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University of Essex

# INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS GUIDE 2020–22





# WELCOME

Join a bold and brilliant community of learning 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 an Essex degree. You'll 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

[kaplanpathways.com/  
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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### The destination

[kaplanpathways.com/essex-life](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-life)

Find out what it's like to be an international student living in Essex, and what kind of accommodation will be available to you.

## 16–27

### International College

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Learn about how you can gain entry to a University of Essex degree through the College, and find a handy glossary of places to go online for more information.

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### Next steps

[kaplanpathways.com/essex-apply](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-apply)

See information on contacting us and how to apply, and use the course booklet with details of the pathway courses and degrees available.





# 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 a history of disrupting the status quo. 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.

In the 1960s, a time of social change and cultural upheaval, Essex was home to a number of student protests, just a few years after its founding. This spirit of defiance and standing up for shared principles has been deeply rooted in the University's culture ever since, and is an important part of why Essex has gone from strength to strength over the years. It's also why Essex attracts ambitious, creative students who are passionate about making a difference.

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 and pasts. 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.

**Shu**  
from China

# WE STAND UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE



University of  
the Year for  
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Times Higher Education Awards



# 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

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Times Higher Education World  
University Rankings 2020



**Gold**  
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Teaching Excellence Framework



**Top 15**  
in England for  
overall student  
satisfaction

National Student Survey 2019,  
mainstream universities



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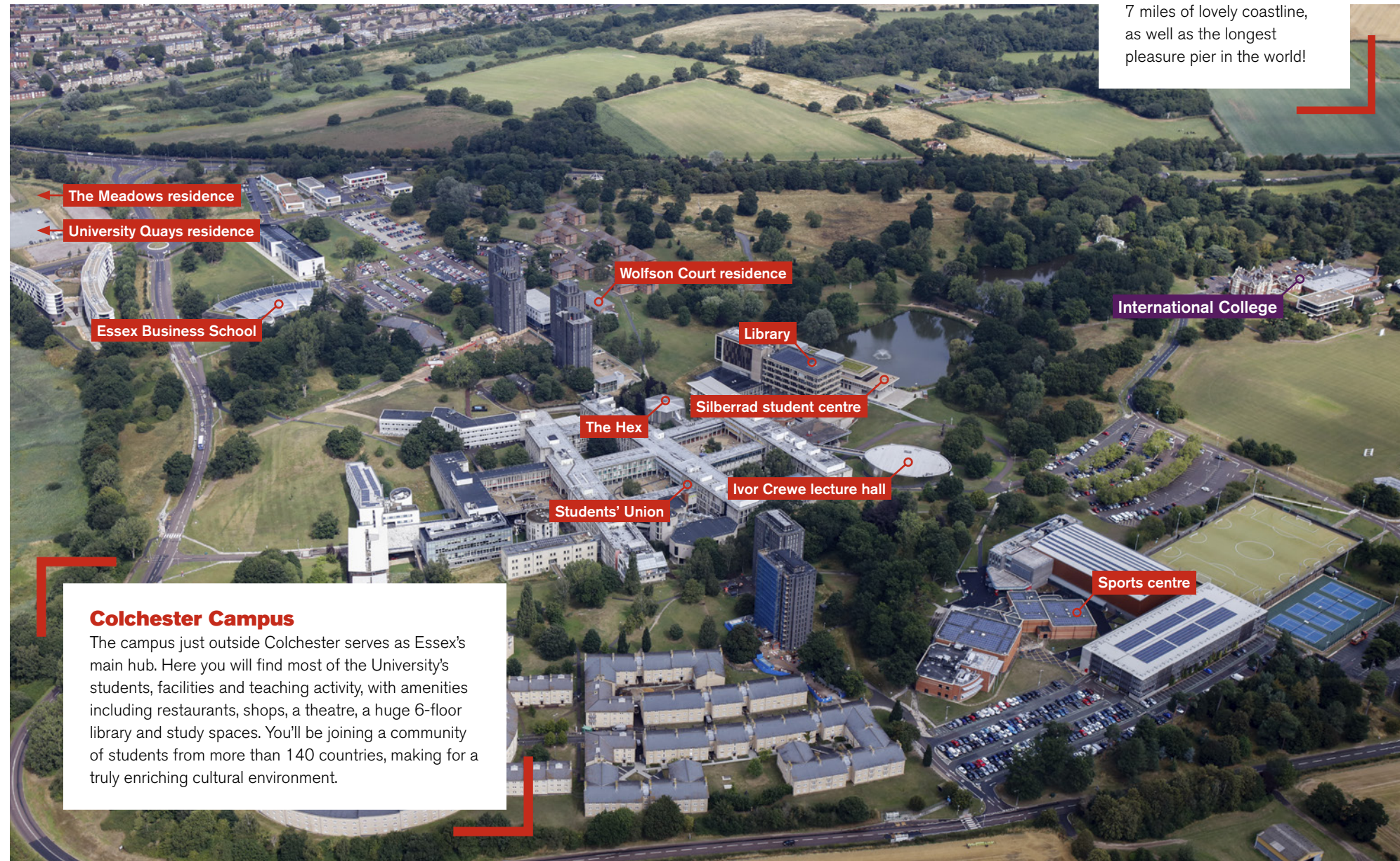
Source: University of Essex





# 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.

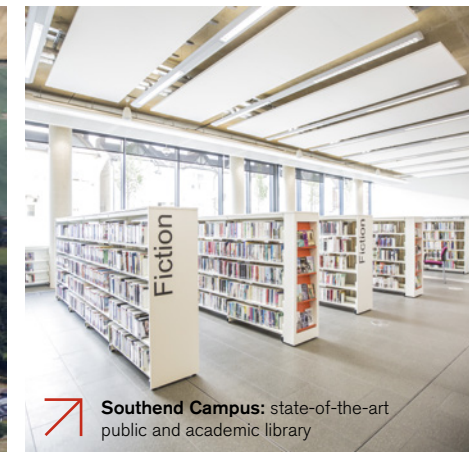


## Colchester Campus

The campus just outside Colchester serves as Essex's main hub. Here you will find most of the University's students, facilities and teaching activity, with amenities including restaurants, shops, a theatre, a huge 6-floor library and study spaces. You'll be joining a community of students from more than 140 countries, making for a truly enriching cultural environment.

## Southend Campus

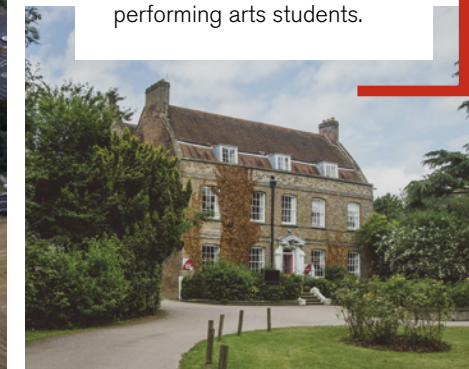
Based in the vibrant seaside town of the same name, the Southend Campus features cutting-edge facilities such as a 24-hour Learning Hub and a state-of-the-art public and academic library. Southend itself is home to 7 miles of lovely coastline, as well as the longest pleasure pier in the world!



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 anime 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 as it is today will enable you to see some truly beautiful countryside, pretty villages and sites of historic importance such as castles and stately homes. Essex also has a long and scenic coastline, with some lovely seaside spots and the world's longest pleasure pier at Southend.

This close connection with the sea means that Essex has its own fantastic food culture, with plenty of seafood to try. The pier is even home to Southend Pier Tea Rooms, where famous TV chef Jamie Oliver filmed his popular series "Friday Night Feast". 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.

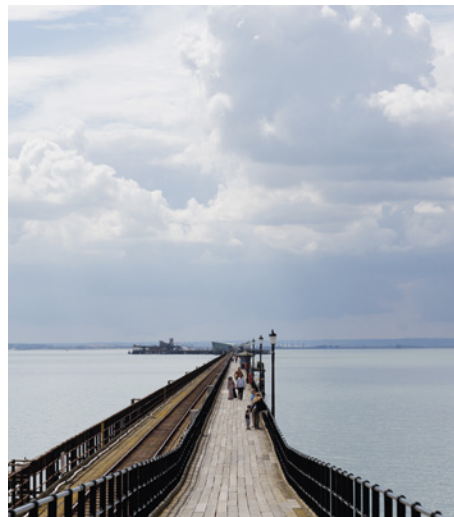


# TOP 8 THINGS TO DO IN ESSEX

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.

1

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



2

Go shopping in Colchester town centre.



3

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



7

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



4

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



5

Tuck into some delicious, fresh fish and chips.



6

See extraordinary animals at Colchester Zoo.



8

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





# LIVING IN ESSEX

**While you're studying your pathway course at the International College, you can stay in safe, comfortable and convenient accommodation. There are a number of options available, and you can apply for a room at the same time as applying for a course.**

## What's typically included?

- Comfortable private bedroom
- Private bathroom in some residences
- 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 (bedding, kitchen utensils)

## Accommodation during your degree

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



## Accommodation options



### The Meadows

You'll share a flat with up to 9 other students, with a private bedroom and bathroom.  
20-minute walk to the College.

### Wolfson Court

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



### University Quays

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



**Taonazuva**  
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.

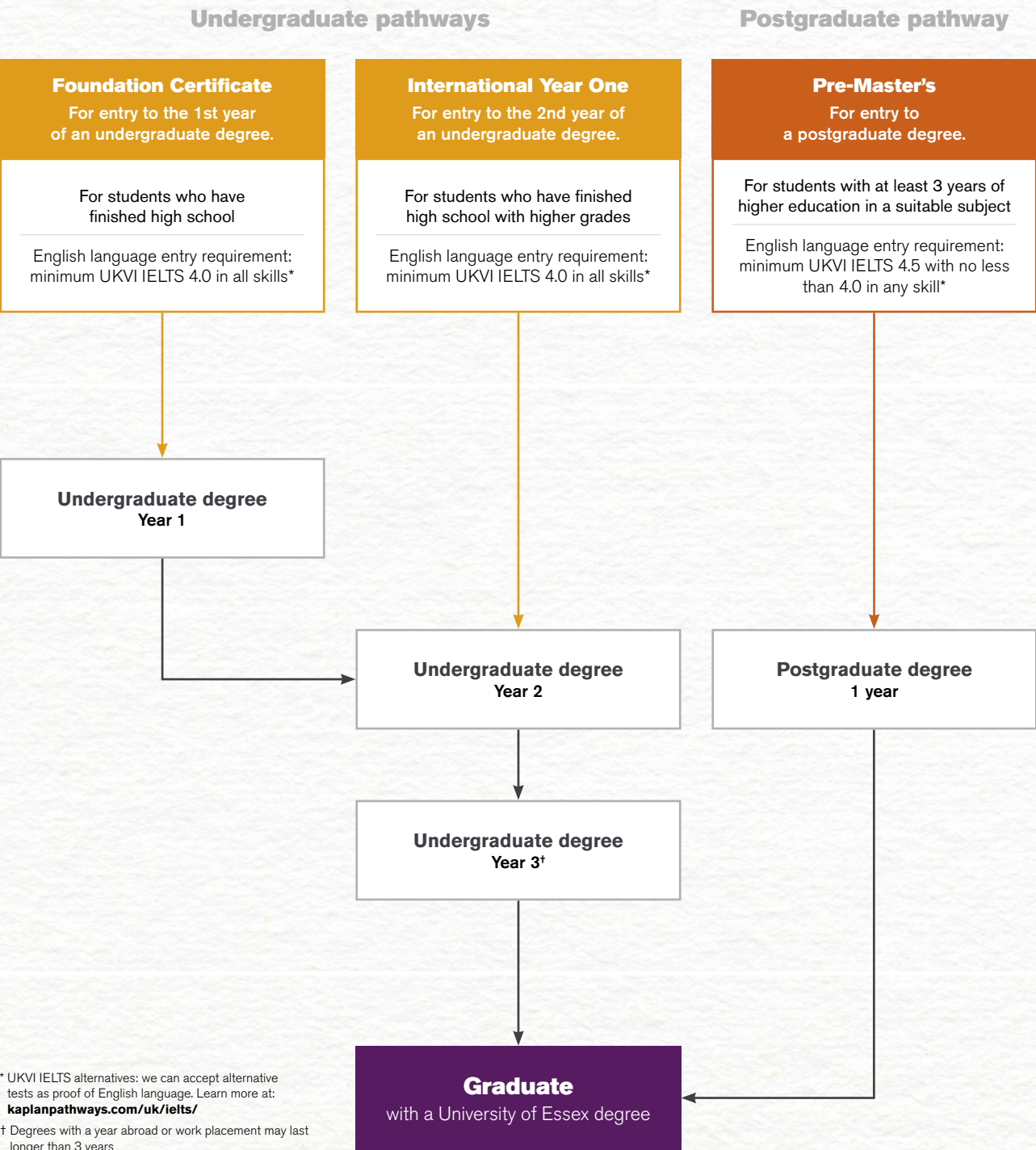
If you have an unconditional offer, you also have the option of studying a pre-sessional course which specifically develops your academic skills.

Li  
from China

Benazir  
from Nigeria

## Course details

Use the booklet at the back of this brochure to explore all of your course and degree options, including Pre-Sessional courses.





# 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 serves as a brilliant introduction to the UK's academic culture, and will greatly enhance your subject knowledge, study skills and English language. It will allow you to progress to your degree feeling fully prepared!

## Bespoke curriculum

Your pathway course has been carefully crafted to specifically help international students adjust to the UK education system. It will contain different modules based on your degree subject and work aspirations, and will typically include special projects that allow you to cover a topic that interests you.

You'll also be able to learn at your own pace, with teaching support tailored to the needs of each individual student. Teachers will work with you to identify where you need to improve, and help you overcome any challenges you face.

**"I really enjoy teaching at this level because the students are so focused and engaged with their subjects. It's exciting for me to see them working so hard towards their grades and their goals.**

**It's also enriching for me to work with international students because I learn so much about their different countries and cultures. It really makes the College a special place to be a student or a teacher!"**

Meenal, Tutor (pictured left)



# 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!**



**Beth**  
College Services  
Administrator

**Nasser**  
from Saudi Arabia

**“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

## 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 how to navigate the visa process, and send you a handy pre-arrival guide, packed with information about the experience ahead of you. And, if you're under 18, we can arrange the legal guardian that you'll need during your studies for your well-being. 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, well-being and happiness are all extremely important to us, and this is reflected in our comprehensive support services. The first few days of term are Welcome Week, which will be a fun introduction to College life, the staff and your fellow students. From Welcome Week onwards, we'll organise great social events, activities and day trips to help 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!



# 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/ambassador](https://kpln.org/ambassador)**

# GO 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 of Essex

About the University:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/university-of-essex](https://kaplanpathways.com/university-of-essex)**

Degree options at Essex:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/essex](https://kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/essex)**

University of Essex website:  
**[essex.ac.uk](https://essex.ac.uk)**

## The International College

About the International College:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/essex](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex)**

Student accommodation:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/essex-accommodation](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-accommodation)**

Student services at the College:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/essex-support](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-support)**

Costs of studying abroad:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/essex-fees](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-fees)**

## Studying abroad

Student visa:  
**[www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa)**

Student insurance:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/insurance](https://kaplanpathways.com/insurance)**

College guardians for under-18s:  
**[www.collegeguardians.co.uk](https://www.collegeguardians.co.uk)**

Information for parents:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/parents](https://kaplanpathways.com/parents)**

## Further questions?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):  
**[kpln.org/student-faq](https://kpln.org/student-faq)**

Get in touch:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/essex-contact](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-contact)**

Meet us in your country or region:  
**[kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country](https://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.

Find out more:  
**[online.essex.ac.uk](https://online.essex.ac.uk)**

### Study a degree in Singapore

If you live in or near Singapore and meet entry criteria, you can study a University of Essex bachelor's top-up degree at Kaplan Singapore. This means you can stay close to home while you study, and gain an undergraduate degree from a leading UK university.

Find out more:  
**[kaplan.com.sg/uoee](https://kaplan.com.sg/uoee)**



# 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!

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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](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-apply)

## 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, or sending your financial guarantee. We can also confirm the accommodation option that you applied for, 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!





# CHOOSE YOUR PATH

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

## Contact us

[kaplanpathways.com/essex-contact](https://kaplanpathways.com/essex-contact)

## Course information

You can use the course [information booklet](#) online to find out more about the pathway courses available at the International College, as well as the university degrees you can progress to. You'll also find pathway course tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module information, giving you everything you need to plan your studies abroad.





## Where is Essex?



## Who's on the cover?

Galia is on her path a University of Essex degree.

## Find out more

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

## Join in online

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