



Exchange and Study Abroad Fact Sheet 2024-25

Great things about studying at the University of Surrey

- ◆ Great [location](#) just outside London (34 mins by train); 40 mins by coach to Heathrow airport and by train to Gatwick airport
- ◆ Exchange students are eligible to apply for [University accommodation](#) and we can usually guarantee everyone a room.
- ◆ Ranked 4th in the latest UK [National Student Survey 2023](#)—strong performance on student satisfaction ([other rankings](#))
- ◆ Teaching Excellence Framework ([TEF](#))—Gold—consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students
- ◆ [Friendly, leafy campus](#) set in the vibrant historic market town of [Guildford](#), a 10-minute walk from the town centre
- ◆ One of the most culturally diverse universities in the UK, with over 140 nationalities and 32% international [students](#).

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Institution name: University of Surrey
Location: Guildford, Surrey, southeast England, United Kingdom
Main website: surrey.ac.uk
Exchange website: surrey.ac.uk/student-exchanges/incoming-students



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar:

Autumn/Semester 1 (including orientation):	mid-September 2024—late January 2025
Exam Period:	3 weeks in January 2025
Spring/Semester 2 (including orientation):	end January —early June 2025
Exam Period:	mid-May—early June 2025

Key Dates: public holidays, university closure and vacation dates

Study load: Full-time – 60 Surrey credits / 30 ECTS per semester – typically, 4 modules of 7.5 ECTS each

Language of Teaching: English

Degree Programmes: [Undergraduate Programmes](#) / [Postgraduate Programmes](#)

Choosing Modules: Visit our [Programme & Module Catalogue](#) and select the relevant academic year for detailed descriptions of the degree programmes and modules on offer. We highly recommend choosing from one programme and year/level if possible to avoid timetabling issues.

Subject Areas:

[FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES \(FASS\)](#)

- ◆ Business
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ English Literature
- ◆ Hospitality & Tourism Management
- ◆ Law
- ◆ Languages (French, German, Spanish)
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Politics
- ◆ Sociology (including Criminology and Media & Communication)

[FACULTY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES \(FHMS\)](#)

- ◆ Biochemical Sciences
- ◆ Microbial Sciences
- ◆ Midwifery (specific agreements only)
- ◆ Nursing (specific agreements only)
- ◆ Nutritional Sciences (including Sport & Exercise Science)
- ◆ Paramedic Science (specific agreements only)
- ◆ Psychology

[FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES \(FEPS\)](#)

- ◆ Chemical & Process Engineering
- ◆ Chemistry (limited availability)
- ◆ Civil & Environmental Engineering
- ◆ Computer Science
- ◆ Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- ◆ Environment & Sustainability
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Mechanical Engineering Sciences
- ◆ Physics



University Accommodation

Exchange and study abroad students may apply for [university accommodation](#). It is located on 3 sites: the main **Stag Hill campus**, **Manor Park** nearby, and **Hazel Farm** in north Guildford—see [campus maps](#). We can usually guarantee accommodation to all of our exchange students, at [prices](#) to suit a range of budgets (GB£79-266 per week, including utility bills, broadband and [contents insurance](#)).

Room allocations: August/early December.

Student flats consist of a number of bedrooms and a shared kitchen. The campus has various [food and drink outlets](#) – coffee shops, restaurants, canteens, take-aways, a food market and shop – and a superstore nearby. Meal plans are not available.



Private Sector Accommodation: For those wanting to live off-campus, key information and advice on finding a shared student house, lodgings with a house owner, or a flat to rent in the private sector nearby are available [here](#).

Sports and Exercise: check out our state-of-the-art [Surrey Sports Park](#), [student membership rates](#) and [TeamSurrey sports and activities](#).

Clubs & Societies: Surrey Students' Union offers over 150 student [clubs and societies](#) and a lively programme of [events](#).

Buddy Scheme: get paired up with one of our volunteer student buddies, who have studied or worked abroad and will welcome you to Surrey, answer your queries and help you settle in.

Living Costs: Exchange students don't pay tuition fees to Surrey.

[Average living costs](#) for students: around GB£182 per week, excluding accommodation / GB£1,023 per month, including accommodation.

Visas & Immigration: Check [here](#) to see if you need a visa to study in the UK and the rules.

- ◆ Study-only stays up to 6 months by nationals who don't need a visa for short visits (e.g. citizens of the EU/EEA, Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, S Korea, USA): entry as a Visitor (free).

- ◆ Study-only stays up to 6 months by [visa nationals](#): [Standard Visitor visa](#) (GB£115).

- ◆ Stays of more than 6 months: [Student visa](#) (GB£490) + [healthcare surcharge](#) (GB£776).

- ◆ Study + work up to 6 months (paid/unpaid/internship): [Student visa](#) (GB£490).

- ◆ Study + work for up to 2 years for certain nationals: [Youth Mobility Scheme visa](#) (GB£298) + [healthcare surcharge](#).

- ◆ Study + work for up to 5 years for certain nationals with a grandparent born in the UK: [UK Ancestry visa](#) (GB£637) + [healthcare surcharge](#).

Healthcare and Insurance: all students will need travel insurance with some health cover. The EU/EEA [EHIC](#) and visa [healthcare surcharge](#) provide good but not full health cover.

Disabilities and Additional Needs: see our [Disability & Neurodiversity Service](#).

English and Languages Classes: see [here](#) for free English Language Support Programme classes and opportunities to learn or practise a number of modern languages.

CONTACT DETAILS

Incoming Exchange & Study Abroad Team
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Must study full-time (30 ECTS credits per semester), unless you only need 22.5 ECTS
- ◆ Able to attend to the end of the semester, unless all your final assessments are online
- ◆ Minimum GPA of 3.0 on the 4.0-point scale; 3.75 on the 5.0-point scale; 5.25 on the 7.0-point scale, or the equivalent
- ◆ Non-native English speakers must meet the English language entry requirement for your chosen [Undergraduate/Postgraduate](#) course(s)
- ◆ Non-native English speakers applying for a Student visa must submit one of our [accepted English language qualifications](#) at the required level for your course with your Surrey application. Visitors can submit a letter from your home institution confirming you meet the English language requirement for your Surrey course and stating your [CEFR level](#)
- ◆ A current passport, valid for 6 months after the end of your stay.

NOMINATIONS

Deadlines: For Semester 1 (Sep-Jan): 15 April

For Semester 2 (Feb-Jun): 15 September

How to nominate:

Partner institutions are asked to nominate your students to us via this [form](#), including

- ◆ student first name and surname
- ◆ subject area (or main subject area at Surrey if different)
- ◆ level of study at Surrey (bachelor's/master's/doctoral)
- ◆ period of stay (sem1/sem2/full year/other)
- ◆ email address (personal email preferred).

APPLICATIONS

Deadlines: For Semester 1 (Sep-Jan): 15 May

For Semester 2 (Feb-Jun): 15 October

Approved nominees will be sent links to our autumn/spring application form and other documents from April/September.

Supporting documents required with application:

- ◆ Surrey Learning Agreement form
- ◆ Complete, official transcript of records, in English
- ◆ Postgraduates: bachelor's degree certificate
- ◆ Further Information form (list of current modules and details of previous study that meets any prerequisites)
- ◆ Copy of your passport photo page
- ◆ Non-native English speakers – English language evidence:
 - ◇ Students needing a Student visa: one of our [accepted English language qualifications](#)
 - ◇ Visitors: one of our [accepted English language qualifications](#) if you have one or a letter from your home institution confirming that your English meets your Surrey course requirements and stating your CEFR level.
- ◆ Hospital placements: police check certificate.

Acceptance emails, visa support letters and accommodation applications: June/November

Mobility agreements and student balances:

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