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STUDY ABROAD  
AT THE  
UNIVERSITY  
OF SURREY

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All you need to know



**TOP 10**

IN THE *GUARDIAN*  
*UNIVERSITY GUIDE*  
2018

**87%**

STUDENT SATISFACTION  
IN THE NATIONAL  
STUDENT SURVEY 2017

**14<sup>th</sup>**

IN THE *TIMES HIGHER*  
*EDUCATION TABLE*  
OF TABLES 2018

**19<sup>th</sup>**

IN THE *TIMES* AND THE  
*SUNDAY TIMES GOOD*  
*UNIVERSITY GUIDE* 2018

**UNIVERSITY  
OF THE  
YEAR 2016**

THE *TIMES*  
AND THE *SUNDAY TIMES*

**93%**

OF STUDENTS IN JOBS  
6 MONTHS AFTER  
GRADUATION\*

**34**

MINUTES TO  
LONDON BY RAIL

**100+**

ERASMUS+, EXCHANGE AND  
STUDY ABROAD PARTNERS  
IN 28 COUNTRIES AROUND  
THE WORLD\*\*

**£400m**

CAMPUS  
INVESTMENT†

\*HESA. \*\*Check out our current partners: [surrey.ac.uk/student-exchanges/incoming-students/partner-universities](http://surrey.ac.uk/student-exchanges/incoming-students/partner-universities).  
†The university has been transformed with £400m campus investment, culminating in £80m investment in accommodation, £16m for the Library and Learning Centre, £36m for Surrey Sports Park and £4.5m for the Ivy Arts Centre.

# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

Welcome to the University of Surrey – one of the top universities in the UK, with a rising global reputation. Thank you for considering Surrey as the next destination on your academic journey.

Based on a beautiful lakeside campus, we are a ten-minute walk into Guildford town centre and just 34 minutes by train into central London, so you can get the best of the UK; rolling countryside and exciting city life.

We are ranked 10th in the *Guardian University Guide 2018* and 14th in the *Times Higher Education Table of Tables 2018*, which is a good representation of the excellence found at Surrey. We are also proud to have achieved 87% student satisfaction in the National Student Survey in 2017.

Studying abroad is an excellent opportunity to challenge yourself, meet diverse groups of people, enhance your language skills and learn from other cultures. Surrey will also help unlock your potential on your path to achieving your academic and career ambitions. We also work hard to help you have a great time at university in the process and the Students' Union offers over 200 clubs and societies and 46 sports clubs for you to get involved with during your time here.

We really hope to welcome you as a student at Surrey so you can experience all of the exciting things we have to offer.



**Professor G Q Max Lu**  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
University of Surrey



# CAMPUS, FACILITIES AND LIBRARY

## Campus

Our leafy campus has modern, first-rate facilities for learning and teaching, library study, research, sports, arts and a vibrant social life. The carefully tended gardens and parkland blend seamlessly with playing fields, a picturesque lake, striking architecture and public art, making the landscaping a unique and much-loved feature of the University.



Duke of Kent Building - Stag Hill campus



Surrey Sports Park - Manor Park campus



Lakeside Coffee Shop - Stag Hill campus



Library and Learning Centre - Stag Hill campus

## Facilities

The University benefits from excellent academic facilities; a new School of Veterinary Medicine and Science and the 5G Innovation Centre, opened in 2015, set a trend of significant investment in academic spaces. In 2017 the new Innovation for Health learning laboratory was also opened to include learning space for 200 students.

Plus, our Manor Park campus is home to the Surrey Sports Park, a £36 million world class development that's home to a range of professional teams, athletes and sporting events.

There is a shop, a bank, a laundrette, a post office and a doctor's surgery, so that everything you need can be found on campus. There are also plenty of places to grab a bite to eat or meet friends for a coffee on campus. When it comes to evening entertainment, the Students' Union is home to bars and a nightclub.

## Library and Learning Centre

Our state-of-the-art Library and Learning Centre provides a vast collection of books and journals, including an electronic collection that is accessible on or off campus, as well as moving image and sound collections. There are silent areas for individual study, communal learning zones for group work and bookable rooms. It offers additional learning support facilities and resources for students with disabilities or specific learning difficulties. Our dedicated subject librarians will be happy to help you find what you're looking for.

**£16m**

INVESTMENT ON THE NEW  
LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTRE

# A SPACE OF YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION

Settling into life in a new university and a new country can be challenging, and it is important that you have your own space where you can feel safe and supported.

Most exchange and study abroad students stay in University accommodation, which is a perfect way to meet other students, spark friendships and feel at home. We have over 5,500 rooms, with a variety of accommodation types and price bands. All rooms have a broadband connection and phone point.

Arranged in Courts of Residence (groups of self-catered housing) on the main campus and two other sites nearby, our accommodation provides you with a comfortable living space to make your own. Our three sites are:

**Stag Hill:** The main University campus, offering nine Courts of Residence, all within easy reach of all the campus facilities.

**Manor Park:** An accommodation village with its own attractive bar and restaurant, just 20 minutes' walk or five minutes by bus from the main campus and five minutes from the Surrey Sports Park.

**Hazel Farm:** Set in a quiet residential area of Guildford, this Court is 30 minutes by bus from the main campus and all residents receive a free Guildford area bus pass.

For more details, location maps and virtual tours of our rooms, check out:

[surrey.ac.uk/accommodation](http://surrey.ac.uk/accommodation)

There are lots of other options outside the campus and our Accommodation Services and Lettings Agency will be on hand to support you in finding somewhere suitable. Alternatively, you can use StudentPad, our online student housing search facility, which contains details of rooms in shared student houses and in family homes nearby.





# BEYOND GUILDFORD

One of the world's most visited cities, the bright lights of the capital are easily accessible - just 34 minutes' train journey from Guildford.

Head to London for a West End show, a night out, sightseeing, a shopping trip or to visit one of the capital's inspiring galleries or museums.

If you fancy a day on the beach, head to Brighton in less than 90 minutes, or explore some of the historic landmarks and stately homes in the countryside and beyond.

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MINUTES BY TAXI FROM HEATHROW AIRPORT

34

MINUTES BY TRAIN TO LONDON

40

MINUTES BY TRAIN FROM GATWICK AIRPORT

50

MINUTES DRIVE TO THE SOUTH COAST

# PRIME LOCATION

The University of Surrey is based in bustling Guildford, in the heart of south east England.

As the county town of Surrey, Guildford is consistently viewed as one of the best places to live in Britain, offering a blend of entertainment, culture and history. Just ten minutes' stroll from campus, the town is well known as a safe, affluent and attractive place to live and work. Home to some of the best shopping in the region, it has a wealth of popular brands in the shopping malls and lining its beautiful cobbled high street.

Guildford offers over 100 places to eat and drink, with a variety of restaurants and cafés – from the budget-friendly to the cool and upmarket – sitting alongside cosy pubs, stylish bars and buzzing clubs. A frequent bus service links the town with the University campus and runs late into the night.





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“The staff of the University of Surrey were super helpful and they always answered my questions when I was applying here.

The best thing about Guildford has definitely been the location near London and Gatwick. I enjoy travelling and it’s easy to go anywhere from here.

I think that travelling and living abroad are things that everybody should do during their studies. You develop a better understanding about the world when you meet new people and see that many things are done differently when compared to your home.

One of the best experiences is the one when I went to London for the first time together with my other exchange friends at the beginning of this semester. It was such a nice day to see Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus and all the other famous landmarks of London. Trips to Scotland and Ireland have also been really wonderful.”

**Lasse Järvelä**  
Space Engineering  
University of Oulu, Finland

“I undertook study abroad at the University of Surrey in England during my second semester of my second year of study. I wanted a change in lifestyle and was ready to gain new perspectives both personally and in my studies so I applied without a second thought.”

“The academic staff are extremely efficient and highly informed. I found the bulk of my lecturers and tutorial leaders easy to approach and happy to assist me individually with any clarification or questions.

I know it sounds cliché to say “study abroad changed me” but there really is no other way to put it. I think leaving your comfort zone in general forces you to look in on your own life and make changes, I am so much more appreciative of everything I have and the people that surround me now.

I can’t remember ever being as happy as I am now on exchange in the UK. I’ve made friends for life with people from every corner of the world and learnt so much more about my degree, people in general and myself than I ever could have imagined.”

**Laura Eager**  
Law with International Relations  
University of Wollongong, Australia

# STUDYING AT SURREY

## What can I study?

Depending on whether your home institution has a subject-specific or university-wide exchange or study abroad agreement with us, you may study one or more of these subjects:

### Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- Business
- Dance (theory)
- Digital Media
- Economics
- English Literature
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Languages - French, German, Spanish
- Law
- Music
- Politics
- Sociology, Criminology and Media
- Theatre

### Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

- Chemical and Process Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering - Aerospace, Automotive, Medical
- Physics

### Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences

- Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Science, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Veterinary Biosciences
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Food Science
- Psychology
- Sport and Exercise Science

### Academic calendar

The academic year at Surrey is divided into 2 semesters: Semester 1 (the 'autumn semester') and Semester 2 (the 'spring semester').

**Semester 1:** starts in late September, with a break for the winter vacation and final exams from the middle to the end of January.

**Semester 2:** starts in early February, with a 4-week spring vacation in April (many exchange students take the opportunity to do some travelling), and final exams from late May to mid/late June.

## How do I choose my courses?

Courses at Surrey are called 'modules' and most of our modules are worth 15 Surrey credits / 7.5 ECTS credits (equivalent to 3 USA credits). You will need to take 4 modules / 30 ECTS credits per semester. Our online Programme and Module Catalogue provides detailed descriptions of each degree programme and module that we offer: [catalogue.surrey.ac.uk](http://catalogue.surrey.ac.uk)

Whilst all Erasmus+ and some other exchange and study abroad agreements are subject-specific, students from university-wide exchange partners may take one or two electives at an appropriate level from outside their major.

## How will I be assessed?

Exchange and study abroad students on taught courses are normally assessed by a mix of examinations and coursework - check out the module descriptions on the website for details.

Exchange and study abroad students on taught courses receive a formal Surrey transcript of results at the end of their stay, which their home institution uses to transfer their credits.





## OPPORTUNITIES AT SURREY



### Do you provide English language classes?

You can take up to three of our English Language Support Programme courses completely free of charge. English language study is in addition to your academic subjects and includes courses from pronunciation and grammar, through to assignment writing and presentation skills.

[surrey.ac.uk/elsp](http://surrey.ac.uk/elsp)

### Can I learn another language?

The University provides:

- Evening classes
- Full-year language courses under the Global Graduate Award Scheme (GGA) in 10 foreign languages, which are eligible for 15 credits / 7.5 ECTS on successful completion of the course. These are in addition to your academic programme.
- The Language and Culture Exchange Scheme (LACES), through which students and staff get together to practice their oral language skills with a native speaker.



### The Students' Union

All exchange/Erasmus+ students at Surrey automatically become members of the University of Surrey Students' Union (USSU), a student body run by students for students.

The USSU organises events, activities and trips in the UK and abroad throughout the year, as well as offering over 200 student clubs and societies and a place to relax and socialise with friends.

It offers a full programme of events throughout the week, from Open Mic Nights to watching sports, events run by societies and guest acts.

[ussu.co.uk](http://ussu.co.uk)

# £25.5k

RAISED BY STUDENTS'  
UNION CLUBS AND  
SOCIETIES 2016/17

# SUPPORT AT SURREY

## Student Support Services

The Student Services Centre on campus is a first-stop shop for a wide range of queries or issues you may have regarding travel, visas, money matters, or student life. Our Centre for Wellbeing has a dedicated team of nurses, who support, advise and advocate student health and wellbeing. Its team of highly skilled, professionally registered counsellors provide free, confidential one-to-one counselling if you are feeling homesick, have health or mental health problems, or just need to talk something through.

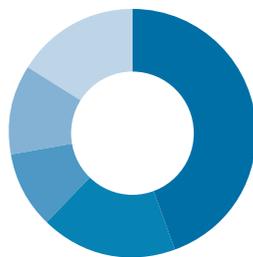
## Health Care and Insurance

We have our own dedicated student health centre on campus. Non-EU students who are at Surrey for more than six months will be covered by the National Health Service. EU citizens can get a reduction or reimbursement for their health care cost by applying for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before travelling to the UK. Students coming to Surrey for less than six months, who are not EU citizens, nor from a country with a reciprocal health agreement, must take out private health insurance.

## How much will it cost to study at Surrey?

As an Erasmus+ or exchange student you won't need to pay tuition fees to Surrey, but you will need to cover all your living costs, including accommodation, clothes, transport, books, food and entertainment, plus your travel to the UK. The University of Surrey estimates that you will need at least GBE250 per week to cover all your general living costs, including rent. If coming as a fee-paying study abroad student, please check here for tuition fees:

[surrey.ac.uk/fees-and-funding](https://surrey.ac.uk/fees-and-funding)



- £112 Accommodation
- £45 Food
- £25 Travel
- £30 Entertainment
- £40 Clothes, books and other expenses

# APPLYING TO SURREY

## How to apply

Your Study Abroad/Exchange Office will need to nominate you to our Incoming Exchange Team by 15 April for September entry and 15 September for February entry. Once your nomination is approved, you will receive a link to our online application form and will have until 15 May for September entry and 15 October for February entry to submit your application and supporting documents.

For more information and updates about our incoming exchange and study abroad programmes and how to apply, please go to:

[surrey.ac.uk/exchanges/incoming](https://surrey.ac.uk/exchanges/incoming)

## Contact us:

Mrs. Zoe Stevenson / Ms. Julie Seager-Smith

Incoming Exchange Team

T: +44 1483 68 3152 or 2003

E: [geo.incoming@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:geo.incoming@surrey.ac.uk)

## English language requirements

Students are expected to have a command of the English language suitable for their level of study. Non-native English speakers are asked to provide evidence of their level of competence. The minimum level required is:

- CEFR level B2, though CEFR C1 is highly recommended
- IELTS 6.5 overall, with a minimum of 6.0 in each sub-skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing) or the equivalent
- For Nursing students, IELTS 7.0, with a minimum of 7.0 in each sub-skill.

Only Tier 4 visa applicants and Nursing students need to submit an IELTS certificate.

## Successful applicants will have access to our free

- **Visa advice service**, to help you find out which visa and documentation you need, if any
- **Meet and Greet collection service** from the UK's main airports, London Heathrow and London Gatwick for the Autumn semester and from London Heathrow only in the Spring, direct to the campus key collection point and then on to your room
- **Buddy Scheme**, which puts you in touch with a Surrey student to help you settle in and answer your questions in your first few weeks at Surrey.



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However, it may be necessary for the University to make changes to some of the information presented in it. To make an informed decision about whether you wish to study at the University, we advise you to consult the University's website for up-to-date information.