

Superb location

When you're a student at Sussex it's not all about work. With Brighton, one of the UK's most exciting cities, only minutes away you can be sure of a good time. And our campus, surrounded by the South Downs National Park, provides a beautiful, safe and welcoming environment to live in.

Brighton

Key facts

- the University was voted the best 'Place to Be' in England in the 2009 i-graduate survey
- Brighton has one of the best public transport systems in the UK (Campaign for Better Transport, 2010), and London is under an hour away by train
- legendary nightlife, a thriving music scene and England's biggest arts festival
- eclectic mix of shops and restaurants
- surrounded by the beautiful South Downs National Park

Sussex students can be forgiven for looking pleased with themselves. Brighton really is a unique and fascinating place with so much going on. And our international students agree – they voted Sussex the best 'Place to Be' in England in the 2009 i-graduate survey.

Brighton boasts over 200 pubs and bars and its nightlife is legendary. Any night of the week there'll be a club or a gig to suit you. Live music is a way of life in Brighton. You'll find gigs in pubs, small clubs, on street corners and even on the beach. Home to Nick Cave and Bat for Lashes, the city vibrates to its own soundtrack.

The city has a truly diverse cultural scene. From pre-West End premieres to experimental fringe productions, and from burlesque and art-house cinema to classical, blues, jazz and world music, there's always something to keep you entertained.

The highlight of the cultural year is the Brighton Festival, England's biggest arts festival, attracting internationally renowned performers, poets and writers to its three-week stint in May. Complementing the festival is the Brighton Fringe, an eclectic mix of comedians, speakers and street theatre. In fact, you'll struggle to find a weekend when there isn't something going on, with events such as the London to Brighton Bike Ride, the Veteran Car Run, and one of the biggest gay Pride festival in the UK.

If you're in need of retail therapy, Brighton can definitely satisfy. With the best shopping south of London, Brighton's wares range from the conventional to the truly bizarre, and with hundreds of great cafés and restaurants to choose from you won't go hungry.

Brighton really does have it all: sun, sea, brilliant clubs, fabulous shops, and a laid-back cosmopolitan vibe. And if you still want more, London's nearby.



Campus life

Key facts

- safe and cosmopolitan, Fairtrade campus
- supermarket, banks, post office, launderettes, newsagent and bookshop
- a diverse range of cafés and bars
- health centre, dentist and pharmacy
- surrounded by the South Downs National Park

One of the benefits of being a student at Sussex is our beautiful campus. Set in acres of parkland, the friendly, cosmopolitan atmosphere and thriving social life make the Sussex campus an excellent place to be.

Living on campus is so convenient because everything is on hand, with lectures and social and sports facilities just a short walk away. The campus has most of the facilities you will need, including food stores, newsagents, a post office, launderettes, banks and a bookshop. Sussex has Fairtrade status, and we are committed to selling Fairtrade foods in our shops and restaurants.

There are plenty of places to eat, so although our accommodation is self catering, you won't always have to do your own cooking. Bramber House offers innovative facilities with a contemporary feel. The lively food court on the ground floor offers snacks, made-to-order sandwiches, a tapas-style choice of dishes, and hot food. A supermarket sells newspapers and magazines and there is a post office. The first-floor restaurant offers buffet-counter service or a plated-banqueting service with the aim of creating a relaxed dining experience. There is also a dedicated coffee bar/wine bar area.

Among the many other catering outlets on campus, the Library Café and Arts Piazza Café are great places to meet your friends for lunch or relax with a coffee.

Campus services include a health centre, a dentist, a pharmacy, the interdenominational Meeting House chaplaincy, and a mosque.



With so many people living and working on campus, socialising is of major importance. The campus has a number of bars, each with its own particular vibe. So if you're up for a big night or a quiet drink after a hard day at the Library, you'll find somewhere that suits your mood.

Visit us

Why not experience what student life is like on campus for yourself? We offer a variety of opportunities to visit year-round.

Our two annual Open Days give you the opportunity to talk to academic tutors, attend subject presentations, student life talks, and take guided campus tours. You can also take a look inside the student residences and go on a free guided bus tour of Brighton.

Our Open Days in 2011 will take place on **Saturday 11 June and Saturday 8 October.**

If you can't make either of these dates, we also offer weekly guided campus tours, tailored group visits for schools and colleges, and monthly mature-student advice sessions, as well as self-guided tour information.

To check available dates and to book a place on any of these events, go to **www.sussex.ac.uk/visitors**

We look forward to meeting you!

Sam's perspective

'After your first few days on campus you'll feel part of a new village-like community, where you seem to bump into someone you know every few steps but also meet someone new every day.'

'The atmosphere is truly amazing – perhaps it helps that it's also the sunniest campus in England. On fine days every green area has someone either playing football, rugby, or Frisbee, or having a barbeque. You can wake up half an hour before a lecture and still arrive early, and not having to wait for a bus or train is always a plus.'

'There's everything you could possibly need on campus with a number of cafés, restaurants, shops and cheap bars – sometimes it feels as if there's no reason to ever leave! But if you do need a change of scene, Brighton is host to some of the best clubs in the country. And being only eight minutes away by train, Sussex allows you to experience the best of campus life as well as the benefits of a city-based university.'

Sam Ampah
BA in History
and Politics



University accommodation

Key facts

- guaranteed accommodation for all new undergraduates who firmly accept our offer and apply for housing by 1 August*
- a diverse range of housing, on campus and in Brighton & Hove
- all newly built accommodation has en-suite facilities
- all on-campus rooms have broadband internet access and telephones
- rents for University-managed accommodation are comparable with other universities in the South East and range from £81.30 to £125.10 in the academic year 2011/2012

Living in university accommodation is one of the best ways to meet new people and settle into university life. At Sussex we provide accommodation for around 4,000 students.

As a new undergraduate, and as long as you firmly accept our offer of a place and get your housing application in by our 1 August deadline, you are guaranteed University-managed accommodation. Most of our accommodation is on campus, although we also have housing in Brighton & Hove.

We have a diverse range of accommodation on campus to meet a variety of needs, including self-contained flats for between four and 12 students; single-person units; five-bedroom houses; single study-bedrooms with shared facilities; shared study-bedrooms; and a small number of family flats suitable for a couple and a young child.



All University accommodation is self catering, usually with communal kitchens (a limited number of studio units have their own self-contained kitchen area). Bathroom facilities are normally shared, although about 40 per cent of our accommodation now has en-suite facilities. On campus, all rooms have broadband internet access and telephones.

A new residential development – North Field – provides 744 additional single study-bedrooms with en-suite facilities, 21 single-person studio units, and 12 two-bedroom family flats.

The University also offers a range of housing for students with disabilities. We recommend you visit the facilities to check their suitability before applying. These rooms are allocated on a first-come first-served basis, with continuing students having priority.

The University has a variety of housing in residential areas of Brighton & Hove, all with easy access to campus. Our Housing Office maintains an accommodation database at www.yourstudentpad.co.uk if you'd prefer to find private accommodation.

In the 2011/2012 academic year, our rents range between £81.30 and £125.10. The majority of rooms are let on an academic-year basis.

For more information on the various types of accommodation available to undergraduate students, check the *University Housing Guide*, or visit www.sussex.ac.uk/residentialservices

For further details on rents and living expenses, refer to Fees, other costs and living expenses on pages 137-138.

*Students holding an insurance offer are not guaranteed accommodation.

Kerry's perspective

'I had a fantastic time living on campus during my first year at Sussex, and now I'm pleased to say that I'm back here again in my third year, this time as a Residential Advisor (RA).

'As an RA I'm on hand to provide a wide range of support to you to ease the transition from living at home to going to university. The training I've been given as an RA enables me to help with many of the day-to-day issues students face, and most importantly, I'm just another student facing the same challenges – that's what makes the RAs so well positioned to help with any difficulties you might encounter.

'The University of Sussex offers a whole range of accommodation, so there's something here to suit everyone's needs. The Sussex campus offers such a unique, tightly knit community that you can't help feeling engaged and involved.'

Kerry Mason
Residential Advisor



Nawaz's perspective

'During my first year at Sussex I lived in East Slope, and it was one of the most memorable and exciting times of my life. It was a great opportunity to live with like-minded people in a close-knit, sociable community. In fact, I enjoyed the experience so much I now work as a Residential Advisor (RA) on campus.

'The transition from home to university can be an emotional and challenging one at times but RAs are trained to make that first year at university as easy as possible. Whether it's pointing out where the local supermarket is, advising on where to get help with academic issues or just offering an ear to listen, RAs are welcoming faces who have faced many of the same challenges! At Sussex you can be assured that you'll be surrounded by support.'

Nawaz Ahmed
Residential Advisor

