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Sussex Law School
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The Sussex Law School has grown significantly in recent years and is now one of the largest, most successful and vibrant Law Schools in the country.

Both the breadth and depth of our teaching and the scope and reach of our research are at the very highest levels and we place the pursuit of academic excellence at the heart of everything we do. We perform excellently on external performance measures such as the National Student Survey in which, consistently, we are in the top ten Law Schools for overall satisfaction with courses. Law is also thoroughly internationalised and now has students from more than 80 different countries so we are able to offer a truly cosmopolitan legal education.
Why choose Law at Sussex?

Students benefit from our excellent research-led teaching and all of our academics bring extensive knowledge and passion to what they do. Our students don’t just study our innovative research – they get to question and challenge the academics that write it.

Our courses are intellectually rigorous and explore law in its political, social economic and cultural context, engaging with important issues of contemporary concern. They are taught by enthusiastic faculty involved in ground-breaking research, meaning you learn about law from experts in the field. You also have the chance to build up a portfolio of networking contacts.

You can take single honours LLB (Law) or combine your course with another discipline. In addition, you have the possibility of a year abroad or the option of a placement year giving you the opportunity to broaden your horizons and gain some professional experience. We also offer graduate entry conversion courses for non-law graduates wishing to pursue a career in law including the one-year Common Professional Examination / Graduate Diploma in Law and the two-year Graduate Entry LLB.

We have an award-winning student law society, and a Canadian law society for our Canadian students, which together with our faculty and student representatives strive to offer the very best student experience.

At Sussex we help you improve your employability skills by offering specialist courses in presenting legal arguments, client interviewing and negotiation, plus a range of competitions for you to take part in all sponsored by leading law firms. These equip you with skills for any career you choose either in law or in a wide range of other professions.

We also offer many specialist research-led postgraduate LLM courses and have a growing body of PhD students.

93% of Sussex Law School graduates are in work or further study six months after graduation

Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) 2013
All the law degree courses we offer are qualifying law degrees. This means that if you want to practise law after your degree, you can go straight to a Legal Practice Course (LPC) or Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC). We offer the following degree courses:

- LLB Law (3 years)
- LLB Law Graduate Entry (2 years)
- LLB Law with Business (3 years)
- LLB Law with International Relations (3 years)
- LLB Law with Politics (3 years)
- LLB Law with American Studies (4 years)
- LLB Law with French, Italian or Spanish (4 years)
## Undergraduate teaching LLB

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More detail about the LLB core modules is provided on pages 8 and 9.

**Law options**

Please see page 13 for a list of optional modules that have been offered in the past.
Law and Policy of the European Union

This module concentrates on a detailed study of the constitutional principles and values of the European Commission and European Union as expressed in the treaties and case law of the European Court. It addresses substantive law, particularly in relation to the single market (in persons, goods and services) and non-market issues such as citizenship of the Union.

Public Law I
Public Law II
Canadian Constitutional Law

In the first term Public Law considers the nature and structure of the British constitution including Parliament, the making of law, the organisation of the courts, aspects of the judiciary and matters relating to the constitution of the UK and of human rights. In the second term students can choose a module called Public Law II and examine the extent to which state power is subject to control and restraint from both a domestic and international perspective. Alternatively, students may choose to look at another jurisdiction and study a module on Canadian Constitutional Law.

English Legal System

This module provides an introduction to the nature of legal sources and the fundamental legal skills that will be in constant use throughout your time at Sussex. The module also gives you the opportunity to think about the English Legal System in a broader context, through critical examination of the structures, process and personnel of the English Legal System.

Justice, Equality and Society

In this module you are introduced to legal theory and encouraged to think critically about contemporary issues from the perspectives of justice, equality and rights.

Criminal Law

When we explore the role of the criminal law, we are first asking what types of conduct are so harmful or wrongful that they deserve public censure and punishment. What makes, or should make a crime? And what makes a person sufficiently blameworthy to be a criminal? From and through these general questions, the module discusses and evaluates the current criminal law across a variety of offences and defences.

Equity and Trusts

The principles of equity have been developed over several centuries. We study key principles and concepts of equity and equitable remedies; and the institution of the trust. During the 19th century, most trusts were made for the benefit of families. During the 20th century the trust has become increasingly important in areas such as commerce, charities, pension schemes and the family home. The law of trusts is set in its social, economic and political context.

Land Law

This module explores the collection of legal principles concerned with the ownership and exploitation of land. Specific topics may include: the doctrines of estates and tenure; the meaning of land (fixtures); the distinction between personal and property rights; the doctrine of proprietary estoppel; the contractual formalities for buying an interest or estate in land; acquiring ownership rights, including the rules of adverse possession unregistered and registered title; mortgages; leases (and licences); trusts of land; freehold covenants; and easements.
Law of Contract
This module considers how the law decides whether promises or agreements have become ‘contracts’, such that the law will acknowledge and enforce them. We consider how contracts are formed, how we understand and interpret the substance and content of them and the circumstances under which consent or agreement may become vitiated.

Law of Tort
‘Tort’ defies simple definition, but one straightforward description is that tort is the area of civil law primarily concerned with providing a remedy to persons who have been wrongfully harmed by the conduct of others. It provides a fascinating subject for in-depth academic study and plays an important role in many areas of legal practice. The module covers an extensive range of topics and cases, including landmark decisions with wide ranging social, economic and political consequences.
I specifically chose Sussex because it was one of two universities that offered an LLB with a mandatory year in America. While finding the balance between the law aspect of my degree and my minor was difficult at first, staff were always there to offer support when needed. Spending my third year at UC Berkeley is an experience I will never forget; looking at the law from the perspective of another jurisdiction really pushed my critical analysis through making me reflect on the purpose of the law, my opinion with regards to that and how I justified that opinion. I strongly encourage anybody to grab the opportunity to study abroad, particularly at Sussex as it is affiliated with some of the world’s best universities in amazing destinations!

Janat Kiwanuka
LLB Law with American Studies 2014

Sussex has one of the most beautiful campus locations in Britain. Situated in rolling parkland on the edge of Brighton, the campus combines award-winning architecture with green open spaces.
LLB Law Graduate Entry

This course is designed for graduates who have a degree in a subject other than law and wish to practice law or go on to higher legal study.

You are given an introduction to the English legal system and take a range of core modules over the two years. In the second year you also take an optional module from the wide range offered. The course combines lectures, which are held with current law undergraduates, and seminars for graduates only where you discuss and present work.

The course provides many opportunities for career planning and CV building and the University provides support in finding vacation work placements. Over the two years you can engage in optional extra-curricular activities and competitions in mooting, criminal advocacy, client interviewing or negotiation.

This course is often suitable for students wishing to practice outside the UK, since the LLB is recognised internationally. However, particular qualification and practice requirements vary by jurisdiction and should always be confirmed with the regulatory bodies in the country in which you wish to practice.

Applications should be made through UCAS.

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Law options
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In the final year, students can choose a number of law options. The options offered reflect the wide range of research interests covered by faculty. This list shows examples of optional modules that have been offered in recent years.

- Access to Land
- Commercial Law
- Company Law
- Competition Law of the European Union
- Criminology
- Environmental Law
- Ethics and Conduct of Lawyers
- Employment Law
- Family Law
- Global Business Law and Regulation
- Hate Crime and the Law
- Healthcare Law and Ethics
- Human Rights
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Litigation
- International Nature Protection Law
- Internet Law and Regulation
- Law and Aesthetics
- Law and Development
- Law and the Creative Industries
- Legal Theory
- Media Law and Regulation
- Principles of Islamic Law
- Private International Law
- Professional Negligence
- Public International Law
- Sociology of Law
- The Law of Evidence
- US Constitutional Law
Placements and study abroad

Once students have embarked upon their degree at Sussex they have the opportunity to opt into a placement year or spend a year studying abroad at an English speaking University. This extends the degree into a four year course.

**Placements**
The University of Sussex recognises that professional/industrial placements can make a valuable contribution to an individual’s learning and development. We aim to support you to organise, manage and make the most of opportunities for gaining work experience during your time at Sussex.

**How will Sussex support you?**
We guarantee to support students throughout the professional/industrial placement recruitment and selection process through a Placement Preparation Programme delivered by the Careers and Employability Centre. A central Placement Officer provides information, advice and guidance along with individual student support. Key topics in the programme include:
- How to find the best placement for you
- What employers look for and how to make your application stand out
- Identifying your unique selling points
- How to impress at interview
- Getting the most out of your placement.

The Careers and Employability Centre assists with placement opportunities by generating and advertising them on their online vacancy service. The Centre has links with over 500 local, national and international employers, offering a wide variety of placement opportunities.

We will enter into a Placement Learning Agreement with you and you will be allocated a Placement Tutor from among the academic staff of the department.
Study abroad

The year abroad is a fantastic opportunity to explore a new culture, language and legal system and to broaden your horizons. During the year abroad you will acquire new perspectives on your study and meet a diverse range of people from all over the world. The year abroad gives you the opportunity to gain essential life experience which will be invaluable for both your personal development and your future career.

European destinations for the year abroad include Berlin (Germany), Valencia (Spain), Prague (Czech Republic), Maastricht (Netherlands), Grenoble (France) and Istanbul (Turkey).

We are constantly adding to our list of destinations and expect to expand this list to include more destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia and South America over the next year.

How will Sussex support you?

Before leaving, you will be given plenty of advice and information about studying abroad and you will be invited to attend meetings and also to meet returning study abroad students who will give you valuable insights into what awaits you. You will be allocated a Study Abroad Tutor from among the academic staff of the department and will be able to contact that individual while living and studying abroad. Additionally you will benefit from the student support services within your institution of study.
The Sussex Law School has state of the art mooting facilities available for students to enhance the skills they require in legal practice.
The Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)/Common Professional Examination is a year-long course designed to be taken by non-law graduates wishing to pursue a career in law by fast tracking them to an equivalent stage as a law graduate.

The GDL at Sussex provides you with research-led teaching and the opportunity to network and develop your career plans in the environment of an active and engaging Law School. You can access a full range of developmental activities and skills courses. Sussex GDL students go on to participate and win national and international competitions. Our very many notable alumni include Alex Bailin QC and Martin Cotterill, a Partner at Latham and Watkins.

In addition to seven core modules, you are introduced to important principles of the English legal system. You also undertake a year-long dissertation, supervised by a member of law faculty. The dissertation is a distinctive feature of the Sussex GDL, allowing you to work on a project of your own choosing and to develop your legal research skills.

An additional feature of the Sussex GDL is the focus given to employability, by means of skills and self-development activities which run throughout the academic year.

The Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board recognise the Sussex GDL as satisfying the academic stage of legal study prior to the Bar Professional or Legal Practice course. Please note that if you wish to practice law in a jurisdiction outside the UK you should first check that GDL courses are recognised by the jurisdiction in which you wish to practice.

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Sussex Law School encourages students to develop practical communication skills which are essential for all graduate professions. We organise a range of competitions for our students which are an opportunity for you to develop specific skills essential in both legal practice and more generally in employment.

We run four different skills competitions; each is sponsored by a leading law firm. We also encourage our students to participate in national and international competitions.

**Mooting Competitions**

Mooting allows you to present legal arguments before superior courts in a fictional, contentious case. Each moot has lead and junior counsel arguing each side of the dispute. Taking part in these sessions gives you the opportunity to build your presentation and advocacy skills which are both essential in legal practice.

There are two mooting competitions run in the Law School. One is for first year students and is sponsored by Mayo Wynne Baxter, a solicitors’ firm based in Sussex, Kent and Surrey. The other is a senior competition open to all law students and sponsored by DMH Stallard, a solicitors’ firm based in London and the South East.

The first year mooting competition is run by the two second year students who won the competition in their first year. They run mooting workshops to help young students acquire confidence for their first performance in a moot. Once you have mooted you are given valuable feedback and support from your peers. A partner from Mayo Wynne Baxter, usually also a Sussex Law School graduate, judges the final of the competition. The winners receive prizes and work placements with the firm.

The Sidney Prevezer Mooting Shield, named after a former Professor of Law at Sussex, is the trophy to be won in the senior mooting competition (together with cash prizes and work experience placements). The early rounds are judged by members of faculty and junior barristers and solicitors; for the semi-final members of our faculty are joined by lawyers from DMH Stallard and the Bar on a panel of judges, and the final is judged by a panel of sitting Judges and held in a higher court room. In the past it has been held in the Supreme Court, the Royal Courts of Justice, and in the historic Lewes Combined Court.

**External Mooting Competitions**

Each year Sussex Law School (SLS) enters teams of students to represent Sussex in national and international mooting competitions. These include the ESU Essex Court Moot, the Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Moot, the OUP/BPP National Mooting Competition plus moots in Mumbai, Dublin, and Strasbourg. We also participate in a number of regional moots; we compete against the University of Brighton in the annual Howlett-Clarke Moot; against Brighton, Surrey and Kent in the annual CPS Criminal Law Moot; and against Southampton, Brighton and Portsmouth in the South Eastern Universities Moot.
The Criminal Advocacy Competition
The Criminal Advocacy Competition, with accompanying workshops, provides early training and practice for students who wish to experience trial advocacy. The competition, provided with the support of local criminal defence barristers and the Crown Prosecution Service, yields a team of student advocates who represent Sussex in the national Blackstone’s Criminal Advocacy Competition. The competition involves students running a trial in which they examine witnesses and make special trial applications to judges. In 2014 students from Sussex reached the finals of the competition.

Client Interviewing Competition
Client Interviewing helps train and test students’ fact-finding and interviewing skills. We run a series of workshops in the autumn that feed into an internal competition sponsored by DMH Stallard. In the competition, pairs of students interview actors or fellow students or faculty, pretending to be clients. The final is judged by a panel which includes experienced solicitors from the sponsors. The winners receive work placements and cash prizes and represent Sussex in the National Client Interviewing Competition. Sussex is widely recognised as providing its student with good training and our teams regularly clear the regional rounds to reach the finals. In 2011 and 2014 Sussex won the finals and went on to represent UK at the international level.

Negotiation Competition
We run a series of negotiation workshops in the Autumn term, with the help of a representative from the profession and a member of the faculty. The workshops culminate in a competition, again generously sponsored by DMH Stallard. The early rounds are judged by members of our faculty and the competition final is judged by a panel which includes partners from DMH Stallard. Winners in this competition also receive work placements and cash prizes and go on to represent Sussex at the National Competition where Sussex teams usually reach the finals. In one year the Sussex team was chosen to represent England in the International competition finals held in Malibu, California.

The Sussex Law School has enjoyed many notable successes in recent competitions
Employers increasingly favour the combination of technical expertise and critical awareness, which is the essence of Sussex’s Law courses. The Sussex Law School takes the development of students’ employability skills very seriously.

We have excellent links with the legal profession, both locally and nationally with a number of academic prizes provided by sponsors in practice. This means you receive feedback and input from professionals throughout your time at Sussex. You will find that a law degree is attractive to public employers such as the civil service and local government, charities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as private employers such as large corporations. Many of our graduates go on to successful careers as solicitors, at the Bar, in commerce, industry, politics and the media. Others move on to internships or are successful in pursuing further studies either at Sussex or other universities.
At Sussex, as well as meeting amazing friends from all around the world, I learnt that all points of view are valuable; there are no right or wrong ideas as long as they are based on solid arguments. This has been invaluable in my career.

Having a classroom of students with both Political Science and Law backgrounds debating over a passionate issue of international law, each group having different and equally valid arguments, is an experience which I would like to live once again.

Alex Larenas
LLM Law and International Security 2012
Regardless of whether you are thinking about a career in legal practice, your Sussex Law degree will serve you well when it comes to choosing a career. These are some of the areas where our graduates are making a difference:

**Queen’s Counsel**
- **Michael Turner QC, Law 1980**
  Barrister, Garden Court Chambers
- **Raquel Agnello QC, Law 1985**
  Barrister, 11 Stone Buildings
- **Alex Bailin QC, Law 1993**
  Barrister, Matrix Chambers

**Government**
- **Sir Tony Baldry MP, Law 1972**
  Conservative MP for North Oxfordshire
- **Jonathan Faull, Law 1976**
  Director General, European Commission’s Justice, Freedom and Security Department

**Solicitors**
- **Ros Kellaway, Law 1975**
  Worldwide Head of EU, Competition Law and Regulation, Eversheds LLP
- **Richard Armitage, Law 1979**
  Partner, Simmons & Simmons
- **Andrew Bamber, Law 1981**
  Partner, Banking & Capital Markets, Berwin Leighton Paisner
- **Simon Baxter, Law 1983**
  Partner, Clifford Chance, Brussels
- **Marcus Hayes, Law 1984**
  Managing Director
  Mason Hayes Solicitors

**Business**
- **John Coldstream, Law 1971**
  Writer / journalist
- **Simon Fanshawe, Law 1978**
  Writer and broadcaster
- **Stephen Plum, Law 1978**
  Executive Vice President, 20th Century Fox
- **Bob Mortimer, Law 1980**
  Comedian and actor
- **Jemma Griffiths, Law 1996**
  Singer/songwriter
‘Sussex was a great place to launch my legal career. Top quality teaching cut with real political insight. The diverse mix of students always produced lively debate and lawyers do love a good argument.’

Alex Bailin QC, Law 1993
Barrister, Matrix Chambers

‘Sussex not only provided a great academic education but gave me tremendous self-confidence to go out and achieve whatever I wanted in life.’

Marcus Hayes, Law 1984
Managing Director
Mason Hayes Solicitors

‘My time at Sussex was critical to my ultimate career path. My tutor encouraged my interest in European Community Law and I have gone on to practise in the field.’

Ros Kellaway, Law 1975
Worldwide Head of EU, Competition Law and Regulation
Eversheds LLP
Our approach is highly distinctive in the emphasis we place on ensuring that students enjoy a stimulating intellectual and academic experience which is supported by a full social life. Students are taught by an outstanding team of faculty, who are leaders in their respective fields. We demand and achieve very high academic standards but the real strength of our courses lies in the sense of cohesion between students and faculty.

All our LLM students take a short Advanced Research module in the first term followed by two core modules which are specific to your course. In the second term you choose two optional modules from the array available for each course enabling you to select according to your own interests. All students submit a dissertation in a subject of their choosing, at the end of the course. Part-time students take one core and one optional module in each of their two years.

Trips are an essential part of the LLM courses including visits to local and London courts, as well as a trip to the International Tribunals at The Hague giving you the opportunity to experience international law in action.

We have been offering LLM courses for more than twenty years and our graduates have gone on to a wide variety of careers, achieving success in commercial practice, government, international organisations such as the UN and the International Tribunals as well as non-government organisations.
LLM courses we offer include:

**LLM Law**
This degree enables you to tailor your LLM according to your experience, interests and career plans. By selecting from across the range of core modules and options from any of our LLM degrees, you extend your breadth and depth of knowledge of legal principles and the social, political, economic and cultural context in which they operate.

**LLM Criminal Law and Criminal Justice**
Criminal law and criminal justice are central to our society and this degree brings these two areas under scrutiny together. It addresses challenging issues of criminal law including, the law of homicide and sexual offences – as well as important questions of criminal procedure and practice such as the role of the police, youth justice and penal policy.

**LLM International Criminal Law**
This LLM, the first of its kind in the UK, specialises in the rapidly developing area of international criminal law and practice. It is one of the leading Masters-level degrees in the UK combining the study of international criminal law with comparative criminal justice, providing you with unique insights into both international and national systems of criminal justice.

**LLM International Commercial Law**
This degree offers an insight into the processes by which international regulation is created and enforced from the perspective of commercial and economic actors. It also offers an exciting opportunity to understand the roles of international and domestic institutions governing the regulation of trading and commercial activities.

**LLM International Trade Law**
This degree looks at the public dimensions of trade regulation and offers exciting insights into the processes by which international regulation is created and enforced.

**LLM International Law**
The study of international law ranges from traditional topics such as the use of force and state sovereignty to contemporary challenges posed by environmental degradation, globalisation, international terrorism, armed conflict, and human migration.

**LLM International Financial Law**
The global financial crisis has generated a widespread interest in international finance law. This course will deliver international finance law teaching with a practical emphasis which will be attractive to students who want to practise law in this rapidly developing field.

**LLM Information Technology and Intellectual Property**
This innovative LLM is unique, specialising in the rapidly developing area of information law and practice. It offers a challenging insight into legal issues with emphasis on both information technology and communications, and digital IP law. At successful completion of the course, you will have mastered both infrastructure and content issues to become a digital lawyer.

**LLM Environmental Law**
This degree provides you with a thorough foundation in domestic and international environmental law. Topics covered include environmental regulation and governance; sustainability and justice theory; natural resources law; climate change and energy law; animal rights; environmental criminal law; international environmental investment, economic and trade law.

**LLM International Human Rights**
This LLM is designed to enable you to engage critically with many of the international human rights issues that feature strongly in public debate today. You will gain a deep understanding of international human rights law, as well as its interconnection with regional, European (EU and ECHR) and national systems of human rights protection.

*Subject to validation*
In the second term students choose two optional modules. These modules reflect the extensive research interests of the faculty.

This list shows examples of optional modules that have been offered in recent years.
Studying at Sussex was a big privilege and opportunity at the same time. Not only did I learn new subjects and discovered new theories but I also extended my professional network and met many exciting people both in the class and within academia. I will always be thankful to all of my professors for sharing with me their knowledge and experience.

Irakli Kotetishvili
LLM International Criminal Law 2006
Research and research degrees at Sussex

The Sussex Law School provides a vibrant, exciting and supportive location for undertaking postgraduate research. We have a growing body of research students who are provided with first class facilities and encouragement, and who have the opportunity to engage with research and other academic and social activities within the School.

The research of faculty within the Sussex Law School, which is renowned throughout the world for its quality, explores contemporary and important issues across a range of areas of law, including environmental law; cyber law; child and family law; human rights and equality; international law; criminal law and criminal justice, and corporate social responsibility. By way of example, current projects include the effects of the internet on society and the impact of hate crimes on minority communities. We host the Centre for Responsibilities, Rights and the Law. The Centre provides a focus for research which explores aspects of human rights and questions of responsibility nationally, in the European Union and internationally.

Researchers engage beyond the academic community, working with NGOs, parliaments, professionals and private institutions. They participate in events designed to engage the public in topical debate. We regularly host lectures, seminars and conferences ensuring a vibrant academic environment.

Over the past year the number of Law faculty members has doubled, and with that comes broader expertise and research experience. This has enabled us to foster the development of exciting new research projects conducted across a broad range of legal issues.

As a PhD student you will have a number of avenues through which you can develop your own research skills.

A series of workshops are led by the Postgraduate Research Convenor covering topics that include: Developing Theoretical Frameworks; Legal Research Methodologies; Interviewing Skills; Presentations Skills; and Publishing in Law Journals. The Doctoral School also runs training programmes on qualitative and quantitative research.

We recently launched our inaugural PhD-led conference entitled: Rights and Responsibilities: Global Perspectives. We aim to run another conference next year with the help and input of all PhD students. We also host a number of research groups, many running within the Centre for Responsibilities, Rights and the Law. PhD students are encouraged to play an active role in these groups, including presenting their research and writing blogs for the Centre’s webpages.

See our website for faculty research profiles and more information about our research: www.sussex.ac.uk/law
Since joining Sussex Law School’s doctoral student community, I have had the opportunity to not only progress in developing my thesis, but to also expand upon my research and teaching skills. Support coming from the Law Department has been outstanding, with doctoral workshops, research opportunities and engaged supervisors playing a huge role in student success. Over the last year, I worked as a research assistant alongside Dr Elizabeth Craig on a report commissioned by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, and was involved as a lecturer in the University of Sussex’s Widening Participation programme. In the coming term I will be conducting fieldwork in Latin America as part of my doctoral research.

Ciara O’Connell
PhD student
The place is alive with mainstream and alternative cultures. It is a city where individuality and diversity are valued and applauded.

The best thing you could do is to come and find out for yourself.

For many, going to university will mean moving away from home for the first time. Surrounded by the South Downs National Park, the University of Sussex is a community with an atmosphere of intimacy and camaraderie that many students find encouraging, and reminisce about long after graduation.

From a social perspective, it is unbeatable – the restaurants, bars and sports facilities are only ever a short walk away.

The centre of Brighton is only ten minutes away from campus by either bus or train. Here you will find everything you could ask for – sun, sea, brilliant clubs, great places to eat, fabulous shops, and a truly cosmopolitan atmosphere.

Whether it's down to something in the sea air or the protection of the South Downs, Brighton feels special. The atmosphere is unique, relaxed and friendly. Famous for its shopping and café culture, Brightonians have embraced the student lifestyle.
The University campus is located at Falmer, on the outskirts of Brighton, within easy reach of London and major international airports (Gatwick and Heathrow).

For more information, visit www.sussex.ac.uk/findus

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