

# BE BRILLIANT ABROAD

A GUIDE TO STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE AT UEA ENGLAND

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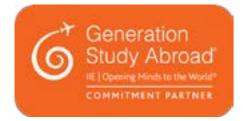


# "DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR, PICK UEA, YOU WON'T REGRET IT!"

# Brent from Australia

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www.ueaontheroad.wordpress.com





# WELCOME TO UEA

We are a pioneering British university.

We lead the way in fields as diverse as climate change, law, creative writing, international development, food science and so much more.

We bring breakthrough thinking into the classroom to make bright futures for our students.

What could your UEA be about?

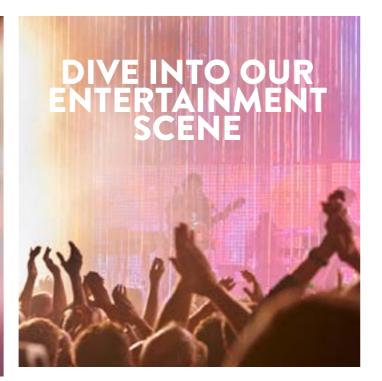
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# YOUR UEA **BE ABOUT?**









# **"UEA CAMPUS FOSTERS AN INDESCRIBABLE SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANYWHERE ELSE."**

# WHAT WILL YOUR **UEA BE ABOUT?**

The University of East Anglia (UEA) is an awardwinning British university, World Top 200 Higher Education Institution<sup>1</sup>, ranked in the UK Top 15 universities<sup>2</sup>, and is consistently ranked in the top 5 for student satisfaction in English mainstream universities<sup>3</sup>. UEA has also been recognised for gold standard teaching excellence<sup>4</sup>.

At UEA we strive to offer the best learning facilities. UEA is part of Norwich Research Park: the most cited research centre outside of Oxbridge and London. We are committed to achieving international standards of excellence and we are internationally recognised for both our research and teaching.

We pioneer the seminar system of small-group teaching and take a strategic approach to personalised learning which secures high levels of commitment to studies. We place an investment in high quality physical and digital resources that have had a demonstrable impact on the student learning experience.

We have strong links to industry, and students can experience a variety of vocational and careeroriented training and events from internships, placements and days away at established industries. While at UEA you can participate in the UEA Award, which celebrates academic and extracurricular achievement and is recognised by graduate employers.

Our campus university is modern and accessible and is set amongst 200 hectares of parkland and a lake (UEA Broad), full of a variety of wildlife, flora and fauna.

On campus, you will find everything you need for living and studying in a safe environment. This includes a library which is open 24/7, supermarket, post office, bank, bookshop, pharmacy, bars, sports facilities, a Multifaith Centre, many study and welfare services, and a wide range of cafés and catering options. UEA also has an on-site medical doctor, dentist, and dispensing chemist.

Whether you're looking for a campus lifestyle or love the buzz of the city, UEA is uniquely positioned to allow you to take advantage of both worlds. Our students love Norwich so much that many stay on after their studies. The location of UEA combines the best of city, country and coast. We're based in one of the UK's most exciting and beautiful locations, with a fantastic campus and first-class accommodation, which means you're sure to enjoy your whole UEA experience, however long you're here.

Each year we welcome over 3,500 international students from over 100 countries and have a thriving, diverse community. Students new to the University will find a large support network and plenty to do and see, on and off campus.

UEA Students' Union (uea|su) helps to run over 200 student-led clubs and societies. As an international student, you'll be well-catered for as this includes over 20 country-specific societies, as well as an International Student Society. There are clubs and societies for all sorts of interests: from dance to sports, politics and environmental concerns, as well as school-specific groups, such as the Law, Literature, and Maths societies.

At UEA you'll be a part of an award-winning university, enhancing your learning through our fantastic teaching and research facilities. You'll experience a sense of community on a beautiful green campus, and while you're here explore Norwich and the rest of the UK.

What will your UEA be about?

- Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2017 The Times/Sunday Times 2017 and Complete University Guide 2018 National Student Survey 2005-2017 Gold (Teaching Excellence Framework 2017)





"I WAS AMAZED AT HOW OPEN TO **DIFFERENCE AND PROGRESSIVE** UEA IS, HOW IT PROTECTS AND PROMOTES DIVERSITY."

Tereza from Greece Nicole from Canada

# **COURSES**

Whether you are passionate about climate change, creative writing, philosophy, computing, or something else, with a choice of nearly 1000 modules, you're sure to find your spark at UEA.

We encourage you to take control of your learning in a variety of ways at UEA. Many of our courses include hands-on modules where you get to put what you have learnt in lectures into practice on projects.

We don't want you to just listen to what you're taught. You will be supported to engage in debates in seminars, and to challenge current thinking with your own ideas and experiences. Learning doesn't end in the classroom either. In and out of lectures, you'll face multiple opportunities to put new concepts to the test with your lecturers and peers.

At UEA you will learn from experts who are leading the way in their fields. Our staff are just as dedicated to you and your studies as they are to their own research. This means courses are informed by cutting-edge thinking and research. It also means that as well as gaining a solid grounding in your area, you will leave UEA with in-depth knowledge of your subject and future developments. Our research-led teaching is just one of the reasons we continually score so highly for student satisfaction.

Subject areas open to Study Abroad and Exchange students include:

# **ARTS & HUMANITIES**

- American Studies
- Art History
- Creative Writing
- Drama
- History
- Language and Communication Studies
- Literature
- Media
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations

# **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- Business
- Economics
- Education
- International Development
- Psychology

## **SCIENCES**

- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry

- Computing Sciences
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Pharmacy
- Physics

For a full course catalogue visit:

# www.uea.ac.uk/study/study-abroad/incoming/ modules

Students apply for modules during application and will be asked to provide a number of alternative choices. Some modules require prerequisites and spaces on other highly soughtafter modules can be limited due to popularity. Please ask the Study Abroad Office if you are unsure when selecting modules.

Study Abroad and Exchange students are required to register for a full course load. A full course load is 120 UCU (credits) per academic year, or 60 UCU per semester. This is usually equivalent to three modules per semester.

# **ASSESSMENT, TRANSCRIPT AND CREDIT TRANSFER**

Modules at UEA may be comprised of one or more of a number of different elements: lecture, seminar/tutorial, workshop, orals, lab work, studio time, fieldwork, and placement. Actual classroom contact time may be between 2-8 hours per module per week.

Assessment at UEA consists of both coursework and examinations.

Coursework is work of any type (e.g. essays, class presentations, course tests, practical laboratory work), excluding examinations, projects or dissertations. Coursework helps you to learn and improve your academics in two ways, through both formative and summative works and feedback. Formative coursework does not contribute to your module results but does guide you as to how to improve. Summative coursework marks do contribute to your overall grade as they evaluate your progress within the module.

There are University rules on submitting your work correctly, and this will be in both our Student Guide to Coursework Submission and Return (LTS services) and in your module handbooks.

# **GLOSSARY**

All students are required to take any prescribed examinations of modules studied. Examinations take place within the normal academic year and typically end around the middle of June.

Single semester students who only study at UEA during the autumn term will need take modules where assessment is based on coursework or ask to have coursework instead of an examination. Students who fail one or more of their module examinations may be referred to reassessment and may be required to return to UEA in mid-tolate August for reassessment examinations.

For modules where there is less contact time at UEA, students are expected to undertake personal study as outlined by the module handbook, which is given to each student at their first contact point for the module.

The Study Abroad Office will provide you with a transcript at the end of your Study Ábroad or Exchange experience at UEA. Grade translations and credit transfer are managed by your home university.

COURSE	Course is generally the area of study e.g. History, Economics; similar to the concept of major or minor.
MODULES	Modules or classes are units of study with specific topics, which make up the course.
MODULE HANDBOOK	Module Handbook or syllabus is an outline of what you will study on the module, including reading lists and how you will be assessed.
SCHOOL	School of Study is the subject you are enrolled in and where you take the majority of your modules.
FACULTY	A faculty is a collection of academic departments that are grouped together for teaching, research and administrative purposes.
TRANSCRIPT	Transcript is a (grade) report, listing all your modules along with the overall mark for each module.
UCU	UCU is the credit system in the UK, indicating the volume of study associated with each module. 60 UCU is equivalent to

**HOW WE RANK IN THE UK:** Figures from The Guardian University Guide 2018: #19 GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES **AMERICAN STUDIES #2** #10 **EARTH SCIENCES** PSYCHOLOGY #11 **ART HISTORY #7** CHEMISTRY #13 PHARMACY #15 POLITICS #12 HISTORY #15 LAW #7

# LIFE IN **NORWICH:** A FINE CITY

Regularly voted one of the friendliest, happiest, and safest places to live in the UK, Norwich is a vibrant city with a lively and unique character. The bustle of Norwich is just minutes away from campus and offers plenty to inspire and entertain, no matter how diverse your taste or interests.

## **CITY OF CULTURE**

Not only a beautiful city, in 2012 Norwich became England's first UNESCO City of Literature, a prestigious accreditation that recognised the thriving literary community that is very much a part of the fabric of our city. If you study English Literature at UEA, you will be taught by international experts covering all periods in literature, from the medieval to the present, as well as by prize-winning poets, novelists, biographers and literary translators.

On campus we count ourselves lucky to offer our students free access to some of the most outstanding art in the world, courtesy of the Sainsbury Čentre for Visual Arts, which is housed in an award-winning modernist building, recently used in the Marvel Avengers movie franchise. Part of a large contemporary sculpture park, you can also appreciate works by Anthony Gormley, Henry Moore, and Ian Tyson just outside your classroom.



The Writers' Centre Norwich is a nationally acclaimed writing hub funded by The Arts Council England and UEA, among many donors. It resides in a medieval timber-framed building. Norwich Millennium Library, one of the UK's busiest libraries, is located in The Forum, an award-winning building with outside amphitheatre space, which is also home to BBC East, along with several cafés and restaurants.

# **MUSIC, COMEDY & FESTIVALS**

Living in Norwich puts you in a prime position to make the most of a myriad of music and arts festivals that take place throughout the year, from Latitude Festival in Southwold, to The Norfolk and Norwich Festival, which creates a buzz with installations and performances across the city. Norwich Sound + Vision Festival is a three day festival, and a conference on working in media industries.

As well as larger festivals, there is also a thriving live music scene, with an assortment of venues from large to tiny, offering everything from pop to punk music. See acts in a fifteenth century church at the Norwich Arts Centre; watch



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Eva from Slovakia

some comedy at The Playhouse; or catch a play at Norwich Theatre Royal. On campus, the Nick Rayns LCR venue hosts around 60 gigs a year, as well as regular club nights, comedy performances, and has previously seen the likes of Coldplay and Ed Sheeran take to the stage. Also managed by UEA is The Waterfront, which has previously hosted the Arctic Monkeys and Ellie Goulding.

See what's on while you're studying with us: www.uea.su/tickets

# **SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP**

The city is consistently rated one of the top 10 cities for shopping in the UK, with large shopping centres hosting many well-established British and international shops, restaurants, and cinema complexes. Norwich is proud of supporting independently-owned fashion stores, eclectic music and vintage boutiques, cosy coffee shops and restaurants, most of which are located in the medieval Norwich Lanes, an area of independent shops that offer something a little different.

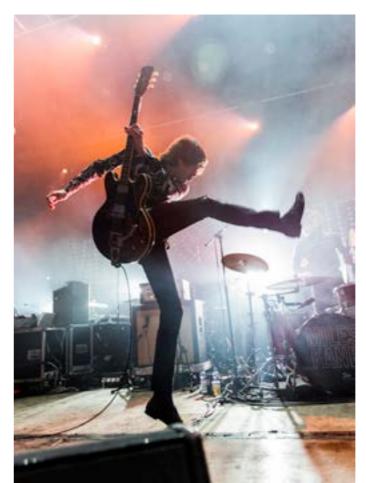
Norwich Market is one of the oldest markets in the country, and is the largest outdoor market in the UK. It has 189 stalls, selling a mixture of crafts, flowers, and clothes (both new and vintage). There are also many food stalls selling meats and fish, freshly baked bread, jams and chutneys, cheeses, and lunch venues selling traditional British dishes, international and vegan foods.

# **FOOD & DRINK**

Norwich is abundant with cafes, bars, tearooms, and restaurants.

For coffee, try Mustard (who also have a location on campus) or Strangers, who are firm favourites with our students. For traditional Afternoon Tea, visit The Assembly House, or have a quirky alternative at Biddy's Tea Room.

To get a great Full English Breakfast visit The Unthank Kitchen, and don't forget to have a traditional Sunday Roast at one of the many pubs in the Golden Triangle.





# LIFE IN **NORWICH: A FINE CITY**

Norwich has four cinemas within its city centre: Vue, Odeon, Hollywood, and Cinema Ćity. Part of the Picturehouse company, Cinema City is Norwich's original independent cinema. It offers great savings for students!

Cinema City doesn't only show new releases, but also classic and international cinema, and has pop-up outdoor events in the city's Victorian Plantation Gardens every summer.

# **HISTORY**

Norwich is the perfect destination for those wishing to immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage and diversity of the British Isles. The city centre is a knot of cobbled streets, medieval churches, hidden courtyards, and wonky timber framed medieval buildings. Visit the remains of what was the Roman regional capital, and see the Norwich 12; the most historically iconic buildings in Norwich, from the Norman Norwich Castle, built 900 years ago to The Forum, which opened in 2001.

Find out more: www.visitnorwich.co.uk



# **NORFOLK** You can discover beautiful and traditional English countryside right on your doorstep, in Norwich's county, Norfolk. With easy access to the Norfolk coastline on the train, you can explore seaside villages. Walk along the Norfolk coast path and eat an ice cream or fish and chips on the seafront. Climb the lighthouse at Happisburgh beach, or visit the seals pups at Horsey. You can also take cream tea in one of its numerous tearooms.

# **NATURE**

Outside of the city you will discover unspoilt traditional English countryside, pristine sandy beaches, country walks, bustling medieval villages and market towns. Both inside and outside the city you will encounter plenty of outdoor sports opportunities and a bounty of wildlife.

the North Norfolk Railway, an historic Steam Train, which takes you from Sheringham to the cozy market town of Holt, where you can have

If you like the outdoors, go boating on the Norfolk Broads, a National Park mentioned in David Bowie's 'Life on Mars?'; walk or cycle the 26 miles from Norwich to Aylsham along Marriott's Way; or go on an aerial adventure at Go Ape in Thetford Forest, the UK's largest man made lowland forest.

# **EXPLORE FURTHER**

Norwich offers excellent transport links so you can easily make the most of your experience abroad and explore the rest of the UK, or venture further afield to mainland Europe. You can travel to London in less than two hours, or take advantage of daily direct flights to Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Manchester, and Amsterdam from Norwich International Airport.

From Amsterdam Schiphol Airport you can easily fly to and from North America, Asia, and beyond.

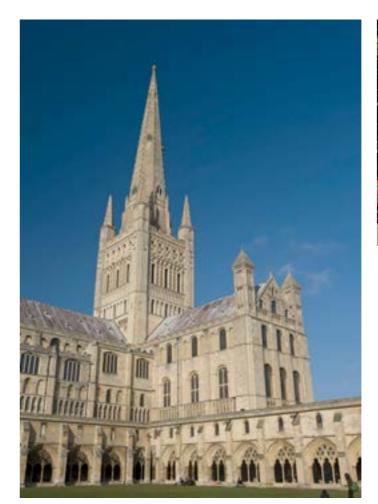
# **DID YOU** KNOW...

**NORWICH HAS AN** INTERNATIONAL **AIRPORT** 





AND IS LESS THAN TWO HOURS TO **LONDON BY TRAIN** 





"I LOVED STUDYING **ABROAD AT UEA SO MUCH THAT I PUSHED THE** STUDY ABROAD OFFICE AT MY HOME UNIVERSIT TO LET ME STAY ON **ANOTHER SEMESTER.**"

Alissa from the USA

# **ACCOMMODATION** & LIVING

Norwich is the 4th most affordable city for rent and accommodation costs in the UK – almost £20 per week cheaper than the national average.

Natwest Student Living Index 2016

# **ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION**

UEA isn't just an inspiring place to study, it's also a great place to live. Ranked as the best student accommodation in the UK twice by the Whatuni Student Choice Awards, we offer a safe, friendly, and fun place to live while you study with us.

All of our international Study Abroad and Exchange students have the opportunity to apply for on-campus, self-catered accommodation, subject to availability and preference.

Situated in 200 hectares of natural parkland, each of our university residences contains a fully furnished, centrally heated, single or twin room, with a shared kitchen/living space. All our kitchens are equipped with fridge, freezer, and oven or microwave, and students provide their own cooking utensils, crockery, and cutlery. All on-campus rooms have access to free wifi and are approximately a 5-10 minute walk from the centre of campus, and a 20 minute bus journey from the city centre. There is also UEA accommodation in the city centre; Mary Chapman Court offers great value city living with close proximity to bus routes to campus.

Different rooms are available to meet the needs of students and we cater for a range of physical and sensory disabilities or allergies. In addition, we have live-in Senior Residents who are on hand to help you settle in and to offer support to you throughout the year.



There are various types of rooms to choose from, with something to fit every budget. For more detailed information and housing costs please visit the Accommodation Office webpage at: portal.uea.ac.uk/accommodation/visiting-students

See our award-winning on-campus accommodation for yourself:

www.uea.ac.uk/video/accommodation

For on campus accommodation costs, please visit: portal.uea.ac.uk/accommodation/costs

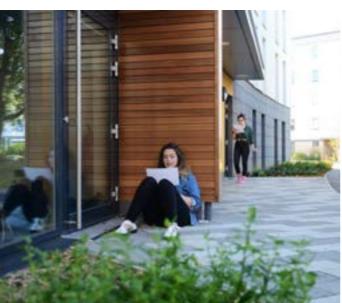
Please see page 22 for accommodation application deadlines.

# **OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION**

Students have the choice to stay in privately rented accommodation. UEA Students' Union (uea|su) co-ordinates the Home Run Lettings Service which helps students find vetted private accommodation in Norwich. It is recognised by UEA and many students as the best way to find quality, affordable housing whilst studying in Norwich. Home Run has a no fees policy, so you will not be charged fees for the set-up of your housing contract. To find out more visit: www.uea.su/advice-housing/housing

# **HOMESTAY**

Students also have the option to live in Homestay accommodation, which offers a fantastic way to experience life like a local while studying in Norwich. Living in Homestay accommodation provides you with immediate contact with people from outside your course and often results in long-lasting friendships.



# You will be carefully matched to a host family based on personal preferences and requirements. This offers Study Abroad and Exchange students the opportunity to practise their English and experience British culture.

We offer Homestay accommodation in urban and suburban areas of Norwich, with UEA reachable on foot or by public transport.

Hosts are a mixture of families, single parents, young couples without children, two parent families, and retired people. All hosts offer an environment where students will be treated as a member of the family. Students will have their own bedroom with a desk, bed linen provided on arrival (but students must provide their own towels), laundry facilities or use of a washing machine, shared use of the communal areas, and internet access. Rooms are provided on a self-catered or catered basis, and on an en suite or shared bathroom basis.

If you wish to participate in Homestay, please select it as your first choice when completing your accommodation application form.

If you have any questions about Homestay please direct these to: student.homestay@uea.ac.uk or visit: portal.uea.ac.uk/homestay

Please note that these costs are for illustrative purposes, and may vary depending on your lifestyle.

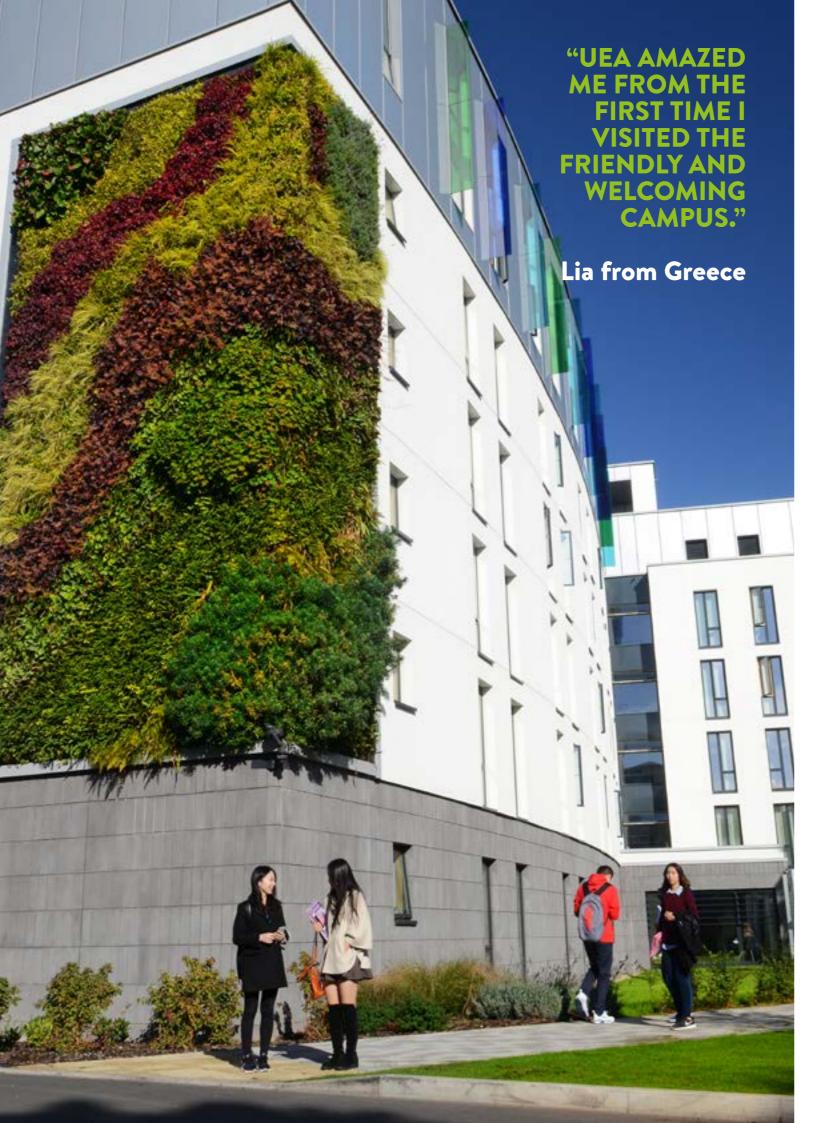
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FOOD AND DRINK		
Bunch of bananas	£0.85	
500 g spaghetti	£0.85	
Loaf of bread	£1.00	
1 litre bottle of water	£0.60	
1 kg easy cook long grain rice	£1.10	
Unbranded 2 litre bottle of cola	£0.60	
2 pint (1.13 litre) bottle of milk	£0.75	
1 kg pasta	£1.20	
TRAVEL		
Bus to city centre	£4.00	
Train to London (advance puchase)	£9.50	
Coach to London (advance purchase)	£5.00	
STUDY		
Textbook	£30.00+	
Black and white photocopying, per page	£0.06	
Paperback novel	£10.00	
MISC		
Laundry (wash and dry)	£5.10	
Cinema (with student card)	£8.75	
UK mobile phone SIM card	£5.00	
Travel adapter plug	£2.00	



"I WAS PLANNING TO GET TO KNOW ENGLAND, BUT I MET THE WHOLE WORLD AT UEA."

Carolina from Brazil



# **FACILITIES**

# **UEA LIBRARY**

UEA Library contains over 800,000 books and journals and is open to students 24/7, all year round. It provides a range of working environments, from silent study areas and individual study rooms, to group study rooms and a 24-hour IT area. There are 1,470+ workspaces and 370+ computers and the Library Helpdesk and IT Service Desk are open seven days a week.

# UNION OF UEA STUDENTS: UEA SU

uea|su is run by elected Student Officers and aims to help you get the most out of your time at UEA. Providing commercial services, personal development and support, uea|su is integral to the lives of the 15,000 students on campus. From running the on-campus bars, events, and campaigns, uealsu represents all University students. uealsu also supports 60 Sports Clubs and 160 Societies in areas such as Academic. Cultural, Games and Hobbies, Personal Development, and Media – there is something for everyone! uea|su also runs buddy|su, a scheme to help new students settle into life at UEA and in Norwich by matching current UEA students with visiting students according to their needs, circumstances, and interests. uealsu also runs the advice|su which can help with a range of enquiries, from health and wellbeing to house-hunting.

# **SPORTSPARK**

UEA's Sportspark is the biggest indoor university sports centre in Britain and has international standard facilities. There is an Olympic sized pool, 12 badminton courts, an 8-lane athletics

track, six floodlit hockey and soccer pitches, as well as a state-of-the-art gym. Add to that an indoor climbing wall, 5 squash courts, a newly-equipped gymnastics centre, 6 tennis courts and 40 acres of playing fields, and you can see why the Sportspark is a one-stop sporting destination. Affordable memberships are available for all students.

# **CAREERCENTRAL**

Finding the right career path can be tricky, which is why UEA provides a team of professionally-trained careers advisers for all students, whether it is discussing your options, presenting yourself to employers, or practising mock interviews. Practical information regarding employability, internships and volunteering can be obtained through meetings or via online resources available to all our students.

Students can participate in workshops, events, and the UEA Mentoring Programme. There is also new business support for student entrepreneurs on campus, at Britain's greenest and one of the most sustainable buildings in Europe, The Enterprise Centre.

# **ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE**

The University offers many benefits and services to alumni, including Study Abroad and Exchange alumni, such as international events and reunions in many locations worldwide. Each year the end of September is the UEA Global Gathering, where UEA alumni around the world organise events to get together to celebrate the University's anniversary.



# **FACILITIES**

Thinking about returning to UEA after your Study Abroad or Exchange experience? UEA offers a Study Abroad Alumni Scholarship of £1000<sup>5</sup>, which applies toward tuition for any single-degree programme and will be awarded to any successful overseas fee-paying applicants who have previously completed a period of Study Abroad or Exchange at UEA. Please note this applies only to overseas students, towards the international fee rate.

# **MULTIFAITH CENTRE**

The University Multifaith Centre offers prayer facilities and a safe place for quiet reflection to all, irrespective of belief. You can speak to chaplains and faith advisers representing most world faiths. It also acts as a community centre, offering a safe, respectful environment where everyone is offered a sympathetic ear.

# MEDICAL CENTRE

As well as General Practitioners (GP) services, the UEA Medical Services (UMS) hosts a range of specialist clinics and a travel health centre. There is also a dental practice and pharmacy located in the Medical Centre. It is essential for students have suitable medical insurance before arrival at UEA. Please read the Important Information about Health Insurance on page 24.

# **BANK**

There is an on-campus branch of Barclays Bank, and the Post Office in The Shop is an agency for the Co-operative Bank, Lloyds, TSB, Barclays, Cahoot, and Smile Internet Bank.



# **WATERSTONES BOOKSHOP**

For all your required reading lists the two-storey Waterstones Bookshop on campus can provide dedicated texts. They also stock a big selection of UEA authors from our internationally-renowned MA in Creative Writing.

# **FOOD AND DRINK**

There are several eateries on campus. All aim to provide food that is fresh, locally sourced and made from Fairtrade ingredients wherever possible. Alongside Blend, Zest, Vista, Café 57, Ziggy's, Sainsbury Centre Modern Life Café, and East End Coffee Bar there are also three bars run by uea|su. The "red" and "blue" bars host regular student run events. Scholars is a café bar with a more relaxed feel, designed by postgraduate students, but open to all.

# THE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Run by uea|su, The Shop is located in the centre of campus. It has long opening hours, and turns into a night-hatch after the main shop closes. Here students can buy a wide range of international foods, drinks and toiletries. The Shop also houses the Post Office where you can transfer money worldwide through MoneyGram and get on-the-spot currency exchange and travellers cheques.

# **NICK RAYNS LCR VENUE**

At the Nick Rayns LCR, alongside over 60 gigs a year, you can also enjoy weekly club nights, balls, and fashion shows. Off campus, there is another uea|su run music venue, The Waterfront, one of Norwich's best-loved nightclubs and alternative music venues.

## **LAUNDRETTE**

There are two 24-hour laundrettes. One at the centre of campus and another next to the University Medical Centre. A smaller laundrette can also be found at the University Village.

"UEA STUDENTS' UNION REALLY MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED; STUDENTS HAVE A MEANINGFUL VOICE AND UEA SU PROMOTES TO STUDENTS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME."

Joel from Australia

# **INTERNET ACCESS**

WiFi is available across UEA, including in UEA accommodation. All UEA students can connect to eduroam, a secure, world-wide roaming service developed for the education community. Visitors to campus can also connect to The Cloud, which is free to use and simple to access.

# **TRANSPORT**

UEA has fantastic public transport links and a bicycle repair co-operative on campus. UEA works closely with First Bus, with two routes (25/26) running regularly throught the day from campus through the city centre to the train station. There is also a night-bus service to get you back safely to campus after a night out.

UEA students receive a 65% discount on a bus pass, either for one-semester, or the full academic year. All students can also participate in the 16-25 (plus mature students) Railcard (www.16-25railcard.co.uk) for reduced prices on train travel. If you prefer to cycle visit Dr Bike on campus to purchase a bike at an affordable price, and have a free cycle health and safety check.

To travel further afield there are coach services departing from UEA. Both National Express and the Megabus pick up directly from UEA. National Express provides services to London and all major airports, and the Megabus operates travel to London, Cambridge, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, and on to continental Europe, from as little as £1 one-way.

# SAINSBURY CENTRE FOR VISUAL ARTS (SCVA)

See outstanding art from around the world at the inspirational Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts. Designed by Norman Foster this unique building contains the renowned Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection. The Centre's critically acclaimed temporary exhibitions are free of charge to visit. The building appears as a location in Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron. Learn more: www.scva.ac.uk

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AT UEA

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# SUPPORTING YOU

## **UEA STUDY ABROAD**

We are here to support you from your initial interest and after you have finished your Study Abroad or Exchange programme at UEA. We organise events throughout the year for incoming students, and love to continue to hear from you after your programme has finished. Contact us at <a href="mailto:studyabroad@uea.ac.uk">studyabroad@uea.ac.uk</a> or read the blog for other incoming students' perspectives on UEA. <a href="https://www.brilliantaborad.wordpress.com">www.brilliantaborad.wordpress.com</a>

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Support Services (SSS) offer a range of professional and approachable services for students. Here are the services they provide.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORY TEAM (ISAT)

ISAT is a team dedicated to supporting and enhancing the experiences of all international students studying at UEA. International Advisors are available for one-to-one appointments to help in areas of: personal or welfare advice, general advice about living in the UK, and visa and immigration advice. Whilst at UEA you can participate in the Student Success Programme which provides help with personal development, making the most of your experience at university, and connects you to services on and off campus. ISAT also offers:

- The Language Support Buddy Programme, which provides a unique opportunity for you to be matched with a native English-speaking student who can help you develop your nonacademic English, in friendly and informal one-to-one weekly meetings.
- UEA Friends helps you meet other students, settle into UEA and adjust to living in the UK. This popular programme matches you, and up to five new international students with 1 or 2

- current UEA students, who will be happy to answer any questions you have.
- The weekly Conversation Club provides an opportunity to practise everyday English in a welcoming group setting. These informal sessions are led by Student Coordinators who introduce new topics and themes for discussion each week. From celebrations and festivals to BBQ nights and movies, it is a great way to meet others and make friends while practising your English.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Our International Student Ambassadors are available to talk to you about what it is like to study at UEA and live in Norwich from the perspective of someone from your own country.

Find your Ambassador at: www.uea.ac.uk/study/international/country/student-ambassadors

# **STUDY SKILLS**

The Learning Enhancement Team offers a range of ways to help you study more effectively and improve your work. From free advice with tutors, guidance appointments, or workshop tutorials in subjects such as study skills, mathematics and statistics, academic writing, and use of English. Support is available for all international students, for both native English speakers, and for those where English is an additional language. The Learning Enhancement Team also offers an English Language Support Programme (ELSP), which is free and open to all students for whom English is not their first language. Classes include reading academic texts, academic writing, speaking in academic situations, pronunciation, and listening.

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## **DISABILITY SERVICE**

The Disability Team assists students so they are able to realise their potential, participate fully in university life and be well prepared for their future. Services are available to all students who have a condition that has a 'substantial adverse effect on the conduct of daily life' ('disability' as defined by the Equality Act 2010). In the University context this includes reading, writing, attending lectures, taking exams, making notes, working in groups and giving presentations.

## **FINANCE**

For financial information and advice, the SSS can put you in contact with a financial adviser for help with budgeting and money management. In times of unexpected financial crisis or emergency, EU and international students can access the non-repayable discretionary UEA Hardship Fund so they can concentrate on their studies and remain in higher education. Students are expected to ensure they have sufficient funds before applying to UEA.

# STUDENT CONDUCT

In all instances of student misconduct, students should seek advice, help and support from the Student Support Service as soon as possible. Make an appointment to see a specialist Advisor to discuss the matter causing you concern and the options that are open to you.

# GENERAL ADVICE SERVICE

General Advisers offer a confidential and non-judgemental service where you can discuss anything that is impacting on your ability to be the most successful student you can be. Both male and female Advisers are available; they are able to signpost, refer, advise or just discuss your concerns. General Advisers work closely with other services within the SSS and liaise with other University departments, including the Learning and Teaching Service (LTS).

# **LIVING ON & OFF CAMPUS**

Whether you are living in University accommodation, or off-campus, the SSS is able to help and support you. If you are having a problem with your flat or housemates, they can help. The SSS is responsible for the welfare and good order of students in UEA residences.

# COUNSELLING AND MENTAL HEALTH

UEA has a team of Counsellors and Mental Health Advisors who can offer support if you are experiencing psychological and emotional distress. The Wellbeing Team offers resources for self-help, and workshops and groups from Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to Mindfulness.

# **LEARNING AND TEACHING HUBS**

There are three Learning and Teaching Hubs available to students. Each will provide support for a range of courses offered by a group of schools. Services include induction programmes, student handbooks, allocation of academic advisers, and coursework submission, along with advice on University regulations, policies and procedures. All Hub services are available faceto-face and online.





# **HOW TO APPLY**

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- For Autumn semester and full academic year: 1 June 2018
- For Spring semester:
   31 October 2018

# **NOMINATIONS**

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- All exchange students need to be nominated directly to us by their home university (one of our partner universities).
- All fee-paying (not from an exchange partner) students require an academic reference from their home university.

# **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- All applicants are expected to have attained a 3.0 US GPA or equivalent.
- Non-native English speakers need an IELTS score of 6.5, or an equivalent score on an approved English test.

For further information please see our website: www.uea.ac.uk/study/admissions-info/english-language-equivalencies

# **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Visit www.uea.ac.uk/study/study-abroad/incoming/application for our online application form. As part of the online application, please provide:

- An official version of your latest academic transcripts.
- A copy of the photograph page of your valid passport.
- If you are a non-native English speaker, please provide proof of your English language level.
- If you are applying directly as a fee-paying Study Abroad student, please provide an academic recommendation.

# **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Contact us if you have any questions regarding your application. studyabroad@uea.ac.uk

+44 (0) 1603 59 1871

# APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION OFF-CAMPUS

If you are looking to live in privately rented accommodation through Home Run, please visit: www.homerunstudentpad.co.uk/Pages/Homelet

# APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION ON-CAMPUS

To apply for UEA on-campus accommodation, or for Homestay please visit: portal.uea.ac.uk/accommodation/visiting-students

Study Abroad and Exchange students starting courses in September looking to apply for oncampus accommodation should apply in May/June, as most offers will be sent out in July. Applications for the spring semester should be submitted in November.

In all cases, accommodation applications must wait until your Study Abroad application has been successfully approved.





# APPLICATION PROCESS



## NOMINATION

After receiving your nomination, we send you an email inviting you to complete our online application.

## **APPLICATION**

You complete our online application and submit. We review it and let you know if anything else is required. Once we have approved it, you will receive an offer by email, which you can accept by clicking on a link in the offer email.

# **ACCOMMODATION**

You can only apply for accommodation once you have accepted our offer. For information about accommodation, please see page 14.

# **VISA AND CAS**

If you require a visa to study in the UK, you will need to apply for one once you have accepted our offer formally.

If you are choosing a Tier 4 Student Visa, we can issue your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) no sooner than three months before you arrive

If you are choosing a Short Term Study Visa, please keep in mind that this cannot cover a study period longer than 6 months, so ensure yours does not begin more than 6 months before the end of your stay.

For any queries regarding visas, our International Student Advisory Team is on hand to help at: isat@uea.ac.uk.

# **PRE-REGISTRATION**

One month before the beginning of classes you will be able to pre-register online. Once you have done so, you will be able to access our internal websites, including your timetable and allocated modules.

# **ARRIVALS AND REGISTRATION**

If you are not able to arrive on one of the arrivals days, please let us know. Please be prepared to show any documents used in your application or to enter the country. You will be given your room key if you are staying on-campus.

# **ORIENTATION AND WELCOME EVENTS**

There will be a series of welcome events on the days between your arrival and the first day of classes, and as well the first week of classes, including a Study Abroad welcome event. A programme will be made available to you closer to the time of your arrival.

# **BRILLIANT**

# **IMPORTANT** INFORMATION

# **AUTUMN SEMESTER 2018 DATES**

- Application Deadline: 1 June 2018
- Arrival & Orientation: 19 21 September 2018 (TBC)
- Teaching Dates: 24 September 14 December 2018
- Christmas Break: 15 December 2018 13 January 2019

# **SPRING SEMESTER 2019 DATES**

- Application Deadline: 31 October 2018
- Arrival & Orientation: 9 11 January 2019 (TBC)
- Teaching Dates: 14 January 17 May 2019
- Easter Break: 30 March 28 April 2019
- Exam Period: 20 May 14 June 2019

The UEA autumn semester has a duration of 12 weeks.

Students attending the spring semester must be prepared to stay at UEA during the exam period unless on modules assessed by coursework only.

# **EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

If your institution has an exchange agreement with the University of East Anglia you may be eligible to study at UEA as an exchange student for a semester or a full year. Exchange students must be nominated to study at UEA by their home university. Once you have been nominated, you will receive further instructions on how to apply to UEA as an exchange student.

You will be paying tuition fees at your home university only and are responsible for any other costs associated with your exchange, such as accommodation, living expenses and travel. To explore the option of visiting as an exchange student, please contact your home university's Study Abroad Office.

# **FEE-PAYING STUDENTS**

If your university is not currently a partner institution of UÉA you will have the option to study at UEA as a fee-paying student for one semester or for a full year. For information about tuition fees please read www.uea.ac.uk/study/ study-abroad/incoming/finances

It is vital that you talk with the Study Abroad Office at your home university about applying to study abroad and the transfer of credits, whether you apply as an exchange student or a fee-paying study abroad student. The Study Abroad Office at UEA will provide you with support throughout the entire process.

# HEALTH **INSURANCE**

Before arrival at UEA you must have the appropriate health insurance for the entire duration of your placement. You should also purchase appropriate travel insurance.

# **ERASMUS STUDENTS**

If you are coming from an EEA country, you need to have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before you come to the UK. This will show you are eligible for free doctor (commonly referred to as a GP or General Practitioner) and hospital treatment. Your EHIC will cover you for treatment that becomes necessary during your Study Abroad or Exchange, until you return to your home country. It also covers you for the treatment of pre-existing medical conditions. The EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. It will not cover any private medical healthcare, being flown back home, or lost or stolen property. Therefore, it is important to have both an EHIC and a valid private travel insurance

# **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (NON-EEA)**

If you are staying for less than six months you must bring private healthcare insurance that covers your stay in the UK, before travelling to the UK. If you are staying for a full year you are covered by the NHS as you are required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) when applying for your Tier 4 Student Visa. All students will be expected to pay for prescriptions, dental treatment, and optical exams and spectacles. Hospitals may charge for non-urgent and / or longstanding medical problems, and because of this and the existence of long waiting lists on the NHS you may choose to take out private health insurance.

# **ALL STUDENTS**

Services provided by dentists will be chargeable, but will be less expensive if you register with an NHS dentist. There is an NHS dentist on campus in the University Medical Centre, and other NHS dentists in the city centre. You do not need to go to your doctor first if you need to see the dentist. If you have an ongoing medical condition that will require regular care and / or medications from a doctor in the UK, bring with you a printed summary of your medical record from your current doctor and give it to the medical practice when you register with them.

# **SUMMER STUDY**

Not able to join us for a year or semester, but still want a taste of studying in the UK? Join our International Summer School instead! We offer a four-week international academic experience with more than 40 contact hours, and the opportunity to gain 20 UK undergraduate credits which can be transferred to your home institution.

Study diverse modules, with in depth class discussions and varied teaching styles, and at the same time get the opportunity to experience life on-campus, living in halls of residence as a registered student.

# WHEN?

30 June - 28 July 2018

For full details regarding fees and scholarships available for the International Summer School 2018, see our website:

www.uea.ac.uk/study/international/ international-summer-school/fees-and-discounts

Discounts are available to all students attending the programme from one of our partner institutions, and we may be able to offer places on a group or exchange basis.

# **OUR 2018 FEES ARE INCLUSIVE OF**

- Return airport transfer from London Heathrow to UEA campus.
- Four weeks' on-campus private en suite accommodation.
- Induction and orientation programme.
- Social activities.
- Finale programme. Tuition, academic fieldtrips, transcript and certificate of attendance.

# **HOW TO APPLY FOR SUMMER STUDY**

Visit our website for guidance notes and a link to our online application form:

www.uea.ac.uk/summerstudyabroad/apply

We welcome applications from students of all backgrounds. To ensure all students benefit from summer study, we require supporting documentation:

- · Academic transcripts with a minimum academic level of a high UK 2.2, equal to a US GPA of 3.0 or equivalent.
- Proof of English Language proficiency with a minimum English skill level of IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent) with a 6.0 in each component, where English is not the first language.
- Photograph page of passport or ID card to show students are aged 17 or over.

We will respond to all submitted applications within 2 weeks of online submission. We may need to request further supporting documentation before we can advise the outcome of applications.

Find out more:

Web: www.uea.ac.uk/summerstudyabroad Facebook: Facebook.com/ueaissofficial Instagram @uea.iss Twitter @uea\_iss



# STUDY IN THE UK

# WORLDWIDE REPUTATION OF UK EDUCATION

The UK is home to a diverse historical, political, academic, literary and cultural heritage, with an excellent international reputation for first-rate education, recognised to a world-class standard. Having an English educational establishment on your CV (résumé) could make all the difference when applying for your dream job.

# **HISTORY & HERITAGE**

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In the British Isles we are never far away from history. For a (relatively) small set of islands, Britain packs an historical punch with stately homes, castles, historic monuments, well-preserved ancient ruins and famous battlegrounds.

Take a walk in The Queen's footsteps by visiting one of her many Royal residences such as The Sandringham Estate, get to know your inner Druid at Stonehenge, or take in a play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London, or in one of the many theatres in his birthplace of Stratford Upon Avon.

# **LONDON & OTHER CITIES**

Our vibrant capital city often tops polls as one of the best places to shop in Europe, as well as being home to some of the best museums and galleries in the world – most of which are completely free so there's always something new to delight and surprise you, from a new pop-up restaurant to a clandestine cinema club. There is truly something for everyone to discover in London.

to enter. London is a constantly evolving city,

Cardiff, Edinburgh, and Dublin - the capital cities of our nearest neighbouring countries - are each easy to access by public transport and there you can experience a window into their own distinct histories.

# **GREEN COUNTRYSIDE**

Outside of London, from the rugged, mountainous landscape of Yorkshire with its quaint stone cottages, the wide blue skies and sandy beaches of Norfolk, to the Instagram worthy grandeur of Oxford, travel within the UK provides a unique British experience. The Peak District and Lake District National Parks offer breath-taking views and fantastic opportunities for cycling, walking and wildlife watching. Countryside and metropolitan areas sit in close proximity, with the rich history of the British Isles is never far away.

Get inspired and start planning your own adventures: www.visitbritain.com





## **GATEWAY TO EUROPE**

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page" so said Saint Augustine.

In the UK, we are lucky to count many wonderful and diverse European countries as our neighbours, so if you choose to study in the UK there are dozens of different destinations, languages and cultures just waiting to be explored.

In the UK public transport is comprehensive and includes large rail networks, airports and regular bus, coach, and ferry services, making travel within the British Isles very accessible and practical. Travel within the UK is also often substantially subsidised for students on full-time university courses, meaning that trips become much more affordable too.

For those curious to roam further afield, the UK has numerous international airports, low cost airlines (such as Ryanair, and EasyJet), ferries, and the channel tunnel providing easy and inexpensive international travel. Most flights within Europe average around 2.5 hours' flying time, and from London the Eurostar to Paris is less than 2 hours, so from the UK, the rest of the world is at your disposal.

Find out more: www.visiteurope.com



# BE PART OF OUR MULTICULTURAL NATION

We pride ourselves on being a thriving and tolerant multicultural society, with many ethnicities, religions, and traditions represented.

The UK welcomes a significant number of international visitors every year, so it's a great place to experience a melting pot of diverse languages, cultures and nationalities. Hear other languages spoken, and eat an array of international foods. Take the opportunity to challenge your perceptions of your own culture from the outside.

# **DEVELOP YOUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS**

For those for whom English is a second, or even third language, studying in the UK provides a unique opportunity to experience England and the English language by immersion in British culture. If English is already your mother tongue, it will be interesting to experience similarities and differences between various English varieties!

# **FRIENDLY PEOPLE**

Throughout history, and right up to the present day, the UK has welcomed people of all nationalities, faiths and cultures. Not only will studying in the UK give you the chance to meet British people, but it will also allow you to foster friendships with people from across the globe. Our students tell us that it's one of the best parts of studying with us!

# FOSTER YOUR CREATIVE SIDE

The creative industries are well respected in the UK, and have spawned the iconic global talents of J.K. Rowling and The Beatles to name but a couple.

If film and theatre are up your street, you can catch West End productions, see your favourite Hollywood stars on the red carpet at Leicester Square film premieres, or tour many movie studios including where the magic of Harry Potter and the intergalactic Star Wars franchises have come to life.

There are countless live music venues up and down the UK, with an energetic and supportive music scene. In the summer months, there are also dozens of music festivals, such as Glastonbury, Latitude, and Reading and Leeds.

# YOU MAY BE ABLE TO WORK WHILE YOU STUDY

Find out more from UK Visas and Immigration www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration and The UK Council for International Student Affairs www.ukcisa.org.uk



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