

International students at Sussex

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.

International students

- 3,000 international Sussex students from over 120 countries
- voted the best 'Place to Be' in England three years running
- near cosmopolitan Brighton, and just an hour from London
- guaranteed campus housing for eligible international students
- language support if you need extra help

Why Sussex is the right choice Join one of the world's top universities

Highly placed in UK, European and world rankings, we are a leading research university. Our international reputation attracts teachers and researchers at the forefront of their fields, and we've counted Nobel Prize winners and fellows of the Royal Society and British Academy among our staff.

Fulfil your potential with a Sussex scholarship

We offer a range of scholarships to postgraduate students to support the best in global talent. To find out if you are eligible, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/study/funding

Enjoy our green campus, just an hour from central London

Our beautiful parkland campus has excellent transport links to London and the UK's two biggest airports – Heathrow and Gatwick. It's also the perfect base for exploring the historic towns and cities on England's beautiful south coast.

Discover Brighton & Hove, the UK's most exciting seaside city

We're just eight minutes by train from the centre of Brighton – one of the most lively and cosmopolitan cities in the UK. The city has a great beach, an outstanding choice of restaurants, cafés and bars, and every year hosts England's largest arts festival.

Find out more about us Come and see us in your home country

Our International Liaison Team visits schools, universities and education fairs all over the world. To find out when we'll be in your country, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/international

Talk to our former students

Our active network of Sussex graduates spans the world and includes many high-profile people from academia, business, media, politics and public service. You can get in touch with former students (called Alumni Consuls) from over 50 countries. They will be delighted to hear from you. www.sussex.ac.uk/alumni

Meet your local Sussex representative

Our trained representatives work closely with us to ensure they can provide you with up-to-date information and advice on applying to Sussex. For their contact details, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/international/representatives

Welcoming and supporting you Feel at home in University accommodation

Our University-managed accommodation is guaranteed for international students from outside the EU for the first year of your degree – provided you submit your application by the deadline. So you don't need to worry about finding somewhere to live before arriving in Brighton. Refer to page 35 for more information.

Come to us for help 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.

Michelle's perspective

'I chose to study for a Masters at Sussex as I was teaching A-level Physics in my home country, Brunei Darussalam, and wanted to gain a deeper understanding of the subject. The University has a really good reputation and the Department of Physics and Astronomy carries out exciting research. The International team offers a lot of support for international students. It organised talks and events during Freshers' Week to help us settle in, including a walking tour of Brighton and a welcome reception held at the Brighton Dome, with food and a jazz band. I've also visited beautiful places such as Oxford, Bath, Stonehenge and Warwick thanks to organised trips, and met other international students who were staying at Sussex during the holidays at a Christmas-day lunch.'

Michelle Tieng
MSc in Physics



Study skills support

Study Success at Sussex (S3) is designed to help you with your academic skills (eg essay writing, report writing, referencing, time management and lots more). If this is the first time you have studied in the UK, S3 will show you what to expect with video guides and tips from students and staff. Visit S3 at www.sussex.ac.uk/s3 and get prepared for studying at Sussex.

Observe your faith

There is a Muslim Student Centre and mosque on campus, along with our chaplaincy catering for a range of religions (refer to page 28 for more information). 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 Pre-sessional support before your degree

Gain the English skills required for our degrees by enrolling on pre-sessional English courses (July to September before the academic year starts) at the Sussex Centre for Language Studies. You will not need to take another IELTS test at the end of the courses, only internal assessment. For more information about our English language requirements, refer to page 156 and individual subject entries on pages 37-152, or visit www.sussex.ac.uk/languages

Support during your degree

The Sussex Centre for Language Studies also offers in-session English support (after the academic year starts) to help you with your degree studies. Our language support and study skills workshops are free for international students.

Contact the Sussex Centre for Language Studies

The Centre is British Council accredited and a founder member of QuiTE (The Association for Quality in TESOL Education), so you can be sure of the quality of its teaching and support. For information on general, academic, IELTS or professional English, contact Eefl@sussex.ac.uk or visit www.sussex.ac.uk/languages

Pre-Masters for international students

Sussex offers English language and academic preparation for international students studying for Masters programmes (MA or MSc). The programmes are designed to help you develop your academic and language skills so that when you start your Masters programme you are fully prepared, have appropriate language skills, and are ready to study at Masters level in the UK Higher Education system. Some courses combine this preparation with subject study.

Pre-Masters (English language)

This programme has been designed for international students who:

- have already graduated in their own country
- need to improve their level of English for postgraduate study at the University of Sussex (or elsewhere in the UK).

Programme description

This programme is based in the Sussex Centre for Language Studies and accredited by the British Council. It aims to:

- improve the language and study skills needed for study in Higher Education at postgraduate level, and
- prepare students for the academic culture within which they will be working.

The programme therefore focuses on:

- reading and writing academic texts, and note-making
- attending lectures and public research seminars, and note-taking
- actively and effectively taking part in seminar discussions and tutorials
- study skills and UK academic conventions
- specialist help with applications to Masters programmes
- facilitating links with academic departments within the University of Sussex
- effective use of university facilities (library, computers, etc).

The programme runs full time (either 15 or 21 hours per week) for an academic year during the University terms, but you can also join in January or April, depending on the amount of English language tuition you need, and your level of English on entry. The programme can be combined with supplementary courses in the afternoons.

Minimum entry requirement

IELTS band 4 (Lower Intermediate/PET) or equivalent for September entry.

IELTS band 4.5 (Intermediate/FCE) or equivalent for entry from January onwards.

Further information

For further information and advice on when to join the programme, contact:

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Pre-Masters (International Study Centre)

This programme has been designed for international students from a variety of backgrounds who:

- require additional English-language training
- need to enhance their academic background
- need help adjusting to the UK academic environment or are unsure about the level of their study skills, and/or
- want to refresh their knowledge in their chosen academic subject area.

Programme description

This programme:

- offers three routes: computing; management and finance; and media, journalism and film studies
- is based in our International Study Centre at the heart of the Sussex campus
- is taught by specialists in university preparation
- offers flexible start dates in June, September, January and April, depending on your English language level
- will give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed in your Masters studies, and
- guarantees entry to a number of Masters degrees at Sussex, subject to satisfactory completion of the Pre-Masters programme.

You will be offered University-managed accommodation, provided you apply by the appropriate deadline.

Assured progression to your degree

Successful completion of your Pre-Masters programme guarantees you will receive a conditional offer of a place on one of these Masters degrees at Sussex:

Computing

- MSc in Computing with Digital Media
- MSc in Human-Computer Interaction
- MSc in Information Technology with Business and Management
- MSc in Intelligent Systems

Management and finance

- MSc in Corporate and Financial Risk Management
- MSc in International Accounting and Corporate Governance
- MSc in International Finance
- MSc in International Management
- MSc in International Marketing
- MSc in Management and Entrepreneurship
- MSc in Management and Finance
- MSc in Managing Innovation and Projects
- MSc in Technology and Innovation Management

Media, journalism and film studies*

- MA in Creative Media Practice
- MA in Digital Documentary
- MA in Digital Media
- MA in Film Studies: Global Film Cultures
- MA in Gender and Media
- MA in Journalism and Documentary Practice**
- MA in Journalism and Media Studies**
- MA and PGDip in Media and Cultural Studies

*This route is under development and subject to validation.

**These degrees require a higher English Language exam score on the Pre-Masters programme, typically 70 per cent.

Entry requirements

- A degree in a related field, an undergraduate honours degree in any subject, or certain diplomas with high grades in a related field.
- English language: IELTS 6.0 (5.5 in all sections) or equivalent (January or April start). If you require additional English language training before you start your academic programme, you can first join the intensive English for Pre-Masters (EPM) course. You will need one term of EPM if you have an IELTS of 5.0 (5.0 in all sections) or equivalent, starting in either September or January. You will need two terms if you have an IELTS of 4.0 (4.0 in all sections) or equivalent, starting in June or September. You will need to have reached IELTS 6.0 (5.5 in all sections) in order to progress to the Pre-Masters.

Further information

Applications should be made through the International Study Centre. For more information or to apply for the Pre-Masters, contact:

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