Local Train Travel Guide

Travelling to and from campus and around the local area by train

The University of Sussex campus is well-served by public transport, and it is a good option to take the bus or the train to travel to and from the campus, and to travel around the local area. It is generally cheaper and more convenient to take the bus if you are going to be regularly travelling to and from the campus. However, if you live far away from the campus, and especially if you live near a train station, it might be quicker for you to get to the campus or to Brighton town centre by train.

Which train should I get?
Falmer train station, situated opposite the Sussex campus on the other side of the main road (A27), lies on the train line that runs between Brighton and destinations east of Brighton (Lewes, Seaford, Eastbourne, Hastings). Falmer is the third stop upon leaving Brighton Station, after London Road and Moulsecoomb. If you are travelling to campus on this train line, before you board a train remember to make sure that it stops at Falmer, as not all trains do. The train stations where the next train will stop are usually listed on the electronic display boards on train platforms.

If you live near train stations to the west of Brighton, such as Hove, Portslade, Shoreham or Worthing, or stations north of Brighton (including if you are travelling from London), you will need to take a train to Brighton station first and then change to another train to continue to Falmer.

How frequently do the trains run?
Trains on the Brighton—Falmer line run approximately every 10-20 minutes throughout the day on weekdays, and stop running between approximately 11:30-00:30 at night. Trains between Brighton and Hove run approximately every 10-15 minutes during the day on weekdays. At weekends the frequency of train services is usually reduced. Often there are also engineering works being carried out on some train lines at weekends, which may disrupt the journey. Before travelling, please visit www.southernrailway.com to check for any disruptions.

How long does the journey take?
The journey time between Brighton Station and Falmer is approximately 9 minutes. Between Lewes and Falmer it takes 6-7 minutes. The journey between Hove and Brighton Station takes 4-5 minutes.
Where should I buy a ticket?
It is very important that you purchase a valid ticket for travel before boarding the train. Ticket inspectors operate on trains and you will need to pay a fine if you are found travelling without a valid ticket. There are different ways you can buy a ticket before travelling. You can buy a ticket online from the Southern Railway website and collect it from a self-service ticket machine. Most train stations will have one or more ticket machines, where you can also buy train tickets directly. Finally, you can buy a ticket from a member of staff at a ticket office in the train station.

Occasional train travel: What type of ticket should I buy?
A single journey between Brighton Station and Falmer costs £2.70. Between Hove and Falmer it costs £3.60. *

Regular train travel: Unizone Brighton
If you are going to be using the train on a regular basis to get to and from campus, it is worth investing in a Brighton Unizone ticket which is a discounted student ticket that allows you unlimited train travel between the following stations: Falmer, Moulsecoomb, London Road, Preston Park, Brighton, Hove, Aldrington, Portslade, Fishersgate, Southwick, Shoreham-by-Sea, Lancing, East Worthing, Plumpton, Cooksbridge, Lewes, Southease, Newhaven Town, Newhaven Harbour, Bishopstone, Seaford, Glynde, Berwick, Polegate Hampden Park and Eastbourne. You can buy a Brighton Unizone ticket from a member of staff in a ticket office at any of the stations in the Unizone area. You will need to show your valid student card and a rail photo identity card to purchase a Unizone ticket.

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*Prices are correct as of 13 January 2017
** Valid for a 13-week term

Season tickets
If you regularly commute to and from the campus by train, but you live outside the Brighton Unizone area, you can save money on train travel by purchasing a Season Ticket. Season tickets are a great product for anyone travelling a specific journey several times per week, and can save you money compared to buying several day tickets. With season tickets you can travel at any time of day and however many times you like while the ticket is valid. Find out how much a season ticket for your journey would cost at the National Rail Season Ticket Calculator: http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/seasonticket/search

16-25 Railcard
If you are aged 16-25 or a full-time student aged 26 or older you can apply for a 16-25 Railcard, which costs £30 for one year (or £70 for three years) and can save you 1/3 off most rail fares across Britain. There is a £12 minimum fare on all journeys before 10am Mon-Fri, which means the 16-25 railcard is not suitable for most regular commutes to the campus. However, there is no minimum fare on weekends, Public Holidays and during July and August, so it is great to use for weekend trips to London and other places across Britain.

For further information on local and national train travel please visit www.southernrailway.com and www.nationalrail.co.uk