



## Exchange Information Fact Sheet 2022/23

The University of Essex, based at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, received its Royal Charter in 1965. It is one of the UK's leading academic institutions and has an international reputation for the quality of its research and teaching. The University has 17 departments spanning the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Engineering.

Admissions	
Nominations	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> (October entry for Autumn Term only and Full Year)</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b> (January entry for Spring/Summer Term and Calendar Year)</p>
Applications Exchange	<p>Applications for Exchange students for <b>October Entry</b> open on <b>1<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b> and close on <b>31<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b>.</p> <p>Applications for Exchange students for <b>January Entry</b> open on <b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b> and close on <b>31<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>.</p> <p>We may be able to accept late applicants so please contact the Essex Abroad Office for more information.</p>
Other Requirements	<p><b>All</b> applicants <b>MUST</b> provide us with clear colour copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Academic Transcript in English</li> <li>• English Language Certificate (where applicable)</li> </ul> <p>Please see our <a href="#">website</a> for the full list of the language documents we accept Students will not need to provide a language certificate if English is the national language of their home country or if their current course is taught in English See 'Language Requirements' section below for more information</p>

<p>Language Requirements</p>	<p><b>Full year students from EU/EEA and Non-EU/EEA countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IELTS: 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each element</li> <li>• TOEFL iBT: 76 overall with a minimum of 17 listening &amp; writing, 18 reading, 20 speaking</li> <li>• A list of other accepted language certificates can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Please refer to the 'First Year Entry' section.</li> </ul> <p><b>Term only students from EU/EEA and NON-EU/EEA countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We may be able to accept a letter or certificate confirming the student has reached the minimum B2 level from EU/EEA institutions.</li> <li>• A list of accepted language certificates can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Please refer to the 'First Year Entry' section.</li> </ul>
<p>Visa Information</p>	<p><b>Full Year students (over 6 months)</b></p> <p><b>EU/EEA and Non-EU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to apply for <a href="#">Student Visa</a></li> <li>• Visa fee from outside the UK can be found <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Students may be able to work</li> <li>• Student will be required to pay <a href="#">Healthcare surcharge</a></li> <li>• Essex will provide student with <a href="#">CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)</a> in order to apply for Student Visa.</li> </ul> <p><b>Term only students (under 6 months)</b></p> <p><b>EU/EEA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not need to apply for a visa</li> <li>• Student will be provided with a standard visitor letter by Essex Abroad to show at the UK border</li> <li>• Students are not allowed to work including volunteering</li> <li>• Health surcharge not required – if students are eligible under the <a href="#">government healthcare rules</a>. If not eligible, any NHS treatment will be payable unless it's a <a href="#">free service</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Non-EU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students <b>MUST</b> check <a href="#">here</a> if they need to apply for a <a href="#">Standard Visitor Visa</a>. Not all Non-EU/EEA students will require a visa.</li> <li>• Student will be provided with a standard visitor letter by Essex Abroad to show at the UK border</li> <li>• Students are not allowed to work including volunteering</li> <li>• Health surcharge not required but the student will need to pay for any NHS care they get at the point they use it - unless it's a <a href="#">free service</a>. <a href="#">Students must ensure they have health adequate cover</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Please refer to our <a href="#">immigration page</a> for up to date guidance from the University of Essex.</p>

**Semester dates: Autumn Term, 2022-23 Academic Year**

Arrival Date	Provisional date Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022
Orientation Week	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Classes Start	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Classes End	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Exam Period (Autumn Students only)	For modules with in-person exams, these will run from Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022 and will take place on campus.  For modules with online exams, these will run from Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 and can be taken from any location with an internet connection.  More information will be available to students in due course.

**Semester dates: Spring/Summer Term, 2022-23 Academic Year**

Arrival Date (Spring/Summer only students)	Provisional date Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Orientation Days	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Classes Start	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Classes End	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Easter Break	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023
Summer Term Revision/Classes Start	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 Only modules with exams will have teaching sessions in the Summer Term. Students need to be aware that accommodation contracts run until July 2023 even if they do not have teaching/exams in the Summer Term. Further information can be found in the Holiday Arrangements section below.
End of Summer Term	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Exam Period	Mid May – Beginning of June 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed in March 2023)
Departure Date	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

**Contact Information**

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Website	<a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students">https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students</a>

Location	
University Address	University of Essex Wivenhoe Park Colchester Essex CO4 3SQ
Climate	Spring/ Summer Average Temperature: 11°C-25°C Autumn/Winter Average Temperature: 0°C-11°C One of the driest regions in the United Kingdom
Colchester Town Tourism Website	<a href="http://www.visitcolchester.com/">http://www.visitcolchester.com/</a>
Transportation Services	Excellent transport links around the United Kingdom and to Europe. Approximately an hour away from London by train. Regular bus service to town centre and local destinations with stops on campus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Arrivals Day (Autumn term and full year students only) the University operates a direct coach service to the campus from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Airports. Students will be provided with the details on how to book this at a later date. Ticket fees apply.</li> </ul>
University Location Information	<a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/colchester-campus/how-to-get-here">https://www.essex.ac.uk/life/colchester-campus/how-to-get-here</a>

Academics	
System of assessment	Assignments and tests with exams at the end of the academic year. Autumn students will have exams (where required) at the end of December or beginning of January.
Teaching methods	Lectures, seminars, tutorials, and self-directed study
Language of instruction	English (other than in foreign language modules)
Restrictions for international students	The online <a href="#">module directory</a> indicates which modules are available to study abroad/exchange students. Students are only permitted to take Incoming Essex Abroad modules from the Colchester <b>or</b> Southend campus, it is not possible to take modules from across both campuses. Students are not permitted to take non-credited modules.
Standard credit load for term (Autumn or Spring/Summer)	All students are required to take 60 Essex credits per term
Standard module load for an academic year	All students are required to take 120 Essex credits per year
Division of academic years	Academic Year: October – June Autumn Term: October – December Spring/Summer Term: January – June/early July
Module Directory	<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/</a>

Finance	
Tuition fees (not applicable to Exchange students)	<a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme">https://www.essex.ac.uk/study-abroad/incoming-students/study-abroad-programme</a>
Pre-Sessional English Programs	Please see our website to find out which course is best for different levels of English. <a href="https://www1.essex.ac.uk/forms/pre-sessional/">https://www1.essex.ac.uk/forms/pre-sessional/</a>
Additional fees	There may be laboratory fees depending on modules chosen.
Insurance	Should be organised by student prior to their departure.

Accommodation	
Types of University maintained accommodation	<p>We offer single study bedrooms with shared kitchen facilities and either shared or en-suites bathroom. If students are studying at Colchester they must only select accommodation at our Colchester campus, students wishing to study at Southend must only select accommodation at our Southend campus.</p> <p>All students are offered on campus accommodation so long as they apply for it before the relevant deadline. This is subject to availability and is allocated on a first come first served basis.  <a href="https://www1.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/">https://www1.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/</a></p>
Private accommodation	<p>If students do not wish to apply for campus accommodation, the Student Union offers assistance to find private local accommodation options.  <a href="https://www.essexstudent.com/suhomes/">https://www.essexstudent.com/suhomes/</a></p>
Holiday Arrangements	<p>Accommodation remains open during the Christmas and Easter holidays. All students are required to vacate their rooms at the end of the Summer term.</p> <p>Students are able to leave their accommodation early if their exams finish before the end of term but <b>they will be liable to pay their fees</b> until the end of their contract in July.</p>
Accommodation application deadline	<p>Accommodation is arranged via Essex Abroad and students will be notified in August/September for October entry and in December for January entry. Students are not able to use the online Accommodation Application.</p>
Accommodation fee	<p>We offer a range of different types of accommodation, from shared facilities to ensuite rooms. The costs of each type of accommodation varies, and can be found online:  <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx</a>            Accommodation payment will be due within the first month of arrival/beginning of each term. The Accommodation team will manage this.</p>

Student Services	
Computer Services	<p>14 computer laboratories with over 600 computers, 100 of those are accessible 24 hours a day. There is university wide Wi-Fi including in all campus accommodation.</p>
Students Support	<p>We offer a range of services open to all students. Student will need to let us know in advance if they have an on-going issue that will require support so that we can make arrangements prior to their arrival.  <a href="https://www1.essex.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/default.aspx">https://www1.essex.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/default.aspx</a></p>
Security and Safety Centre	<p>Centrally located on campus and open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.</p>
Sports Facilities	<p>Essex Sports Membership is included in student's on-campus accommodation fee!</p> <p>We have a great range of facilities, both indoors and outdoors at our Colchester Campus. In 2018, we launched the £12 million Essex Sport Arena which is built to international sporting standards and is available to hire. The new space boasts seating for 1,655 spectators, and includes 20 courts for basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and futsal. <a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/sport">https://www.essex.ac.uk/sport</a></p>
Arts Events	<p>The Lakeside Theatre frequently runs professional and student productions. Art Exhibitions and Music events are held regularly.  <a href="https://lakesidetheatre.org.uk/about/university-of-essex/">https://lakesidetheatre.org.uk/about/university-of-essex/</a></p>
Students' Union	<p>Students automatically become members of the Students Union when they register at the University of Essex, there are no fees for this. The SU also run the on campus shops, nightclub and bar: See here or more information: <a href="http://www.essexstudent.com/">http://www.essexstudent.com/</a>            There are over 120 clubs and societies, radio station and a student newspaper: <a href="https://www.essexstudent.com/societies/">https://www.essexstudent.com/societies/</a></p>

### COVID-19 UK Guidance

University of Essex guidance	Find the latest updates on the COVID-19 situation for applicants, students and staff <a href="https://www.essex.ac.uk/covid-19">https://www.essex.ac.uk/covid-19</a>
UK Government guidance	UK Government updates and guidance on COVID-19 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>