certificate of English language proficiency, final transcripts and degree certificates.

References

You are required to submit one reference in support of your application. Don't worry if you can't 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, and signed and dated by the referee. We can also accept an email directly from your referee.

Students who require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK

Up-to-date advice and guidance about immigration requirements and Tier 4 study visas is available on our immigration webpages. We also recommend you consult the UK Home Office website, and familiarise yourself with the Tier 4 policy guidance.

essex.ac.uk/immigration

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

Contact us

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

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

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ACCOUNTING, FINANCE AND BANKING

Our courses aim to help you develop the practical skills that you'll need for your future career.

Our mission is to develop graduates who do right by their businesses and right by the world. Our accounting courses offer professional ACCA exemptions for students who have never studied it before. Our finance courses are taught by staff advising financial institutions such as the Bank of England.

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You'll learn how to use our virtual trading floor and can access Bloomberg financial data, just as you would in the work place.

TAUGHT COURSES		ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
MSc, MRes Accounting		We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in accounting or a related subject. Your undergraduate studies should include modules in both management and financial accounting.
MSc Accounting and Finance		
MSc Accounting and Financial Management		We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a social science, or a subject with numerate content.
MSc International Accounting and Banking		
MRes Finance		We will consider a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in finance, economics or business.
MSc Banking and Finance		
MSc Finance		We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a degree which contains core modules relating to mathematics, economics, finance, banking, or investment.
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 International Finance		
RESEARCH DEGREES		
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Accounting		You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.
MPhil, PhD Accounting and Finance		
MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Finance		



“Essex Business School has great links with industry and lots of international students. I'm also encouraged to ask questions and make up my own mind. I'm now working at BOSCH as a Team Leader in Product Control!”

Louisa Krasmann
MSc Accounting and Financial Management, 2016

Our expertise

- Accounting in the public and third sectors
- Behavioural finance
- Commodity markets
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Emerging economies
- Financing Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

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ACTING AND DIRECTING

For over 50 years East 15 Acting School has produced some of the most distinctive practitioners in the industry.

Our reputation extends far beyond the UK – as a home for excellence in performing and media arts globally. Our exceptional industry links offer you access to distinguished visiting actors and directors from UK theatres and beyond, and we are ranked first for dance, drama and cinematics (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019).



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Acting

MA, MFA Acting (International)

MA, MFA Theatre Directing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You are required to have a successful live or online audition (via Skype, YouTube or alternative online platform), plus a 2:1 degree or above (or international equivalent), or suitable previous experience.

You are required to submit a written application, plus a 2:1 degree or above (or international equivalent), or suitable previous experience. A CV or resume (recommended) and a portfolio of work (optional) may be submitted as part of an online application. Candidates may also be invited to interview but most applications will be decided on the basis of the written application.

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD Drama and Performance*

PhD Drama and Performance (Practice as Research)*

We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in any discipline and a Masters degree in drama, performance or a related field, or equivalent professional experience.



"I wanted to gain experience in devised work, collaborate with international artists and work with a professional theatre company. East 15 delivered all three of my requirements for a Masters degree, and more."

Wendy Bollard
MA Theatre Directing, 2016

Our expertise

- Acting for the camera
- Acting techniques
- Contemporary British drama
- Contemporary UK texts
- Directing film
- Improvisation and devising techniques
- Musical theatre and opera
- Shakespeare
- Stanislavskian acting methodology / Meyerhold and biomechanics
- World theatre

All applicants must complete the East 15 online application form.

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Loughton Campus.

For all our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0, or equivalent. For our research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall, or equivalent, with 6.5 in writing.

* Subject to approval.

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE



Use mathematical expertise to predict uncertain events. Develop the knowledge and skills needed for a career as an actuary.

Actuaries apply statistical ability to the social sciences, resulting in high-level strategic solutions for industries, ranging from insurance to government, and business to academic research. Our MSc Actuarial Science degree is based on the syllabus of the majority of the Core Technical subjects of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.



TAUGHT COURSES

PG Dip, MSc Actuarial Science

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in mathematics, statistics, operational research, finance, economics, business engineering, computing, biology, physics, or chemistry.

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

PG Dip, MSc Mathematics and Finance

We will consider applicants with an unrelated degree which contained at least three modules in calculus, algebra, differential equations, probability and statistics, optimisation, or other mathematics modules.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Actuarial Science

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“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

Our expertise

- Actuarial mathematics and modelling
- Asset-liability management for pension funds
- Contingencies
- Enterprise risk management
- Finance and financial reporting
- Financial derivatives
- Machine learning
- Mathematics of portfolios
- Performance evaluation of pension funds, hedge funds and mutual funds
- Pricing of life and general insurance contracts
- Statistical methods
- Survival analysis

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0, or equivalent.

ART HISTORY

For 50 years we've been at the forefront of developing innovative approaches for studying the history of art.

While our research interests cover a broad spectrum of media from the Renaissance through to the present, our core commitment is to foster a more critical engagement with art, architecture, and other forms of visual culture from around the globe. We're also home to ESCALA (Essex Collection of Art from Latin America), which houses over 750 pieces of art.



TAUGHT COURSES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Grad Dip, MA Art History and Theory	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in any subject, but which contains at least three modules in visual culture.
MA Curating	
MA Curating with Professional Placement	
RESEARCH DEGREES	
MAD, MPhil, PhD Art History and Theory	You will need a good honours degree and a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.
MPhil, PhD Curating	



"I have been working freelance as a Curator of Exhibitions. I always aim high and one fine exhibition leads to an even finer one. It's like juggling: one becomes a master at it!"

Megakles Rogakos
PhD Art History and Theory, 2017

Our expertise

- 19th and 20th century visual culture
- Activist art
- Art and politics
- Art and science
- Art, architecture and urbanism
- Art from Latin America
- Critique and curating
- History of photography
- History of tattooing
- Managing galleries and exhibition projects
- Renaissance art and architecture

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall and 6.0 in writing, or equivalent.
For all our research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0, or equivalent.

BIOLOGY: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARINE

The interaction between people and planet is a complex issue and managing our environment presents a modern global challenge.

Our degrees evolve to reflect the latest findings across the vast expanse of plant, environmental and marine biology, from the impact of climate change on coral reefs to sustainable crop yields. There's never been a more exciting time to study biology. You'll also have access to our Coral Reef Research Unit, the most extensive of its kind in the UK.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Tropical Marine Biology

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a relevant subject, such as marine biology, marine chemistry, oceanography, environmental sciences, or tropical biology. Your degree should contain some ecology components, including aquatic/marine ecology, biodiversity or conservation.

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Biological Sciences

MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Biology

MSD, MPhil, PhD Environmental Sciences

MSD, MPhil, PhD Marine Biology

MSD, MPhil, PhD Microbiology

MSD, MPhil, PhD Plant Biology

You will need a good honours degree or a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“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

Our expertise

- Aquatic community ecology
- Biogeochemistry
- Climate science
- Coastal ecosystems
- Crop productivity
- Environmental microbiology
- Mathematical ecology
- Photosynthesis
- Sustainable use of natural resources
- Tropical marine resources and systems

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

BIOLOGY: MOLECULAR AND CELL

Modern biology requires understanding of cellular processes at a molecular level. Gain skills to navigate the competitive world of contemporary life sciences.

We're transforming our understanding of the molecular basis of cellular function in health and disease, and how we harness biological processes for more sustainable production. 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.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Biotechnology

MSc Cancer Biology

MSc Molecular Medicine

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in biological sciences or a related subject. Your degree should contain some biology/medical components such as drug design, immunology, virology, microbiology, molecular genetics or physiology. We will consider applicants with an unrelated degree but with relevant work experience in biology or 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

MD Doctor of Medicine

You will need a good honours degree or a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.

Medically qualified staff working at a NHS Trust linked with the University may apply.



"I especially enjoyed studying microbiology as well as doing my dissertation. Being able to plan out research and see it come to fruition was a great experience. I am now a Lab Technician at Autolus."

Heather Dainton-Smith
MSc Molecular Medicine, 2018

Our expertise

- Advanced microscopy and bioimaging
- Cancer biology, therapeutics and biomarkers
- Chromatin and epigenetics
- Computational chemistry and drug design
- Gene technology and synthetic biology
- Genetic and chronic diseases
- Genomics and computational biology
- Industrial biotechnology
- Infection and immunity
- Metals in biology
- Molecular medicine and microbiology
- Plant biotechnology
- Structural biology and functional proteomics

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

You develop an understanding of the real-world impact of business decisions on your community.

Our courses encourage you to take a broad look at the role of business within society. You'll learn about the three P's of people, planet and profit, and why we think the best businesses consider all three equally. We offer courses suitable for those new to business and management and for those wishing to extend their skills.



TAUGHT COURSES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Master in Business Management (MBM) S MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation S MSc Global Project Management S MSc International Business and Entrepreneurship S MSc Management C MSc Management (International) C MSc Management (Leadership) C	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in any subject.
MRes Management and Organisation C MSc Business Analytics S MSc International Logistics and Supply Chain Management S	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in management or a related social science.
MSc Human Resource Management C	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in any discipline. Your degree must contain any of the following: statistics; quantitative methods; mathematical methods; advanced mathematics; management science; or operations research.
RESEARCH DEGREES PhD Business Administration S PhD Business Analytics† S MSD, MPhil, PhD Entrepreneurship S MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Management Studies C S	<p>We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in any discipline. Your degree must contain any two modules in: human resource management; management; administration; marketing; organisational behaviour; or consumer behaviour.</p> <p>You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.</p> <p>† Your Masters degree should be in a related quantitative subject, such as economics, statistics or mathematics.</p>



“My research looked at how multinational companies implement CSR in Asia, and I did a case study on how Linklaters (where I did a placement) is doing community investment, specifically in China.”

Claire Lin
MSc International Management, 2018

Our expertise

- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Impact of race, gender and class on entrepreneurial activity
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- The realities of contemporary working lives
- The relationship between work, organisations and society

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For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.
• You also need at least IELTS 6.0 in writing, or equivalent.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Draw on your scientific knowledge and research to facilitate positive change in others.

Join our academic community, where you'll learn the key scientific and clinical principles which will underpin your work as a clinical psychologist. You'll examine a range of integrative therapies and effective clinical methods, which will prepare you to tailor interventions to suit the needs of your clients.



PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
(D Clin Psych)**

Visit our website for detailed information:
www.essex.ac.uk/DClinPsych-tips



“My course provides me with an opportunity to challenge the status quo and advocate for those who need this the most. Teaching from Clinical Psychologists in the field enriches the experience and helps to link the academic and clinical parts of the course. The range of different placements means that my skillset is expanding all the time. No two training experiences are the same, and I feel that I am able to work towards being the kind of Clinical Psychologist that fits with my own values.”

Sade King
Trainee Clinical Psychologist
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology

Our expertise

- Cognitive behavioural therapy
- Critical psychology
- Expert by experience involvement
- Inpatient mental health care
- Parent-infant mental health
- Psychodynamic theory
- Quantitative and qualitative clinical research methods
- Systemic and family therapy
- Trauma informed approaches
- Working with diversity

Our professional doctorate is based at our Colchester Campus.
Our clinical psychology course is delivered in collaboration with Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust.
For more information, see page 169.

COMPUTATIONAL FINANCE

We focus on established and emergent technologies to deal with big data, such as machine learning, and decentralised exchanges, including blockchain.

The explosion of data and computational power has made the classical quantitative finance techniques obsolete and outdated. To succeed in the financial and fintech industries, you need a mixture of competences rooted in finance, economics and computer science. We deliver rigorous training in these disciplines by covering principles of quantitative finance and microeconomics alongside current computational skills.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Algorithmic Trading

MSc Computational Finance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a related subject. Your undergraduate studies should include at least one mathematics and one programming module.

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD Computational Finance

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential. You must be experienced in at least one high-level programming language (such as Matlab, Java or Python).



“Studying at Essex helped me to improve my data analytic skills and financial knowledge such as risk management, which I use every single day in my job. I work as a Data Scientist in a high-frequency trading firm called Yubo Securities in Hong Kong.”

Wai Chung
MSc Computational Finance, 2018

Our expertise

- Agent-based computational economics
- Algorithmic game theory for finance
- Big data and fintech companies
- Computational models in economics and finance
- Financial engineering and risk management
- High-frequency finance and trading
- Microstructure trading
- New financial econometric models
- Quantitative methods in finance and trading

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0 overall, or equivalent.

COMPUTER SCIENCE



Computer games create imaginary worlds. IT systems make businesses efficient. AI enables you to understand how people and things behave and evolve.

Our degrees are closely aligned to the needs of industry and provide ideal preparation for further study. At Essex you develop your imagination, creativity and expertise. Get involved in our cutting-edge research which is changing people's lives and use our exceptional facilities and labs, such as our Robotics Lab and Intelligent Environments Lab.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Advanced Computer Science
MSc Artificial Intelligence
MSc Big Data and Text Analytics
MSc Computer Engineering
MSc Computer Games
MSc Intelligent Systems and Robotics
MSc Internet of Things

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in computer science, computer games, electronic and electrical engineering, or mathematics. Your undergraduate studies should also include at least one programming module, one mathematics module and at least one other computing or mathematics-related module.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MSD, MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Computer Science

You will need a good honours degree or a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



"I am currently working as a Senior Researcher at BT, looking into ways to improve the delivery of video content across the internet."

Paul Farrow
PhD Computer Science, 2016

Our expertise

- Artificial intelligence
- Assistive technology
- Brain-computer interfaces
- Computational intelligence
- Computer games
- Evolutionary computation
- Embedded systems
- Intelligent systems and robotics
- High-level logic design
- High-performance computing
- Human language technology
- Intelligent inhabited environments
- Machine learning and data science
- Mobile and social application programming
- Software agents and multi-agent systems
- Text analytics

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0 overall, or equivalent.

CREATIVE WRITING

Unleash your imagination and write new worlds into existence.

Discover new texts and other literary cultures within an innovative, interdisciplinary and supportive writing community. Experiment with form and improve your powers of self-reflection. Get published in our yearly anthology Creel. Join a pantheon of great writers, including Booker Prize winner Ben Okri, and poet Robert Lowell, who found inspiration at Essex.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Creative Writing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a related subject, such as creative writing, theatre/drama studies, literature, film and media studies, modern languages, or art history. You will be expected to submit a sample of your academic work with your application.

MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Creative Writing

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. Some applicants may be accepted on the basis of an outstanding honours degree. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“I found my own creative voice whilst studying wild writing, nature writing and psychogeography. The support and feedback I received gave me the confidence to move forward and conduct my own independent research.”

Ruth Raymer
MA Creative Writing, 2016

Our expertise

- Contemporary theatre
- Creative non-fiction
- Experimental poetry
- Immersive performance
- Nature writing
- Psychogeography
- Science fiction
- Wild writing
- Writing novels

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall and 6.5 in writing, or equivalent.

CRIMINOLOGY

Developing a criminological imagination will help you to see the world in a completely different way.

Understanding crime, criminals, justice and power is central to understanding the modern world. At Essex, you're taught by expert staff who conduct world-leading research in a department ranked top 20 for criminology (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019). We take a sociological approach and encourage you to critique concepts of inequality, punishment and social control.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Criminology

MSc Criminology and Socio-legal Research

MSc Organised Crime, Terrorism and Security

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in sociology or a related subject.

Applications from students with a 2:2 or equivalent, or a non-social-sciences degree, will be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD, Integrated PhD Criminology

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in criminology, sociology or a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



"My degree gave me the skills, experience and knowledge I needed to become a practitioner. I have held a number of roles based around the protection of refugees since graduating, and I'm currently a Regional Adviser for Caritas – implementing a protection plan against violence in refugee centres and homes."

Rahel Ruth Koepf
MSc Criminology and Socio-legal Research, 2015

Our expertise

- Citizenship and human rights
- Colonialism and indigenous peoples
- Consumption, political economy and sustainability
- Criminal justice policy
- Digital criminology
- Green, visual and cultural criminologies
- Interviewing and qualitative data analysis
- Organised crime (both global and local)
- Policing
- Security and surveillance
- Socio-legal research methodologies
- Terrorism and counter-terrorism

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall and a minimum of 6.0 in all components, or equivalent.

Some courses may have additional specific module requirements. Please see our website for details.

DATA ANALYTICS

We look beyond the hype and focus on the real challenges, opportunities, commercialisation and use of data.

Modern technologies are constantly changing and reshaping the way we interact with the world and each other. The speed at which individuals, businesses, organisations and governments are generating data is increasing at an unprecedented rate. Making sense of all this data, deriving new insights and supporting better decisions requires not just new methods and techniques, but also posing smarter questions.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Data Science

MSc Data Science with Professional Placement

PG Dip, MSc Statistics

PG Dip, MSc Statistics and Operational Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in mathematics, statistics, operational research, finance, economics, business engineering, computing, biology, physics, or chemistry.

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

We will consider applicants with an unrelated degree which contained at least three modules in calculus, algebra, differential equations, probability and statistics, optimisation, or other mathematics modules.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Bioinformatics

MSD, MPhil, PhD Biostatistics

MPhil, PhD Data Science

MSD, MPhil, PhD Operational Research

MSD, MPhil, PhD Statistics

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“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 degrees on offer are so high quality.”

Tanya Ramirez
MSc Data Science, 2018

Our expertise

- Applied statistics
- Bayesian computational statistics
- Classification and clustering
- Combinatorial optimisation
- Data science and decision making
- Evolutionary computation
- Explorative data analysis
- Financial forecasting
- Modelling experimental data
- Natural language engineering
- Neural networks and deep learning
- Machine learning
- Programming in Python

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0, or equivalent.

DRAMA

The theatre has always been a revolutionary space. We believe drama should be truthful, inspirational and life-changing.

We are ranked first for dance, drama and cinematics (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019) and our lecturers are working theatre professionals. We have a strong tradition of creating politically engaged theatre. Our students explore and critique traditional and contemporary dramatists from all over the world. Develop your understanding of performance and build a valuable skill set for any career.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Theatre Practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in creative writing, theatre/drama studies, literature, film and media studies, modern languages, or art history.

MA Scriptwriting (Theatre and Digital Media)

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

You will be expected to submit a sample of your academic work with your application.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MAD, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies

MAD: We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in a relevant subject such as creative writing, theatre/drama studies, literature, film and media studies, modern languages, and art history.

MAD, MPhil, PhD Theatre Studies (Playwriting)

MPhil, PhD: You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant subject. Some applicants may be accepted on the basis of an outstanding Bachelors degree. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“My practical piece is called *Thirteen Reasons Why Not*. It’s a comedic take on ways to keep yourself happy but is also designed to get feedback from the audience.”

Grace Durbin
MAD Theatre Studies student

Our expertise

- Applied theatre making
- Art and politics
- Chinese and East-Asian theatre
- Devised theatre
- Gender studies
- Immersive performance
- Literature and performance in the modern city
- Migrant and refugee experiences
- Protest theatre
- Representing trauma
- Science-art interdisciplinarity
- Screenwriting
- Verbatim theatre
- Writing audio and digital drama

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For all our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall and 6.5 in writing, or equivalent. For all our research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0, or equivalent.

ECONOMICS

Dual Award Option

Get two Masters degrees in two years. Study at Essex and in Germany. See page 169 for more info.

Financial crises. Unemployment. Immigration. Market competition.

Economics examines the decisions of individuals, the strategies of firms, and the policies of governments. Economics at Essex is a home for determined and inquisitive students who like to ask difficult questions, break intellectual boundaries and create new solutions to issues of global concern.

TAUGHT COURSES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
MA Economics	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent).
MA International Development	
MSc Quantitative International Development	
MRes Economics†	We will consider a first-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in economics or a related subject. Strong quantitative skills are recommended.
MSc Economics and Econometrics†	We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in economics or a related subject.
Grad Dip, MSc Economics	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in economics, or a related subject.
MSc Economics with Professional Placement	
MSc Economics with Data Analytics*	
MSc Economics, Computation and Game Theory*	
MSc Financial Economics and Accounting	
MSc Applied Economics and Data Analysis	
MSc Behavioural Economics	
MSc Computational Economics, Financial Markets and Policy	
MSc Financial and Business Economics	
MSc Financial Econometrics	
MSc Financial Economics	
MSc Financial Economics and Econometrics	
MSc International Economics	
MSc Management Economics	
MSc Money and Banking	
RESEARCH DEGREES	
MPhil, PhD Economics	You will need a merit (60% or above), or equivalent, in MRes Economics, or a similar programme.
Integrated PhD Economics (MRes plus PhD)	You will need a good first-class honours degree, or equivalent, in economics or a related subject.

Our expertise

- Behavioural and experimental economics
- Development and migration
- Economics of financial markets
- Economics of organisational management
- Economics of networks
- Family and labour economics
- Financial economics
- Industrial organisation
- Macroeconomics and policy
- Microeconomics
- Monetary economics
- Search and matching
- Time series and financial econometrics
- Trade and development

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

If English is not your first language, for most of our taught courses, we require IELTS 6.0 overall, or equivalent, and for all our research degrees, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

† For this taught course, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

* Subject to approval.

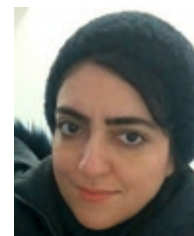
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING AND COMMUNICATION

Electronics are essential. Electronics are everywhere. They are fundamental to our modern world of instant global communication.

The internet, innovative telecommunications and powerful computing have all been made possible because of advances in electronics. Our graduates are driving the economy by pushing the frontiers of knowledge with the latest technology. At Essex you'll use imagination as you fine-tune your creativity, team-working and leadership skills. Learn to design with dedication and expertise.



TAUGHT COURSES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
MSc Computer Engineering	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in computer science, computer games, electronic or electrical engineering, physics or mathematics.
MSc Computer Networks and Security	
MSc Electronic Engineering	
MSc Global Communication Systems	
RESEARCH DEGREES	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Applied Physics	You will need a good honours degree or a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.
MSD, MPhil, PhD Computing and Electronic Systems	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Electronic Systems Engineering	



"My research was in artificial engineering and the Internet of Things. Nowadays, technology is getting smarter and it's very useful to have knowledge in these areas. I am now a postdoctoral researcher (KTP associate) at the University of Bolton."

Sahar Ahmadzadeh
PhD Electronic Systems Engineering, 2018

Our expertise

- Advanced transport networks
- Analogue and digital systems architectures
- Computer security
- Data communications and networking
- Electronic systems design and integration
- Human-computer interfaces
- Mixed reality
- Mobile communications
- Radio, radar and electromagnetics
- Rehabilitation robotics
- Theory of signals and systems
- Transmission systems

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0 overall, or equivalent. Some courses may have additional specific module requirements. Please see our courses online for details.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

In our era of global communication, more people speak English than ever before.

At Essex we give you the skills required to teach English anywhere in the world. Our English language courses will provide you with a deep understanding of the structure and uses of this global language. Ambitious students who are curious about language and its relationship with the world will find their home at Essex.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA English Language and Linguistics

MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD English Language Teaching

PhD Linguistics

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a related subject.

We will accept applicants with a degree in an unrelated area but which contains a substantial element of education, linguistics, language studies or teaching.

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“My degree enabled me to collect and analyse linguistic data. A combination of team-work and independent projects enhanced my communication, problem-solving, and management skills. These skills prepared me for my role working for the European Investment Bank.”

Simina Tulbure
MA English Language and Literature*, 2015

Our expertise

- Computer-assisted language learning
- Conversation analysis
- Language attrition
- Language learning and teaching
- Psychology of language learning and teaching
- Reading, writing and academic literacies
- Second language acquisition and linguistic theory
- Theoretical and descriptive phonology
- Varieties of English

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall and 6.0 in writing, or equivalent.

For our research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall and 6.0 in writing, or equivalent.

* We no longer offer this course.

FILM STUDIES

Making and analysing film and media is about seeing the world through your own unique lens.

We put theory into practice and are ranked first for dance, drama and cinematics (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019). Whether your focus is critical or creative, our dynamic staff and students will provide you with networking access to the UK's fast-growing creative industries sector. Take advantage of our professional-standard facilities and make the most of your love of film.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Film Studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in creative writing, theatre/drama studies, literature, film and media studies, modern languages, or art history.

MA Film and Literature

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD Film Studies

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. Applicants may be accepted on the basis of an outstanding honours degree. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.

PhD Film Studies (Creative Practice)



"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 Sonaiké
MA Film and Literature, 2018

Our expertise

- Adaptation
- Bollywood
- Digital and new media
- Digital video production
- Documentary
- Film, ethics and human rights
- Films of the Pacific region
- Nollywood and East African film and media
- Race and ethnicity in US literature, film, and television
- Screenwriting
- Women filmmakers
- World cinema

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall and 6.5 in writing, or equivalent.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Further your health or social care career and develop your professionalism and knowledge.

Studying at Essex enables you to develop both applied research skills, and your understanding of substantive theories and advanced practice in your field. Our supportive team has international experience and they work collaboratively with service users and external organisations, giving you access to cutting-edge teaching. Our research addresses local, national and international issues relating to health and social care policy and practice, across a range of professional and academic contexts.



TAUGHT COURSES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
MSc Health Research	We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent).
RESEARCH DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES	
MPhil, PhD Applied Psychology	MSD: You will need a good honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline. A well-developed research proposal is also essential. MPhil, PhD: You will need a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline such as a health science or social science. Alternatively you will need to evidence advanced research skills developed through an alternative route. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.
MPhil, PhD Health and Organisational Research	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health Studies	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Nursing Studies	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Occupational Therapy	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Public Health	
MSD, MPhil, PhD Social Policy	Visit our website: www.essex.ac.uk/DClinPsych-tips
MSD, MPhil, PhD Social Work	
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (D Clin Psych)	Visit our website: www.essex.ac.uk/DPublicHealth-tips
Doctorate in Public Health (Health Visiting)	You need to be registered with a UK regulatory body (where appropriate). You should also be currently employed in management, practice or education, or in a senior position in a health or social care organisation, and possess a Masters qualification (or equivalent).
Doctorate in Health Care Education	
Doctorate in Health Service Management	
Doctorate in Nursing	
Doctorate in Occupational Therapy	
Doctorate in Social Care Education	
Doctorate in Social Services Management	
Doctorate in Speech and Language Therapy	



“My professional doctorate complements my career as a psychotherapist and fits neatly around my clinical commitments. I feel it is a viable alternative to traditional research degrees, allowing professionals to access appropriate postgraduate qualifications.”

Paul Galbally
Professional Doctorate student

Our expertise

- Adult and mental health nursing
- Clinical psychology
- Health education research
- Medical sociology
- Mental health and psychological wellbeing
- Occupational therapy
- Research for public and patient benefit
- Social policy and social care
- Social work
- Workforce development

Get in touch to find out on which campus each course is based.

Our Professional Doctorates (except for the D Clin Psych) are only open to UK applicants. Our taught course is not open to international applicants on a part-time basis. For our taught course, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

HISTORY

Who are we and how does our world work? History teaches us to think critically to find answers to profound questions.

We specialise in public, social and cultural history from 1450 to the present, and 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 that you can choose the modules and thesis topic which best suit your interests.



TAUGHT COURSES

PG Cert, MA History

Cultural and Social History pathway
Local and Regional History pathway
Public History pathway

MA War, Culture and Society

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in history or a related subject.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MAD History

We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in history or a related subject.

MPhil, PhD History

You will need a Masters degree in history or a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



"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, developing new skills and helping to prepare exhibition items for display."

Jake Millar
MA History, 2017

Our expertise

- Cultures of class
- Early Modern cultures
- Health, medicine and community
- Political cultures and citizenship
- Public history
- Race, ethnicity and diaspora
- War, memory and life stories
- Women, gender and sexuality

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0, or equivalent.

HUMAN RIGHTS



Essex has been providing a pioneering education to human rights students from across the world for almost 40 years.

Our reputation as a world-leader within the global human rights community is based upon our outstanding courses. Our academics are actively engaged in teaching, research and practice meaning our courses offer an unrivalled range of modules, from which our students are able to pursue their diverse interests in human rights. We're proud of our alumni, who are making a vital contribution to the global defence of human rights.



TAUGHT COURSES

LLM Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

LLM International Humanitarian Law

MA Human Rights and Cultural Diversity

MA Theory and Practice of Human Rights

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in law, or a joint honours with law. We will consider applicants who do not hold a law degree but who have additional relevant professional experience and/or traineeships (minimum six months) in a law office, business or regulatory, and (preferably) a professional qualification such as Legal Practice Course, Bar vocational, Bar Exam.

We will consider a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a related subject, such as social and political sciences, law or humanities. Students with an undergraduate degree in the natural sciences, engineering or medicine may also be admitted subject to their ability to demonstrate a commitment to human rights through professional or voluntary work or activity.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Human Rights

PhD Human Rights and Research Methods

You will need a good honours degree and a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“Essex helped me to secure interviews with the UK Government and NGOs. I’m now an Associate Reporting Officer for the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).”

Omotola Akindipe
MA Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, 2017

Our expertise

- Access to justice and the rights of prisoners
- Business and international trade
- Civil and political rights in established and emerging democracies
- Drug policy
- Freedom of religion
- Gender and sexuality
- Health
- Humanitarian law and armed conflict
- Regional perspectives upon human rights
- Social justice, technology and big data
- The rights of minorities and indigenous peoples
- The UN human rights system
- Transitional justice

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent, with a minimum component score of 6.0 in writing.

JOURNALISM

Navigate a changing landscape, uncover truths and tell the stories that matter.

We're committed to upholding the highest of reporting standards, alongside reacting to and predicting the latest developments in media technology. As established journalists and scholars, our staff are ideally positioned to guide topical and interdisciplinary research, connecting with creative writing, politics and human rights. Enjoy the use of our purpose-built newsroom and studios, and expand your broadcasting skillset.



RESEARCH COURSES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Journalism

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. Some applicants may be accepted on the basis of an outstanding honours degree. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“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

Our expertise

- Conventional reporting, story-telling and the dramatic representation of factual events
- Democracy and democratisation
- History of journalism
- Parliamentary reporting in developing countries and in established democracies
- Propaganda
- Public communication and policy in the Middle East and North Africa
- Social media and politics
- The interplay between news media
- War reporting

All of the above research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. If English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall, or equivalent, with a minimum component score of 6.5 in writing.

Law at Essex is lead by experienced lawyers who work with and advise international organisations, governments, NGOs, and businesses.

Our approach is global in outlook and we're known for offering specifically tailored degrees which develop top commercial and human rights lawyers and human rights activists. We also give you the option to gain real-life practical experience in our Law Clinic or Human Rights Clinic, and network with solicitors, lawyers, Members of Parliament and judges at annual lectures and on study trips.



TAUGHT COURSES

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) †

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in law, or a joint honours degree with law. If you do not have a law degree but do have additional relevant professional experience and/or traineeships or professional qualifications/certifications issued by professional bodies such as Bar Associations, you'll be considered.

We will consider a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in law, or a joint honours degree with law.

You will need a 2:1 or above, or international equivalent, in any subject.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Law

You will need a Masters degree in law and a first or 2:1 LLB honours degree, or equivalent. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



"I am currently working as a Training and Capacity Building Consultant on a project to do with promoting and protecting human rights and the rule of law"

Sarah Hibbin
PhD Law, 2015

Our expertise

- Banking law
- Company law
- Commercial law
- Competition law
- Consumer law
- Corporate insolvency law
- Corporate responsibility and business law
- Drug policy
- Humanitarian law and armed conflict
- International financial law
- International maritime law and wet shipping
- International trade law
- Marine insurance
- Social justice, technology and big data
- The UN Human Rights System

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For all our courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, and 6.0 in writing for taught courses or 6.5 in writing for research degrees, or equivalent.

† This is an undergraduate-level course but is only available to students who have an undergraduate degree in another subject and wish to retrain in law. For this course, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0 overall, or equivalent.

LIBERAL ARTS



Interdisciplinary study was a founding principle of Essex. It is built into the very fabric of our campus.

Our inaugural Vice-Chancellor, Sir Albert Sloman, envisaged academics and students from across the University connecting, sharing and developing new areas of research. Based in our Interdisciplinary Studies Centre, a student of liberal arts can approach issues of global significance, such as environmental sustainability, indigenous rights, digital worlds and more, with support and insight from a wide variety of subject areas.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Environment, Society and Culture

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in any subject.

Our broad range of expertise means that we offer supervision across a number of areas; both for doctoral research and postgraduate dissertations. Get in touch to find out more.



“We offer a truly interdisciplinary approach, which delves into some of the most pressing concerns of our times, such as human rights abuses and the struggle for democracy.”

Lisa Blackmore
Director of Latin American Studies

Our expertise

- Art and the environment in Latin America
- Colonialism, culture and human rights
- Corporate social responsibility
- Development of capitalism
- Environmental law
- Environmental politics
- Haitian-Dominican relations in literature and the arts
- Nature writing
- Sustainable development

The above taught course is based at our Colchester Campus.
If English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall and 6.0 in writing, or equivalent.

LINGUISTICS

Everything starts with language, from inviting someone for a coffee to settling global political disputes.

Language is fundamental to our thoughts, relationships and civilisations. At Essex you can choose from a wide range of specialisms, including theoretical linguistics, sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics. We are ranked top 25 for linguistics (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019) and are among the top 150 linguistics departments in the QS World University Rankings (2019).



TAUGHT COURSES

MA, MRes Linguistics

MA Applied Linguistics

MA English Language and Linguistics

MA Linguistic Studies

MA Psycholinguistics

MRes Experimental Linguistics

MRes Analysing Language Use

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a related subject, such as English language studies, English language and literature, teaching English, linguistics, or modern languages.

We will consider applicants with an unrelated degree but which contains a substantial element of education, linguistics, language studies or teaching.

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD Analysing Language Use

PhD Applied Linguistics

PhD Experimental Linguistics

PhD Linguistics

PhD Psycholinguistics

PhD Sociolinguistics

You will need a good honours degree or a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“I loved studying syntax, which has always been one of my favourite sub-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

Our expertise

- Arabic sociolinguistics
- Conversation analysis
- Description of understudied languages
- First and second language acquisition
- Language in context
- Language loss
- Phonological development
- Phonological theory
- Role of age in bilingual development
- Sentence processing
- Sociolinguistic methods
- Syntactic theory

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For all our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent, with a minimum component score of 6.0 in writing.

For all our research degrees, if English is not your first language we require IELTS 7.0 overall, or equivalent, with a minimum component score of 6.0 in writing.

LITERATURE

Be inspired by a breadth of literary traditions, cultures and forms.

Literature at Essex has a reputation for nurturing radical minds. Our concerns are local and global, our approach is comparative and interdisciplinary. We aim to shed light on new modes of writing and reconsider classics using emerging forms of literary criticism. Whether studying contemporary performance poetry or early modern writings, an in-depth look at literature reveals unspoken truths about our world and its peoples.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Literature

MA American Literatures

MA Wild Writing: Literature, Landscape and the Environment

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a related subject such as creative writing, theatre/drama studies, literature, film and media studies, modern languages, or art history.

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Literature

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. Some applicants may be accepted on the basis of an outstanding honours degree. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“I’m an Editor at Aceville Publications. I work on *Veggie*, which is a monthly magazine dedicated to ethical living, sustainable fashion, cruelty-free beauty and vegetarian food.”

Sian Bunney

MA Literature, 2015

See page 16 for more of Sian's story.

Our expertise

- Adaptation and rewriting
- Black writing
- Early modern to 18th Century literature
- Experimental writing
- Literature and magic
- Modernism
- Nature writing and ecocriticism
- Poetry and performance
- Psychoanalytic and critical theory
- Psychogeography
- Romantic literature and drama
- US and Caribbean literature
- Women's writing

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall and 6.5 in writing, or equivalent.

MARKETING

Our courses equip you with the strategic marketing skills that can drive sales for both big businesses and blossoming start-ups.

We want our students to understand the role of the consumer and how strategic marketing, that prioritises the relationship with the end user of a product or service, will have a more positive impact on brand loyalty and the bottom line. As a result, our students become reflective marketing practitioners and informed consumers.



TAUGHT COURSES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
MSc Marketing and Brand Management • C	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in marketing, management or a related subject. Your degree must include at least two marketing modules.
MSc International Marketing and Entrepreneurship S	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in any subject.
MSc Management (Marketing) • C	
MSc Management (Advertising and Corporate Communications) • C	



“I’m employed as Head of Client Services at Footprint Digital, based in Colchester. My degree gave me the confidence I needed to step into the real world of business and not be afraid to challenge myself with new opportunities.”

Hannah Meadows
MSc Marketing and Brand Management, 2016

Our expertise

- Brand narratives
- Consumer behaviour
- Corporate marketing strategy
- Critical marketing
- Digital marketing
- International marketing
- Marketing and innovation
- Strategic brand marketing
- Symbolism
- The relationship between marketing communications and identity
- The role of marketing in society
- Trends and influences

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For all our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

• For this course we also require IELTS 6.0 in writing, or equivalent.

MATHEMATICS

Maths is the language that underpins the rest of science.

Today computers and phones can type what you dictate, log you in by recognising your face, and sort photos by who is in them. This is not only because better technology is available, it's also due to developments in the applications of mathematics. Maths is driving our modern world and is becoming the most valuable asset among leading companies. We offer a wide variety of directions: algebra, geometry, analysis, differential equations, numerical methods and mathematical modelling, applied maths and mathematical physics.



TAUGHT COURSES

Grad Dip, MSc Mathematics

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a mid 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in mathematics, applied mathematics or operational research.

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Applied Mathematics

MSD, MPhil, PhD Mathematical Biology

MSD, MPhil, PhD Mathematics

MSD, MPhil, PhD Pure Mathematics

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject.

A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“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

Our expertise

- Abstract algebra
- Applied and pure mathematics
- Chaos theory
- Complex systems and networks
- Computational neuroscience
- Cryptography and codes
- Graph and group theory
- Mathematical biology
- Mathematical education
- Partial differential equations

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.0, or equivalent.

The Essex MBA will help you develop a global outlook, challenge your assumptions and equip you with the knowledge, skills and tools to think creatively, innovatively and critically.

You study a broad range of business topics and learn the fundamentals of management and leadership. We foster your entrepreneurial spirit, so you can build sustainable, resilient business models that make sense to shareholders and the environment.



TAUGHT COURSES

Master of Business Administration:
The Essex MBA
(full-time – 12 months)

Master of Business Administration:
The Essex Executive MBA
(part-time – 2-3 years)

Master of Business Administration:
The Essex MBA Online•
(part-time – 2-3 years)

Master of Business Administration:
The Essex MBA (Degree Apprenticeship)†
(part-time – 2 years)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent).

You are also expected to have at least three years of relevant, professional work experience, post-graduation.

If you are a non-standard applicant (which is typically an applicant who possesses an undergraduate degree below a 2:2, or an applicant who does not possess an undergraduate degree) we require at least five years of relevant managerial experience. You will also be required to write an essay (2,000 words) outlining a range of business situations which you have experienced and identify what you have learnt from them.



“The Essex MBA equipped me with the technical knowledge to manage profitable enterprises. It gave me the ability to positively impact not only my company’s bottom-line but also the governance and ethical interests of the organisation.”

Janice Matwi
The Essex MBA, 2017

Our expertise

- Business ethics
- Corporate social responsibility
- Finance and banking
- International management
- Leadership and strategy
- Organisation studies
- Risk management
- Sustainable business models

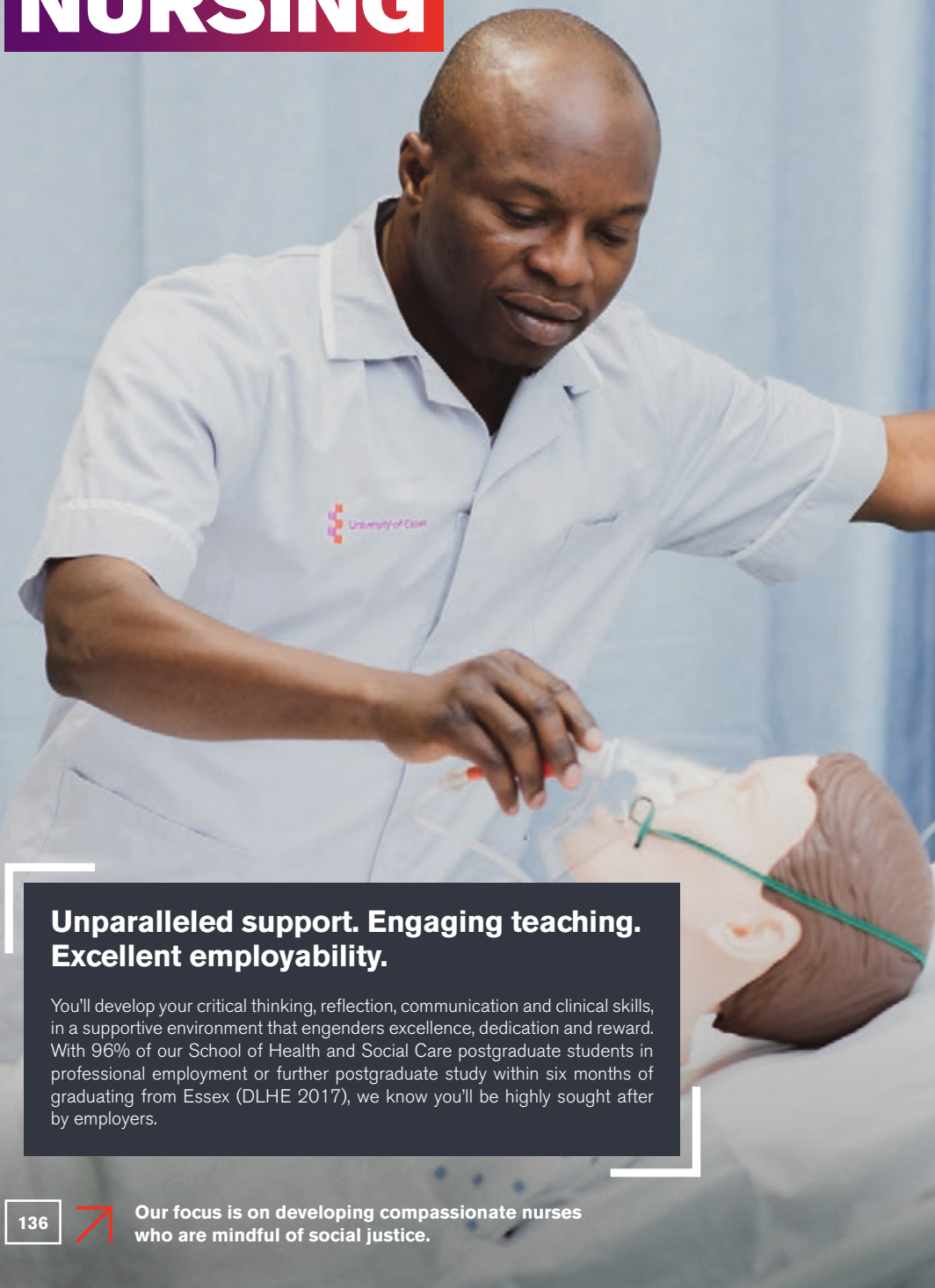
All of the above taught courses are based at our Colchester Campus.

If English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall and at least 6.0 in each component, or equivalent. You may be required to attend an interview during the application process.

† You can only apply for this course if you have been put forward by your employer via our apprenticeships team.

• Taught by University of Essex Online in partnership with Essex Business School. For more information, visit: online.essex.ac.uk/courses/mba

NURSING



Unparalleled support. Engaging teaching. Excellent employability.

You'll develop your critical thinking, reflection, communication and clinical skills, in a supportive environment that engenders excellence, dedication and reward. With 96% of our School of Health and Social Care postgraduate students in professional employment or further postgraduate study within six months of graduating from Essex (DLHE 2017), we know you'll be highly sought after by employers.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Nursing (Adult)*
(pre-registration)

MSc Nursing (Mental Health)*
(pre-registration)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a life or social science. You also need a minimum of 575 hours of relevant work experience.

RESEARCH DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Nursing Studies

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. Some applicants may be accepted on the basis of an outstanding honours degree. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.

Doctorate in Nursing

See page 114 for information.

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 60.



"I work on the Acute Cardiac Unit at Colchester General Hospital. Making a difference to people's lives is massively rewarding."

Dave Taylor
MSc Nursing (Adult), 2017

Our expertise

- Cross-cultural mental health
- Delivering compassionate care
- Leadership in nursing
- Mental health services
- Nursing theory and practice
- Recovery journeys and critical patient pathways

You can study our pre-registration taught courses at either our Colchester or Southend campuses. For research degrees, please visit our website to check which campus your potential supervisor is based at.

For our taught courses, you will also need to perform successfully at interview, pass a literacy and numeracy test, and supply a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check and an occupational health check.

For our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall or equivalent, as well as 7.0 in all components, except for 6.5 in writing. For our research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

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

* The NMC have set new standards for all pre-registration nursing courses. As such, our courses are subject to NMC approval and University of Essex validation.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Science. Creativity. Compassion.

At Essex, our occupational therapy courses offer a distinctive blend of theory and practice, taught in a friendly, nurturing environment. You'll join our learning community where we focus on using research, service-user insights and our clinical experience to drive occupational therapy forward. We place people at the heart of all that we do, aiming to therapeutically empower our patients through everyday activities to lead fulfilling lives.



TAUGHT

MSc Occupational Therapy
(pre-registration)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a related subject.

RESEARCH DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Occupational Therapy

You will need a good honours degree and a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject.

Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

See page 114 for information.

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 60.



“I enjoyed looking at occupational therapy concepts, but what I really loved was 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

Our expertise

- Diverse practice in role-emerging and non-traditional placements
- Hand therapy
- Learning disabilities
- Mental health and group intervention
- Neurology
- Older people
- Paediatrics
- Public and third-sector health and wellbeing initiatives
- Stroke recovery and re-integration

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For our taught course, you will also need to perform successfully at interview, pass a literacy and numeracy test, and supply a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check and an occupational health check.

For our taught course, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall with no element below 6.5, or equivalent.

For our research degrees, if English is not first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

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

ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Enhance not only your skills in advanced oral health care, but your job prospects too.

As our population ages, and oral health is increasingly linked to our overall health, the need for effective advanced clinicians is on the rise. Join us at our bespoke facilities at our Academic Dental Clinic in Colchester using phantom heads to learn advanced clinical skills and treat patients under the supervision of our clinically-trained and experienced academics.



TAUGHT COURSES

PG Dip, MSc Periodontology
(for dentists)

PG Dip, MSc Advanced Periodontal Practice (for hygienists and therapists)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a relevant professional qualification and current registration with the General Dental Council, a minimum of two years post-registration experience, and a good first degree in a relevant subject, or relevant professional experience and qualifications that demonstrate your ability to study at Masters level.

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 60.



“Working with real patients in clinical sessions and learning from great academics – particularly in one-to-one tutorials – has been incredibly valuable.”

Deepak Simkhada
MSc Advanced Periodontal Practice, 2018



“I believe my course is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wishes to develop their skills, advance their career and is passionate about providing a high level of patient care.”

Manjit Sandhu
MSc Advanced Periodontal Practice, 2018

Our expertise

- Assessment, diagnosis and treatment planning
- Clinical periodontology
- Complex case management
- Non-surgical management of periodontal disease
- Surgical management of periodontal disease

The above taught courses are part-time and are based at the University of Essex Academic Dental Clinic in Colchester. For both our courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

PHILOSOPHY

We extend the realm of the possible by going beyond what has so far been thinkable.

We combine Continental and Anglo-American philosophy. Studying real-world problems, both political and existential, we gain a critical perspective on the personal, political, and socio-economic challenges we face today. We also have two major funded projects: The Ethics of Powerlessness, and The Essex Autonomy Project.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Philosophy

Continental Philosophy pathway
Critical Social Theory pathway
Philosophy and Art History pathway

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in philosophy or a related subject.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MAD, MPhil Philosophy

We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent). You must demonstrate your capacity to conduct independent research and a well-developed research proposal is also essential.

PhD Philosophy

You will need a good honours degree and a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



"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, 2016

Our expertise

- 19th and 20th century continental philosophy
- Autonomy and decision-making
- Contemporary critical theory
- Ethics of powerlessness
- Existentialism
- Hegel
- Heidegger
- Human rights
- Kant's Revolution in Philosophy
- Kierkegaard
- Nietzsche
- Phenomenology and existentialism
- Philosophy and psychoanalysis
- Philosophy of medicine and psychiatry
- Philosophy of religion
- Radical politics
- The Frankfurt School

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall, or equivalent.

PHYSIOTHERAPY



Assess, diagnose, educate and rehabilitate: learn how to transform lives.

At Essex, we offer a unique approach to physiotherapy 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. At the core of physiotherapy practice is the making of clinical judgements and informed interpretation of clinical information.

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Use practical and theory-based knowledge and skills to improve people's quality of life in this pioneering profession.

TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Physiotherapy
(pre-registration)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a life science, such as psychology, sociology, biological science or sports science.

RESEARCH DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Physiotherapy

You will need a good honours degree and a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject.

MSD, MPhil, PhD Musculoskeletal Practice

You will need a relevant Masters degree, or equivalent, and be currently registered with a relevant professional body. You must also have two years post-qualifying experience in a relevant senior role.

Doctorate in Physiotherapy

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 60.



“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, 2017

Our expertise

- Advancing physiotherapy practice
- Cardiorespiratory physiotherapy
- Contexts for contemporary practice
- Interprofessional collaboration and development
- Neurological physiotherapy
- Musculoskeletal physiotherapy
- Patient pathways
- Using evidence in health care practice

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For our taught course, you will also need to perform successfully at interview, pass a literacy and numeracy test, and supply a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check and an occupational health check. For our taught course, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 with no element below 6.5, or equivalent. For our research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

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POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Dual Award Option

Get two Masters degrees in two years. Study at Essex and in Germany or Japan. See page 169 for more info.

There has never been a more exciting time to study politics and international relations in our research-intensive department with world-leading staff.

From interstate war to the spread of terrorism, we aim to understand the decisions that shape the world we live in. Essex has always been the highest-rated politics department in the UK (REF 2014, mainstream universities, THE 2014) with some of the best minds in politics and international relations – and the only Regius Professorship in Political Science in the UK.

TAUGHT COURSES

MA Politics
MA United States Politics
MA, MSc Conflict Resolution
MA, MSc Global and Comparative Politics
MA Ideology and Discourse Analysis
MA, MSc, MRes International Relations
MA, MSc, MRes Political Economy
MA, MSc, MRes Political Science
MA Political Theory
MA, MSc Public Opinion and Political Behaviour
MSc Social Data Science*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a relevant social science like politics, international relations, economics, business/finance, or statistics.
Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.
Degrees from other subjects may be considered where you have at least two related modules with marks of at least 58% in the final two years of study.

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD Government
PhD Ideology and Discourse Analysis
You will need a good honours degree and a Masters degree in a relevant social science. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“I never thought I’d have the chance to work at the United Nations Headquarters or give press briefings at the US Senate. My time at Essex paved the way for a successful career in civil and human rights that has taken me from the Commonwealth Secretariat and the UN, to the courtrooms across America.”

Kindred Motes
MA International Relations, 2014

Our expertise

- Comparative political institutions
- Conflict resolution
- Contemporary theories of justice
- Election forecasting
- Gender-based peacekeeping
- Ideology and political discourse
- International negotiation
- International security studies
- Political parties in Britain and Europe
- Understanding tactics of terrorist groups

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5, or equivalent.
* Subject to approval.



PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING

The demand for mental health support that makes a difference to people's lives has never been greater.

Join the ranks of Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners across the country that are banishing the stigma around mental health, and driving forward our understanding of managing conditions such as anxiety and depression. You'll learn a variety of coaching techniques which are underpinned by research, so you can empower people in society to manage their own mental health.



TAUGHT COURSES

Grad Cert Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (Low Intensity)

PG Cert Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (Low Intensity)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Graduate Certificate: You will need qualifications at level 3 (such as A-levels), or equivalent, and you must demonstrate a capacity to study at level 6.

PG Certificate: You will need an honours degree, or equivalent.

Entry to our programme is through interview for a trainee PWP post in one of our local IAPT-compliant partners. Roles are advertised via the NHS jobs website or other local IAPT-compliant provider organisations. Employment as a trainee PWP is a pre-requisite for applying for the programme.



"I really valued the one-to-one support with patients while I was studying. I wanted to do the course because I knew I would be able to work anywhere with it; and now I'm a step 2 team leader managing a team of Practitioners."

Eliza Pepper
Grad Cert Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner, 2018

Our expertise

- Adapting the PWP skillset to meet the needs of a diverse patient group
- Assessment of people experiencing common mental health problems, including depression and anxiety
- Development of solutions to problems encountered in practice
- Ethical practice with an awareness of own values, beliefs, attitudes and impact
- Evidence-based treatment choices and intervention therapies within primary mental health care
- Legislation and policy relating to psychological wellbeing therapies
- Nurturing of skills required to create and maintain the therapeutic relationship
- Use of supervision specific to the PWP role

All of the above taught courses are based at our Colchester Campus. Our Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner courses are only available to UK applicants. If English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0 overall, or equivalent, with a minimum score of 6.5 in each component.

PSYCHOLOGY

We are confronted daily with new tech, unfamiliar cultures and ongoing challenges that affect our lives. Psychology helps us to cope.

Studying psychology at Essex allows you to embark on a journey into the thoughts, feelings and actions of individuals. We organise our research and teaching across three distinct areas of concentration: thinking about the world, interacting with the world, and experiencing the world. Use state-of-the-art facilities, learn alongside world-renowned experts and pursue your intellectual passion.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Psychology
(conversion course)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in any subject. This course is not suitable for applicants who hold a British Psychological Society accredited degree.

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

MSc Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuropsychology

We will consider a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in psychology, cognitive science or a related subject.

Applications from students with a low 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

MSc Research Methods in Psychology

RESEARCH DEGREES

MSD Psychology

You will need a high 2:2 or above (or international equivalent), in psychology or a related subject.

MSD Neuropsychology

PhD Psychology

You will need a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent), in psychology or a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.

PhD Neuropsychology



“I’m working as a Probation Officer; assessing risk and helping those with mental health concerns, chaotic lives, and offending behaviours. I am also completing a probation qualification to progress my career, and my psychology degree from Essex has helped significantly.”

Jessica Thompson
MSc Psychology, 2016

Our expertise

- Attention and perception
- Brain and behaviour
- Cognitive neuropsychology
- Cognitive and social neuroscience
- Developmental psychology
- Health behaviour
- Judgement and decision-making
- Neurocognition of language
- Personality and individual differences
- Social psychology

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0, or equivalent.

PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES

Study the role of the unconscious mind in mental health, culture and society, and the psychosocial factors which influence our lives.

You're taught by internationally recognised experts from a range of disciplines in depth psychology and psychosocial studies. We're educating the next generation of mental health, education and social care professionals, and developing students with the critical and research skills necessary to contribute to society and bring about change.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Psychoanalytic Studies

MA Refugee Care

PG Dip, MA Management and Organisational Dynamics

MA Jungian and Post-Jungian Studies

Grad Dip Psychodynamic Approaches (1-year)

MA Psychodynamic Counselling (3-years)

MA Psychodynamic Counselling (2-years)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent).

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent). It is desirable for you to have some relevant experience in a caring or supportive role. Experience of counselling or therapy is also an asset.

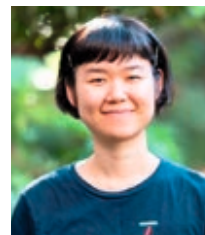
We will consider applicants with either: a diploma or qualification or equivalent training in counselling; a BA Therapeutic Communication and Therapeutic Organisations degree (minimum of 2:1); or an equivalent graduate diploma.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD, Integrated PhD Psychoanalytic Studies

MPhil, PhD Refugee Care

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject area. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



"I am currently a volunteer in Uganda. I am involved in community development in the Rwamwanja refugee settlement working in the livelihood sector and specialising in rice farming and livestock."

Saki Nakada
MA Refugee Care, 2017

Our expertise

- Analytical psychology (Jung)
- Child/adolescent psychotherapy
- History of psychoanalysis
- Klein, Winnicott, Bion, Lacan
- Myth and literature
- Psychoanalysis of groups and organisations
- Psychoanalytic concepts
- Psychodynamic theory and practice
- Psychosocial approaches to trauma
- Refugee care

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus, with the exception of our MA Refugee Care which is delivered jointly with the Tavistock Clinic, London.

For all our taught courses, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5, or equivalent. For all our research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 7.0, or equivalent.

For our taught courses, you may be required to attend an interview during the application process.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH

We are a powerhouse for social and economic research in the UK and around the world.

The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) has been conducting research into issues of major social, economic, and policy importance for over 25 years, relating not only to the UK, but Europe and other countries as well. Our strong international reputation is reflected by our publications in high-profile journals and in our consistently high level of support from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Applied Economics and Data Analysis

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a subject such as economics, mathematics, engineering, finance, physics, or any other degree with a strong mathematics component.

Your degree should contain some economics components including macroeconomics, microeconomics or econometrics.

MSc Survey Methods for Social Research†

We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in a related social science subject, mathematics or statistics. Your undergraduate degree must include at least two quantitative or research methods modules.

RESEARCH DEGREES

MPhil, PhD Applied Social and Economic Research

MPhil, PhD Economics

MPhil, PhD Health Research

MPhil, PhD Survey Methodology

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject.



“I enjoyed studying Sociological Imagination, and the advanced quantitative research module; both were taught by inspiring professors. I’m now a Research Executive at the Social Research Institute.”

Madalina Radu
MSc Survey Methods for Social Research, 2017

Our expertise

- Adolescent wellbeing
- Ethnic and gender inequalities
- Generational social mobility
- Handling missing data
- Health and the use of health services
- Household formation and dissolution
- Income, poverty and wealth
- Labour market behaviour
- Life-course epidemiology
- Longitudinal and panel data methods
- Microsimulation of taxes and benefits
- Migration and immigrant integration
- Neighbourhood and community
- Social classification systems
- Social inequalities in health
- Sociogenomics
- Survey methods and data
- The value of education

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For all our taught courses and research degrees, you are also required to submit a well-developed research proposal of around 1,000 to 2,500 words relevant to the research conducted in ISER.

For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

† For this course, you also need at least IELTS 6.0 in all components, or equivalent.

SOCIAL WORK



We do things differently at Essex, taking a global perspective, and examining social work through the lens of social activism.

Join our Centre for Social Work and Social Justice, and actively contribute to our dynamic learning community. Use your background in social sciences or social work as a launch-pad to investigate your topic in real depth. We offer unparalleled support from our experienced supervisors in a breadth of topics meaning you'll develop new high-level skills, enhance your professional development and build networks with like-minded individuals.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Social Work*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will normally consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in any discipline. Applicants must also have some paid or voluntary work experience in health or social care in a relevant social care or child care/education setting.

Applications from students with a 2:2, or equivalent, will also be considered where applicants also have significant vocationally relevant experience.

Applicants must also have GCSE Maths and English grade C/4 or above, or equivalent, at the time of application.

RESEARCH DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

MSD, MPhil, PhD Social Work

MSD: You will need a good honours degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.

MPhil, PhD: You will need a Masters degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline such as a health science or social science. Alternatively you will need to evidence advanced research skills developed through an alternative route. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.

Doctorate in Social Care Education

You need to be registered with a UK regulatory body (where appropriate).

Doctorate in Social Services Management

You should also be currently employed in management, practice or education, or in a senior position in a health or social care organisation, and possess a Masters qualification (or equivalent).



“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

Our expertise

- Citizen participation in social work and social welfare
- Comparative and international social work and social policy
- Conceptualisations of critical and radical social work and social policy
- Social services in the context of armed and political conflict (including refugee and migrant issues)
- Political economy of health and social care (with a particular focus on the impact of austerity policies on social workers and people who use social services in the UK and Europe)

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For our taught course, you will also need to perform successfully at interview, and supply a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS) and occupational health check.

If English is not your first language, for our taught course we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent, with a minimum of 6.0 in reading and writing. For our research degrees we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

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

* Subject to HCPC approval.

SOCIOLOGY

Explore sociology and our renowned Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) in a department led by world-class academics.

We explore questions of social justice and equality, taking global processes into account, with contributions from cultural history, criminology, social anthropology and social philosophy using both qualitative and quantitative methods. We are ranked in the top 50 sociology departments in the QS World University Rankings (2019) and have a dedicated and supportive student resource centre.



TAUGHT COURSES

MA Sociology

MA Sociology and Management

MA Sociological Research Methods

MSc Survey Methods for Social Research

MA Advertising, Marketing and the Media

MA, MSc Migration Studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:1 or above (or international equivalent) in sociology or a related subject. Applications from students with a 2:2 or equivalent, or a non-social-sciences degree, will be considered dependent on any relevant professional or voluntary experience, previous modules studied and/or personal statement.

RESEARCH DEGREES

PhD, Integrated PhD Sociology

You will need a good Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.



“I was formerly a Disclosure Officer safeguarding vulnerable adults and children. Now I’m a Police Officer and am looking to specialise in the Child Abuse Investigation team and develop my career in this field.”

Ellie Nudd
MA Sociology, 2015

Our expertise

- Advertising, marketing and media
- Citizenship and human rights
- Colonialism and indigenous peoples
- Digital economy
- Economic sociology and innovation
- Interviewing and qualitative data analysis
- Intimate and sexual citizenship
- Migration and globalisation
- Survey methods
- Work-life mobility
- War and memory

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 6.0, or equivalent. Some courses may have additional specific module requirements. Please see our website for details. • You may be required to attend an interview during the application process for this course.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Develop the skills needed to work dynamically with adults and children with speech, language and communication difficulties.

At Essex you'll also learn to work with those who have problems with eating, drinking and swallowing, mental health difficulties, voice disorders, cleft palate, and autism. You'll work together with our tutors to develop the knowledge, skills and professional identity needed to work successfully as a speech and language therapist in multiple settings.



TAUGHT COURSES

MSc Speech and Language Therapy
(pre-registration)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent). We recommend this to be in one of the following: psychology, language, linguistics, social science, biological science, medical science, or equivalent. Other degrees will be considered.

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

Doctorate in Speech and Language Therapy

See page 114 for information.

Are you interested in Continuing Professional Development? Check out page 60.



“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

Our expertise

- Acquired and developmental speech and language therapy
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Complex needs
- Dysphagia
- Emotional, social and behavioural difficulties
- Inter-professional working
- Learning difficulties in children and adults
- Professional practice and processes
- Stroke and aphasia

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus.

For our taught course, you will also need to perform successfully at interview, pass a literacy and numeracy test, and supply a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service check and an occupational health check.

For our taught course, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 8.0 overall, with no component below 7.5, or equivalent. For information about making an application, visit our website: essex.ac.uk/departments/health-and-social-care

SPORT AND EXERCISE

Enable the human body to perform at its full potential.

Fitness and health are both issues prevalent on the current public agenda. Consequently society needs trained professionals to analyse the impact of lifestyle choices. Our multidisciplinary approach means that you are able to work in the field with external partners or support elite athletes in our Human Performance Unit. You'll also study alongside staff internationally recognised for their research in our new Sport Arena.



TAUGHT COURSES		ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
MSc Sport and Exercise Psychology		We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a human science, such as sport, exercise, psychology and/or human biology.
MSc Sport and Exercise Science		
RESEARCH DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES		
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health and Exercise Sciences		You will need a good honours or Masters degree, or equivalent, in a related subject. A well-developed research proposal is also essential.
MSD, MPhil, PhD Health and Physical Activity		
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Medicine		
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Psychology		
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sport and Exercise Science		
MSD, MPhil, PhD Sports Therapy		
Doctorate in Sports Therapy		You will need a relevant Masters degree, or equivalent, and be currently registered with a relevant professional body. You must also have two years post-qualifying experience in a relevant senior role.
Doctorate in Sport and Exercise Science		
Doctorate in Sport Performance and Coaching		



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

Marco Konings
PhD Sport and Exercise Science, 2018

Our expertise

- Biomechanics of locomotion
- Cardiac rehabilitation and exercise prescription
- Children's fitness
- Green exercise
- Health psychology in sport and exercise
- Human physiology at the extreme
- Nutritional aids
- Paediatric exercise science
- Physical activity for health ageing
- Talent identification and development in young athletes

All of the above taught courses and research degrees are based at our Colchester Campus. For all our taught courses and research degrees, if English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 overall, or equivalent.

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING

Fast and efficient communication is a necessity in today's globalised world with increasing demand for people who work quickly in two or more languages.

At Essex, working in our professional interpreter training lab with a UN-style conference table and interpreting booths, you learn to work between English and another language, such as Mandarin Chinese, French or Arabic. You will also benefit from field trips and guided visits to the translation and interpreting directorates of the European Union.



TAUGHT COURSES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
MA Conference Interpreting and Translation (Chinese-English)	We will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in a subject which has a major component of English. If Mandarin Chinese is not your first language, you will need to hold HSK level 6 to be considered for this course.
MA Advanced Interpreting with Specialised Translation (Chinese-English)	
PG Dip Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting	
MA Chinese-English Translation and Professional Practice†	If your first language is English, we will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent) in French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish. If your first language is French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish, we will consider a 2:2 or above (or international equivalent), which includes English as a major component.
MA Translation, Interpreting and Subtitling	
MA Translation and Literature	
MA Translation and Professional Practice	
MA Translation and Professional Practice with Professional Placement	



“Since graduating from Essex, I now work as a Content Coordinator for a non-profit organisation in Colombia that organises literary events such as the Bogotá Book Fair.”

Juana Silva Puerta
MA Translation and Literature, 2017

Our expertise

- Bilateral interpreting
- Consecutive interpreting
- Intercultural communication
- Principles and practice of subtitling
- Principles of translation and interpreting
- Simultaneous interpreting
- Technical translation
- Technologies of translation

All of the above taught courses are based at our Colchester Campus.
For all of our courses, you must pass an aptitude test and an interview with one of our academic selectors as part of the application process.

If English is not your first language, we require IELTS 6.5 or above, or equivalent, with at least 6.0 in all components.

† Our MA Chinese-English Translation and Professional Practice course also requires at least 6.5 in writing. See our website for specific requirements.

EXTRA INFO

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There's a whole community online where you can find out more about living and learning at Essex. We respond to every enquiry, so if something is on your mind, get in touch.

Search #EssexResearch on Twitter for videos, news and articles about our academics' current research. Check out #MyEssex on Instagram to see student snaps and videos of everything we get up to at Essex, from fun-filled social events to dissertation submissions.

PARTNERSHIPS

We work closely with partner institutions to develop and maintain high-quality and accessible learning opportunities across the region and beyond.



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



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

kaplanpathways.com/universities/university-of-essex



The 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

International Doctoral Partnerships

The University of Essex has 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 institution and benefitting from access to learning and resources in both locations. Get in touch to learn more.

[E partnerships@essex.ac.uk](mailto:partnerships@essex.ac.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, Hamburg 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/masters/dual-awards

TRAVELLING TO ESSEX

It's easy to get to Essex. We have excellent road and rail links, with trains into central London taking under an hour from both Colchester and Southend stations.

No matter which campus you're at – Colchester, Southend or Loughton – you're never far away from London, a sandy beach or the picturesque Essex countryside. Each of our campuses offers something different, but they all have one thing in common: you'll experience our infectious Essex Spirit.



There are six airports within two hours' commute of our campuses. All campuses are within an hour of London Stansted and two hours of London Gatwick and Heathrow. Coach and bus services run between Stansted and the University's Colchester Campus or Southend town every hour during the day. Southend also has an airport just outside the town which flies to popular European destinations.

Once you've made an application we'll make sure you've got all the practical information you need about travel, what to bring with you, money matters and healthcare. For information on visas and immigration relevant to making a university application, visit our website.

START DESTINATION	END DESTINATION	DISTANCE	AVERAGE TRAVEL TIME BY CAR	AVERAGE TRAVEL TIME BY TRAIN	AVERAGE TRAVEL TIME BY BUS
Colchester Campus	Central London	60 miles / 97 km	1 hour 40 minutes	45 minutes – 1 hour	n/a
	Stansted Airport	33 miles / 57km	50 minutes	n/a	1 hour 15 minutes
	Southend Airport	41 miles / 66km	1 hour	1 hour 15 minutes	n/a
	City Airport	63 miles / 101 km	1 hour 30 minutes	1 hour 50 minutes	n/a
	Gatwick Airport	83 miles / 133km	1 hour 40 minutes	1 hour 50 minutes	n/a
	Luton Airport	87 miles / 140km	1 hour 50 minutes	2 hours 15 minutes	n/a
	Heathrow Airport	90 miles / 150km	1 hour 55 minutes	2 hours 10 minutes	n/a
	Harwich International Port	20 miles / 35km	35 minutes	25 minutes	n/a
Southend Campus	Central London	42 miles / 68km	1 hour 20 minutes	45 minutes – 1 hour	n/a
	Stansted Airport	40 miles / 64km	1 hour	n/a	1 hour 30 minutes
	Southend Airport	3 miles / 5km	10 minutes	n/a	15 minutes
	City Airport	36 miles / 58km	1 hour 15 minutes	1 hour 5 minutes	n/a
	Gatwick Airport	62 miles / 100km	1 hour 10 minutes	2 hours	n/a
	Luton Airport	68 miles / 109km	1 hour 25 minutes	2 hours 15 minutes	n/a
	Heathrow Airport	76 miles / 122km	1 hour 20 minutes	2 hours	n/a
	Harwich International Port	61 miles / 98km	1 hour 25 minutes	2 hours	n/a

These figures are approximate; the exact length and time of a journey will depend on the time of day travelled.

THE SMALL PRINT

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 2019 and refers to courses which will be available in October 2020. 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 may for example consist of variations to the content and method of delivery of programmes, courses and other services, to discontinue programmes, courses and other services and to merge or combine programmes or courses. 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 beyond its reasonable control, such as fire, flood or industrial action.

University terms and conditions, procedures, rules and regulations

If you accept an offer of a place, 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.

essex.ac.uk/about/governance

Alternative formats

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

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

Quality assurance and teaching excellence

We are registered with the Office for Students. That means we meet its requirements for course quality, student support and more. This includes meeting the expectations for standards and quality in the UK Quality Code for Higher Education. The University of Essex is one of just eleven universities who feature in the top 25% of performance in both the Teaching Excellence Framework (measured by the number of positive flags achieved in TEF2) and Research Excellence Framework (measured by intensity weighted Grade Point Average) (WonkHE, July 2017).

www.officeforstudents.org.uk

www.qaa.ac.uk

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/experience/complaints.aspx

Policy statement on equality, diversity and inclusion

The University of Essex celebrates diversity, challenges inequality and is committed to sustaining 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 employees, workers, contractors, students and visitors to be treated, and to treat each other, with dignity and respect regardless of age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, political beliefs and affiliations, family circumstances or other irrelevant distinction.

Tuition fee increases during your studies

Information on postgraduate tuition fees is correct at the time of publication. The University reserves the right to change tuition fees.

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 and charged for your year of entry.

For students commencing their studies at the University of Essex from the 2020-21 academic year, your fees will increase by up to 5% for each academic year of study.

For more information on how such increases might apply during your course check our fees and funding webpages.

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

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

East 15 Acting School

Our acting and directing courses are delivered by East 15 Acting School at our Loughton Campus.

Facilities include rehearsal spaces, a dance studio and the fully equipped Corbett Theatre. We are just five minutes from Debden Station, on the London Underground Central line. East 15 also delivers a range of undergraduate courses at both the Loughton Campus and in Southend, where our second campus includes the Clifftown Theatre.

east15.ac.uk

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 awarded Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) in June 2017
- The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide (TUGU) results are based on the 2019 publication
- QS World University Rankings (by Subject) results are based on the 2019 publication
- Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings results are based on 2019 data
- National Student Survey (NSS)[†] results are based on 2019 data
- Employability figures are based on the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey (DLHE 2017)
- Research Excellence Framework (REF) results are based on 2014 data*
- Our Frontrunners scheme has won the following awards since its establishment: Business in Community Award (2013); Times Higher, Outstanding Commitment to Students (2013); AGCAS Employability Award (2015)

[†] The National Student Survey (NSS) is an undergraduate survey.

* 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.

SUSTAINABILITY



Our goals

We're absolutely committed to doing our bit to help our planet. We're on track to hit our carbon emission reduction target of 43% by 2020 (since the baseline of 2005). We've also put our money where our mouth is, developing our unique carbon-neutral Essex Business School in recent years, increasing the number of solar panels around campus, and committing £1m per year to sustainability initiatives and projects.

But it doesn't stop there! We're sourcing our electricity from a company who supplies 100% renewable energy. We want to reduce our reliance on carbon and the amount of waste our University produces.

Changing our environment

We can all make small changes which help the planet. For instance, our Essex Food catering venues only offer compostable Vegware boxes and cutlery when you don't have the time to eat in, as well as paper or biodegradable straws. We have recently installed water foundations across campus, giving students and staff easy access to fresh water for refilling their reusable bottles. Our cafés give members of our community old sustainably-sourced coffee grounds which

can be used as compost in gardens and allotments. Even our used cooking oil (which isn't palm oil by the way) has a second life as biofuel!

But it's not just our restaurants, bars and cafés which are making big changes, our School of Biological Sciences has recently upgraded to 15 new super-efficient freezers, which use 75% less energy than the previous models. But they are not just any freezers, they are ones which go down to a rather chilly -80°C! It all adds up to make a big difference.

Get involved

If you're just as keen as us to make a difference, there are plenty of opportunities on campus to help. Join our Green Thumbs Society which runs our campus farm, take part in our massively successful annual Green Impact Award, or even use our refill service at our Thursday Market enabling you to stock up on household essentials like shower gel or washing up liquid, using your own container or bottle. We're definitely in favour of reducing and reusing first and recycling second! We also run a Festival of Sustainability on campus, so if you want to find out more or get stuck in, come along.

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