



University of Essex

International College



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This guide will help you find the perfect accommodation that suits your needs for when you start your course in Autumn 2021.

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We're looking forward to welcoming you to the UK soon. Our dedicated accommodation team is here to support you and guide you through the options that best suit your individual needs.



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Live with confidence

We can't wait for you to join us in the UK at one of our safe and comfortable residences. Our dedicated accommodation team is available to guide you through your options, answer any questions you have, and support you if your situation changes.

We are here for you

Keeping all our students safe is our top priority. We will continue to follow UK government health and safety guidelines at all times, so you can rest assured that our residences and accommodation partners are taking the necessary precautions to protect your wellbeing.

Our dedicated accommodation team is here to discuss your options with you, or if you need help or support at any time.

Accommodation guarantee deadline

If your course starts in Autumn 2021 or Spring 2022 you're guaranteed a room with us if you accept your offer to study and book your accommodation by the guarantee date. See all the guarantee dates [here](#).

Don't worry, if you miss the guarantee deadline we'll still do all we can to find you a fantastic place to stay during your course.

Your accommodation options

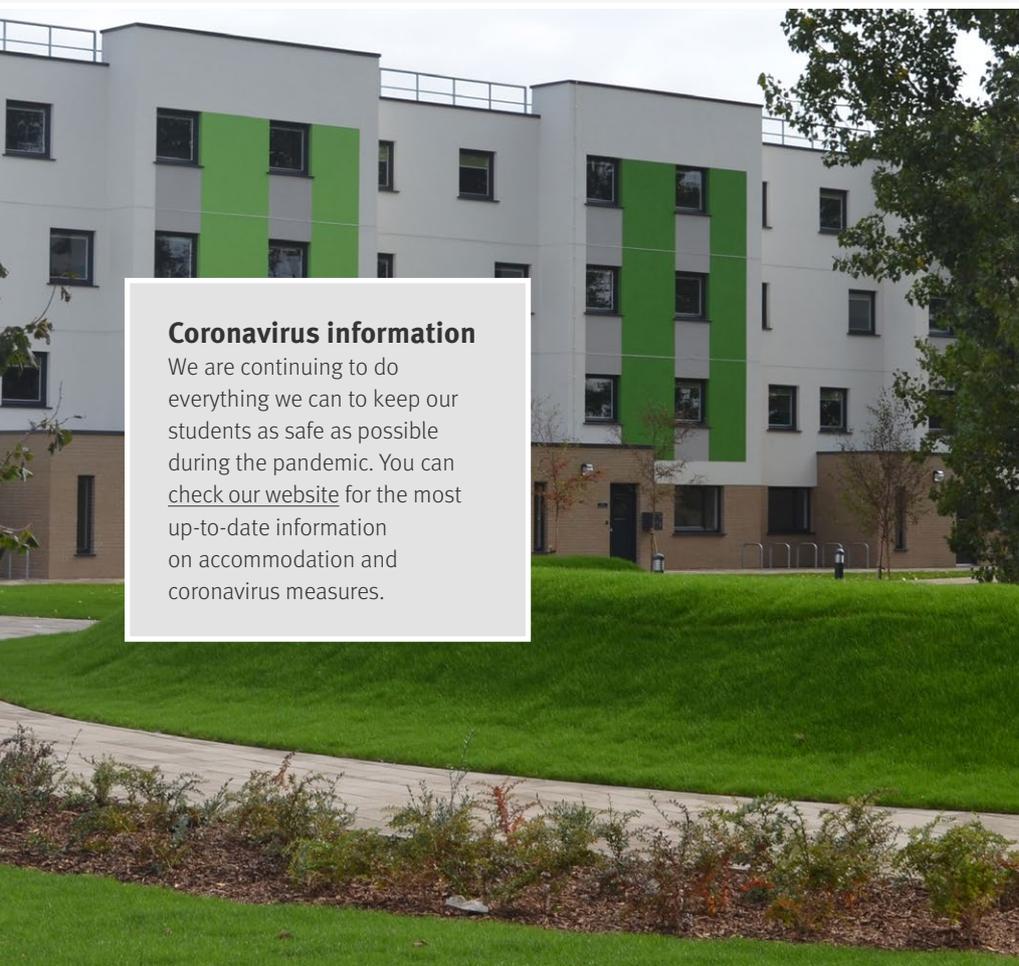
In this guide you'll find detailed information about your accommodation options in the UK. Once you accept your offer to study, you can log in to our [accommodation portal](#) and reserve your room.

We operate on a first-come, first-served basis and all options are subject to availability. When you log in to our portal, you will be able to see all currently available options, and can pick your preferred room type.

Autumn 2021 flexible arrival and support

For pathway courses starting in September 2021, we're offering flexible arrival dates for accommodation contracts. You can choose an accommodation contract starting on 11 September, or on 23 October (subject to availability) to allow you to start your studies at home before transitioning to the UK.

You can also arrive up to 2 weeks early (subject to availability) at no extra cost. This will give you time to self-isolate if required. If you're travelling from a country on the UK government's 'red list' and need to isolate in a quarantine hotel, you'll also get some financial support to help cover the cost of the stay, along with comprehensive wellbeing support while you're in quarantine. Learn more about arrival support on [this webpage](#), and visit our [accommodation FAQs](#) webpage for more information.



Coronavirus information

We are continuing to do everything we can to keep our students as safe as possible during the pandemic. You can [check our website](#) for the most up-to-date information on accommodation and coronavirus measures.



Living in Essex

The University of Essex International College is close to Colchester, a historic town in the vibrant English county of Essex. There's lots on offer for students: scenic countryside, charming villages and miles of pretty coastline. Essex is also an easy train journey from the excitement of London, but with a much lower cost of living.

Experience Essex

History

Essex has a rich and fascinating history for you to explore. In fact, Colchester is the oldest recorded town in Britain. Even now, it still retains the feel of a medieval market town, and the rest of Essex also has plenty of sites of historical interest to see: you can visit impressive castles, fascinating museums and even a hidden nuclear bunker!

Shopping

Essex is a great place to go shopping, with traditional food and clothes markets and bustling high streets selling everything you could need! There are major retail parks to explore, and Essex's towns are great places to find everything from designer brands to arty boutiques. Plus, with London so close, you will have one of the world's best shopping destinations on your doorstep.

Sport

Sports such as football, rugby, tennis and cricket are very popular in the UK. You'll have lots of opportunities to get involved, and the University of Essex itself has a great range of sports facilities that you can use. For exercise that's a little more relaxed, Colchester is home to many lovely routes for walking and cycling, including the Wivenhoe Trail.

Food

If you start to miss food from your home country while you're living in the UK, don't worry! Essex is a multicultural county, and you will find great variety, from Indian curries to Chinese dim sum and more. Of course, you can also try traditional British food at Essex's many restaurants and pubs, and its coastline is the perfect place to eat fresh fish and chips.

Events

Throughout the year, there is a wide range of fairs, festivals and events that you can discover in Essex. From seeing the world's biggest music artists at V Festival, to the Brightlingsea Food and Drink Festival in Colchester, there's so much going on!

Outside Essex

While Essex has a lot to offer, you will also have a great chance to explore the rest of the UK. London, with its many museums, galleries and events, is just a short train ride away, as are Oxford and Cambridge. You can also see some of the UK's areas of outstanding natural beauty, or even take a trip to continental Europe from Stansted or Southend Airport.



Getting around

The residences are conveniently located close to the University, within easy reach of the College, supermarkets, cafés and restaurants.

Transport

Buses

The University of Essex has its own bus stop, and there are frequent services to and from the centre of Colchester. You can also use local bus services to explore more of the Essex region. As a student, you can travel cheaply with a student bus pass.

Trains

The nearest train station to the University's Colchester campus is Hythe (Essex), which is a 20-minute walk away. There are also frequent train services between Colchester and London.

Taxis

The city also has a reliable taxi service, with taxi ranks located all around the city. They're great for short trips, or for when you have heavy luggage.



University Quays

Your modern riverside accommodation, with great transport links to the town centre and the College.



Location

Conveniently located close to the Colchester campus and the town centre. University Quays is a 30-minute walk from the College, or a short bus journey to campus (buses run every 20 minutes). In addition, there is a large supermarket just a short walk away and easy access to the train station for trips out of town.



Private bedroom

Private bedrooms in a shared flat of up to 8 students. All rooms have a single bed, desk, chair, bookshelves, storage and a bin.



Private bathroom

Fully equipped private bathroom with toilet, shower and washbasin.



Kitchen

Fully equipped, shared kitchen with fridge-freezer, cooker, microwave, oven, kettle, ironing board and storage units.



Social life

There are a number of social events hosted by the Residence Life team.



Other facilities

On-site laundry room (usage charges apply), bicycle storage and car park. A free shuttle bus runs after events at the Students' Union.



Internet

Free fast and stable broadband and WiFi access.



Bills included

All bills are included in the accommodation price.



Security

Secure door entry to buildings, flats and rooms, and on-campus patrol officers overnight.



Cleaning

The kitchens are cleaned weekly during term times and the rubbish is collected from the kitchens daily.

Your wellbeing is our top priority. All residences will continue with health and safety guidelines, and additional measures such as enhanced cleaning are in place to protect everyone. Click [here](#) for more information about how we are prioritising your wellbeing.

All private bedrooms | Close to the College and town centre | Large supermarket just a short walk away | Social events and activities

Standard ensuite

Approximate bedroom size: 14.5m²

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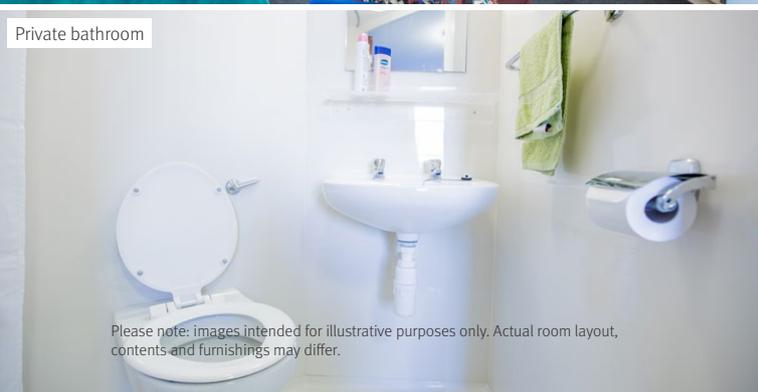
Private bedroom



Riverside residence



Private bathroom



Please note: images intended for illustrative purposes only. Actual room layout, contents and furnishings may differ.

Shared kitchen



The Meadows

Modern and stylish living with a real sense of community.



Location

Based on the Colchester campus, close to the University's Business School, and a 15 to 20-minute walk from the College.



Private bedrooms

The premium ensuite features a private bedroom and bathroom in a shared flat of up to 7 students. All rooms have a small double bed, desk, chair, bookshelves and storage.



Bathrooms

Fully equipped bathrooms with toilet, shower and washbasin.



Kitchen

Fully equipped shared kitchens with fridge-freezer, cooker, microwave, oven, kettle, ironing board and storage units.



Social life

There is an on-site café, a common room, and a number of social events are hosted by the Residence Life team.



Other facilities

On-site laundry room (usage charges apply), secure bicycle storage, car park and a shop.



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All private bedrooms | On-site 'grab-and-go' café | On-campus location | Common room for social activities

Premium ensuite

Approximate bedroom size: 12.5m²

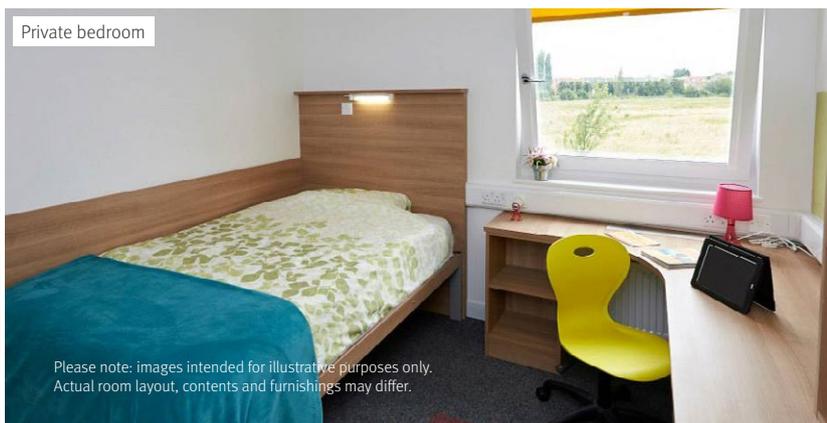
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Modern student accommodation



Private bedroom



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Social space



Free sports membership

A great way to socialise, have fun and enjoy healthy activities along with your studies.

When you book your accommodation with Kaplan, you will receive a free, annual Essex Sport Silver Membership at Colchester that will give you access to excellent facilities, including the brand new, state-of-the-art Essex Sport Arena, which features a cutting-edge gym, a choice of over 300 fitness classes each month, and an extensive range of sports.

The Essex Sport membership is a service provided by the University of Essex and is subject to its terms and conditions. The annual Student Essex Sports Silver Membership at Colchester is valid from September 2021 through to August 2022.

Find more on www.essex.ac.uk/sport/membership/student-membership



Compare your options

Use the table below to see which options suit you, and select your preferences when booking your room.

	University Quays	The Meadows
Room type	Standard ensuite	Premium ensuite
Approximate size	14.5m ²	12.5m ²
Students per flat	up to 8	up to 7
Bedroom	Private	Private
Study desk, chair, wardrobe, shelves, under-bed storage, notice board and wall heater	✓	✓
Single beds	✓	
Small double bed		✓
Bathroom	Private	Private
Shower cubicle, washbasin and toilet	✓	✓
Kitchen	Shared	Shared
Cooker, fridge-freezer, microwave, oven, kettle, rice cooker, iron board and storage units	✓	✓
WiFi and broadband	✓	✓
On-site common room		✓
Walking time to the College	30 minutes	20 minutes
Free annual sport silver membership	Access to sport facilities, gym, fitness classes and an extensive range of sports	
Available to	All students aged 16 and over	

There are lots of benefits when you book accommodation with Kaplan

For your comfort

-  All private bedrooms
-  Your own study space
-  Free WiFi

For your convenience

-  On-campus location
-  Great transport links
-  Access to laundries

For your safety

-  Patrol officer overnight
-  Secure door entry
-  Free contents insurance

For your enjoyment

-  Annual sports membership
-  Access to common rooms
-  Social events

While every effort will be made to allocate your first choice, we cannot guarantee this. We operate on a first-come, first-served basis and all options are subject to availability, therefore you may be offered another accommodation type or location, or we may refer you to another provider.

Student starter pack

Free items for your arrival

To make your move as easy as possible, we provide a free 'student starter pack' with many of the basic items you'll need as soon as you move in. It means that you won't have to rush around the shops on your first day, and can settle right into your new accommodation.

Your bedding, cooking equipment and tableware items



Please note: For legal reasons, knives are not provided.
Actual contents of the student starter pack may vary.

How to book

You can book your accommodation by following the steps below.

Step 1 Choose your room

Check the [dates and prices on the accommodation page](#) on our website, and choose the option that matches your course dates.

Step 2 Log in to accommodation portal

If you have applied and received an offer of study, you'll need to accept your offer first. If you indicated on the application form you would like Kaplan-arranged accommodation, you'll then receive login details for the [accommodation portal](#) via email. If you have not received anything, please [contact us](#) and we'll arrange to resend it to you.

Step 3 Confirm your room selection

Use your login details to log into the [accommodation portal](#). Here, you will be able to see available options and you can choose your preferred room type.

Step 4 Kaplan will allocate your room

Once we have allocated your room, we will send you an email asking you to log back in to the [accommodation portal](#) to confirm your booking. You will need to sign your accommodation agreement electronically, nominate a guarantor and make your first accommodation payment.

Step 5 Confirmation of booking

Once you have completed the required steps, we will confirm your booking.

Step 6 Your arrival confirmation

When you are ready to come to the UK and have booked a flight, you will need to confirm your arrival details by completing the online [Pre-Arrival Form](#). The College will be able to book and confirm transfers for you; details are provided in the [Pre-Arrival Guide](#). Please submit your arrival details at least 2 weeks before you fly to ensure the College and your accommodation are prepared for your arrival.

How to pay

Before you arrive, you can pay your accommodation fees using one of the methods below:

Method 1

Bank transfer / credit or debit card to Flywire.

1. Visit [UEICESsex.flywire.com](https://ueicessex.flywire.com)
2. Choose your country and the amounts you are paying in Pounds Sterling
3. Choose your payment method and make your payment to Flywire
4. Enter the payer details and those of the student you are paying for
5. Track and confirm your payment by email, SMS or by logging into [UEICESsex.flywire.com](https://ueicessex.flywire.com)

Method 2

Bank draft or electronic transfer in Pounds Sterling to:

Bank Account Name: Kaplan Essex Limited

Bank Name: HSBC Bank plc

Sort Code: 40-11-60

Bank Account Number: 71052233

BIC: HBUKGB4B

IBAN NO: GB26HBUK40116071052233

Bank Address: 60 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TR

Payments

For your first payment, you can pay any amount from a minimum of £1,000 to the full accommodation price. This should be made before your arrival in the UK, and includes a £250 security deposit and a £750 accommodation fee. Depending on your accommodation option, the remaining amount is paid when you register for your first term, and before your second term (if applicable).

Accommodation guarantee deadline

You'll be guaranteed accommodation if you accept your offer to study and book your accommodation before the dates below.

Autumn 2021

Your accommodation contract start month	Guarantee date to book accommodation
September 2021	1 August 2021
October 2021	1 September 2021

Spring 2022

Your accommodation contract start month	Guarantee date to book accommodation
January 2022	1 December 2021
February 2022	1 January 2022
April 2022	1 March 2022

Don't worry – if you miss the guarantee deadline, you can still login to the accommodation portal to see what options are available to you. If no options are available at the time, you can join our waitlist, and we'll do everything we can to help you find a great place to live in Essex.



Useful information

You can find some helpful information below to guide you through your accommodation application.

Accommodation Agreement

The Accommodation Agreement is a contract confirming the details of your accommodation. By signing your Accommodation Agreement, you are agreeing, under UK law, to pay for your accommodation for the full length of the accommodation contract.

Accommodation confirmation

You must complete the required steps in order to secure your booking. If you fail to do so by the accommodation confirmation date, your agreement may be cancelled and your room given to another student to book. If your Accommodation Agreement is cancelled, and you tell us that you would still like to book Kaplan-arranged accommodation, you will be offered the next available room.

Accommodation portal login

You'll receive your login details via email once you have accepted your study offer.

Accommodation length change

You may not change your contract length after you have booked and signed your Accommodation Agreement.

First payment

The first payment is to secure your accommodation along with the signed Accommodation Agreement. The £1,000 first payment is then divided into £250 for the security deposit and £750 towards your accommodation fees. Your security deposit will be fully returned when you move out of your accommodation. It will not be refunded if the room is damaged or left in bad condition, or if there are any accommodation penalty charges outstanding.

Guarantors

A guarantor is someone who will be legally responsible for any accommodation fees you are unable to or fail to pay.

Moving into your room

You will be able to move into your room from the start date of your contract, but only if you have sent us your signed Accommodation Agreement and first payment.

Refunds

When your Accommodation Agreement is cancelled and you decide not to take another offered room, refund of any fees paid will only be granted in line with Kaplan International Pathways' Terms and Conditions, and may be subject to an administration fee being deducted. If you leave the College for any reason after you arrive, accommodation fees will not be refunded.

Under 18s

The College will accommodate students under 18 years of age in a single-sex flat with other students under 18 years old. Students who are under the age of 18 on arrival in the UK may be asked to pay all their accommodation fees before they arrive, and are advised to stay in either Kaplan or university-arranged accommodation.

Visa

If your visa application is unsuccessful, please send a copy of your visa refusal documents (or other evidence) to your Admissions Adviser for review. A decision will then be made regarding eligibility for refund in line with the company's terms and conditions.



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Find out more

Visit the links below or contact us for more information.
We look forward to welcoming you to Essex!

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- 👉 [Student life in Essex](#)

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