Get ready for Essex!

Welcoming international students to our Loughton Campus

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VO = voice over

VO: “Let's Go!”

VO: “Whatever country you’re coming from, and whatever you’ll be studying, thank you for choosing East 15 Acting School and becoming a member of the University of Essex community.

VO: “it’s a really friendly place”

VO: “You will already have read some important and useful information in the East 15 prospectus”

VO: “But before you leave there are some very important things you must do…”

VO: “Make sure you have all the correct documents you will need to enter the UK and study at the University of Essex East 15 Acting School – including a valid passport and visa.

For more information visit www.essex.ac.uk/immigration

In addition to UKBA health requirements, we recommend you have the appropriate vaccinations before setting off.

VO: “Also bring original evidence of your qualifications – you will need this.”

VO: “Don’t forget your travel documents – and to book your flight to London.

VO: “If you have received details by e-mail before you leave – make sure you pre-register online to access your university e-mail account, and upload your photo.”
VO: "The weather can sometimes be cold and wet in October in the UK – so bring some warm clothes!"

VO: "You won’t need to bring all your bedding and kitchen goods with you – you can buy them in local shops when you get here."

VO: "Money for your first week… we use British pounds sterling in the UK – we recommend you bring around £500 in cash, as it can take up to two weeks to open a UK bank account – and be careful to look after your cash"

VO: “You will need to pay at least the first term’s instalment of your tuition fees in order to register for your course so either pre-pay or pay this online when you arrive”

VO: “Be aware, that if you bring large amounts of cash you may have to declare it on arrival in the UK.”

VO: “Familiarise yourself with your new surroundings…read the information we will be sending you so you are ready for when you get here – it’s all online too at: www.essex.ac.uk/welcome - and bring it with you!

VO: “We hope you have a safe journey”

VO: “When you arrive in the UK it’s useful to know what to expect”

VO: “At the airport, you go through the UK border and passport control, and customs.”

VO: “This is where you will need to show your passport and visa, plus any supporting documents including your Certificate of Acceptance for Studies, or CAS, as you may be asked questions about your studies, future plans, and what else you intend to do while you are in the UK.”

VO: “At passport control there may be a separate queue for students.”

VO: “And then collect your luggage”

VO: “To get to East 15 Acting School, our Loughton Campus, use the London
Underground – take the Central line, which is red.

**VO:** “Buying an Oyster card will save you money if you use the tube regularly.”

The London Underground Tube app will also help.

**VO:** “Make sure you go in the direction of Epping – and get off at Debden. Don’t go to Hainault by mistake!”

**VO:** “Debden Underground station is just five minutes’ walk from our Loughton Campus.”

Debden has a Natwest, Lloyds and Santander bank – as well as Sainsbury’s and Iceland supermarkets, and other local shops.

**VO:** “Loughton is a five-minute drive away which has many more shops and places to eat.

**VO:** “On the campus, you’ll find the Corbett Theatre, Hatfields House, the Students’ Union café bar, and a number of drama studios. Unit 4 is where our technical students work, and Roding House also has studios – both are 10 minutes’ walk from the main campus.”

**VO:** “You will then start your intensive course induction, and prepare to begin your studies.”

If you need any help, or have any questions – please ask! Student Support at Loughton can offer advice and guidance on:

- Tuition fees and student funding
- Disability support including dyslexia
- Counselling
- Access to learning funds
- Temporary emergency loans
- Council tax exemption letters
- Doctor and dentist registration"
**VO:** “It’s also useful to know a little bit about the way things work in the UK. Such as:

Using buses – make sure you use coins, not notes

You can also buy an annual bus pass, a one-off payment for the whole year – great idea if you’ll be using buses regularly”

**VO:** “Driving, walking or cycling – we drive on the left hand side of the road – so take care when you cross!”

**VO:** “Saying please and thank you, and being punctual, is polite, and all part of the British culture”

**VO:** “The UK Police are there to help as well as enforce the law, and are approachable and honest. So, if you need to register with the Police, or need to see the Police about any problem you have, don’t worry.”

**VO:** “There are lots of places where you can now get more help if you need it, about your visa, your studies, and what to expect when you live in the UK…

If you need help with any immigration enquiries
http://www.essex.ac.uk/immigration/contact.aspx

Pre-arrival guidance www.essex.ac.uk/ish

Useful UK Government info http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/countries/

Useful information from the British Council www.educationuk.org
and from UKCISA www.ukcisa.org.uk/

UKBA channel on YouTube
This offers an animated guide to student VISAs in different languages – make sure you watch yours
http://www.youtube.com/watch?annotation_id=annotation_59292&feature=iv&src_vid=E0tmOTuj_hM&v=1eUe4pWFl5I#t=51s
And for some in-flight entertainment, check out the British Council videos to find out more about the UK!

http://www.youtube.com/user/britishcouncil/videos?sort=p&view=0&tag_id=

**VO:** “...and when you’re ready for East 15, remember – this is just the start of your journey!”

We’re looking forward to welcoming you, and hope you’ve found this information useful.

…now show your friends and family where you’re coming!

www.essex.ac.uk/explore

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