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Important Dates for the academic year		
	Arrival Weekend autumn term	Sat/Sun 16/17 Sept 2017
	Orientation	From Mon 18 Sept
Autumn Term	Teaching starts	Mon 25 Sept 2017
	Teaching finishes	Fri 15 Sept 2017
Christmas vacation		Sat 16 Dec 2017 – Sun 7 Jan 2018
Private study period	Attendance only if required*	Mon 8 Jan-Wed 10 Jan 2018
Mid-year assessment period	Attendance only if required*	Thurs 11 Jan – Fri 26 Jan 2018
Inter-session week		Sat 27 Jan - Sun 4 Feb 2018
Arrival Date for spring term		TBC
Orientation		TBC
Spring Term	Teaching starts	Mon 5 Feb 2018
	Teaching finishes	Fri 11 May 2018
Easter teaching break and Spring Vacation		Sat 24 Mar – Sun 8 Apr 2018
Private study period	Attendance only if required*	Mon 14 - Wed 16 May 2018
Summer Term	Year-end assessment period	Thurs 17 May – Fri 15 June 2018
Application Process	A step by step guide to applying	
1.	Read through our Study Abroad Guide: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/studyabroadguide	
2.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Choose your modules b. Gather the following documents: c. A transcript of grades from your current institution d. A reference from an academic advisor (not required for Erasmus exchange students) e. Evidence of suitable English Language qualifications (for students whose native language is not English) f. Download the application form from the guide. g. Submit the completed application form, along with relevant documents to Sussex Abroad office by post or email. 	
Deadlines	1 st April for autumn term entrance 30 th October for spring term entrance	

<p>Academic and Language Requirements</p>	<p>You must be academically qualified to take the courses for which you apply and are normally expected to have completed at least one year of higher education in your own country.</p> <p>For US applicants a current grade point average of 3.0 or higher is normally required. The applications of students from other countries are assessed on an individual basis.</p>
<p>Modules are taught in English</p>	<p>If English is not your native language, you must demonstrate a good level of English competence. We accept a wide range of English language qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 6.5 and not less than 6.0 in each section • Test of English as a Foreign Language: internet based test: 88 overall with 20 in listening, 19 in reading, 21 in speaking and 23 in writing. The TOEFL institution code for the University of Sussex is DI 9166 • GCSE or IGCSE English: grade C • GCSE English as a second language: grade B • Cambridge Advanced Certificate in English (CAE): grade B • Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): grade C • Contact Sussex Abroad for other qualifications we accept <p>For more information on English Language Courses at Sussex University visit: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/languages/english</p>
<p>Sussex University Study Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Studies • Anthropology • Art History • Biochemistry and Molecular Biology • Business and Management Studies • Chemistry • Informatics • Cultural studies • Economics • Engineering and Design • English and Drama • Evolution, behaviour and environment science • Geography • History • International development • International relations • Languages • Law • Mathematics • Media and film studies • Music and music technology • Philosophy • Physics and Astronomy • Politics • Psychology • Science, technology and innovation • Social work and Social Care • Sociology • Zoology

For further information on these subject areas, visit:
<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/modules>

Credit System

The total number of credits students should take for the different study periods are:

Full Year (Autumn, Spring and Summer terms): 120 credits

Autumn Term: 60 credits

Spring/Summer Terms: 60 credits

Credit Comparisons

Sussex	ECTS	US
120	60	30
60	30	15
30	15	8
15	7.5	4

Accommodation

Full year applicants are guaranteed university accommodation if they apply by our 1st August deadline. Accommodation for part year applicants is not guaranteed. Students arriving in September will be notified in July if we are unable to offer housing, students arriving in January will be notified in November.



Living Expenses	Cost breakdown per week (for guidance only)	
	Campus Rent	£66 - £148*
	Mobile phone	£6
	Food and household goods	£30-£45
	Local travel	£10
	Books and equipment	£6-£10
	Clothing	£6-£10
	Socialising/entertainment	£15-£40
	Laundry	£5
	Total	£144 - £264
	*Utility charges, internet access and contents insurance are included in the rent in all University-managed accommodation on campus. Utility charges may be payable in some University-managed accommodation off campus.	
Entry and visa regulations	<p>Nationals of non-EU/EEA countries need a student visa to study in the UK. The type of visa depends on the length of stay, nationality and whether the student wants to work or volunteer.</p> <p>For further details of the two types of visa please visit: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/internationalsupport/immigration</p>	
Health and Insurance	<p>Students registered at Sussex for less than six months must take out private medical insurance before travelling. This insurance should cover their time in the UK and also provide cover if they intend to travel outside the UK.</p> <p>Full year students are covered for treatment through the UK's State Health Service (NHS), some services are free but some have to be paid for such as dental treatment, prescriptions. However students should make sure they have adequate insurance cover for emergency treatment, including transportation to home country if required and also travel outside the UK.</p>	
Campus Services and Support	<p>There is a Health Centre on campus where doctors and practice nurses are available to see. Students need to register with the Health Centre as soon as possible after arrival at Sussex: www.unimed.co.uk</p> <p>The Student Support Unit offers advice and assistance and can help set up support for students with disabilities, mental health difficulties and additional learning needs: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/studentssupport/</p> <p>International Student Support can answer queries about immigration and employment and sends out regular email updates on issues affecting international students. They also organise social events and excursions to famous and historical places of interest in the UK throughout the academic year: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/internationalsupport/</p> <p>Worship – The Meeting House is the on-campus chaplaincy and offers services spanning a range of faiths. There is a Muslim Student Centre and Muslim prayer facility on campus: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/chaplaincy/index</p>	
Welcome and Orientation	<p>A welcome and 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.</p>	



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

Further details on how to sign up will be sent out prior to arrival:
<http://www.buddyscheme.com/>

Assessments and transcripts

Students at Sussex for autumn only who are unable to stay for the January assessment period can take alternative assessments in December, though some submissions may be due in January. Alternative assessments are **only** available if the normal assessment would be an unseen, in-person, exam in January; if the normal assessments are coursework, essays, presentations, etc, then the normal assessment has to be taken/submitted.

Note – there are a few Economics modules where an alternative assessment is not available and an unseen, in-person, exam in January is compulsory.

Students at Sussex for full year must take all normal assessments. Alternative assessments are not permitted and students must attend both mid-year and end of year assessment periods. Unseen, in-person, exams can be held up to and including the last day of the summer term.

Students at Sussex for spring/summer must attend the end of year assessments and alternative assessments are not permitted. Unseen, in-person, exams can be held up to and including the last day of the summer term.

Exams timetable

The exams timetable is published quite late – for mid-year assessments (January) published in November and for summer term assessments (May to June) in March. Exam regulations at Sussex are strict and exams cannot be re-arranged, taken elsewhere or the mode of assessment changed.

Transcripts

Transcripts for students who studied for autumn term only will be sent in late March and for those who studies for full academic year and spring/summer it will be sent from mid/late July.