At home with us
Welcome to Sussex

We offer a wide variety of accommodation both on our campus and across the city for 5,000 new students, and we help many others to secure accommodation in the private rented sector.

This guide gives you information and advice about housing and support for students living with us. You will also find information on what to expect from the application process, prices for each accommodation and additional preferences that you can request (such as single gender, mature or quiet accommodation).

THE HOUSING SERVICES TEAM

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FAQs
(Frequently Asked Questions)

Q Is Everyone Who Applies for Accommodation Guaranteed a Place?
A guaranteed offer of University managed accommodation depends on a number of factors including your student status, when you apply and your year of study.

Use our handy guide on pages 6 and 7.

Q Is Applying for Housing Complicated?
It is easy! We encourage you to see as much accommodation as possible either on one of our open days or on our webpages, then complete the application online, giving us your preferences in order.

Don’t miss the application deadline! See timeline on page 9.

Q Will I Definitely Be Placed in My First Choice of Accommodation?
We can’t guarantee your first choice accommodation, but we will always try our best to meet your preferences.

Q Can I Bring My Car to Uni?
Residents are not able to bring cars. Brighton is very accessible, with buses running across the city 24 hours a day, a train service from Falmer station at the front of campus and loads of bicycle lanes to help you get around safely.

Page 12 outlines transport options at Sussex.

You should apply for housing as soon as possible.

You can give us your accommodation preferences (in order) when you do your application online.

Apply Online

Can I Come and See the Accommodation on Campus?
Yes! Come along to one of our Open Days and we will show you around.

Find out more at: www.sussex.ac.uk/study/visit-us/

Buses
Brighton & Hove has a 24-hour bus service. The journey from the city centre to campus is around 30 minutes.

Can I Visit the Off-Campus Accommodation?
We do not currently offer tours of off-campus accommodation, however students allocated off-campus accommodation will be sent detailed information.

Find out more at: www.sussex.ac.uk/study/accommodation
Q WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING WITH ME?

There is no need to bring any furniture as it will all be provided in your room.

See page 11 for information about what is included in your room and what you might like to bring with you.

You don’t need to bring your bed – but you will need to bring bedding and towels.

Don’t worry if you forget to pack something!

Brighton has many great shops – with prices to suit every budget – you can pick up additional items once you arrive.

Q I AM A BIT NERVOUS ABOUT MOVING AWAY FROM HOME, IS THERE SUPPORT TO HELP ME SETTLE IN?

Yes, lots of support. Each of the residences have Residential Life Connectors who are on hand to help you settle in and offer advice about all the services available to you. They will set up kitchen meetings with all your flatmates in the first few weeks, to check that you’re settling in well.

See page 20 for more information about how we will support you.

Q IS IT BETTER TO LIVE ON THE CAMPUS OR OFF-CAMPUS?

We can’t advise you which is best as it depends on what type of living experience you are looking for. We do not separate on and off-campus when allocating rooms, so you could receive an offer of a room in the city or on our campus.

This is what other students have said:

“Being in residence on campus puts you at the centre of university life and with the fantastic Brighton scene just a bus, train or cycle ride away and the South Downs National Park on your doorstep.”

HOLLY, LIVES ON CAMPUS

“Living off campus is great! You feel more independent and I feel like it helps me organise my time better when coming in to campus and planning around trains/buses. Also, it is nice being closer to Brighton (and my gym!).”

AMBER, LIVES OFF CAMPUS

For an overview of all our University-managed accommodation – see pages 13–19 of this brochure

Or look online at www.sussex.ac.uk/study/accommodation
The housing guarantee for undergraduate students

If you are a new, first year undergraduate/foundation year student at Sussex.

Will you be studying full time for the full academic year?

Yes

Have you, or will you complete a Housing Application online before 30 June?

Yes

Is University of Sussex your firm (first) choice university on UCAS?

Yes

You are guaranteed an offer of University managed accommodation. We will be in touch via email with your allocation during July/August, with most offers going out within a week of A-Level results day.

No

We are unable to guarantee an offer of University managed accommodation to students studying for part of the academic year, and we cannot offer any accommodation to students studying part-time.

We can support you in finding alternative accommodation, see pages 20–21.

No

Returning students with a medical need for accommodation should make an application for continuation of housing on health grounds no later than 30 April. Successful applicants will be notified in May/June.

No

Do you need to make an application for accommodation based on medical needs?

Yes

Any applications received after the 30 June deadline will not be guaranteed and you may have to find alternative accommodation.

No

Returning students with a medical need for accommodation should make an application for continuation of housing on health grounds no later than 30 April. Successful applicants will be notified in May/June.

If you are a returning student, you are unable to make an application for University managed accommodation and will need to secure accommodation in the private sector.

We can support you in finding alternative accommodation, see pages 20–21.
The housing guarantee for postgraduate students

If you are a new, first year postgraduate student at Sussex

Will you be studying full time for the full academic year?  
Yes  
No

Are you studying a taught or a research postgraduate degree?  
Yes  
No

Taught (e.g. MA, MSc)  
Yes  
No

Are you paying home and islands fees to study at Sussex?  
Yes  
No

We are unable to offer University managed accommodation to taught postgraduate students that are paying home and islands fees.  
We can support you in finding alternative accommodation, see pages 20–21.

Research (e.g. PhD, DPhil)  
Yes  
No

Have you, or will you complete a Housing Application online before 1 August, and pay the £2,000 tuition fee deposit (unless you’re exempt)?  
Yes  
No

We are unable to guarantee an offer of University managed accommodation to students studying for part of the academic year, and we cannot offer any accommodation to students studying part-time.  
We can support you in finding alternative accommodation, see pages 20–21.

If you are a returning postgraduate student at Sussex.

Do you need to make an application for accommodation based on medical needs?  
Yes  
No

Returning students with a medical need for accommodation should make an application for continuation of housing on health grounds no later than 30 April. Successful applicants will be notified in May/June.

If you are a returning student, you are unable to make an application for University managed accommodation and will need to secure accommodation in the private sector.  
We can support you in finding alternative accommodation, see pages 20–21.

If you miss the deadline for applications or you do not pay the £2,000 tuition fee deposit (unless exempt) then you will not be guaranteed accommodation.

You are guaranteed an offer of University managed accommodation. We will be in touch via email with your allocation during July/August. You should pay the £2,000 tuition fee deposit (unless exempt) as soon as possible as we will not be able to offer you accommodation until this has been paid.

For information on the £2,000 tuition fee deposit please visit www.sussex.ac.uk/study/fees-funding/tuition-fees/deposits
How to apply
HOW TO APPLY

UNDERGRADUATES

February

Housing applications open online for those eligible.

March

All eligible students will be given details of how to apply for accommodation online.*

*Subject to the conditions of our Housing Guarantee.

June

Deadline for undergraduate housing applications.

June

30 JUNE
Deadline for undergraduate housing applications.

August

1 August
Deadline for postgraduate housing applications.

September

TERM BEGINS
Arrivals weekend and Welcome Week with induction events to help new students settle in.

Online registration opens 1 September, when you can arrange to set up payment for your rent.

POSTGRADUATES

February

Housing applications open online for those eligible.

MARCH

If you apply for your course online, you will be able to access your Housing Application online shortly afterwards via the same PG Apply Portal.

June

After creating your housing application, postgraduates must pay the £2,000 tuition fee deposit (unless exempt), and accommodation cannot be allocated until this has been paid.

August

1 August
Deadline for postgraduate housing applications.

September

TERM BEGINS
Arrivals weekend and Welcome Week with induction events to help new students settle in.

Online induction opens 1 September via Sussex Direct and rent payment options open.
IF SUSSEX IS YOUR INSURANCE CHOICE UNIVERSITY

You are not guaranteed an offer of University managed accommodation and will need to prioritise a search in the private sector if you come to Sussex. We encourage Insurance applicants to still complete a housing application before 30 June, as if we have any accommodation become available, we may be able to make you an offer, although this is not guaranteed.

IF YOU COME TO SUSSEX THROUGH CLEARING

You are not guaranteed an offer of University managed accommodation and will need to prioritise a search in the private sector. After you firmly accept your course offer at Sussex, you will be sent details of how to express an interest in accommodation and if any rooms become available we may be able to make you an offer, although this is not guaranteed.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

Where possible students under the age of 18 will be allocated into residences where there is either 24-hour reception or 24-hour security available.

CARE LEAVERS

All students coming directly to Sussex from local authority care, and who apply for housing ahead of the closing date of 30 June and who receive an unconditional offer are entitled to an offer of University managed accommodation during their entire time as a full time student at Sussex as long as all conditions of your licence have been met. It may be necessary for students to move rooms during the summer vacation and apply for accommodation annually.

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

We will make every effort to meet the housing requirements of applications requesting an adjustment subject to availability. Please make sure that in the health requirements page of your housing application, you indicate to us that you have additional requirements so that we can contact you to discuss the range of facilities available at Sussex, including fully accessible flats, en-suite accommodation and facilities for students requiring personal care. Individual visits to see our accessible accommodation can be arranged through the Student Support Unit.

We make every effort to provide suitable accommodation for those who need it, however there may be instances where practically we are not able to offer something suitable because we are fully allocated.

FAMILY FLATS

There are a very small number of family flats at Sussex for students with children. Due to ongoing development works on campus, we are currently not accepting new applications for family accommodation.

Please do not bring your family to Sussex with you until you have secured suitable accommodation.

FAMILY HOUSING INFORMATION

Find out about accommodation options for families in the private sector.

www.sussex.ac.uk/study/accommodation/families

CODE OF PRACTICE

The University is signed up to the UUK Code of Practice which aims to help those managing student accommodation to identify the key elements of good management practice and encourage the raising of standards in student accommodation.
WHAT IS PROVIDED IN ACCOMMODATION?

We have a range of accommodation at Sussex, located across Brighton & Hove, and at our Falmer campus. All of our residences (apart from studio flats) share kitchen and communal areas. Many of our rooms have an ensuite bathroom with a shower and toilet, with others having shared bathroom facilities. Gas, electricity, water and personal contents insurance are included in your rent.

Each of our residences is managed by a building manager who, along with a team of porters and other housekeeping staff, is responsible for looking after the area.

Kitchens in all of our residences are supplied with cookers, fridge-freezers, toaster, kettles, and most have microwaves. You will need to bring your own cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils. There are laundry facilities on campus and in all of the off campus properties. All residences are heated during the colder months (usually October to May), and rooms are furnished with a bed, desk and chair, book space and wardrobe. Many rooms with shared bathroom facilities have their own wash basin. Students usually prefer to bring their own bed linen, however a set of new bedding (including duvet, duvet cover, bottom sheet, pillow case and pillow) can be purchased from the University of Sussex online shop beforehand, and collected upon arrival.

Communal areas are cleaned on a regular basis but this does not include washing dishes. Residents are responsible for keeping their own rooms clean and, if in an en-suite room, they must also keep the bathroom clean.

WI-FI

All University managed residences have Wi-Fi access.

NON-SMOKING

All of our residences are non-smoking, including e-cigarettes and this is strictly enforced.

RENTS

Rents vary according to accommodation and length of tenancy and can be paid either in full in advance, or in three instalments for undergraduates or in four instalments for postgraduates. Undergraduate tenancies run for a total of 39 weeks, with postgraduate tenancies running for 50 or 51 weeks.

Information about your rent and how to set up payment will be sent via email with your housing allocation.

SECURITY

The University has its own Security Office based on campus. Security officers patrol the campus day and night, they are all qualified first aiders and can respond quickly to emergencies. A part of the service is to provide an escort across campus after dark if requested. Although Security do not patrol residences off campus, they will give support and advice if off campus support staff are not available.

There is a 24-hour service centre based on campus, which can provide help and advice for students in the residences. If parents need to contact a student urgently and cannot get in touch directly, our 24-hour reception will get a message through to the student.

ROOM SWAPS

The Housing Services team tries to allocate students into the type of accommodation they request but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so for everyone. Some accommodation types are very popular (particularly en-suite rooms) and this means that there will always be a number of students who are in accommodation that they have not requested.

We are unable to make any swaps before arrivals weekend. One week after arrivals weekend in September, we open a swap list online enabling students to get in touch with other students who may want to swap rooms. There is an administrative fee for arranging this.

It may be necessary for the University to suspend room swaps, for example in response to government advice or to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our residents.

Don't forget!
You will need to bring your own cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils.

WI-FI
All of our University managed residences have Wi-Fi (so you can look up some recipes online!)
Travelling to campus and around the local area

BY CAR
Students in our residences are not able to park a car on campus, and many of our residences across the city are in areas with controlled parking, requiring a permit from the City Council. For these reasons, we encourage you to leave your car and use one of the many other options available below. All of our accommodation across the city is within walking distance of transport options to campus.

Students with a disability or with dependants may be able to apply for a permit to park on campus, details of which can be found on the University transport webpages (see link below).

BY BICYCLE
There are around 600 free bicycle racks on campus, and use of free shower facilities across campus for those that cycle to the University. Brighton & Hove has a large number of cycle routes across the city, with cycle lanes between campus, the city centre and Lewes.

Brighton & Hove also has a bike share scheme, with bike racks placed across the city (including on campus) where you can rent a bike per hour for a small charge.

BY BUS
A 24-hour bus service operates from the city centre to campus and back throughout the year with special discounts for students on a variety of ticket options. Additional services from campus serve other areas of the city throughout the day, or a service can be taken to the city centre throughout the night where there are night bus routes across Brighton & Hove.

BY TRAIN
Falmer Station, located at the front of campus, has regular trains throughout the day and into the evening travelling to Brighton (where connections can be made to London and the rest of the South Coast), Lewes, Newhaven and Eastbourne. Students with a valid 18–25 railcard and their Sussex Student card can purchase a Unizone season ticket for discounted travel on routes in the area.

FIND OUT MORE
Parking on campus
www.sussex.ac.uk/sez/services/transport

Bus services – student information guide
www.buses.co.uk/students

Brighton & Hove bikeshare scheme
www.btnbikeshare.com

Unizone season tickets
www.southernrailway.com/tickets/discounts-and-railcards/unizone
At Sussex we have a range of accommodation to consider, located across Brighton & Hove, and at our Falmer Campus.

All of our accommodation offers unique benefits, whether you like the idea of living close to the bustle of Brighton, or next to the South Downs National Park.
OUR ACCOMMODATION

**Brighthelm**

**Sussex Campus, Falmer**

- 39 and 51 weeks
- £158.33 per week
- 300 standard rooms
- UG and PG students

Our Brighthelm residences consist of 60 five-bedroom houses located on our Falmer campus. All houses have well-equipped kitchen/diners and each bedroom has its own washbasin. Bedrooms are spread over two or three floors and each house has a patio area.

**East Slope Residences**

**Sussex Campus, Falmer**

- 39 and 50 weeks
- £174.80 per week (standard)
  £184.00 per week (en-suite)
- 556 standard rooms, 1561 ensuite rooms
- UG and PG students

With a mixture of en-suite cluster flats and townhouses with shared facilities, East Slope is made up of four neighbourhoods: Camber, Bodiam, Lullington and Amberley. The new student services building is located next to East Slope along with a small amount of retail space.

**Kings Road**

**Seafront/City Centre Area, Brighton**

- 39 or 51 Weeks
- £146.92 per week
- 124 standard rooms
- UG and PG students

Located on the seafront close to the famous Brighton Palace Pier, Kings Road consists of flats housing three to six students. Each flat has its own kitchen/diner, shower and toilet facilities and each bedroom has its own washbasin. Kings Road is close to the shops, bars and restaurants in the city centre and attractions and entertainment along the seafront.

**Lewes Court**

**Phase 1 and Phase 2**

**Sussex Campus, Falmer**

- 39 weeks
- £125 per week (standard)
  £173.17 per week (en-suite)
- 255 standard rooms
  249 en-suite rooms
- Undergraduate students only

Lewes Court consists of five- and six-person flats including some rooms designed for students with disabilities. In Phase 1, flats contain shared kitchen/living area/bathroom space and each room has its own washbasin. In Phase 2, study bedrooms contain their own en-suite bathroom.

**Northfield**

**Sussex Campus, Falmer**

- 39 and 51 weeks
- £182.98 per week
- 1,105 en-suite rooms
- En-suite
- UG and PG students

Located at the very top of campus, Northfield is a development of six-to eight-person en-suite flats with some rooms designed for students with disabilities. Each flat has its own kitchen/dining/living area and the residence contains an on-site bar/social centre, launderette and communal TV/computer room.

You can view more images of our accommodation at: www.instagram.com/ushousingservices

Please note: All rents are subject to review in January/February of each year.

**Key**

- Length of accommodation agreement
- Guideline rent (per week) 2023/24
- Number of rooms
- En-suite facilities
- Undergraduate accommodation
- Postgraduate accommodation
**NORWICH HOUSE**  
**SUSSEX CAMPUS, FALMER**
- 39 weeks  
- £119.64 per week  
- 117 standard rooms  
- UG and PG students

Norwich House consists of single study bedrooms, mainly on corridors of 12 with a shared kitchen and shared bathroom facilities. Rooms are spread over four floors and each bedroom contains its own washbasin.

**STANMER COURT**  
**ENTRANCE TO SUSSEX CAMPUS, FALMER**
- 39 and 51 weeks  
- £173.17 per week  
- 479 en-suite rooms  
- En-suite  
- UG and PG students

Stanmer Court is located at the front of campus by Falmer rail station on the busy A27 road and is joined to campus via a pedestrian underpass. The residence consists of self-contained flats housing between four and six students, each with their own en-suite bathroom. Each flat has shared kitchen/dining/lounge facilities and there is a launderette, social space and communal TV room on site.

**SWANBOROUGH**  
**SUSSEX CAMPUS, FALMER**
- 39 weeks  
- £182.98 per week  
- 250 en-suite rooms  
- En-suite  
- UG and PG students  
- Undergraduate students only

Swanborough is located in the centre of our Falmer Campus, close to academic buildings and opposite Bramber House with dining and shopping facilities. The residence consists of a number of self-contained flats housing four to seven students in each, with all rooms containing their own en-suite bathroom. All flats have communal kitchen/dining/living areas and four rooms within the residence have been designed specially for students with a physical disability.

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**KEY**
- Length of accommodation agreement  
- Guideline rent (per week) 2023/24  
- Number of rooms  
- En-suite facilities  
- Undergraduate accommodation  
- Postgraduate accommodation

Please note: All rents are subject to review in January/February of each year.
UNIVERSITY OWNED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS BRIGHTON & HOVE

- 39 and 51 weeks
- £132.28 – £170.07 per week
- 77 students across 5 residences

The University also has a number of large residences across the city, each housing between 7 and 11 students. All residences contain shared kitchen/dining/living areas and have shared bathrooms. Most rooms have washbasins and there are laundry facilities in each residence. All properties are within walking distance of transport links to campus. A list of our University owned and managed properties is below:

8 and 10 Windlesham Road, Brighton
- 21 students
- UG and PG students

10 and 12 York Avenue, Hove
- 17 students
- UG and PG students

14 and 49 Florence Road, Brighton
- 18 students
- UG and PG students

13 Victoria Road, Brighton
- 11 students
- UG and PG students

18 Clifton Road, Brighton
- 8 students
- Postgraduates only

42 Ewhurst Road, Brighton
- 3 students
- UG and PG students

STUDIO FLATS

In addition to our standard, en-suite and flatlet rooms, the University also has a small number of studio flats within Northfield, Lewes Court and Stanmer Court. Studio flats are priced higher than standard or en-suite room rates and are offered initially to students who have a medical need for them. Studio flats contain an integrated kitchen, dining and bedroom area with a separate bathroom.

KEY
- Length of accommodation agreement
- Guideline rent (per week) 2023/24
- Number of rooms
- En-suite facilities
- Undergraduate accommodation
- Postgraduate accommodation

Please note: All rents are subject to review in January/February of each year.

Examples of University owned and managed properties.
At-a-glance guide to all our residences

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Rents provided are for typical single occupancy rooms and flat sizes are the typical size for that residence. A small number of flats sizes are different to the number shown, and smaller or larger rooms may have slightly lower or higher rents. Rent is inclusive of utility bills and personal contents insurance.

Please note: All rents are subject to review in January/February of each year.
Additional residential and housing support

RESIDENTIAL LIFE
The Residential Life team provide pastoral care and support for students living in University managed accommodation. Within the team there are three Residential Life Managers that are available via campus security for emergency welfare issues out of hours and who manage the day-to-day running of a team of Residential Life Coordinators and Residential Life Connectors.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE COORDINATORS
The Residential Life Coordinators are a team of recent graduates who are trained to provide welfare support to residents, assist in the co-ordinating of the Residential Connectors, social activities, social media and the general running of the Residential Support scheme.

RESIDENTIAL CONNECTORS
The Residential Life Connectors are predominantly second and third year students who live within the residences and have responsibility for a group of first year students. They are likely to be the first students that you get to know after arriving. They will be on hand to answer any questions and help you settle in to your new accommodation.

LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY
Some students will choose to live outside of University managed accommodation in their first year of study, instead opting to find their own accommodation in the private sector. Housing Services at Sussex offer a range of advice and support to help students find somewhere suitable to live and carry out projects in the community to promote harmonious living in neighbourhoods across the city.

PRIVATE SECTOR ADVICE
If you are looking at renting in the private sector, you can find lots of useful information on our webpages (see below).

You are also welcome to pop into our reception where one of our Housing Officers can talk you through the process and answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We also offer a free tenancy check service and encourage students to bring their tenancy agreements into us to read over and advise on.

FIND OUT MORE
Campus and Residential Support
https://student.sussex.ac.uk/new-students/help-and-support/residential-support

Renting in the private sector
www.sussex.ac.uk/study/accommodation/off-campus/privately-rented

Property database (renting in the private sector)
www.sussexstudentpad.co.uk
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

SOMEBEWHERE TO STAY

If you need somewhere to stay while looking for accommodation locally, there is a list of local hotels and guesthouses on our website offering special rates for University visitors: www.sussex.ac.uk/about/directions/wheretostay

GET TO KNOW NEIGHBOURS

Brighton & Hove is incredibly diverse, with people of all lifestyles living amongst each other in communities across the city. We encourage all Sussex students to explore their local communities, introduce themselves to neighbours and enrich their time at Sussex by getting involved at local community projects and events.

RENTING ADVICE TALKS

Across the academic year, private sector housing officers invite all first-year students to attend advice talks designed to introduce them to all aspects of searching for and living in private rented sector accommodation. During the Autumn and Winter, Renting in the City talks focus on where to find suitable student properties, what to look for at viewings and the process and paperwork involved in securing a property. In the Spring, Living in the City talks outline tenant responsibilities, settling into the local community and how to get value for money on household bills.

HELP FINDING HOUSEMATES

Housing Services host networking events to help students group up with likeminded others who share their interests to search for a private sector house with. Private sector housing officers are in attendance at events to answer any renting questions that students might have.

Housing Services also manage a Facebook page where students can advertise spare rooms in their private sector houses to students who might not have a group to search with, as well as a place to find housemates to form a group with and search for a property together: www.facebook.com/groups/SussexHouseHunt

SUSSEX STUDENT PAD

In order to signpost students to quality properties in the private rented sector, the University operates an advertising website for local landlords to market their properties to rent to Sussex Students. Sussex Student Pad is only accessible to registered Sussex students, and as a condition of advertisement, landlords are required to agree to a detailed Code of Standards of property quality, management, and customer service set by us. As well as requiring landlords to sign up to the code, all properties are inspected by University Housing Officers and relevant safety certification is checked by the University before adverts are uploaded to the site: www.sussexstudentpad.co.uk

FIND OUT MORE

Local hotels and guesthouses with special rates for University visitors
www.sussex.ac.uk/about/directions/wheretostay

Sussex in the Community
www.sussex.ac.uk/about/community
Further Information
Facilities and support services for Sussex students

When living with us, you may wish to make use of some of the additional services available to all students at Sussex.

HEALTH CENTRE

The University Health Centre on campus is an NHS independent General Practice. General medical care is provided by four doctors and a team of nurses. If you live off campus, you may still be able to register with the University Health Centre if you are within their catchment area, or you can register with another surgery that is nearer to your home. See the website (at the bottom of the page) for more information.

There is a pharmacy, dentist and opticians on campus.

THE MEETING HOUSE

The University has one of the most beautiful chaplaincy centres in the country, known as the Meeting House. The distinctive circular building, with its coloured glass walls, has a chapel on the upper level that is used for worship and music recitals throughout the week, with services drawing on different traditions of Christian spirituality.

The Lead Chaplain supports a multi-faith team of part time chaplains representing Jewish, Christian and Buddhist traditions. The team also work closely with the Islamic Society and there is a Muslim Student Centre located in Falmer House.

SPORT AND WELLBEING

In addition to a wide range of student sports clubs, Sussexsport and the Students’ Union offer a variety of fitness, sport and wellbeing opportunities including weekly classes such as yoga, trapeze, spin and Zumba.

The Therapy Room at the Sport Centre offers a sports injury clinic, sports and relaxation massage and beauty therapy.

Our fantastic facilities include 3G, ATP and grass pitches, tennis courts, dance studio/dojo, an outdoor fitness area and state-of-the-art fitness rooms.

FIND OUT MORE

Sussexsport
www.sussex.ac.uk/sport

Active US: low-cost, drop-in activities
www.sussex.ac.uk/sport/students/activeus

The University Health Centre
www.unimed.co.uk

Chaplaincy and Meeting House
www.sussex.ac.uk/chaplaincy
UNI FOOD HUB APP – YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR EATS, TREATS & MEETS

Download the Uni Food Hub app to see all our menus and choose the food and drink you want, when you want it.

With an array of food and drink available on campus, you can use the Uni Food Hub app to access it all at the click of a button.

YOU CAN:

- click, collect and refuel on campus
- get delivery straight to your door or selected cafes
- boost your balance – anyone can top up your account
- earn loyalty points every time you order
- book tickets for foodie events
- access discounts for Hello Fresh & Pizza Pilgrims.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN TOP UP YOUR CHILD’S WALLET FOR THEM?

Parents of students, by topping up your child’s wallet you can be confident that it will only ever be spent on great tasting meals, soft drinks and snacks in the Sussex Food catering outlets across campus so what are you waiting for? Download the Uni Food Hub app and top up their balance!
Our £28-million Student Centre is now open and is the beating heart for student life at the centre of our campus, offering students opportunities to enhance their experience and to access information, advice, guidance and support.

A flexible and inviting space, the vision for the Student Centre is to create a strong sense of belonging and community for all students.

It’s more than a building – we’re also transforming our digital and in-person support for students, making it much easier for you to access friendly, consistent and expert support.

**INVESTING IN OUR UNIVERSITY**

The Student Centre is the final part of our exciting East Slope development – our state-of-the-art student village on the eastern edge of our campus. As well as high-quality accommodation, the development is bringing exciting new retailers onto campus to be used and enjoyed by all students.

Now, we have agreed a further £200-million programme of investments in our university over the next four years, as we continue to strive to offer the best possible university experience for our students.

**REDEVELOPING WEST SLOPE**

One of our flagship investments is to redevelop the West Slope of our campus. This development will double student accommodation on the site and include a new library, health centre, pharmacy and supermarket. Activity has started and we have worked hard to plan the development around university life, so that our students and staff are disrupted as little as possible.
STUDENT SUPPORT

We want to make sure that you have all the support and help you need while you are studying at university.

This is an overview of some of the other support services that you can access at Sussex – there is lots more information available on our website (see links below).

Student Centre

The Student Centre is at the heart of the student experience at Sussex.

Whether it’s a simple query or support with a more complex issue, there’s a wide range of information, advice and guidance available at the Student Centre.

The Student Centre brings together our student support services, who provide confidential, pre-booked appointments in-person or via Zoom on a range of issues. They will also be running drop-in sessions, events and other activities throughout the year.

The Welcome Team are there to help you find any information you need, including:

• settling in as a new student
• jobs and careers
• money and funding
• health and wellbeing
• visas and immigration
• requesting letters to support your study
• exceptional circumstances affecting your assessments
• changing your degree
• withdrawing from your course
• attendance issues
• housing and living with other people
• disability support

Advise and Welfare

Information, advice and guidance to help you gain the best university experience you can. Some of the many things that support is available for include:

• Managing the transition to university.
• Coping with the demands of university life.
• Personal and welfare concerns affecting your study progress or wellbeing.
• Funding and finance including hardship funds and emergency loans, scholarships and bursaries.
• Sources of help to improve academic performance.
• Progression, intermission and withdrawal processes.
• Drop-ins for sexual health information and free condoms, drug and alcohol counselling.
• Advice for international students including around immigration and visas.

Disability and Health

Providing advice and assistance to prospective and current students with disabilities, long term health conditions, long-term mental health conditions, dyslexia and autistic spectrum conditions, including:

• Advice on funding additional support
• Examination arrangements
• Arranging note-takers, readers, specialist tutors and mentors, where funding is available.
• Assessment for specific learning difficulties

Students with additional support requirements are encouraged to note these on their application forms so that the University can be in contact either during the application process or before arrival at the University. This is to ensure that any additional support requirements, including housing, are properly considered and that prospective students receive details of the range of facilities at Sussex.

Counselling

There is a free and confidential counselling service provides support to over 1,500 students every year. Students are offered individual or group sessions and the service also runs various workshops on topics such as stress management, procrastination and insomnia.
The University of Sussex makes every effort to deliver housing as set out in this guide. However, due to the large number of students being housed and the diversity of needs, the University reserves the right to make variations to the type of housing offered. Photos are indicative but accommodation may vary from that shown. The University cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or expense resulting from any delay, variation or failure in the provision of housing or facilities arising from circumstances beyond the University’s reasonable control including in response to government advice in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic or to ensure the health and safety of the University community.

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