What you need to know

Your time at university is probably the best investment you will ever make, but making that investment can still be daunting. Here are the basic things you need to know.

- No payment of tuition fees up front if you take a full tuition fee loan
- Only start repaying loans once you are earning over £21,000
- Any remaining loan is written off after 30 years
- Our undergraduate tuition fees (like most UK universities) will be £9,000 per year for UK and EU students.
- Non-repayable financial support packages available from the University of Essex

Repaying your loan

Once you have a job with a yearly salary of over £21,000 (or your country equivalent) you pay back 9% of your earnings above this.

Income each year before tax | Approximate monthly repayments
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Less than £21,000 | £0
£22,000 | £7
£25,000 | £30
£30,000 | £67

University of Essex support

- EU partnership bursary
- Sports Bursaries
- 50th Anniversary Scholarship
- IB Excellence Scholarship
- Postgraduate Support Scheme

Additional awards are available and, if you take a year abroad or an industrial placement year, *you will not have to pay tuition fees for that year.* Essex is one of the few universities in the UK to offer this.

For full details, plus terms and conditions, please visit:

- [www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance)
- [www.essex.ac.uk/scholarshipfinder](http://www.essex.ac.uk/scholarshipfinder)
Living Costs
Being near but outside of London means Essex has lower living costs. We estimate between £6 - £9,000/year including accommodation but will vary depending on your lifestyle.
Our accommodation starts at just £70/week, one of the cheapest in the UK. We provide a range of part time work opportunities such as our award-winning frontrunners scheme or you can become a student ambassador.

An Essex Education
We have a long history of welcoming students from around the world. We provide a home for those wanting to learn ‘how’ but also challenge ‘why’. If this sounds like you, join us at Essex and in return you can expect to:
- be happy – we rank sixth among mainstream UK universities for overall satisfaction in the latest National Student Survey
- be taught by the best – as a renowned research university, our academics are active researchers in their fields
- get involved – learn a language, try a new sport, get a part time job, study abroad, volunteer – there is something for everyone
- feel part of our global community – Essex has a long history of welcoming students from over 130 countries

Welcome Home
From the minute you arrive at Essex you become part of the Students’ Union family. We provide everything you need, including advice, support, events, and 160 unique sports clubs and societies.

Contact us
▶ www.essex.ac.uk/see/why ‏ @Uni_of_Essex

How to Apply
If you have the Essex Spirit, join us and make a difference.
Undergraduate applications should be made through the UCAS website where you make an application online. The UCAS code for Essex is E70. Enter your details, university and course choices and submit a personal statement. You will also need a teachers’ reference.
You do not need to wait until you have finished your studies but can apply in your final year.
Please see www.ucas.com

Entry Requirements
Essex generally considers BBB at A-level or from 30 points in the IB. Please check the equivalent requirements from your country at:
▶ www.essex.ac.uk/see/quals

English language requirements
If English is not your first language we ask you to provide evidence of your ability to understand and express yourself in English. You do not need to have completed your English Language qualification before making your application. As a general guide, you need to achieve the following grades in one of the tests below:

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Visit www.gov.uk/student-finance for more Government information on funding your studies