

An international university

Sussex is a leading research university with a thriving international community. Our reputation for academic excellence attracts teachers, researchers and students from around the world, resulting in a friendly, open and multicultural environment. We also offer you the opportunity to study abroad and to develop a wider global perspective.

International students

Key facts

- in the top 80 universities worldwide, with a curriculum oriented towards making the future
- international students voted the University the best 'Place to Be' in England in the 2009 i-graduate survey
- guaranteed University accommodation, provided you apply by the housing deadline
- safe and convenient campus just eight minutes from Brighton by train
- more information can be found at www.sussex.ac.uk/international

Our campus has a truly multicultural feel, with over 2,700 international students and teaching and research staff from 120 countries.

Why Sussex?

- Join a university in the world's top 80. We are a leading research university and our international reputation attracts teachers and researchers at the forefront of their fields.
- See for yourself why our international students voted us best 'Place to Be' in England for the third year running, in the 2009 i-graduate survey.
- Enjoy our green campus, under an hour from central London. Our beautiful campus, surrounded by the South Downs National Park, has excellent transport links to London and the UK's two biggest airports – Heathrow and Gatwick.
- Discover Brighton. We're just eight minutes by train from the centre of Brighton – one of the most lively and cosmopolitan cities in the UK.

Applying to us

Our typical entry requirements for the most common qualifications are listed on page 128. For more detailed information on specific countries, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/international/yourcountry

Find out more about us

Come and see us in your home country. Our International Liaison Team visit schools, universities and education fairs all over the world. You can find out when we'll be in your country at www.sussex.ac.uk/international/contactus/overseasvisits

Visit your local Sussex representatives

Our trained representatives provide information and advice on applying to Sussex. For their contact details, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/international/representatives

Join our international admission schemes

We co-operate with colleges in China, Greece and Nigeria to help prepare students for study at Sussex. If you satisfactorily complete the relevant course, these schemes will guarantee you a place with us. Refer to page 131 for a list of the schemes and contact details.

Feel at home in University accommodation

Our University-managed accommodation is guaranteed for the first year of your degree – provided you submit your application by the housing deadline. Refer to pages 23 and 138 for more information.





Come to us for support and advice

We can help you with any problems at university, providing advice on matters such as immigration, finance and life in the UK. We also have dedicated international advisors for students from China, Japan and South Asia. Our international student support staff can also help you make the most of your experience while you are at Sussex. With their support, you can learn about different cultures and experience the British way of life.

Observe your faith

We have a Muslim Student Centre and mosque on campus, along with our chaplaincy catering for a range of religions. In Brighton, there are two mosques, a Buddhist centre, Islamic centre, Jewish centre and Greek and Russian Orthodox churches.

Helping you with the English language

You can enrol on Foundation English (October-June) and/or pre-sessional English courses (July-September, before the academic year starts) at our Sussex Centre for Language Studies to help you gain the English skills required for our degrees. The Centre also offers in-sessional English support (after the academic year starts) to help you with your degree studies.

For information on general, academic, IELTS or professional English, get in touch by emailing efl@sussex.ac.uk or visit www.sussex.ac.uk/languages/english

A memorable start to your studies with us – international students enjoying a welcome reception at the Brighton Dome



Hanh's perspective

'Studying at Sussex is one of the most exciting experiences of my life, and my foundation year in media and communications is a truly vibrant programme. After just a few months of studying, living and enjoying it all, I knew I'd never regret my decision to come to Sussex!

'I've learned so much more than I expected to on the foundation year – not only the basics of media and sociology, but also vital English language skills. Just as importantly, the foundation year has given me essential academic skills in areas like self-directed learning, research, and group work.

'Another fabulous thing about Sussex is the staff, especially my tutors. They give me loads of help and encouragement, and I can always get advice whenever I need it.'

Hanh Thi Hong Hoang
International Foundation Year (media and communications)



International Foundation Year and International Year 1

Key facts

- guaranteed progression to degree programmes on successful completion
- course includes academic subjects, study skills and English language training, located on campus at our dedicated International Study Centre
- start in either September or January

International Foundation Year (IFY)

The IFY is designed for students from outside the EU who have completed high school but who do not yet meet all the University's entry requirements for degree-level study. Satisfactory completion of our foundation year will guarantee your progression to our undergraduate degree programmes.

The IFY courses are grouped into six broad subject streams:

- business, management and economics
- computing and mathematics
- engineering and physics
- law and social studies
- life sciences and psychology
- media and communications.

You apply to do a particular stream in line with your intended area of undergraduate study, and select the actual degree during your Foundation Year. Provided you obtain the required grades at the end of your year, you will progress to your Sussex degree programme in the following October.

International Year 1

The International Year 1 is designed for students from outside the EU who have obtained good high-school grades plus up to one year of further study. It is offered over three terms and comprises academic and English language courses. On successful completion, you enter Year 2 of one of the following undergraduate degrees at Sussex:

- BSc in Accounting and Finance
- BSc in Business and Management Studies
- BSc in Business with Human Resource Management
- BSc in International Business
- BSc in Marketing and Management

For information on English language requirements and how to apply, refer to page 130 or visit

www.studygroup.com/isc/sussex

Study abroad opportunities

Key facts

- develop an international perspective at an overseas university
- study in Asia, Australia, Europe or North and central South America (refer to page 132 for a list of destinations)
- one of the best-supported study abroad programmes in the UK
- options for study or work placements while you're abroad

Studying abroad is a brilliant way to give yourself a valuable career edge and enhance your employability. In addition to building your cross-cultural awareness (crucial for 21st-century global career pathways), you can acquire a range of transferable skills that are highly valued in every profession and by employers. Studying a language clearly develops your skills as a communicator, both verbally and in writing, and studying languages abroad can develop the important skills and personal qualities of confidence and flexibility, analytical ability, problem-solving and working in a team.

Sussex language graduates have gone on to careers as translators; sales and marketing professionals; international recruitment consultants; international mortgage administrators; Refugee Projects co-ordinator for the British Red Cross abroad; a CNN presenter on international television; and teachers of English in Venezuela, Spain, Germany, Japan and France.

Sussex student Leah Cowan (centre) in the classroom. Leah spent part of her International Relations and Development degree abroad as a student at the National Taiwan University in Taipei



We offer a huge range of destinations across Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and central South America. Refer to page 132 for details. We also offer one of the best-supported European study abroad programmes of any UK university. Pioneered independently by Sussex in the 1960s, our study abroad scheme is supported by the European Commission through its Lifelong Learning Erasmus programme. Students on this scheme usually benefit from non-means-tested Erasmus grants. For more information, visit www.britishcouncil.org.uk/erasmus

If you are taking a degree with an American Studies component, a dual-language major, or one of our joint majors involving a language, you spend Year 3 of the four-year degree programme abroad. Students on these programmes may also undertake a work placement during their year abroad. Students from most other degree programmes can apply to do a voluntary study-abroad period, for either a term or all of Year 2, or the first term of their final year.

American Studies students study at one of a range of universities across North America. Language-degree students study at a university in Europe (or La Réunion for French, and Latin America for Spanish) where their language of study is spoken. A growing number of overseas universities now have courses taught in English, which enables Sussex students without the necessary language skills to study abroad. Students can also take Erasmus Intensive Language Courses in-country before their term starts.

For more information on study abroad opportunities, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexabroad or email sussexabroad@sussex.ac.uk

Vicky's perspective

'As part of my Chemistry degree with a sandwich year I was able to study at the National University of Singapore during my third year. 'Nothing compares to immersing yourself entirely in a country by living and studying there. Throwing myself into the intensity of a city-island like Singapore was unbelievable. An entire year was barely enough time to appreciate the beauty of the culture and the South East Asian way of life, but the structure of university anchored and supported me while being away from family and friends. 'Science is an essential industry all over the world. Making contacts with researchers on the other side of the planet has perfectly complemented my degree and prepared me for my next steps in an academic career.'

Vicky Smith
Year abroad
in Singapore



Manuela's perspective

'I chose to spend my year abroad in Paris as a student at the well-known political institute Sciences Po. 'I not only considerably improved my language skills, both oral and written, but I also had the opportunity to take advantage of the high standard of teaching and meet important French political figures. 'By joining different societies organised by students, such as the Sports Society, I experienced different aspects of French culture and made loads of new friends. At the same time, I had the chance to enjoy a typical Parisian atmosphere and live for a year in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. 'I'm really happy I chose Paris as my year-abroad destination and it's inspired me to return to continue my postgraduate studies there.'

Manuela Gheoldus
Year abroad
in France

