



University of Essex

INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS GUIDE 2022-23



WELCOME

Join a bold and brilliant learning community at the University of Essex, home to radical thinking and challenging ideas since the 1960s.

With Kaplan Pathways, you can take a pathway course to prepare and qualify for entry to an Essex degree. You will take your course on campus at the University of Essex International College, giving you the perfect introduction to life at the University.

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The University

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university-of-essex](https://kaplanpathways.com/university-of-essex)

Read about what you can expect at the University of Essex, what facilities and amenities you'll find on campus, and what it's like to live and study there.

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See information on contacting us and how to apply, and use the accompanying [course booklet](#) to find details of the pathway courses and degrees available.



Ali
from the UK

Benazir
from Nigeria

WE ARE ESSEX

Essex is a daring and innovative university, with a lot to offer international students like you. Read on to find out what makes the University of Essex so special.

At the University of Essex, you'll be joining an extraordinary student community, full of inspiring ideas and bright young minds from around the world. You'll benefit from a culture of questioning received wisdom, and striving to make positive change. In fact, the University of Essex was established to do just that: to be a modern university that could challenge the dominance of the traditional 'red brick' institutions.

Essex has a proud history of standing up for shared principles during times of social change. This pioneering spirit has helped Essex become an academic powerhouse, and one of the UK's leading institutions for the social sciences. It's no wonder the University attracts so many ambitious, creative students from across the globe every year.

When you arrive at Essex as an international student, you'll become part of this story, as well as writing your own. You'll be joining all kinds of people, from all kinds of places, so you can enjoy a fun and vibrant social life and a brilliant student experience. You'll have access to excellent facilities, and teachers who are leaders in their fields. All this means that you'll be well-equipped to face the future with a great degree from a university that's respected all around the world.

IMPATIENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Top 30
in the UK
overall

Complete University Guide 2022



**5 REASONS
TO CHOOSE THE
UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX**

Top 25
in the world for
international
outlook

Times Higher Education World
University Rankings 2022



88%
of graduates are in
employment or further
study within 15 months

Graduate Outcomes Survey 2021



3rd
in the UK
for investment in
student services

Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2022



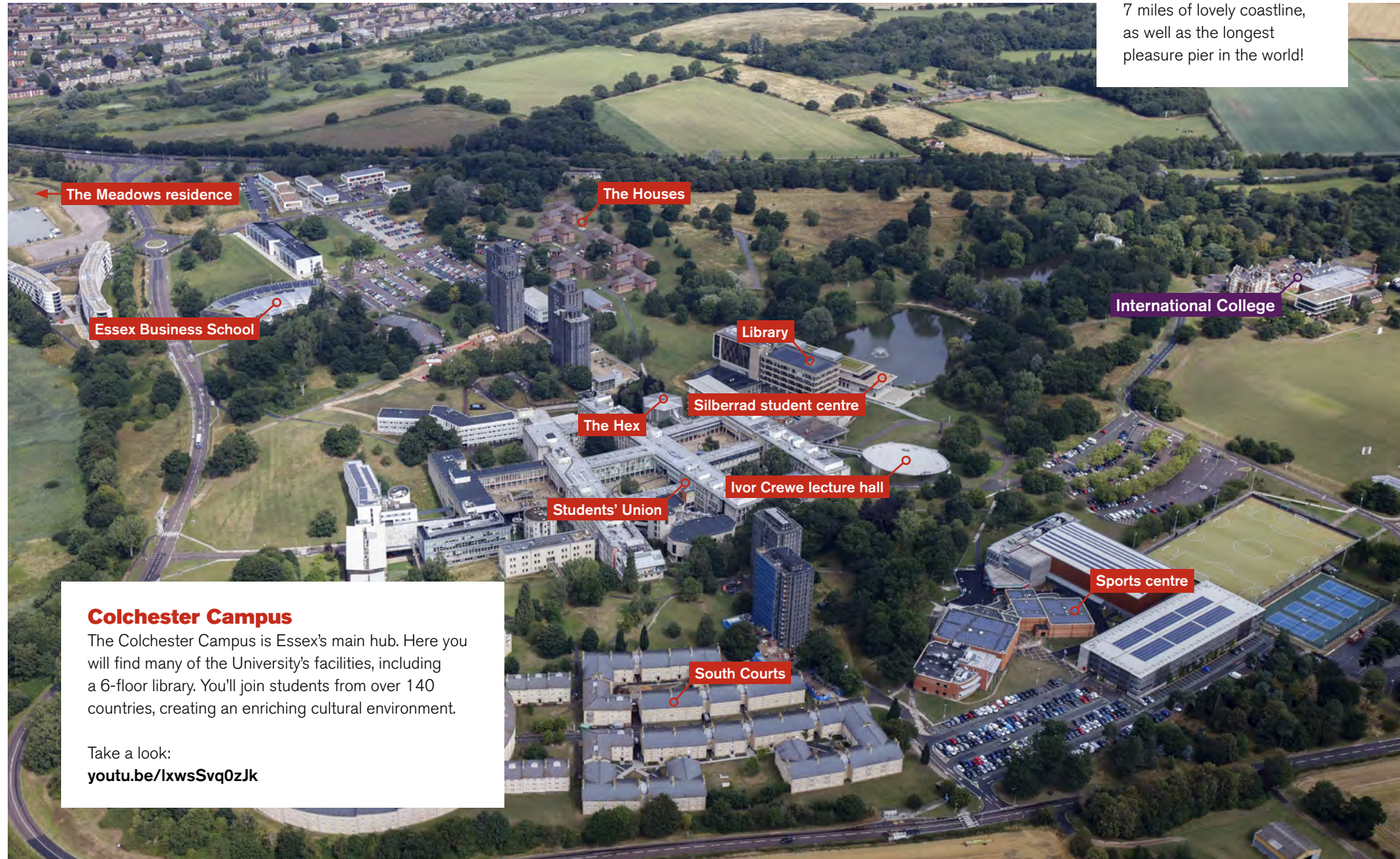
Student
community of
140+
nationalities

Source: University of Essex



YOUR LIFE ON CAMPUS

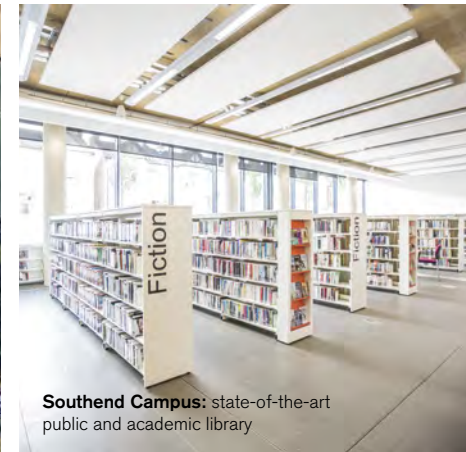
Campus life at Essex is great! You'll be able to enjoy fantastic facilities, both academic and social, and will be studying among fascinating people from all over the world. Find out more about the University's 3 campuses, and imagine what your life will be like at Essex.



Colchester Campus
The Colchester Campus is Essex's main hub. Here you will find many of the University's facilities, including a 6-floor library. You'll join students from over 140 countries, creating an enriching cultural environment.

Take a look:
youtu.be/lxwsVvq0zJk

Southend Campus
Based in the vibrant seaside town of the same name, the Southend Campus features cutting-edge facilities such as a 24-hour Learning Hub and a state-of-the-art public and academic library. Southend itself is home to 7 miles of lovely coastline, as well as the longest pleasure pier in the world!



Southend Campus: state-of-the-art public and academic library

Loughton Campus
With excellent amenities that include a theatre, rehearsal spaces, and costume and prop departments, it's easy to see why the Loughton Campus is considered a premier study destination for performing arts students.



Join the club
Outside the classroom, you'll enjoy plenty of opportunities for fun, socialising and personal development. In fact, there are over 160 clubs and student societies to get involved with, covering interests as varied as animé and manga, current affairs, make-up, vegan and vegetarianism, and football. There are also lots of international cultural societies, from Arabic to Vietnamese: perfect for students from overseas who want to meet people from their home country.

A different kind of club is also a great campus asset at Essex: the award-winning Sub Zero night club. Sub Zero has a long and proud history of attracting major music artists and performers. Over the years, some of the world's biggest bands have played at Sub Zero, including Pink Floyd, AC/DC and Blur. You'll also benefit from a recently built sports arena, and a £1.4 million gym; a great way for students to keep active!

LIFE IN ESSEX

The University of Essex takes its name from the county (region) of Essex, located on England's east coast. It's a beautiful part of the country with lots to see, and London is just a short journey away.

Colchester, coastlines and cuisine

Essex is a picturesque part of the country, with an interesting history that stretches back thousands of years. In fact, Colchester, the town that hosts the University of Essex's main campus, is the earliest recorded town in England, having been founded by the ancient Romans.

Exploring the county, you will see beautiful countryside, pretty villages and historic sites. Essex also has a long and scenic coastline, with some lovely seaside spots and the world's longest pleasure pier at Southend.

Essex has its own fantastic food culture, with plenty of seafood to try. If you're feeling homesick though, you don't have to rely on British food: Essex has all kinds of restaurants, and you can find cuisine from across the world.

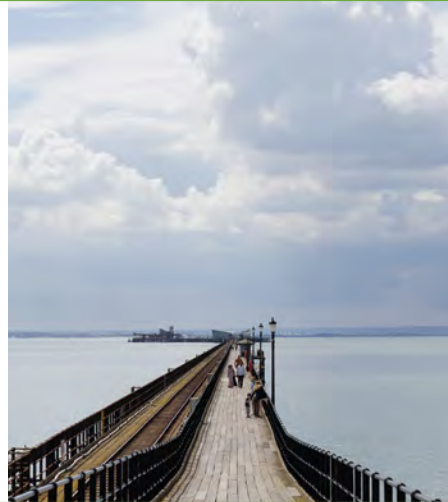


TOP 8 THINGS TO DO IN ESSEX

There are lots of wonderful things to see and do in Essex, whether that's in Colchester, Southend or in the rest of the county. Exploring this typically English part of the country will give you a truly authentic taste of British life.

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Head down the longest pleasure pier in the world at Southend.



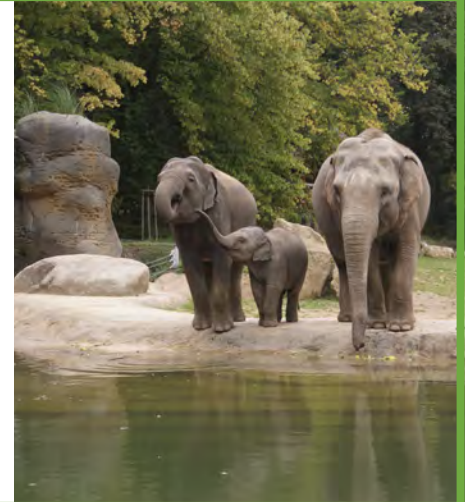
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Go shopping in Colchester town centre.



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See extraordinary animals at Colchester Zoo.



3

Have fun on adrenaline-pumping rides at Adventure Island in Southend.



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Go to the beach! There are plenty of options in Essex.



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Take a look inside Colchester Castle Museum, a Norman-era keep.



4

See a live show in a beautiful, historic church at Colchester Arts Centre.



5

Enjoy some delicious, fresh fish and chips.



LIVING IN ESSEX

While you're studying your pathway course at the International College, you can stay in safe, comfortable and convenient accommodation. It's easy to book your room on the accommodation portal, and our dedicated team will be here to help you find a great place to live.

What's typically included?

- Comfortable private bedroom
- Private bathroom
- Electricity, gas and water bills
- Internet and WiFi
- Access to shared laundry rooms (usage charges apply)
- Shared kitchen
- Shared social spaces
- Secure door entry
- On-campus security officers at night
- Student starter pack with essentials such as bedding

Accommodation during your degree

After your pathway course, you may be able to continue to live in a University of Essex student residence, or you can find private accommodation nearby.

Accommodation options



The Meadows

You'll share a flat with up to 7 other students, with a private bedroom and bathroom. 20-minute walk to the College.



The Houses

You'll share a flat with up to 6 other students, with a private bedroom and bathroom. 10-minute walk to the College.



South Courts

You'll share a flat with up to 14 other students, with a private bedroom and bathroom. 10-minute walk to the College.

Taonazua
from Zimbabwe

Shao Ting
from Taiwan

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Based on the University's Colchester Campus, the International College is where you will study your pathway course, helping you to meet your degree entry requirements and get ready for university.

Take a pathway course

As an international student, you might need, or benefit from, a pathway course that prepares you for degree study. Sometimes a pathway course is necessary owing to differences in national education systems, or to help you improve your academic or language skills to the level needed.

You'll take your pathway course at the University of Essex International College, where expert staff will guide you as you improve your English, academic skills and subject knowledge. During your studies, you'll also have access to all of the University of Essex's facilities and resources. When you pass your course at the required level, with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to your degree!

WHAT CAN I STUDY AT THE COLLEGE?

You have a number of study options that will help you on your path to an Essex degree. While a Foundation Certificate or International Year One will enable you to enrol on an undergraduate degree, a Pre-Master's course will do the same for a postgraduate degree.

Pre-sessional courses

If you have a conditional offer and qualify academically for entry to your chosen undergraduate or postgraduate degree, but don't meet the English language requirement, you could improve your UKVI IELTS score by up to 1.5 by taking a pre-sessional course.

If you have an unconditional offer, you also have the option of studying a pre-sessional course which specifically develops your academic skills.

Li
from China

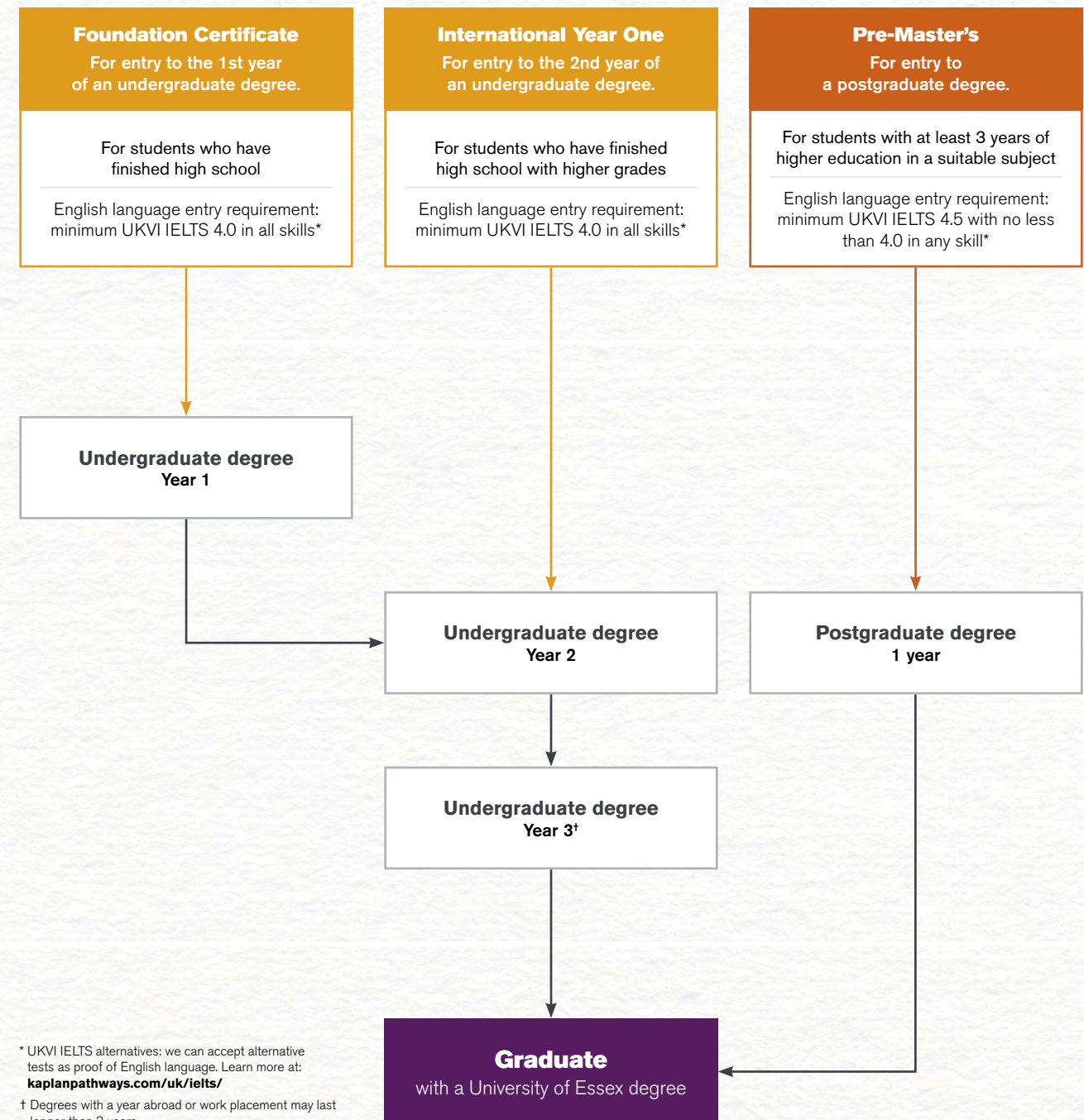
Benazir
from Nigeria

Course details

Use the accompanying **course booklet** to explore the full range of courses, degrees and online internship options.

Undergraduate pathways

Postgraduate pathway



LEARN YOUR WAY

Experienced staff will empower you to make the most of your time at the International College. We value both your education and your experience of living in the UK, and want you to progress to university feeling confident and excited.

Be inspired

You'll be joining an invigorating environment at the International College, with other ambitious people from around the world who are eager to learn. Teachers at the College will encourage you to think critically and to get involved in conversations and debates about complex topics, much like a university seminar.

The course will enhance your subject knowledge, study skills and English language level, and help you become familiar with academic conventions in the UK. When you graduate, you will be ready to succeed at university and beyond.

Bespoke curriculum

Your course has been carefully crafted to help international students adjust to the UK education system. It will contain modules based on your degree subject, and will typically include projects allowing you to cover topics that interest you.

You'll also be able to learn at your own pace, with teaching support tailored to the needs of each individual student. Depending on your circumstances, we may be able to offer flexible study solutions, like digital learning, so you don't have to miss out on the life-changing opportunity to study abroad.

Employability skills

Preparing you for a successful career is an important part of getting an education. Our pathway courses include many opportunities to build career skills, such as live careers events with businesses and entrepreneurs, practical projects and help expanding your professional network. You'll even be able to gain impressive professional qualifications while you study.

100%
of students who
successfully passed
their course received an
unconditional offer to a
University of Essex degree

See the full progression rates:
kaplanpathways.com/essex-progression/

STUDENT SUPPORT

When you study at the University of Essex International College, you'll benefit from fantastic support from the very start. If you ever need anything or have questions, all you have to do is ask!

“We make sure that you'll not only get the most out of your education, but also out of your experience of life in the UK as a student. It's really important to us that you are happy, having fun, and feel that the International College is an open, welcoming environment to study and spend time in.”

Beth, College Services Administrator (pictured left)



97%
of students surveyed would recommend the College to a friend as a good place to study

See what else our students think:
kaplanpathways.com/essex-satisfaction/

Nasser
from Saudi Arabia



Support early on

From the moment you enquire about a pathway course, you'll benefit from the fantastic support on offer when you study with Kaplan. We'll give you guidance on the visa process, and send you a handy pre-arrival guide. You'll also be able to get an advance look at your study materials with Pathways Preview. And, if you're under 18, Kaplan can help arrange a comprehensive guardianship service from a recognised and established guardianship company. When you land in the UK, we can often meet you at the airport and arrange a transfer service, and we'll make sure you're settled and comfortable when you arrive at your new home in Essex.

We're here for you

While you're at the College, your safety, wellbeing and happiness are all extremely important to us. The first few days of term are Welcome Week, a fun introduction to College life, the staff and your fellow students. After that, we'll continue to organise great social events, activities and day trips to make your time here rich and rewarding. We'll also help you set up a bank account, register with a doctor and make sure you have everything you need for life in the UK. If you ever want to discuss anything, our friendly support team will always be there for you. When your course ends, you will even be able to carry on building employability skills and working on your Kaplan portfolio with Pathways Extra.

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Find out what student life abroad is like from people who have already had the experience and know what it's like: our Student Ambassadors!

Life as a student

The Kaplan Student Ambassador programme aims to encourage international students to share their experiences. Students who participate have posted loads of fantastic blogs and videos, showing other students what life at university in another country is like. Take a look at what they have to say; it's a great way to find out what to expect yourself.

Become an Ambassador

When you study at the College, you'll have the chance to be a Student Ambassador too. Joining in can give a real boost to your CV, as you'll gain experience using skills that employers really value. You'll also be able to receive exclusive rewards like a free railcard, short stays at our various residences around the UK, plus a bonus gift for high achievers.

"I applied to become a Student Ambassador because I was keen to get involved with the University. This was an opportunity to meet new people, improve my individual skills and to share my passion for studying at the University of Essex with students who have similar goals."

Navid from Afghanistan

To hear more from our Student Ambassadors, just visit:
kpln.org/ueic-ambassadors

FIND MORE ONLINE

There's so much more to find out about the University of Essex. Below you can find where to go online for more information, including about other routes to an Essex degree and how to contact us if you have any questions.

The University

About Essex:

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-essex

Degree options at Essex:

kaplanpathways.com/essex-degrees

The University's website:

essex.ac.uk

Important information

Student visa:

www.gov.uk/student-visa

Student insurance:

kaplanpathways.com/insurance

College guardians for under-18s:

www.collegeguardians.co.uk

Information for parents:

kaplanpathways.com/parents

The College

About the International College:

kaplanpathways.com/essex

Student accommodation:

kaplanpathways.com/essex-accommodation

Employability resources:

kaplanpathways.com/essex-employability

Tuition fees and living costs:

kaplanpathways.com/essex-fees

Further questions?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

kpln.org/uk-faq

Get in touch:

kaplanpathways.com/essex-contact

Meet us in your country or region:

kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country

Other study options

Take a degree online

With Kaplan Open Learning, you can study a University of Essex bachelor's or master's degree online and part-time. This will give you flexibility and convenience around your current schedule, and is a really cost-effective way to get a great degree. You'll benefit from engaging, interactive learning materials, delivered using cutting-edge digital technology. You'll also have access to dedicated student advisors who will be there for you from enrolment right through to graduation. Your degree will be fully accredited, so you'll leave with the same impressive qualification as on-campus students.

Find out more:

online.essex.ac.uk

MEET BENAZIR

Benazir has come from Nigeria to study in the UK, and is on her path to an Essex degree.

A few years ago I became really fascinated by the brain and how it works. I was on the internet and I was reading about the brain, and it mentioned that less than 3% of the brain had been studied and there's still a lot to be known, and I just wanted to discover what's still unknown! That's why I decided that I wanted to do something related to Neuroscience.

Although I'm from Nigeria, I used to live in Saudi Arabia, and while I was there I studied the British curriculum. That's why, when I was looking for universities, my parents thought it would be better for me to apply to a British one. I chose the University of Essex because it offers Neuroscience and Psychology together, and it's close to London.

When I first got here I was nervous, but everyone was very friendly. The teachers and the staff were really helpful, so this contributed to me getting used to my surroundings very quickly. I was surprised by how fast I adapted!

I've made quite a lot of friends here. That was also one of my worries, that I wouldn't be able to get along with people because it's a more international community than I'm used to, so I thought I might have problems with communication. But I really didn't! Everyone here is new and trying to make friends, so that made it easier for us to get to know each other. And now it's like a family — we help each other and we go out. It's really nice!

“IT'S LIKE A FAMILY — WE HELP EACH OTHER AND WE GO OUT. IT'S REALLY NICE!”

My University of Essex degree is Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience, and one of the modules I took here at the College is called People, Culture and Society. I think that helped me with the Psychology part of my degree because it's about trying to understand people in a society — it's from a more cultural point of view, but it's closely linked to Psychology.

Studying abroad is such a fun experience. I think it helps you grow as a person, and you learn more about yourself and you get to be independent. And it's always nice to experience something new, so I would recommend studying abroad to other people.

This is my path so far.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying to study in Essex with Kaplan is quick and easy. Choose a course, and then just follow the steps opposite!

Step 1

Submit your application form

We'll guide you through the entire application process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or apply via the link below.
kaplanpathways.com/essex-apply

Flexible study

To ensure everyone can get a great education, we're continuing to offer flexible admissions and study plans, often including digital learning.

Step 2

Receive an offer letter

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you.

Step 3

Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study and admin fee, or sending your financial guarantee. You can also book your accommodation via our online portal, so you'll have a safe place to live during your studies.

Step 4

Obtain your student visa

To study a pathway course in the UK, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. We'll advise you on this important process, and provide the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.

Step 5

Book your flight and begin your studies

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student!

Shao-Ting
from Taiwan

Fang Yi
from China



CHOOSE YOUR PATH

The best way to decide on your path to the University of Essex is to get in touch! Just follow the link below, and we'll be more than happy to help.

Contact us

kaplanpathways.com/essex-contact

Course information

You can use the **course information booklet** to find out more about the pathway courses at the University of Essex International College and the available progression degrees. Alternatively, find an online version of the booklet on our website:

kaplanpathways.com/essex-course-info

Where is Essex?



Who's on the cover?

Jun-Kith (left) and Galia (right) are on their path to a University of Essex degree

Find out more

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-essex

Explore more study options

Kaplan offers international students a wide range of education options in English-speaking countries. Learn more: kaplanpathways.com

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