

STUDY ABROAD AT SUSSEX

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021-2022

AUTUMN SEMESTER

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| Arrival weekend | Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 September 2021 |
| Orientation | Monday 20 – Friday 24 September 2021 |
| Teaching starts | Monday 27 September 2021 |
| Teaching ends | Friday 10 December 2021 |
| Winter vacation | Saturday 11 December 2021 – Sunday 2 January 2022 |
| Autumn assessment period | Monday 3 January – Saturday 15 January 2022 |
| Inter-Semester Week | Monday 17 – Friday 21 January 2022 |

SPRING SEMESTER

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Arrival date | Wednesday 19 January 2022 |
| Orientation | Thursday 20 – Sunday 23 January 2022 |
| Teaching starts | Monday 24 January 2022 |
| Spring vacation | Saturday 2 – Sunday 24 April 2022 |
| Teaching ends | Friday 29 April 2022 |
| Revision week | Monday 2 – Friday 6 May 2022 |
| Year-end assessment period | Monday 9 – Saturday 28 May 2022 |



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed at least one year of their degree.

Applicants must provide an official transcript and have a minimum GPA of **2.8 out of 4** (or equivalent).

PROOF OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY

For those whose first language is not English, they will need to demonstrate that they meet the University's English language requirements. Students can do this in a number of ways:

- Provide us with an IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) with a score of 6.0 overall and at least 5.5 in each of the four components
- Provide us with the Test of English as a Foreign Language TOEFL (iBT). The standard requirement is an overall score of 80, with at least 17 in Listening, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking and 17 in Writing. We will accept TOEFL (iBT) Special Home Edition Test.

We assess each application individually and may contact students or partners to request further information.

CHOOSING MODULES

A module is a credit-bearing unit of study. The total number of credits a student should take are:

- full year: 120 credits
- autumn or spring semester: 60 credits

Students are required to choose six modules on their application in order of preference. They can take any combination of modules for which they are academically qualified.

Places on modules may be limited due to student demand. We will always aim to place students on their preferred choices and if this is not possible, we'll make sure to let them know at the earliest opportunity.

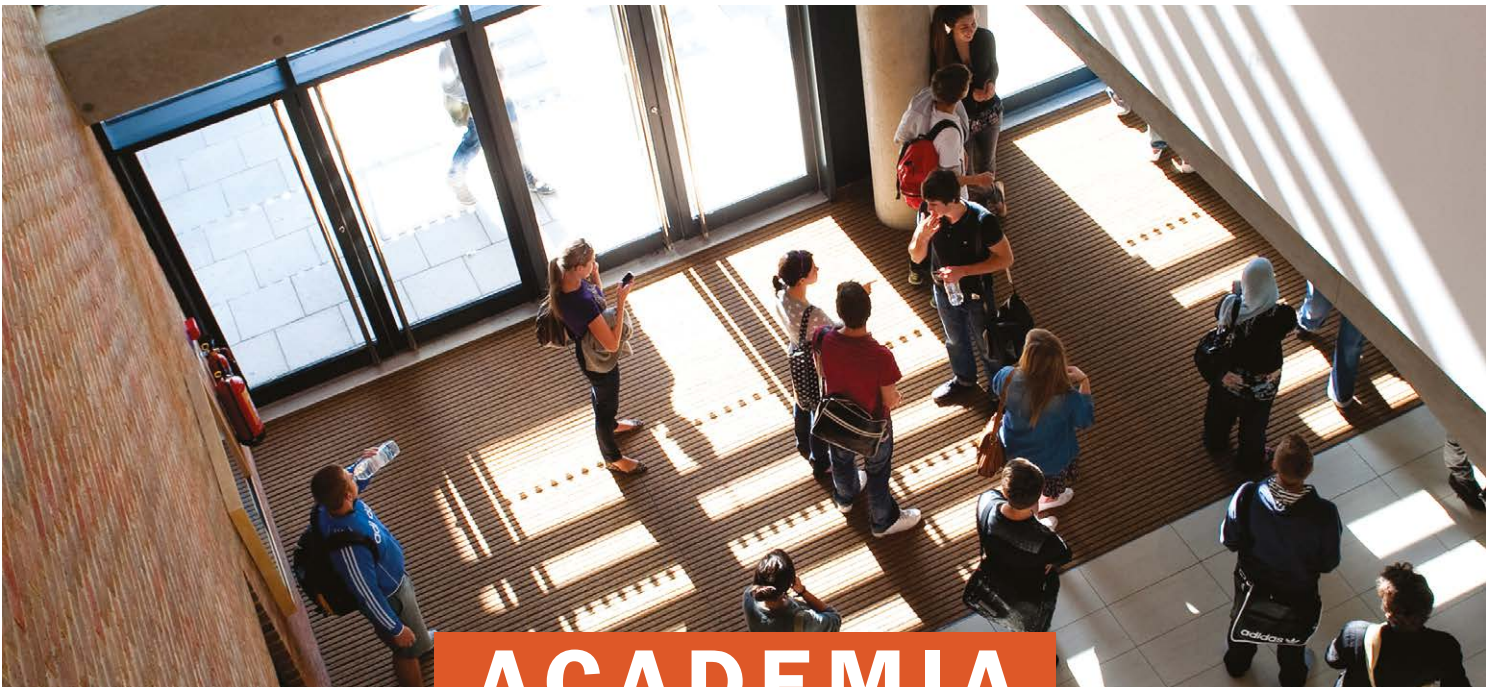
More information can be found on our **How to choose your modules** page.

HOW TO APPLY

A step by step guide can be found on our **How To Apply** pages. We recommend students read the pages before making their application to study with us.

DEADLINES

| Semester | Nomination | Application |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Autumn semester | 1 March | 1 April |
| Spring semester | 15 September | 15 October |



ACADEMIA

TEACHING

Study Abroad students will learn in a series of seminars and lectures and will be expected to:

- attend all classes scheduled in their timetable
- carry out lab work (if taking a science module)
- attend workshops
- undertake independent learning, such as reading, preparing for classes or writing assignments.

Each module requires approximately 150 hours of work and this will consist of contact time and independent study.

Students are automatically enrolled on modules they choose in their application. They will view their timetables once they are registered at Sussex.

ASSESSMENTS

Students are assessed by a mixture of unseen exams, essays and presentations. If the mode of assessment says 'observation', the module will be assessed on a pass/fail basis.

The UK grading system may be different to your home institution. We use percentages to grade work. The transcript will show a percentage score and a pass/fail mark.

Autumn students are not required to stay for the January assessment period. They can take alternative assessments which means submissions are completed remotely. The deadlines may fall during the January assessment period.

Spring and Full Year students must take all assessments scheduled in their timetables. Alternative assessments are not permitted.

In case of national lockdowns or other Covid-19 related restrictions, Sussex will switch fully to online learning including assessments and exams.

EXAMS TIMETABLE

| Semester | Published | Exam Period |
|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Autumn | November | January |
| Spring | March | May – June |

TRANSCRIPTS

| Semester | Dispatch |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Autumn only | sent in late March |
| Full Year or Spring only | sent in late July |





PRE-DEPARTURE

ACCOMMODATION

Full Year applicants are guaranteed university accommodation if they apply by the 30 June deadline.

Autumn/Spring students are required to check our **Accommodation pages** for updates whilst we are confirming the arrangements.

Students will receive housing application instructions with their offer letters (or shortly after). Our Housing Office processes all applications and they will inform the students directly about their allocations. In order to confirm their room offer, students will be required to formally accept.

Allocations are subject to availability.

VISA

There are two visa routes.

1. Standard visitor visa

Applies to students coming for **one semester**. How to apply for a standard visitor visa depends on the student's nationality.

Those classed as **visa nationals** must apply before arriving to Sussex. Sussex offers immigration advice and we strongly advise students read **our visa guidance**. Students can check if they need a visa **here**.

Those classed as **non-visa nationals (incl. EU/EEA)** do not have to apply for immigration clearance. They can enter the UK as visitors free of charge. Students might be asked to show certain documents at the border and we strongly advise they read **our visa guidance**.

Students will be required to show their Passports and Boarding Passes upon registration at Sussex as a proof of their clearance to study in the UK.

2. Student visa route

Applies to students coming for the full academic year. It is important students read **our visa guidance** before applying to understand application cost, processes and documents required.

HEALTH & INSURANCE

Students coming to Sussex for one semester must take out private medical insurance before travelling. The insurance must cover their time in the UK and provide cover if they intend to travel outside of the UK. This applies to EU/EEA nationals as EHIC cards are no longer valid in the UK.

Students coming TO Sussex for the full academic year will pay the **healthcare surcharge as part of the visa application**. This permits students to access National Health Services (NHS). However, students will need to pay for some services such as dental treatment, eye tests and prescriptions. It is recommended students take out adequate insurance to cover other health related costs.

CORONAVIRUS

We understand this is still a complex time for anyone arriving on or planning to apply to a study abroad programme. Find out all the information you need about coming to Sussex on **Coronavirus pages** dedicated to advising prospective students.



STUDENT LIFE

OUR CAMPUS

Green and welcoming, our campus offers students the perfect, safe environment to study abroad. Students will find all they need on our single-site campus from shops, a medical centre, sports facilities and cafés.

Sussex is just nine minutes by train from the famed seaside city of Brighton and Hove. Brighton is located on England's south coast in the county of East Sussex and is only an hour away from central London by train.

We're also 30 minutes away from Gatwick, one of Europe's largest airports, serving over 90 countries and 200 destinations including Barcelona, Dublin, Amsterdam, Madrid and Copenhagen.

Students can find out more on our **campus and local area** pages or take a **virtual tour**.

WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

An orientation programme is arranged for all new students before term starts with specific events aimed at international students ranging from fun events to academic advice sessions.

The highly successful **Sussex Buddy Scheme** is organised by the Sussex Students' Union and helps new students to settle in by matching them up with current students to meet up, share tips and socialise together.

We will let students know further details about the Orientation Programme closer to arrival.

STUDENT SUPPORT

We can provide specialist support for study abroad students at Sussex. Whether it's academic concerns, homesickness or health issues, our support services are here to help.

To learn more, visit our **student support pages**.

COST OF LIVING

Students may need to budget for more or less money depending on your lifestyle and type of accommodation they live in. Students can visit our **living cost guide** to financially prepare for their study abroad experience.

Costs are based on 52 weeks in a calendar year.

