



# 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](http://surrey.ac.uk)  
 Exchange website: [surrey.ac.uk/student-exchanges/incoming-students/](http://surrey.ac.uk/student-exchanges/incoming-students/) / [Exchange & Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions](#)



## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Academic Calendar:**

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| <b>Autumn/Semester 1 (including orientation):</b> | September 2024—end January 2025 |
| <b>Exam Period:</b>                               | January 2025                    |
| <b>Spring/Semester 2 (including orientation):</b> | February —June 2025             |
| <b>Exam Period:</b>                               | May—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 Studies)

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

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

We have [university accommodation](#) on the main **Stag Hill campus** and at **Manor Park** nearby, plus **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 (around GB£73-166 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 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](#) and its [student membership rates](#).

**Clubs & Societies:** Surrey Students' Union offers around 165 student [clubs and societies](#), a lively programme of [events](#) and, when possible, inexpensive day trips to cities of interest.

**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. In summary:

- ◆ Any stays of over 6 months: [Student visa](#) (GB£363) + [healthcare surcharge](#) (GB£470)
- ◆ Any stays of up to 6 months doing study + work (paid/unpaid, with a contract) or an internship outside your Surrey course: [Student visa](#) (GB£363) + possible [healthcare surcharge](#) (GB£470)
- ◆ Study-only stays of up to 6 months by visa nationals: [Standard Visitor visa](#) (GB£100)
- ◆ Study-only stays of up to 6 months by nationals who don't need a visa for short visits (e.g. citizens of the EU/EEA, Australia, HK, NZ, Singapore, USA): entry as a Visitor (free).

**Healthcare and Insurance:** all students will need travel insurance with some health cover. The EU 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.

## 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 in the 4.0-point system, 5.0 in the 7.0-point system, 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 be able 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 of 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

## CONTACT DETAILS

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