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 / Exchange & Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar:
- Autumn/Semester 1 (including orientation): September 2024—end January 2025
- Spring/Semester 2 (including orientation): February —June 2025
Exam Period:
- January 2025
- 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
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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 GBE73-166 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 supermarket 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.


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 GBE182 per week, excluding accommodation / GBE1,023 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 (GBE490) + healthcare surcharge (GBE624)
- Any stays of up to 6 months doing study + work (paid/unpaid, with a contract) or an internship outside your Surrey course: Student visa (GBE490) + possible healthcare surcharge (GBE624) for some.
- Study-only stays of up to 6 months by visa nationals: Standard Visitor visa (GBE115)
- 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.

CONTACT DETAILS
Incoming Exchange & Study Abroad Team
International Engagement Office (IEO)
University of Surrey
Senate House (12 SE 03), Stag Hill, Guildford, Surrey GU2 7XH, UK

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

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