Welcome to the University of Sussex from International Student Support

Information you will need about registration, induction, and social events taking place during your first few days at Sussex!
Welcome to Sussex!

International Student Support are delighted that you are soon going to be joining us and the team are looking forward to meeting you. We want you to have the best possible experience at Sussex, and hope that this booklet will help you prepare for your arrival at the University and will give you a taste of what to expect during your first few days here.

We have planned a programme of social and academic orientation activities that we hope you will find useful and enjoyable, and details are in the following pages. Don’t forget that you should begin the registration process online from Wednesday 16 December. If you’re unable to complete this before you arrive then you will be able to use the computer kiosks in Shawcross building on campus, where staff will be available to assist you on weekdays from 9am to 5pm.

You will also have received an email from International Student Support instructing you to complete our Online International Induction Module. The module is full of useful information about arriving at the University, your visa (if you need one), and your first few weeks at Sussex. Don’t forget to complete this before arriving so that once you are here you can focus on your studies and having fun!

If you are a new Visiting or Exchange student (V&E), you will have been assigned to a school of study (check your offer letter for details). Make sure that you attend the main Academic Induction and relevant school meeting - both on Friday 29 January - where you will find out information about your programme and will be able to ask any questions about academic matters.

Finally, don’t forget to attend the main ‘Welcome talk for new international students’ and the highlight of the week: the ‘International Students’ Welcome Reception’ at Jubilee Cafe! You will find further details about both of these events and others in this guide.

My team and I look forward to meeting you shortly!

Sara Dyer, Head of International Student Support
The International Student Support team are here to make your transition to university life as easy as possible and to provide information and assistance to you throughout your time at Sussex. We know that sometimes international students have specific concerns and require different types of support, which we are here to offer.

We have three immigration advisers (Jo, James and Claudine) who can assist you with queries and problems relating to your visa, if you require one to study in the UK. They offer advice over the phone, by email and in person. For more information about how to contact an adviser, please visit our webpage here.

Other members of the team (Helen, Sarah and Nicola) provide welcome and induction support to new students, organise social events and trips all over the UK (see pages 15-16 for the spring term 2016 trips programme) and provide individual support and group information sessions on a range of issues for international students throughout the year. They also work with the Students’ Union to organise the annual One World Week celebrations which take place in March.

We are based in Bramber House, 2nd Floor, North End (the opposite end from the Co-operative shop).

### How to find us

**The map on the right shows where we are located on campus.**
During your arrival week (Wednesday 27 – Friday 29 January) our office in Bramber House with be open between 9am-5pm. Please come and meet us and other new students and ask any questions you may have!

From 1 February our term-time opening hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm.

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Website: www.sussex.ac.uk/internationalsupport
Email: immigration@sussex.ac.uk (for visa/immigration questions)
Email: international.support@sussex.ac.uk (for anything else)
Facebook: /InternationalStudentSupportUniversityOfSussex
Twitter: /USIntStudentSup

Top: The International Student Support team, from left to right, are: Helen Quin, Nicola Short, Sarah Cook, Sara Dyer, Joanne Chee, Claudine Grant and James Gordon
Arrivals Day: Wednesday 27 January

We know that many of you will have travelled hundreds (and, in some cases, thousands) of miles from all parts of the world to get to Sussex. To help you plan your journey, International Student Support have produced lots of useful information about travelling to Brighton and the University campus which you can find by visiting the ‘Travelling to the University of Sussex’ section of our webpages.

If you have been allocated University-managed accommodation of any type, details of where and when you should collect your keys will be provided to you in your housing allocation email. Please read this information carefully so that you go to the correct place to collect your keys.

• From Gatwick
The closest airport to campus is London Gatwick and if you are arriving via this airport then we recommend taking the train onwards to Brighton which takes around 30 minutes. The nearest station to the University campus is Falmer Station, which is 9 km from Brighton, so if you are living on campus then you will need to change trains at Brighton for the last bit of the journey, which takes about 10 minutes. You can buy a train ticket from the machines at Gatwick Airport train station but for more information about the routes, timetables and ticket prices of trains, please visit the National Rail website.

• From Heathrow
London Heathrow is approximately two hours away by coach. We recommend taking the National Express coach if arriving via Heathrow which terminates at Pool Valley Coach Station in central Brighton. For more information about timetables and ticket prices for this coach service, please visit the National Express website.

When you get off the coach at Pool Valley, if you have heavy luggage then we recommend that you take a taxi from the taxi rank at the top of East Street which is 5 minutes’ walk from Pool Valley (see map). If going to campus then the journey is likely to cost about £12 and you will need to have cash ready to pay the driver at the end of the journey, as they do not accept card payments. Alternatively, the 25 bus departs from nearby Old Steine (stop F) and goes directly to the campus. A single ticket purchased from the driver costs £2.40 at the time of publishing this guide.

Free minibus from Falmer Station

Falmer is the closest train station to the University campus. On Wednesday 27 January a minibus shuttle service will be travelling between the station and the different on-campus residences between 9am and 5pm. This is a free service and there is no need to book. We will also have some of our International Student Helpers at the station and on the minibus to welcome you to Sussex and to help you get to the right accommodation. You will be able to recognise them by their blue t-shirts.
Once you have arrived safely at your accommodation you should do the following:

• After you collect your key and move in to your room, you should complete your room inventory, sign it and return it using the instructions on the inventory

• If you have not yet met your Residential Advisor then try to find out who they are. The Residential Advisors are students whose role is to help you settle in and they can assist you with finding out about the campus and the local area

• If you need a bedding pack, you can get one from York House or Kings Road (for off campus students). The pack will include a sheet, pillowcases, a duvet and duvet cover and the £36 cost will be added to your University of Sussex student account. Catering packs are also available for £38. The charge will be added to your Sussex Direct account for payment after you have collected one. More details about what is included in the pack can be found on this [webpage](#).

If you have any problems with your room, please contact either the porter or your building manager. Your Residential Advisor will be able to help with any general questions you may have about living on and off campus and will be a good person to talk to about any worries that you may have with settling in.

The Housing Services team are also available to help with any problems. Contact details for each member of the team can be found [here](#).
So, you have arrived and you have phoned home to let family and friends know that you are here safely, and you might even have started unpacking. So what now?

Some students like to take a little time for themselves to readjust to their new surroundings or simply to have a rest to overcome any jetlag, but if you are ready to start exploring and meeting new friends, then we have organised a number of social activities to get involved in, details of which are in the next few pages.

There are also a number of things that you MUST do once you have arrived and settled into your accommodation such as getting your passport copied (if required of you to complete registration), and collecting your Sussex student ID card. Both of these are explained below. Please note that passport copying is part of the registration process for many students, and you will not be allowed to collect your Sussex ID card unless you have fully registered.

1. ‘Drop in’ to meet International Student Support (and for passport/visa copying – UG only)

9am-5pm, International Student Support office, Bramber House, 2nd Floor

Come and meet staff and International Student Helpers. The team will be available to answer any questions you may have, and will be providing lots of useful information for you to pick up such as maps, information sheets and free SIM cards, and can point you in the right direction of whatever you might need.

As part of your registration with the University you may also be required to have your passport and visa (if you have one) copied. When you log into Sussex Direct to start your registration, it may show that this is a requirement. If you do need to have your passport and/or visa copied then please bring them to the International Student Support office. Please go to page 18 of this guide for more information about the registration process.

Postgraduate students who need to get their passport copied and/or pick up a BRP can do this at the Student Systems and Records Office, Level 1 of Bramber House.

2. Visiting and Exchange ‘Drop in’ to meet the Sussex Abroad team (and ID card collection)

9am-5pm, Sussex Abroad Office, Hastings Building

If you are coming to Sussex as a Visiting or Exchange student, you will have received much of your correspondence so far from Liz Akerblom and Louise Mitchell in the Sussex Abroad team. They will have a free goody bag available for each new Visiting and Exchange student to collect, and will be available to answer questions about your studies, or direct you to the correct person within the Academic Schools who can help.

You will not be able to get your passport and/or visa copied here (if this is required of you) but if you are a Visiting and Exchange student you will be able to pick up your Sussex Student ID card from Liz and Louise once you are fully registered. Please go to page 18 of this guide for more information about the registration process.

Postgraduates will pick up their ID cards from the Doctoral School in Falmer House.

If you have time on arrivals’ day, why not try….?

The Refreshers’ Fair, Wednesday 27 January, 12-4pm, Sports Centre

The Fresher’s Fair is a popular event where any new students can go to meet many of the student-led clubs and societies which are supported by the Students’ Union. The Fresher’s Fair occurs at the beginning of the academic year in September, but don’t worry, you can still drop by the Refreshers Fair to see many of the same clubs and societies represented.
Traditional Fish and Chip ‘first night dinner’

6.15pm-8pm, ‘Dine Central’ in Bramber House (second floor, above Cooperative supermarket), £6.50. Pre-booking essential!

On your first night at Sussex why not come and make some new friends and try a traditional British dish at the same time? The International Student Support team and Sussex Abroad will be there to welcome you and lead some ice-breaker activities to help you get to know other students, before everyone sits down to a first night dinner together.

Traditional Fish and Chips consists of a white fish (usually cod) coated in batter, then fried. This is served with chunky chips and mushy peas. Plenty of salt and vinegar should be added to taste, and we recommend a big dollop of either tomato ketchup or tartar sauce (or both!). Both a vegetarian option and a gluten free option are available but these must be selected at the time of booking. Ticket price includes: meal and soft drink.

How to buy a ticket....

Online (advised)
Entry will be by ticket only and tickets are limited, so we encourage you to pre-purchase one through our Online Shop from 2pm on Monday 18 January: [http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/](http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/). When you are on the webpage, select ‘Product Catalogue’ > ‘Trips and Activities’ > ‘International Student Support’. This event won’t appear online until the date and time tickets go on sale.

By cash in person
We recommend making a purchase for this event through our Online Shop, but if you are unable to purchase your ticket this way then a limited number of tickets for this event will be available to purchase by cash at the International Student Support office, Bramber House, 202.

Other food options for your first evening at Sussex

If you choose not to attend the Fish and Chip ‘first night dinner’ then there are other options available on campus:

The Co-operative shop is on the ground floor of Bramber House and is open every day from 7am-11pm. The shop sells a range of sandwiches, convenience meals, fresh and frozen foods.

Eat Central is the main University food outlet serving hot meals, salads, soup, jacket potatoes etc., and will be open 8.30am-8.30pm on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January; 10am-8pm on Saturday 30 January; and 12pm-8pm Sunday 31 January. During term time, the opening hours are extended. Further information about here and other University food outlets can be found by visiting the Sussex Food webpages.

Students’ Union runs two bars on campus which both serve food as well as alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. The main bar is called Falmer Bar and is located in Falmer House, and the second is called East Slope Bar, and is located in front of the East Slope residences. The Union Shop, also in Falmer House, sells a small range of food items too. Visit [here](#) for full details of all food outlets run by the Students’ Union.
Welcome talk for all new international students
9.30-11am, Jubilee Large Lecture Theatre, Jubilee Building - attendance compulsory
Head of International Student Support, Sara Dyer, will formally welcome you to the University and provide some useful information. This will be followed by an ‘ask the student panel’ session during which you, the audience, can ask current students anything you want to know about life as a Sussex student. A short break will follow before the next talk, during which tea/coffee and biscuits will be available.

Keeping safe in the UK
11.30-12 midday, Jubilee Large Lecture Theatre, Jubilee Building - attendance compulsory
Talk by Roger Morgan, Head of Security at Sussex. This talk will highlight some of the issues you need to be aware of to keep yourself safe and to protect your accommodation and belongings.

Computing induction
12 midday, Jubilee Large Lecture Theatre, Jubilee Building - attendance compulsory
All students will have a compulsory computing session where you will be able to find out what IT services are available and how to access them.

Brighton city shopping tour
1pm, departing from outside the front of the Jubilee Building
Our student helpers will show you how to get to Brighton city centre by using public buses, and once there they will take you on a tour of the many shopping areas of the city, highlighting some of the key shops of interest to international students. The student helpers will be happy to answer any questions you have about life as a Sussex student, and to share some valuable tips for living here from a student perspective. Free, just turn up, but remember to bring money for the bus (a ‘One Day Saver’ ticket purchased from the bus driver is £4.70 at the time of publishing this guide).

Quiz night at Falmer Bar!
6-8pm, Room 76, Falmer Bar (back of the bar)
Think you’re smarter than this guy?! Then come and take part in our quiz at the main bar in the Students’ Union!

We will get you into teams and will be testing your general knowledge on everything from history and geography, to Brighton and Disney.

This event is free and there will also be prizes for the winning team. Drinks and food will be available for purchase from the bar.
Opening a bank account with Santander
10am - 4pm, Bramber House, room 230 (Level 2)
Whilst many of the UK banks require international students to be studying in the UK for a minimum of 12 months in order to open a bank account, the International Student Account which is offered by Santander is also available for those studying in the UK for less than six months also, so would be available to our Visiting and Exchange students. Representatives from Santander will be here to help you open this account and all you will need is your Sussex ID card. For more information about opening a bank account in the UK, please visit our webpages.

Academic talk for all Visiting and Exchange students
11am – 12 midday, Pevensey 1 Lecture Theatre, 1A7 - attendance compulsory
Meet Professor Richard Follett, Professor of American History, at this talk about studying at Sussex for overseas students.

School meetings for Visiting and Exchange students
Various – see page 19 - attendance compulsory
Visiting and Exchange students must also attend their relevant School session. Each School session is listed on page 19.

Library Tours
2pm, 3pm, and 4pm (tours last approximately 20 minutes), departing from the information desk in the Library
Come along to find out about the Library facilities available at Sussex and how these can help support your studies. You will need your Sussex Student ID card to gain entry to the Library so remember to bring this (see page 6 for details about where to collect your card).

Students’ Union open afternoon
3pm, meet Students’ Union representatives at Falmer House reception
Come for a tour of the Students’ Union building and to meet the Students’ Union team to find out what they can offer you during your time at the University. Free refreshments included.

If you are unfamiliar with student unions and what they do, the Sussex Students’ Union provides a huge variety of services to help students get the most out of university life, such as sport, volunteering, societies, shops, bars, student media and events.

It also represents students’ interests both within the University and the wider community and campaigns on relevant local, national and international issues. It is a charitable organisation and its direction is democratically determined by its members... you, the University’s students. You can influence what the Students’ Union does by voting in their elections, providing feedback on their services and taking part in meetings.

The Students’ Union also run a year-round Free Shop where students who leave the University leave their unwanted items behind for other students to take. The Free Shop can be found outside Meeting Room 1 in Falmer House.
International Students’ Welcome Reception

6pm-8pm, Jubilee Cafe, FREE but by ticket only
Come and enjoy some free drinks, food and entertainment with other new students. Welcome from Head of International Student Support, Sara Dyer, Pro-Vice Chancellor Michael Davies, and a representative from the Students’ Union.

To get your free ticket you need to have completed the Online International Induction Module. Tickets can then be collected from the International Student Support office in Bramber House, 2nd Floor. No entry without a ticket.
Saturday 30 January

Brighton Royal Pavilion and traditional cream tea trip - £21

Depart 12.45pm from Sussex House bus stop, or meet at 1.45pm outside Brighton Pavilion entrance

An afternoon trip which visits Brighton’s most famous attraction; the Royal Pavilion, which was built in stages between 1787-1823 for the Prince Regent who later became King George IV. We will have a guided tour around the Pavilion before enjoying a traditional English cream tea at the Royal Pavilion Tearoom.

Tickets cost £21 and are available through the Online Shop from 2pm on Monday 18 January: [http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/](http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/)

Sunday 31 January

Full day trip: Introduction to London coach tour - £22

Depart 8.15am from Sussex House bus stop. Arrive back approximately 7.30pm

A day-long trip which includes a guided sightseeing tour by coach of some of the main landmarks and attractions of our wonderful capital city. There will be free time to explore London in the afternoon by foot.

Tickets cost £22 and are available through the Online Shop from 2pm on Monday 18 January: [http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/](http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/)

Monday 1 February

Teaching begins

Make sure you have checked your timetable and other important course information by logging on to Sussex Direct.
Other fun things to get involved in this term!

The Buddy Scheme

Join the Buddy Scheme to be matched with a Buddy Volunteer (current student), who will help you settle into life at Sussex using their experience and knowledge of University life and the local area. You can sign up to this scheme prior to arrival, and you may be able to communicate by email with your Buddy while you are still at home. International students have found the scheme to be very beneficial especially when moving to a new country with a different culture. There are lots of Buddy Scheme events to get involved with, meet new people and make the most of your time at Sussex. In the past these have included afternoon tea events, a trip to the Tower of London, as well as new experiences such as bouldering! For more information go to: www.buddyscheme.com/apply

The Language Café

Room 76 in Falmer Bar on Tuesdays during term, 5.30-7pm

Attention Language Lovers!

The Language Café was set up in 2013 by the Sussex Students’ Union to facilitate informal peer-to-peer language exchange for students and has proven to be a huge success. So if you are looking for a sociable way of improving another language then come along to the Language Café to practise speaking and have fun! Everyone is welcome and food is provided!

Visit the Sussex Language Café webpage for more information and photos from the weekly café.

Below: Students at the Language Café with one of the Language Leaders

Top right: Buddy Scheme visit to Arundel Castle

Above: A Language Leader helping at the weekly Language Café

Become a ‘Language Partner’!

Are you looking for a Language Partner to help you practise a foreign language? Can you return the favour by helping them to learn your language? If yes, sign up to be a Language Partner! Language Partners work together to learn each other’s language and culture. It is a sociable, informal and free way of language learning with a native speaker. Find your Language Partner today!

Sign up through your Sussex Direct page or email: languagecafe@sussexstudent.com
One World Week and One World Sussex

Thanks to its international diversity of the student and staff community, Sussex has a reputation for being a place where people from all over the world can make friends easily. To celebrate this, each year in March the University teams up with the Students’ Union to host One World Week; an exciting week-long programme of academic and social events which celebrate our global campus and promote an understanding of global issues. Events are run either by student societies, University departments, or a collaboration between the two. One World Week 2016 will take place from Monday 14 March and the full programme with soon be available online here!

However, we want to provide these types of opportunities throughout the year and not just during One World Week. With that in mind, we have expanded the One World theme to present One World Sussex. The One World Sussex logo is being used to highlight any cultural, social and educational activities which have a specific aim of helping to expose all students to a globalised world and a diversity of cultures. Look out for the logo on events throughout the year!

Clockwise from top left: Sussex students at the colourful Holi celebrations which was one of the most popular events at One World Week 2015; members of the Kazakhstan Society perform a traditional dance at the launch event; the Wishing Wall 2014, where students and staff were given the opportunity to wish for anything they desired; one participant’s wish!
‘Play ball!’ with Brighton Baseball Club

Enjoy playing baseball during your time in Brighton!

Brighton Baseball Club was first established in 1962 as the Brighton Jets. In 2016, the club will have one team competing in the National Baseball League, which represents the highest level of baseball competition in the UK. Brighton will also have at least one other team playing in other adult leagues, as well as a new youth program that will be active in national Little League events.

We welcome students from all over the world who would like to play baseball. The club’s adult program caters to players of all skill levels, from newcomers to experienced players. We also welcome those who would like to coach or mentor youth players, and are able to provide any necessary training via the national baseball development agency, Baseball Softball UK.

Our regular season runs from late April to September. We begin Spring Training in February and start outside in earnest the first week in April. Our games are played on Sunday and we practice on weekdays throughout the season. We are happy to accept those who can play every week throughout this period, as well as those who are only here for part of the season or have more limited availability.

We already have a solid core of players but are always excited to welcome new players to our roster. Please email us to ask any questions you might have and to find out more, and follow updates on our club via facebook.

RE:CYCLE bike hire scheme

Launched in September 2013, RE:CYCLE Sussex Bike Co-Op is a student-led co-operative that recycles the bikes abandoned on campus. We rent bikes to students and staff for a not-for-profit price. Beat the bus, sign up now to reserve your wheels!

Our mission for grassroots, sustainable travel:
To bring cycling to Sussex University campus: reducing landfill by recycling abandoned bikes for students. We bring bicycles abandoned on our campus back in tiptop shape to hire our to Sussex staff and students for a friendly price. We want to reduce emissions, landfill, transport monopoly, stimulate self-sufficiency, co-operation, healthy living, safe cycling infrastructure, and most of all spread the joy of cycling!

- Spring Term membership - £20
- Summer Term membership - £20
- Plus a fully refundable deposit of £65.

All our bikes include a set of lights and Kryptonite D-lock. Plus we size you up and help you cycle off confidently!

Visit here for more information.

Join Sussexsport

Thinking about buying a Sussexsport membership for access to the sport and fitness facilities here at Sussex?

If you’re a Visiting and Exchange student then you might like to take advantage of a special introductory offer from Sussexsport. The all-inclusive Gold membership is being offered for just £70 for the two terms you are here at Sussex. (This is the equivalent price of buying a 3 month gold). This includes all classes, use of the fitness room and court hire. Membership would be available from 27 January. Visit here for more information.

Visit here for more information.
The International Student Support team organise a programme of trips throughout the academic year to give international students the opportunity to see different parts of the UK at student-friendly prices! Unless stated otherwise, all are full day trips, leaving early in the morning and returning in the evening. Tickets are limited and tend to sell out very quickly as our trips are extremely popular. Tickets for the spring term trips will go on sale at 2pm on Monday 1 February, except for the Mayor’s Parlour which will be available from 2pm on Monday 18 January.

How to buy tickets:

• Tickets for most trips can be purchased through our Online Shop here: [http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/](http://onlineshop.sussex.ac.uk/). When you are on the site, select ‘Product Catalogue’ > ‘Trips and Activities’ > ‘International Student Support’. Trips won’t appear online until the date and time they go on sale.

• Tickets for ‘Edinburgh Uncovered’ can be booked directly through our partners, Don’t be a Tourist here: [www.dontbeatourist.co.uk/web](http://www.dontbeatourist.co.uk/web). When you are on the site go to ‘My university’ and select ‘University of Sussex’. Then choose ‘Edinburgh Uncovered’ from the ‘Trip name’ menu.

All trip tickets are non-refundable. For full terms and conditions of trip tickets please see our ‘Spring term trips’ section on our webpages: [www.sussex.ac.uk/internationalsupport/tripsandevents/trips](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/internationalsupport/tripsandevents/trips)

Spring term trips

Wednesday 3 February (afternoon):
Mayor’s Parlour - FREE
This trip offers a fascinating insight into British culture! Students will get a privileged opportunity to meet the Mayor of Brighton & Hove and be shown around his parlour, based at Brighton Town Hall. Hear some interesting historical tales about the town hall and learn more about the work of the Mayor, before refreshments are served. You might even get to see the Mayor’s famous decorative chains which he wears at events. **Ticket price includes:** this trip is free but a ticket (through the Online Shop) is essential. **Travel to and from the Town Hall is not included.** Available from 2pm on Monday 18 January through the Online Shop.

Thursday 11 February (evening): ‘The Dark Side of Brighton’, a night-time walking tour of Brighton - £6
An after-dark walk featuring some of the shadowy alleyways and gruesome tales of Brighton’s murky past led by a qualified professional guide. Go on the trail of smugglers, murderers, monks, martyrs, the Ghost Ship, and Jack the Ripper. Hear intriguing stories about bizarre happenings and strange characters, as we explore the back streets, ancient churchyards and other spooky sites, finishing in The Lanes. Tour lasts 90 minutes. **Ticket price includes:** walking tour (transport to and from Brighton city centre is not included). Available from 2pm on Monday 1 February through the Online Shop.

Wednesday 17 February (afternoon): Guided walking tour of Lewes - £6
A guided walk around one of England’s most attractive county towns reveals a dramatic history, from the ruins of the twelfth century castle and the Tudor Anne of Cleves house to the modern day Crown Court, where many famous murder trials have taken place. Hear about the Bonfire Boys, the burnings at the stake in the 16th century, the medieval merchants, radical Tom Paine, novelist Virginia Woolf and other notable residents. We walk along the passages and the narrow alleyways (‘twittens’), see the beautiful gardens and wind our way down to the river, with lots of stops along the way. **Ticket price includes:** guided walk and group train ticket. Available from 2pm on Monday 1 February through the Online Shop.
Saturday 27 February: Stonehenge/Bath - £44
A day trip to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Stonehenge followed by a chance to explore the ancient Roman city of Bath with its gorgeous Georgian architecture, roman ruins and Jane Austen streets. **Ticket price includes: return travel by coach; entry to Stonehenge and Roman Baths.** Available from 2pm on Monday 1 February through the [Online Shop](#).

Saturday 5 March: Sussex Countryside Tour - £19
A tour of the local countryside including the beautiful coastline and the South Downs National Park in the comfort of our private coach. Our fantastic local guide, Glenda, will be sharing her knowledge at each of the stops, which include the cobbled streets of Rottingdean, the dramatic cliffs of Beachy Head and the Seven Sisters, Eastbourne and Pevensey Castle, before finishing at the typically English village of Alfriston. **Ticket price includes: travel by coach and specialist tour guide.** Available from 2pm on Monday 1 February through the [Online Shop](#).

19 - 21 March: ‘Edinburgh Uncovered’ - £179
We have teamed up with our partners: Don’t be a Tourist, to offer students an exciting trip to travel north of the border to Scotland by overnight coach at the end of the spring term! Discover the awesome city of Edinburgh with legendary local guides, wander the Old Town medieval streets, sample whisky and haggis on the Royal Mile, and get to know the locals on a night out. You can even climb a volcano for fantastic views! This adventure includes a stop in Durham plus there’s an optional trip to Stirling.

To book tickets, and for further details about what is included in the price please visit the [Don't be a Tourist webpage](#).

Book before Wednesday 10 February for the ‘early bird price’ of £179. After which, tickets cost £219.

Sunday 17 April - The Making of Harry Potter (Warner Bros. Studio Tour) - £47
Many of the most famous sets from the Harry Potter series of films have been recreated for visitors to experience including (amongst many others) Dumbledore’s office, the Great Hall and the Ministry of Magic! Hundreds of props and original costumes are also on display, making this a truly fantastic day out for any Potter fan. **Ticket price includes: return travel by coach; entry to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour.** Available from 2pm on Monday 1 February through the [Online Shop](#).

**Wednesday 20 April: ‘The Lion King’ (the West End show) - £41**
In partnership with the Buddy Scheme, International Student Support offers you a trip to ‘The Lion King’! With some of the most impressive costumes and most popular songs of all West End musicals, this show is not one to be missed! We have some great tickets in the stalls so come and take advantage of our reduced group rates. **Ticket price includes: return travel by coach and theatre ticket.** Departing campus at **3pm** and returning at approximately **midnight**. Available from 2pm on Monday 1 February through the [Online Shop](#).

Saturday 23 April - Cambridge - £35
By far one of the most beautiful and historically interesting cities in the UK, Cambridge offers visitors a wonderful day out. You will enjoy a guided walking tour around the city and its lovely University colleges with a team of local knowledgeable guides, before free time to explore the city for yourself. **Ticket price includes: return travel by coach, a guided walking tour of the city, entry to King’s College Chapel.** Available from 2pm on Monday 1 February through the [Online Shop](#).
Shopping: the essentials

Brighton is truly a great place for shopping. The city offers loads of small ‘boutique’ and independent shops in the famous Lanes, as well as many of the larger high street chain stores that you will also find in other UK cities.

A full guide to the best places for students to shop (including specialist food stores) can be found on our webpages here. However, to get you started below are some tips about where you can buy the essentials at student-friendly prices during your first few days here at Sussex.

**On campus**

**Co-operative supermarket** – This is the main food shop on campus and is based on the ground floor of Bramber House and sells fresh and frozen foods, toiletries and household products. It is open every day from 7am-11pm and NUS Extra (National Union of Students) cardholders get a 10% discount. There is also a Post Office at the back of the shop.

**Tuesday market** – Every Tuesday of term there is a great market run by the Students’ Union. Local traders have stalls selling books, food, and clothes outside Falmer House in the quad from 10am-4pm. The fresh fruit and vegetables are particularly good value.

**Union Shop** – Located in Falmer House, the Union Shop sells hot and cold drinks, Real Patisserie pastries and artisan breads, sandwiches/bagels, stationery, confectionery, off-licence from 5pm, greetings cards, Sussex souvenirs, Sussex branded clothing, computer accessories, household cupboard essentials and discounted bus tickets. They also sell UK plug adaptors. Open during term time 8am-10pm.

**Chemist (Pharmacy)** – Located on campus next to the University Health Centre. For prescriptions, cosmetics, medicines. Open 9am-5.30pm during term time.

**John Smith Bookshop** – Academic and general interest books, cards, stationery, computer consumables and other related products. Located in the Library and open 9am-5pm.

**ATM cash machines** – Located outside Barclays Bank/ Sussex House, in Bramber House opposite the Cooperative supermarket entrance and in the post office, and in York House.

**Off campus**

**Sainsbury’s (supermarket)** – The Lewes Road branch is the nearest large supermarket to campus and sells fresh and frozen foods, toiletries and household products. For a full range of supermarkets in Brighton and the different price ranges of their products, please see our shopping webpages by clicking here.

93 Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 3QA.

**Argos** - sells a wide range of new homewares, electrical goods, furniture and bedding. 157-162 Western Road, Brighton, BN1 2BB.

**Primark** – a good range of low-priced clothing as well as bedding and some homewares. 169-174 Western Road, Brighton, BN1 2BA.

Don’t forget that International Student Support are running free Shopping Tours of Brighton led by our student helpers on Thursday 28 January at 1pm. They will be able to show you a whole range of places to buy different things, and share their own favourite places to shop! Go to page 8 for details.
Registration is the formal process of becoming a member of the University, enabling you to attend lectures, receive tuition, sit examinations, register with the Library and other facilities, and be a member of the Students' Union. It is primarily a financial process for paying fees and other charges; it is not where you sign up for classes.

Before starting at Sussex you will be sent a registration email asking you to start the process of registering online via the University of Sussex Online Registration System, which you will be able to access from 16 December. In order to start registration online you will need the following:

- **Your candidate number** (you will find this on the registration email)
- **Pen and paper** or other means to accurately record your Username and Password
- **Payment details for fees and/or rent if this is required**. You can pay fees and rent in full by credit card or debit card
- **Contact details for next of kin** (someone you nominate to be contacted in case of an emergency)

If you have entered the UK on any type of visa, then there will be a part of registration which you won’t be able to complete from home and this involves having your passport and visa copied. The University is required to take a copy of these documents for our records and you must ensure that this is done as a condition of your registration at Sussex. If your Sussex Direct registration pages inform you that you need to have your passport and/or visa copied in order to become fully registered, then please bring the required documents to the International Student Support office on the 2nd Floor of Bramber House (next to the Housing Services office). For opening times see page 6. Postgraduate students who need to get their passport copied and/or pick up a BRP can do this at the Student Systems and Records Office, Level 1 of Bramber House.

**You will not be able to collect your student ID card until you have had these documents copied, paid outstanding fees, and provided a photo.**

When you come to have your documents copied, you will need to bring the following original documents:

1. Your passport
2. Your visa, leave stamps in your passport, or immigration status document showing your permission to stay in the UK
3. Your biometric residence permit (if you have one)

**Collecting your Sussex ID card**

You will only be able to do this once fully registered. When you are ready to collect your card, Visiting and Exchange students should collect theirs from the Sussex Abroad office in Hastings building, and postgraduate students should collect theirs from the Doctoral School in Falmer House.

* Some students will have their fees paid directly by their home university, so will not be required to pay their own fees through Sussex Direct
As a Visiting or Exchange (V&E) student you are allocated to a School of Study depending on the modules you have chosen to study at Sussex. It is likely that some of your modules may be taught in a different School/department but for administrative purposes, you 'belong' to one School only. As you can take modules from any department/School or year/level, there may be timetable clashes and you may need make some changes to your modules or teaching groups. Any changes should be made by your School coordinator and you should arrange to see your coordinator as soon as you can. You can change modules up to two weeks in to the term.

All new V&E students must attend their School meeting. For the date, time and location of each meeting please see below.

If you have any questions then please email Liz Akerblom (E.H.Akerblom@sussex.ac.uk) or Louise Mitchell (L.Mitchell@sussex.ac.uk) or come and see them once you are here. They are based in the Sussex Abroad office, Hastings Building.

### Information for Visiting and Exchange students

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Brighton Station
Brighton’s main train station for trains to London and around Sussex

Pool Valley Coach Station
This is where National Express coaches arrive into and depart from.

The Royal Pavilion
One of Brighton’s most beautiful and famous buildings. You can visit the Pavilion on Saturday 30 January as part of our ‘Brighton Pavilion and traditional cream tea’ trip.

Brighton Wheel
Great views can be had from the top of one of Brighton’s newer attractions. We recommend a visit whilst here in Brighton!

Old Steine
A popular meeting place in Brighton and where you would get off the bus for a visit to the pier or The Royal Pavilion

Churchill Square
A central point in Brighton. Get off the 25 bus here if you are going to the Churchill Square Shopping Centre from the University. On the route of the ‘Brighton city shopping tour’ on Thursday 28 January. See page 8 for details.

Palace Pier (‘Brighton Pier’)
Commonly known as ‘Brighton Pier’, but ‘Palace Pier’ to the locals, this is one of the most popular places in town for tourists. The pier is also definitely worth at least one visit for its arcade machines, rides and attractions, and it looks great by night when its bright lights mean that it can be seen from miles away!