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| Explore our campus | https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visit-us/virtual-tour/ |
| Discover Brighton | https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/student-life/brighton |
## Important Dates for the Academic Year

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<td><strong>Arrival Weekend</strong></td>
<td><strong>Saturday/Sunday 19/20 Sept 2020</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Orientation</strong></td>
<td><strong>Monday 21 – Friday 25 Sept 2020</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Autumn Semester</strong></td>
<td><strong>Teaching starts</strong> Monday 28 Sept 2020</td>
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<td><strong>Teaching ends</strong> Monday 11 Dec 2020</td>
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<td><strong>Winter Vacation</strong> Sat 12 Dec 2020 - Sun 3 Jan 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Mid-Year Assessment Period</strong> Mon 4 Jan – Sat 16 Jan 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Attendance only if required</strong> **</td>
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<td><strong>Inter-Semester Week</strong></td>
<td><strong>Mon 18 Jan – Fri 22 Jan 2021</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Arrival Date</strong></td>
<td><strong>Wed 20 Jan 2021</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Spring Semester</strong></td>
<td><strong>Teaching starts</strong> Monday 25 Jan 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Spring Vacation</strong> Sat 27 March - Sun 18 April 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Teaching ends</strong> Friday 30 April 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Revision week</strong> Mon 3 – Fri 7 May 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Year-end assessment period</strong> Mon 10 May – Sat 5 June 2021</td>
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| **Assessments**          | **Students at Sussex for autumn only** who are unable to stay for the January assessment period can take alternative assessments in December, though some submissions may be due in January. Alternative assessments are only available if the normal assessment would be an unseen, in-person, exam in January; if the normal assessments are coursework, essays, presentations, etc, then the normal assessment has to be taken/submitted. **Note** – there are a few Economics modules where an alternative assessment is not available and an unseen, in-person, exam in January is compulsory. **Students at Sussex for full year must** take all normal assessments. Alternative assessments are not permitted and students must attend both mid-year and year-end assessment periods. Unseen, in-person, exams can be held up to and including the last day of the summer term. **Students at Sussex for spring/summer must** attend the year-end assessments and alternative assessments are not permitted. Unseen, in-person, exams can be held up to and including the last day of the summer term. |
| Transcripts | **Exams timetable**  
The exams timetable for mid-year assessments (January) is published in November and in March for summer term assessments (May to June). Exam regulations at Sussex are strict and exams cannot be re-arranged, taken elsewhere or the mode of assessment changed.  
Transcripts for students who studied for autumn term only will be sent in late March and for those who studied for full academic year or spring/summer terms it will be sent from late July. |
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| Application Process | **A step by step guide to applying**  
Read through our Study Abroad website: [www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visiting-and-exchange](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visiting-and-exchange)  
1.  
2.  
   a. Choose your modules  
   b. Gather the following documents:  
      i. A transcript of grades in English from your current institution  
      ii. An academic reference (fee paying students only)  
      iii. Evidence of suitable English Language qualifications (for students whose native language is not English)  
   c. Download and save the application form from the website.  
   d. Submit the completed application form, along with relevant documents to Sussex Abroad office by email. |
| Deadlines | 1**st** April for autumn semester entrance  
15**th** October for spring semester entrance |
| Academic & Language Requirements | You must be academically qualified to take the courses for which you apply and are normally expected to have completed at least one year of higher education in your own country.  
A current grade point average of 3.0, average B grade or higher is normally required. Contact the Sussex Abroad team for other acceptable qualifications. |
| Modules are taught in English | If English is not your native language, you must demonstrate a good level of English competence. We accept a wide range of English language qualifications:  
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 6.5 and not less than 6.0 in each section  
- Test of English as a Foreign Language: internet based test: 88 overall with 20 in listening, 19 in reading, 21 in speaking and 23 in writing. The TOEFL institution code for the University of Sussex is DI 9166  
- GCSE or IGCSE English: grade C  
- Cambridge Advanced Certificate in English (CAE): grade B  
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): grade C  
Contact Sussex Abroad for other qualifications we accept  
For more information on English Language Courses at Sussex University visit: [http://www.sussex.ac.uk/languages/english](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/languages/english)
### Sussex University Study Areas

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Business and Management Studies
- Chemistry
- Informatics/Computing
- Cultural studies
- Economics
- Engineering and Design
- English and Drama
- Evolution, behaviour and environment science
- Geography
- History
- International development
- International relations
- Languages
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media and film studies
- Music and music technology
- Philosophy
- Physics and Astronomy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Science, technology and innovation
- Social work and Social Care
- Sociology
- Zoology

For further information on these subject areas, visit:
[http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/modules](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/modules)

### Credit System

The total number of credits students should take for the different study periods are:

**Full Year (Autumn, Spring and Summer terms):** 120 credits

**Autumn Semester:** 60 credits

**Spring Semester:** 60 credits

### Credit Comparisons

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<td><strong>Full year</strong> applicants are guaranteed university accommodation if they apply by our 30th June deadline. <strong>Part year</strong> students are not guaranteed university managed housing but we will advise on alternative options. See link for housing options: <a href="http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/international-students/visiting-exchange-erasmus-students/accommodation">www.sussex.ac.uk/study/international-students/visiting-exchange-erasmus-students/accommodation</a></td>
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<td><strong>Student living and housing costs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Entry &amp; Visa Regulations</strong></td>
<td>You may need to apply for a visa to study at Sussex. Check our Visas &amp; Immigration pages to learn more: <a href="https://student.sussex.ac.uk/international/visas">https://student.sussex.ac.uk/international/visas</a> If you are student from the European Economic Area find out the latest information on our Brexit hub: <a href="https://www.sussex.ac.uk/brexit/index">https://www.sussex.ac.uk/brexit/index</a></td>
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<td><strong>Health &amp; Insurance</strong></td>
<td>Students registered at Sussex for less than six months must take out private medical insurance before travelling. This insurance should cover their time in the UK and also provide cover if they intend to travel outside the UK. Full year students are covered for treatment through the UK’s National Health Service (NHS), some services are free but some are paid for, such as dental treatment, prescriptions. However students must make sure they have adequate insurance cover for emergency treatment, including transportation to home country and travel outside the UK.</td>
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## Campus Services & Support

There is a **Health Centre** on campus where doctors and practice nurses are available to see. Students need to register with the Health Centre as soon as possible after arrival at Sussex: [www.unisussexhc.nhs.uk](http://www.unisussexhc.nhs.uk)

**The Student Support Unit** offers advice and assistance and can help set up support for students with disabilities, mental health difficulties and additional learning needs: [www.sussex.ac.uk/studentsupport](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/studentsupport)

**International Student Support** can answer queries about immigration and employment and sends out regular email updates on issues affecting international students.

They also organise social events and excursions to famous and historical places of interest in the UK throughout the academic year: [www.sussex.ac.uk/internationalsupport](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/internationalsupport)

**Worship** – The Meeting House is the on-campus chaplaincy and offers services spanning a range of faiths. There is a Muslim Student Centre and Muslim prayer facility on campus: [www.sussex.ac.uk/chaplaincy/index](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/chaplaincy/index)

## Welcome & Orientation

A welcome and orientation programme is arranged for all new students before term starts with specific events aimed at international students ranging from fun events to academic advice sessions.

The highly successful Sussex Buddy Scheme is organised by the Sussex Students’ Union and helps new students to settle in by matching up with current students to meet up, share tips and socialise together.

Further details on how to sign up will be sent out prior to arrival: [www.buddyscheme.com](http://www.buddyscheme.com)