**PARTNER INFORMATION FOR 2014-15**

**Name of institution:** University of Essex  
**Country:** United Kingdom

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**History**

The University of Essex, based at Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, received its Royal Charter in 1965. It is one of the UK's leading academic institutions and has an international reputation for the quality of its research and teaching. The University has 17 departments spanning the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science & Engineering.

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**Location**

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<th>City/Nearest major city</th>
<th>Colchester, Essex.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Climate</td>
<td>Mild in all seasons, one of the driest climates in England</td>
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<tr>
<td>Website for further information on city/town around University</td>
<td><a href="http://www.visitcolchester.com/">http://www.visitcolchester.com/</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Transportation system</td>
<td>Excellent transport links (road / rail / air/ sea) to the whole of the UK &amp; Europe (less than 1 hour by rail from London); local bus service runs around edge of campus, as well as a direct service to Stansted Airport. <a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/getting_here/colchester/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/about/getting_here/colchester/default.aspx</a></td>
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**Academics**

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<tr>
<th>Structure of Institution</th>
<th>Departments and Centres, which are grouped in Faculties</th>
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<tr>
<td>System of assessment</td>
<td>Coursework (mostly essays) and examinations at end of academic year</td>
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<tr>
<td>Teaching methods</td>
<td>Lectures, seminars, tutorials, self-study</td>
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<td>Language of instruction</td>
<td>English (other than in foreign language modules)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Restrictions for incoming international students</td>
<td>The on-line module directory indicates which modules are available to study abroad/exchange students (see link below). Students are only permitted to take modules from the Colchester campus. Students are not permitted to take non-credited modules.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard credit load for term (Autumn or Spring/Summer)</td>
<td>Students are required to take 60 Essex credits per term, this is the maximum and minimum requirement.</td>
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<td>Standard module load for a year</td>
<td>Students are required to take 120 Essex credits per term, this is the maximum and minimum requirement.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Division of academic years</td>
<td>Trimester (but there is no teaching in the Summer Term, which is used purely for revision classes /examinations.) The periods of study available are Autumn term (October to December), Spring/Summer terms (January to June) and Full Academic year (October to June).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Website link to module(course) directory</td>
<td><a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/modules/</a></td>
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## Finances

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<tr>
<td><strong>Tuition fees</strong></td>
<td>Full year £11,250&lt;br&gt;Autumn term only £4,500&lt;br&gt;Spring/Summer terms £6,750</td>
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<td><strong>Ancillary fee</strong></td>
<td>There may be laboratory fees depending on modules chosen.</td>
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<td><strong>Residence fee</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/payments/rent/default.aspx</a></td>
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<td><strong>Cost of insurance</strong></td>
<td>Students should arrange this personally.</td>
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<td><strong>Personal expenditure</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance/cost_of_living.aspx#international">http://www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance/cost_of_living.aspx#international</a></td>
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<td><strong>National Currency</strong></td>
<td>UK Pounds Sterling</td>
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<td><strong>Scholarships</strong></td>
<td>We do not have any scholarships available for incoming study abroad/exchange students.</td>
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## Student Services

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<tr>
<td><strong>Library</strong></td>
<td>Collections of national and international importance&lt;br&gt;Major holdings of UK parliamentary papers and official publications&lt;br&gt;European Documentation Centre&lt;br&gt;Access to bibliographic and full-text databases via SuperJANET and the Internet&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/library/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/library/default.aspx</a></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Computer Service</strong></td>
<td>Fourteen general-access computer laboratories with powerful workstations and up-to-date PCs&lt;br&gt;network facilities in all on-campus student accommodation&lt;br&gt;Open access to all computer services, including the Internet for electronic mail and the World Wide Web&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/it/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/it/default.aspx</a></td>
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<td><strong>Maintenance Service</strong></td>
<td>All campuses residences are maintained centrally (further info is contained in Accommodation Services information).</td>
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<td><strong>Students Support</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/student_support/default.aspx">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/student_support/default.aspx</a></td>
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<td><strong>Careers Centre</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/careers/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/careers/</a></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Information Office</strong></td>
<td>Centrally located on campus and open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.</td>
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<td><strong>Student Organizations</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.essexstudent.com/main/student/clubsandsocieties/socs/list">http://www.essexstudent.com/main/student/clubsandsocieties/socs/list</a></td>
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## Recreational Services

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<td><strong>Sports Facilities</strong></td>
<td>40 acres (16 hectares) of sports pitches on main campus&lt;br&gt;well-equipped, modern Sports Centre&lt;br&gt;over 30 sports clubs&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/sports/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/sports/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Arts Events</strong></td>
<td>University theatre with regular professional and student productions&lt;br&gt;Musical events and activities for all tastes&lt;br&gt;Exhibition gallery&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/arts/">http://www.essex.ac.uk/life/arts/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Students’ Union</strong></td>
<td>Modern social facilities&lt;br&gt;Over 120 clubs and societies, Student radio station broadcasting 24 hours, student newspaper, etc. shops&lt;br&gt;<a href="http://www.essexstudent.com/">http://www.essexstudent.com/</a></td>
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### Semester dates

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<th><strong>Autumn term, 2014-2015 Academic Year</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td>Preferred Arrival date</td>
<td>Sunday 28 September 2014</td>
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<tr>
<td>Orientation date</td>
<td>Tuesday 30 September 2014 (TO BE CONFIRMED)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Classes start</td>
<td>Thursday 2 October 2014</td>
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<tr>
<td>End of term</td>
<td>Friday 12 December 2014</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exam Period</td>
<td>Saturday 13 – 19 December 2014</td>
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<td>Departure date</td>
<td>Saturday 20 December 2014</td>
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<th><strong>Spring/Summer Semester, 2014-2015 Academic Year</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td>Preferred Arrival date</td>
<td>Wednesday 7 January 2015</td>
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<tr>
<td>Orientation date</td>
<td>Thursday 8 January 2015 (TO BE CONFIRMED)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Classes start</td>
<td>Monday 12 January 2015</td>
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<tr>
<td>Easter Vacation</td>
<td>Friday 23 March - Sunday 19 April 2015</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exam Period</td>
<td>Mid May to early June/Dates to be confirmed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Departure date</td>
<td>Friday 26 June 2015, (students are permitted to leave after their final written examination)</td>
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### Accommodation

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<th><strong>Type of student housing (e.g. University residence, share flat)</strong></th>
<th>We offer single study bedrooms with shared facilities or en-suite single rooms. Students can only select accommodation at our Colchester campus. Further information is available at: <a href="http://www2.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/">http://www2.essex.ac.uk/accommodation/</a></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Dates of opening and closure (University residence)</strong></td>
<td>From Sunday 28 September 2014 until 28 June 2015.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Are residence halls closed during holidays?</strong></td>
<td>During the Christmas and Easter vacations the Halls remain open. All students are required to vacate their rooms at the end of the Summer term.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Meal plan</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.everythingessex.co.uk/Your-Food-Meal-Plans/">http://www.everythingessex.co.uk/Your-Food-Meal-Plans/</a> - not compulsory</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Residence application deadline</strong></td>
<td>Accommodation is arranged via Essex Abroad and notified in August/September for October entry and in December for January entry. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Students are not able to use the online Accommodation Application.</td>
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### Admission

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<th><strong>Application deadline</strong></th>
<th>By 31st May for October entry, 1st November for January entry. Late Applications will not be accepted.</th>
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<td><strong>Online link to application</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Other requirements</strong></td>
<td>Academic transcript of study, copy of passport information page, English language certificate and learning agreement.</td>
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<td><strong>Language Certificate</strong></td>
<td>IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each element</td>
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<td>If the student’s tuition is in English it is not necessary to provide a language certificate.</td>
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**PLEASE CHECK THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION** [http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx](http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/studies/english.aspx) – WE ARE CURRENTLY NOT ABLE TO ISSUE A CAS BASED ON TOEFL TESTS.
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<td>Head, Global Mobility</td>
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