

A vertical triptych image featuring three graduates. On the left, a Black woman with long dreadlocks smiles, wearing a white gown with a blue stole. In the center, a man with glasses and a mustache looks slightly to the side, wearing a dark gown with a red stole. On the right, a woman wearing a black hijab and a grey gown smiles, holding a rolled-up diploma. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

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CENTRE PROSPECTUS

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WELCOME

I am delighted that you are considering enrolling at the International Study Centre (ISC) here at the University of Sussex. Your ISC studies are carefully designed to prepare you for our Sussex undergraduate or postgraduate degree programmes.

As you will discover, we are a warm and welcoming community, with students and staff from across the globe enjoying our beautiful green campus close to the vibrant coastal city of Brighton and Hove.

I look forward to seeing you here.

Professor Sasha Roseneil
Vice-Chancellor and President
University of Sussex

At the University of Sussex International Study Centre, we help you to take the important next step towards academic success. You will have the complete UK student experience: classes with inspirational and creative tutors, support from our dedicated student experience team, and opportunities to make lifelong friends from all over the world.

You'll find us 10 minutes from the sunny seaside resort of Brighton, surrounded by the South Downs National Park, and with easy access to London.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

Martin Torjussen
Centre Director
University of Sussex
International Study Centre

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EXPERIENCE A LIFE-CHANGING EDUCATION



RESEARCH THAT DELIVERS

Research is the pathway to progress at the University of Sussex. It is internationally recognised for drawing together leading academics from different disciplines – an approach that delivers the most powerful and meaningful results.

TEACHING THAT COUNTS

Teachers and professors deliver courses designed to inspire you, helping you to develop skills that make your education count, and giving you the confidence to make a mark in your chosen field. Teaching at Sussex is underpinned by research, so you'll be at the forefront of knowledge in your subject.

LOCATIONS THAT INSPIRE

The Sussex campus has a unique combination of tranquillity and energy, surrounded by a National Park. You can explore the beautiful hills and woodlands of the South Downs whenever you want to.

Furthermore, it is only 10 minutes by train from Brighton – a vibrant seaside city famous for its pier, beach, shops and thriving art and music scenes.

COMMUNITY THAT WELCOMES

Each year, Sussex gains almost 6,000 new international students from more than a hundred countries. The result is a genuinely multicultural campus that helps you see the world, and your future, in a new way.

17th
in the UK
for employment outcomes
QS World University Rankings 2026

Top 20
in the UK
for sustainability
QS World University Rankings 2026

1st
in the world
for Development Studies
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

89%
of the University research
is considered “world leading
or internationally excellent”
Research Excellence Framework 2021



BRIGHTON, A CITY THAT EXCITES

CREATIVE AND VIBRANT

The University of Sussex is a short train ride from Brighton, one of the UK's most vibrant locations. The city is famous for its beautiful seafront, unique shops and markets, and thriving music and art scenes. Brighton also has more than 400 restaurants and cafés, serving cuisine from around the world, with food festivals taking over the streets throughout the year. Each year, millions of inquisitive tourists visit this inspirational city to experience its friendly and creative atmosphere.

SEASIDE ESCAPE

Brighton's pebble beach is perfect for meeting up with friends for fish and chips, or simply enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. You can go for a walk along the promenade or have a go at water sports, such as stand-up paddleboarding. The city's Palace Pier, dating back to 1899, is full of charm with its colourful fairground rides, games arcades and food stalls.

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE

Brighton is surrounded by the South Downs National Park. This means that you'll have the opportunity to enjoy stunning views and go for peaceful walks. If you're feeling adventurous, you can also try hiking, mountain biking, or even paragliding.



More information
[isc.sussex.ac.uk/why-sussex/
brighton](https://isc.sussex.ac.uk/why-sussex/brighton)

CAMPUS LIFE THAT INSPIRES

PERFECT LOCATION

The Sussex campus is in a unique location – surrounded by beautiful and peaceful countryside, but also only a short distance from the lively city of Brighton. If you want to explore the rest of the UK, central London is within an hour of Brighton, and Gatwick Airport is just 30 minutes away by train.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED

If you are keen to stay closer to campus, at Sussex, you can. You'll find everything you need to live and study comfortably here, from modern classrooms and labs to cosy coffee shops, bars and restaurants. There's also a supermarket, launderette, Post Office, pharmacy, health centre and a whole range of sports and fitness facilities.

RELAX AND SOCIALISE

The University of Sussex Students' Union arranges fun student events and activities throughout the year. There's plenty to see and do, from comedy and quizzes to live music and student-led DJ nights.

**10
minutes**
from the campus
to Brighton
by train

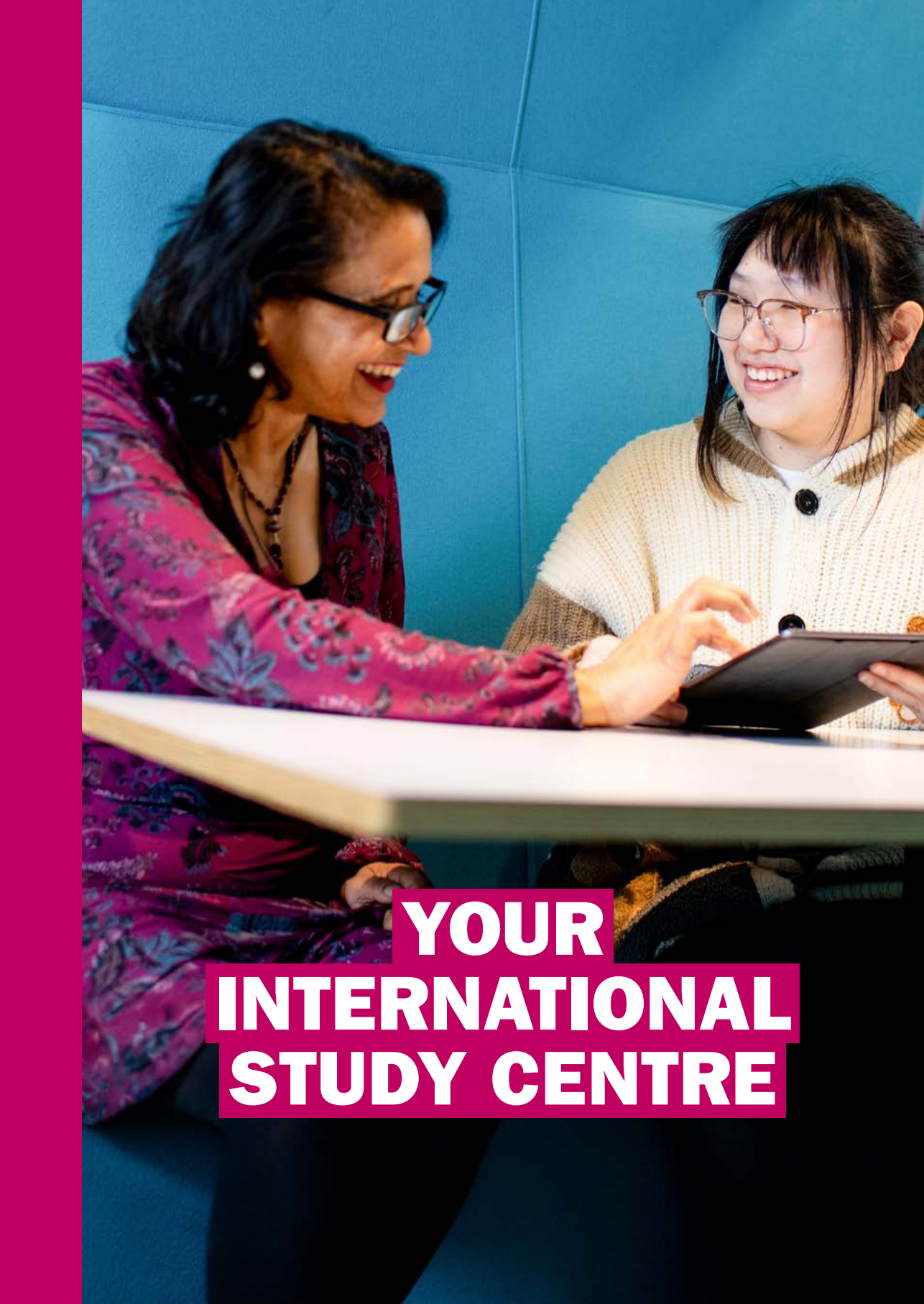
**30
minutes**
from Brighton
to Gatwick Airport
by train

**1
hour**
from Brighton
to central London
by train



More information
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campus-life](https://isc.sussex.ac.uk/why-sussex/campus-life)





**YOUR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDY CENTRE**

The University of Sussex International Study Centre will help you develop your confidence, boost your English language skills and give you the academic knowledge you need to succeed at Sussex, and beyond.

TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Courses at the International Study Centre will prepare you for your undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Sussex.

Choose from:

- International Foundation Year: prepares you to start the first year of an undergraduate degree
- International Year One: prepares you to join the second year of an undergraduate degree
- Extended International Year One in Business and Management: prepares you to enter the second year of selected undergraduate business degrees
- Pre-Masters Programme: prepares you to start a postgraduate degree.

SETTLE IN

We are committed to helping you have an unforgettable experience at Sussex. Our friendly staff at the International Study Centre will be on hand to provide support and advice, and we'll organise a range of exciting activities to help you get used to living in the UK.

You will also have access to university facilities, so you can get involved with campus life from day one.

STAY ON TRACK

Our tutors are experts in teaching ambitious international students like you. We will review your progress on an ongoing basis to ensure that you are developing to the best of your ability. We will tailor our support to match your individual needs, encourage you to reach your goals and help you make your future a success.

BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE

You will learn in a supportive environment that offers small class sizes and individual tutor attention. We will develop your confidence and introduce you to university style assessment and teaching, so that you know exactly what to expect when you start your degree. You will take part in seminars, tutorials and lectures, learn how to give effective presentations and take part in classroom discussions.

FOCUS ON YOUR CAREER

We know that you may already be thinking about your future career, which is why we have integrated Skills for Success into our academic courses at the International Study Centre. We will guide you towards making the right choices and give you the tools you need to stand out in the competitive graduate job market.

96%
of students who completed
their ISC course were offered
a place to study at the
University of Sussex
in 2024



More information
isc.sussex.ac.uk/about-the-isc

PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER



At the International Study Centre, we care about your academic success – as well as your career once you graduate.

With your future career in mind, we have integrated a variety of employability activities into our academic courses at the International Study Centre. These employability activities are designed to give you a head start in today's competitive graduate employment market by helping you become a confident, highly-skilled and employable graduate.

All activities are tailored to your level of study, whether you are preparing for undergraduate or postgraduate study. With our support, you will identify your strengths, develop your skills for success and focus on areas for improvement, enabling you to maximise your chances of success at the University of Sussex and beyond.



“I feel more confident and comfortable with my future career because I’ve developed the skills that will help me progress.”

Alison from Peru

Studied International Foundation Year in Business, Humanities, Science and Engineering



More information
isc.sussex.ac.uk/about-the-isc/careers



“

The benefit of studying at the International Study Centre is they prepare you for university. So when you start your course you have an idea on how to take notes, and writing and reading.”

Rehab from Saudi Arabia

Studied International Foundation Year in Business, Humanities, Science and Engineering
Progressed to Biomedical Science BSc

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC

Good high school graduation
grades or equivalent

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0
overall (minimum 5.0 in writing)
or equivalent

AGE

Applicants must turn 18 by
1 September of the year they
are due to complete their ISC
course and progress

COURSE FACTS

ENTRY DATES

September, November (Enhanced
Induction) or January

LENGTH

Two semesters

STRUCTURE

A variety of academic modules
plus Academic English Skills

SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH UP TO £14,000

for your International
Foundation Year &
Undergraduate Studies*

*Applies to the International Foundation Year and the 3-year undergraduate degree (not including Medicine). The scholarships provide up to £5,250 for the International Foundation Year, and £3,000 per academic year for the undergraduate degree.

COURSE BENEFITS

- Option to change your pathway and/or progression degree
- Access to a wide range of progression degrees
- Teaching style mirrors that of the University, preparing you for undergraduate study

CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECT ROUTE

- Business, Accounting and Economics
- Computer Science
- Engineering, Maths and Physics
- Film and Media
- Finance and Technology (FinTech)
- Life Sciences
- Medicine
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Social Sciences and Law
- Social Sciences with Maths

YOUR ASSESSMENT

You'll be assessed through many different activities, which may include exams, seminar discussions, group projects, presentations, essays, practical reports and software exercises, depending on your subject route.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

If you do not meet the English language requirements to study the International Foundation Year, you can improve your level of English by studying our English language course delivered online or enrolling for the Language Lift course.

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*QS World University Rankings
by Subject 2025*

=15th
in the UK
for Psychology

*QS World University Rankings
by Subject 2025*



More information
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BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMICS

Our Business, Accounting and Economics pathway prepares students for their first year of undergraduate studies at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Accounting
- Applications of Maths
- Business Management
- Economics
- Marketing
- Media, Communication and Society
- Organisational Behaviour

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons)
 Banking and Digital Finance BSc (Hons)
 Business and Management Studies BSc (Hons)
 Economics BA (Hons)
 Economics BSc (Hons)
 Economics and Finance BSc (Hons)
 Economics and Sustainable Development BSc (Hons)
 Economics and Management Studies BSc (Hons)
 Finance and Business BSc (Hons)
 International Business BSc (Hons)
 Marketing and Management BSc (Hons)
 Marketing and Management with Psychology BSc (Hons)

SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH MATHS

The Social Sciences with Maths pathway prepares students for their first year of undergraduate studies at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Applications of Maths
- Criminology
- Economics
- English Legal System
- International Relations and International Development
- Media, Communication and Society
- Politics

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Economics BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons)
 Economics and Finance BSc (Hons)
 Economics and International Development BA (Hons)
 Geography BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons)
 Geography and Anthropology BA (Hons)
 Geography and International Development BA (Hons)
 Geography and International Relations BA (Hons)
 Geography with a Language BA (Hons)
 Geography, Sustainable Development and Climate Change BSc (Hons)
 Law with Business and Management LLB (Hons)
 Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) BA (Hons)

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW

This pathway prepares students and leads to related undergraduate degrees at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Criminology
- Economics
- English Legal System
- International Relations and International Development
- Media, Communication and Society
- Politics

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Anthropology with a Language BA (Hons)
 Art History BA (Hons)
 Childhood and Youth: Theory and Practice BA (Hons)
 Criminology BA (Hons)
 Criminology with Psychology BA (Hons)
 Economics and International Development BA (Hons)
 Geography and International Relations BA (Hons)
 History and International Relations BA (Hons)
 International Development BA (Hons)
 International Relations and Development BA (Hons)
 Law LLB (Hons)
 Law with Politics LLB (Hons)
 Philosophy and Sociology BA (Hons)
 Politics and International Relations BA (Hons)
 Sociology with Media Studies BA (Hons)

FILM AND MEDIA

The Film and Media pathway leads to a list of undergraduate degrees specialising in Film and Media, the pathway prepares students to join their first year of studying at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Creative Media Technologies: Digital Video
- Creative Media Technologies: Photography
- Global Cinemas
- Media, Communication and Society
- Media Representation
- Screen Studies

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Art History and Film Studies BA (Hons)
 Drama and Film Studies BA (Hons)
 Film Studies BA (Hons)
 Filmmaking BA (Hons)
 Media and Communications BA (Hons)
 Media and Journalism BA (Hons)
 Media Production BA (Hons)

ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS HAVE THE OPTION TO APPLY FOR A PLACEMENT YEAR

between years 2 and 3. This will extend the duration of your degree.

FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FINTECH)

This pathway offers the progression degree option to study Finance and Technology (FinTech) BSc (Hons) at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Accounting
- Algorithms and Data Structures
- Applications of Maths or Pure Maths 1
- Economics
- Media, Communication and Society
- Object Oriented Programming

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Finance and Technology (FinTech) BSc (Hons)

MEDICINE

This pathway offers the progression degree option to study Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (BM BS) at Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Biochemistry and Cell Biology
- Genetics, Ecology and Physiology
- Organic and Structural Chemistry
- Physical and Quantitative Chemistry
- Prepare for Medicine
- Pure Maths 1

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery BM/BS**

LIFE SCIENCES

The Life Sciences pathway leads to a list of undergraduate degrees specialising in Life Sciences, at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skill
- Applications of Maths or Pure Maths 1
- Biochemistry and Cell Biology
- Foundations of Science or Prepare for Medicine
- Genetics, Ecology and Physiology
- Organic Chemistry and Structural Theory
- Physical and Quantitative Chemistry

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Biochemistry MSci (Hons) or BSc (Hons)*
 Biology MSci (Hons) or BSc (Hons)
 Biomedical Science MSci or BSc (Hons)
 Chemistry MChem* or BSc (Hons)
 Ecology and Conservation MSci (Hons) or BSc (Hons)
 Genetics MSci (Hons) or BSc (Hons)
 Neuroscience MSci or BSc (Hons)
 Neuroscience with Psychology BSc (Hons)
 Zoology MSci or BSc (Hons)

*Programme is available with an optional industrial placement year.

**Please note that progression is conditional upon a number of requirements including successful interview, University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) and achieving 75% in all academic subject modules. Please visit the website for complete progression requirements.

ENGINEERING, MATHS AND PHYSICS

The Engineering, Maths and Physics pathway prepares students for their first year of undergraduate studies at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Foundations of Science
- Mechanics
- Physics Fundamentals 1
- Physics Fundamentals 2
- Pure Maths 1
- Pure Maths 2

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Astrophysics MPhys (Hons)
 Data Science BSc (Hons)
 Electrical and Electronic Engineering BEng (Hons)* or MEng*
 Mathematics BSc (Hons) or MMath (Hons)
 Mathematics with Economics BSc (Hons) or MMath (Hons)
 Mathematics with Finance BSc (Hons) or MMath
 Maths with Data Science BSc (Hons) or MMath
 Mechanical Engineering BEng (Hons)* or MEng*
 Mechanical Engineering with Robotics BEng (Hons)* or MEng*
 Physics BSc (Hons)* or MPhys (Hons)*
 Physics with Astrophysics BSc (Hons) or MPhys (Hons)
 Robotic and Mechatronic Engineering BEng (Hons)* or MEng*
 Sustainable Automotive Engineering BEng (Hons)* or MEng (Hons)*
 Theoretical Physics BSc (Hons) or MPhys (Hons)

PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology pathway prepares students for their first year of undergraduate studies at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Applications of Maths or Pure Maths 1
- Biological and Cognitive Psychology
- Foundations of Science
- Principles of Psychology
- Research Methods in Psychology
- Social and Developmental Psychology

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Psychology BSc (Hons)*
 Psychology with Business and Management BSc (Hons)
 Psychology with Clinical Approaches BSc (Hons)
 Psychology with Criminology BSc (Hons)
 Psychology with Neuroscience BSc (Hons)

PRODUCT DESIGN

This pathway offers the progression degree option to study Product Design BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) at University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Applications of Maths
- Creative Media Technologies: Digital Video
- Creative Media Technologies: Photography
- Databases and Internet Computing
- Materials and 3D Modelling
- Media, Communication and Society
- Media Representation

PROGRESSION DEGREES

- Product Design BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons)

COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Computer Science pathway leads to a list of undergraduate degrees specialising in Computer Science at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Algorithms and Data Structures
- Applications of Maths or Pure Maths 1
- Computer Systems
- Databases and Internet Computing
- Foundations of Science
- Object Oriented Programming

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Computer Science BSc (Hons)* or MComp*
 Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence BSc (Hons)*
 Computing for Business and Management BSc (Hons)*
 Computing for Digital Media and Games BSc (Hons)*

*Programme is available with an optional professional placement year.

*Programme is available with an optional industrial placement year.



More information

For a full list of progression degrees and further information, visit isc.sussex.ac.uk/international-foundation-year

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC

Good high school graduation grades or equivalent, plus one year of further study

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall with no less than 5.0 in writing (4.5 with the condition of Language Lift, 6-week course alongside their other modules, at extra cost) and no less than 4.5 for other skills, or equivalent

AGE

Applicants must turn 18 by 1 September of the year they are due to complete their ISC course and progress

COURSE FACTS

ENTRY DATES

September, November (Enhanced Induction) or January

LENGTH

Two semesters

STRUCTURE

A variety of academic modules plus Academic English Skills

COURSE BENEFITS

This course is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree. Its aim is to fully prepare you for joining the second year of your chosen undergraduate degree, so that you can go on to achieve success at Sussex, in your career and in the world.

CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECT ROUTE

The International Year One is offered in the following range of subject routes:

- Business and Management
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Film and Media
- Finance and Accounting
- Finance and Technology (FinTech)
- International Relations and International Development

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

You will study a combination of core and optional subject-specific modules that focus on teaching you the English language, study skills, employability and academic areas most relevant to your chosen degree at Sussex.

YOUR ASSESSMENT

You'll participate in exams, seminar discussions, group projects, presentations and essays, for example, as part of your overall assessment.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

If you do not meet the English language requirements to study the International Year One, you can improve your level of English by studying our English language course delivered online or enrolling for the Language Lift course.



More information
isc.sussex.ac.uk/international-year-one

1st
in the UK
for spend per student in
Computer Science and
Information Systems
The Guardian University Guide 2025

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Studying an undergraduate degree in Business and Management is often a very beneficial career choice. Increase your employability and prepare yourself for a career in business with this subject route.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Digital Data and Decision-Making Skills
- Intrapreneurship and Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Accounting
- Introduction to Business Management
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Marketing
- Organisational Behaviour

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Business and Management Studies BSc (Hons)
International Business BSc (Hons)
Marketing and Management BSc (Hons)

COMPUTER SCIENCE

With an increasing number of businesses and organisations seeing the long-term value of computing specialists, there has never been a better time to choose a degree specialisation in this field. This subject route will help you get there.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Further Programming
- Introduction to Computer Systems
- Introduction to Multimedia
- Introduction to Programming
- Mathematical Concepts
- Programming Concepts

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Computer Science BSc (Hons) or MComp
Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence BSc (Hons)
Computing for Business and Management BSc (Hons)
Computing for Digital Media and Games BSc (Hons)

ENGINEERING

Technical, practical and offering a variety of well-paid career options, engineering is a rewarding subject to study at university. To study an undergraduate degree in the field of engineering, look no further than this subject route.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Electrical Circuits and Devices
- Engineering Maths A
- Global Design Challenge
- Electromagnetism and Introduction to Electrical Machines
- Electromechanics
- Electronic Devices and Circuit Prototyping
- Engineering Maths B
- Engineering Mechanics
- Engineering Thermodynamics
- Programming for Electronic Engineering
- Materials and Manufacturing Processes
- Programming, Technical Drawing and CAD

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Electrical and Electronic Engineering BEng (Hons) or MEng (Hons)
Mechanical Engineering BEng (Hons) or MEng (Hons)
Mechanical Engineering with Robotics BEng (Hons) or MEng (Hons)
Robotic and Mechatronic Engineering BEng (Hons) or MEng (Hons)
Sustainable Automotive Engineering BEng (Hons) or MEng (Hons)



More information

For a full list of progression degrees and more information, visit
isc.sussex.ac.uk/international-year-one

FILM AND MEDIA

From television to radio, photography to journalism, there are many exciting career options in the film and media industry. If you dream of working in this area, this subject route can help you on your way to studying an undergraduate degree in the discipline you love.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Analysing Film
- Analysing Media Texts
- Exploring Film
- Film and Media Pathway Portfolio
- Media Industries: Critical Debates
- Media Production: Digital Video and Sound
- Media Production: Photography and Design

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Film Studies BA (Hons)
Media and Communications BA (Hons)
Media Production BA (Hons)

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Graduates from finance and accounting degrees are in high demand, and are often offered a range of fast-paced job opportunities in every kind of industry. To boost your employability by studying a finance-based degree, choose this subject route.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Business Management and Economics

- Digital, Data and Decision-Making Skills (Optional)
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Introduction to Management Accounting (Optional)
- Introduction to Mathematics for Finance and Accounting
- Law for Accounting
- Organisational Behaviour (Optional)
- Principles of Finance

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons)[^]
Banking and Digital Finance BSc (Hons)[^]
Finance and Business BSc (Hons)[^]

[^]Programme is available with an optional professional placement year

NEW IY1 PROGRAMME: FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FINTECH)

Build expertise in FinTech programming and gain essential FinTech skills for a career in tomorrow's financial institutions with this subject route.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Financial Institutions and Markets
- Further Programming
- Introduction to Programming
- Mathematical Concepts
- Principles of Finance
- Programming Concepts

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Finance and Technology (FinTech) BSc (Hons)
Finance and Technology (FinTech) (with a professional placement year) BSc (Hons)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International relations and development careers centre around highly important areas of work and require well-rounded, educated graduates. For access to an exciting range of undergraduate degrees, this subject route will help you get where you want to be.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Colonialism and its Legacy
- Development Issues
- Development of the Modern International System
- Enhanced Reading for International Relations and International Development
- Global Affairs
- Introduction to International Relations
- Key Thinkers in Development

PROGRESSION DEGREES

International Development BA (Hons)
International Relations BA (Hons)
International Relations and Development BA (Hons)



More information
For a full list of progression degrees and more information, visit
isc.sussex.ac.uk/international-year-one



“

The experience of the International Study Centre is unique because you meet a lot of different nationalities there, which provides you with an understanding of diversity and multiculturalism. The teachers are very international and professional.”

Yolanda from China

Studied International Year One in International Relations and International Development
Progressed to International Relations and Development BA

EXTENDED INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC

Good high school graduation grades or equivalent

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Academic IELTS for UKVI with minimum 5.0 overall (minimum 5.0 in writing) or equivalent

AGE

Applicants must turn 18 by 1 September of the year they are due to complete their ISC course and progress

COURSE FACTS

ENTRY DATE

April

LENGTH

Four semesters

STRUCTURE

A variety of academic modules plus Academic English Skills

COURSE BENEFITS

The course combines a variety of foundation and year one modules preparing you to enter the second year of chosen undergraduate business and management degrees at the University of Sussex. The diverse, essential skills and knowledge you acquire in this programme will greatly increase your employability and prepare yourself for a career in business.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

You will study a variety of modules that provide an in-depth understanding of business, while improving your English language, study skills, and employability.

YOUR ASSESSMENT

You'll participate in exams, seminar discussions, group projects, presentations and essays, for example, as part of your overall assessment.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

If you do not meet the English language requirements to study the Extended International Year One in Business and Management, you can improve your level of English by enrolling on the Language Lift course.



More information
isc.sussex.ac.uk/extended-international-year-one

**17th
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Complete University Guide 2026

**Top 20
in the UK
for Business and
Economics**

*Times Higher Education World University
Rankings by Subject 2025*

MODULES

SEMESTER ONE AND TWO

- Academic English Skills[^]
- Accounting
- Applications of Maths[^]
- Business Management
- Economics
- Marketing
- Media, Communication and Society[^]
- Organisational Behaviour

You will have the option to study any four of the pathway modules (Accounting, Business Management, Economics, Marketing and Organisational Behaviour).

[^]Core module: students must study this module

MODULES

SEMESTER THREE AND FOUR

- Digital, Data and Decision-Making Skills
- Enhanced Reading for Business and Management
- Intrapreneurship and Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Accounting
- Introduction to Business Management
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Marketing

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Business and Management Studies BSc (Hons)

Business and Management Studies (with a professional placement year) BSc (Hons)

International Business BSc (Hons)

International Business (with a professional placement year) BSc (Hons)

Marketing and Management BSc (Hons)

Marketing and Management (with a professional placement year) BSc (Hons)

PRE-MASTERS PROGRAMME

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC

Recognised degree in related field
or honours degree in any subject

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

One semester course:

Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0
overall (minimum 5.5 in all bands)
or equivalent

Two semester course:

Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5
overall (minimum 5.5 in all other
bands) or equivalent

AGE

20 years of age, or older

COURSE FACTS

ENTRY DATES

One semester:

November (Enhanced Induction),
January or April

Two semesters:

September, November (Enhanced
Induction) or January

LENGTH

One or two semesters

STRUCTURE

A range of academic modules per
semester, plus Academic English
Skills and Research Skills

WHY PRE-MASTERS

This advanced course aims to
fully prepare you for studying a
postgraduate degree, so that you
can go on to achieve success at
Sussex, in your professional
career and in the world.

You will study academic modules
based on your progression
degrees and your programme
aim. This gives you the flexibility
to deepen your knowledge based
on your career aims and study
interests. During the Pre-Masters
Programme, you also have the
option to change your progression
degree.

CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECT ROUTE

- Business, Management
and Finance
- Computer Science
and Engineering
- Film and Media
- Finance and Technology
(FinTech)
- Law, International Relations
and Social Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Psychology

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

You will study a combination of
core and optional subject-specific
modules that focus on teaching
you the English language, study
skills, employability and academic
areas most relevant to your
chosen degree at Sussex.

YOUR ASSESSMENT

You'll be assessed through many
different activities, which may
include exams, seminar
discussions, group projects,
presentations, essays, practical
reports and software exercises,
depending on your subject route.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

If you do not meet the English
language requirements to study
the Pre-Masters Programme, you
can improve your level of English
by studying our English language
course delivered online.



More information
isc.sussex.ac.uk/pre-masters

10th
in the UK
for Social Sciences

*Times Higher Education World University
Rankings by subject 2025*

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

A pathway leading to postgraduate degrees in Business, Management and Finance at University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Accounting for Managers
- Finance and Investment
- International Business and Leadership
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Marketing
- Postgraduate Skills

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Accounting and Finance MSc
Banking and Finance MSc
Development Economics MSc
Entrepreneurship and Innovation MSc
International Business and Development MSc
Management of Information Technology MSc
Project Management MSc
Science and Technology Policy MSc
Strategic Innovation Management MSc
Sustainable Finance and Accounting MSc

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

A pathway leading to postgraduate degrees in Computer Science and Engineering at University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Applications in the Global Context
- Data Analysis and Modelling
- Design and Prototyping
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Maths for Pre-Masters
- Postgraduate Skills
- Programming and Systems Control

PROGRESSION DEGREES

5G Mobile Communications and Intelligent Embedded Systems MSc
Advanced Computer Science MSc
Advanced Electronic and Electrical Engineering MSc
Advanced Mechanical Engineering MSc
Artificial Intelligence and Adaptive Systems MSc
Data Science MSc
Engineering Business Management MSc
Management of Information Technology MSc

FILM AND MEDIA

A pathway leading to postgraduate degrees in Film and Media at University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Approaches to Media and Communication
- Global Film Movements
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Media Critical Production: Digital Video
- Media Critical Production: Photography
- Postgraduate Skills

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Cultural and Creative Industries MA
Digital Media MA
Film Studies MA
International Journalism MA
Media and Cultural Studies MA
Media Practice for Development and Social Change MA

FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FINTECH)

A pathway leading to postgraduate degrees in Finance and Technology (Fintech) at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Accounting for Managers
- Data Analysis and Modelling
- Finance and Investment
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Maths for Pre-Masters
- Postgraduate skills

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Fintech, Risk and Investment Analysis MSc



More information

For a full list of progression degrees and more information, visit isc.sussex.ac.uk/pre-masters

LAW, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

A pathway leading to postgraduate degrees in Law, International Relations and Social Sciences at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Conflict and Development
- International Relations
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Legal Approaches to Global Studies
- Politics
- Postgraduate Skills

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Anthropology for Global Development Practice MA
 Art History MA
 Childhood and Youth Studies MA
 Climate Change, Development and Policy MSc
 Conflict, Security and Development MA
 Criminal Law and Criminal Justice LLM
 Education MA
 Gender and Media MA
 Geopolitics and International Affairs MA
 International Financial Law LLM
 International Human Rights Law LLM
 International Relations MA
 Migration and Global Development MA
 Social Anthropology MA
 Social Development MA

LIFE SCIENCES

A pathway leading to postgraduate degrees in Life Sciences at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Exploring Ethics in Research
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Life Sciences: The Cutting Edge
- Maths for Pre-Masters
- Postgraduate Skills
- Research Project: Psychology and Life Sciences
- Statistical Research Methods

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Animal Behaviour MRes
 Cancer Cell Biology MSc
 Climate Change, Development and Policy MSc
 Computer Science (Conversion) MSc
 Conservation Biology MRes
 Genetic Manipulation and Molecular Cell Biology MSc
 Global Biodiversity Conservation MSc
 Neuroscience MRes or MSc

PSYCHOLOGY

A pathway leading to postgraduate degrees in Psychology at the University of Sussex.

MODULES

- Academic English Skills
- Exploring Ethics in Research
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Maths for Pre-Masters
- Postgraduate Skills
- Psychology: The Cutting Edge
- Research Project: Psychology and Life Sciences
- Statistical Research Methods

PROGRESSION DEGREES

Applied Child Psychology MSc
 Cognitive Neuroscience MSc
 Foundations of Clinical Psychology and Mental Health MSc
 Marketing and Consumer Psychology MSc
 Occupational and Organizational Psychology MSc
 Psychology (Conversion) MSc



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The International Study Centre enables me to study with many different nationalities, which is very interesting. If I had to describe the teaching here compared to my country, I would say that here it is more interactive and varied.”

Muzi from South Africa

Studied Pre-Masters in Business, Management and Finance

SUPPORT THAT MATTERS

HERE TO HELP

We know that living and studying away from home can be challenging at times, which is why our student support staff at the International Study Centre are here to help. Whether you need advice about your course or you simply need to talk, we'll be there to support you so that you can enjoy your Sussex student experience to the full.

SUPPORT NETWORK

The University of Sussex has excellent support services, such as the Student Life Centre, where you can get advice and guidance on issues such as accommodation, fees, disabilities, mental health and learning needs. Friendly and experienced support staff also run groups and workshops to help you with university life.

HEALTH SERVICES

There's a pharmacy and a health centre on campus, in case you ever feel unwell or need help with a health issue. You'll also have access to a drop-in centre in central Brighton where you can get medical treatment.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Sussex supports students from a range of different cultures and backgrounds. The Meeting House is the on-campus chaplaincy that hosts services for a range of faiths and religions.

STUDENT INSURANCE

While studying in the UK, you will need to have personal insurance. StudyCare Insurance Plus is an insurance policy that covers you for loss of personal possessions. It also gives you health and medical insurance for the duration of your studies at the International Study Centre.

DISABLED ACCESS

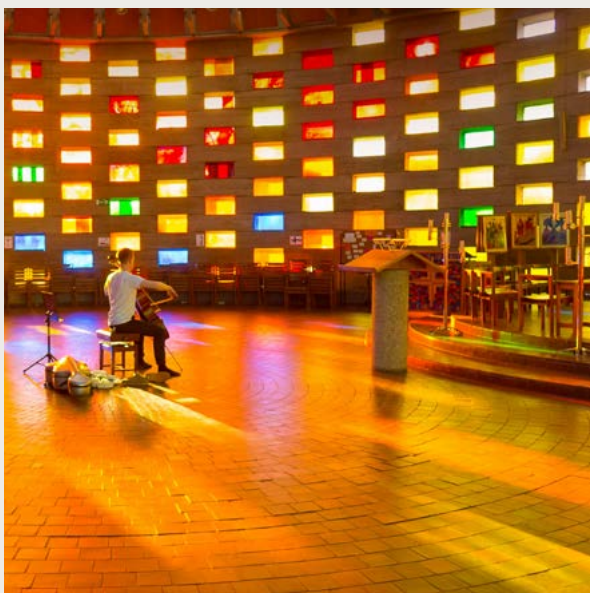
Sussex welcomes students of all abilities. The University has dedicated services and specialist staff who can provide information on a range of disabilities. Most of the academic buildings are accessible by wheelchair, and you'll find disabled parking, tactile paving and handrails around the campus.



More information
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More information
sussex.ac.uk/equalities



ACCOMMODATION THAT FEELS LIKE HOME



WELCOME HOME

Living in student accommodation is the best way to experience student life at Sussex. You'll make friends from around the world, have fun and learn to live independently within a supportive student community.

STUDENT ROOST ACCOMMODATION

We've partnered with Student Roost, a leading student accommodation provider in the UK. Conveniently located between the University of Sussex campus and Brighton city centre, our accommodation options provide you with the flexibility and quality you expect. Located in Brighton, the new Hillfort House Roost is a short cycle or bus ride away from the University of Sussex International Study Centre. With fast Wi-fi, gym and social spaces available to you from the day you move in, this brand-new accommodation building provides you with a wide range of facilities you require to make your journey to the UK as smooth as possible.

BENEFITS OF STAYING AT STUDENT ROOST

- 24/7 staff on site
- In-house housekeeping
- High speed Wi-fi
- Spacious communal areas
- Courtyard
- Gym
- Study room
- Contents insurance
- Flexible payment terms
- Onsite laundry facilities
- Maintenance team
- Secured deposit.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

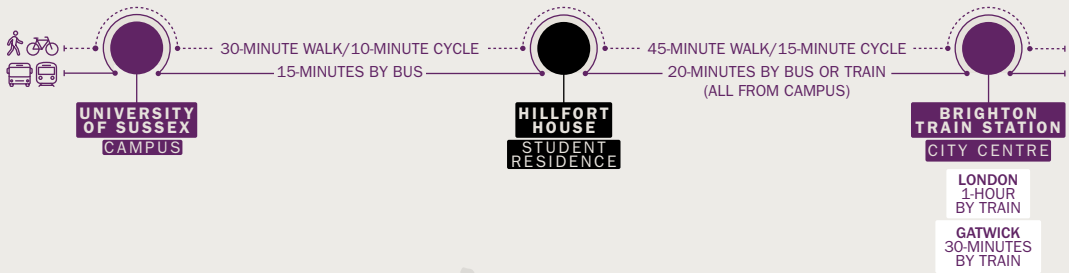
Brighton is a friendly city with a range of private accommodation options available. If you are booking your own accommodation privately, it is important that you let us know where you are staying and that you are staying less than 60 minutes away from the University of Sussex International Study Centre.



More information

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If you would like to apply to study at University of Sussex International Study Centre, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

You can apply through your local education agent. Alternatively you can apply directly via our website and one of our dedicated Student Enrolment Advisors will be happy to provide support through every step of the application process.

Full information on how to apply, fees, entry requirements and more, visit isc.sussex.ac.uk/how-to-apply



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