WHY YOU SHOULD SHAPE YOUR FUTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX
5 reasons to choose the University of Essex

1. Ideal location
You'll be living in the beautiful county of Essex, which has over 550 kilometres of coastline to explore, as well as fascinating historic towns and charming English countryside. The University of Essex’s main campus is in Colchester, the oldest recorded town in England, but there is more to do than simply discover its Roman ruins. With many shops and restaurants to enjoy, you'll find lots to do here, but if you want to visit London, it's less than 1 hour away by train.

2. Diverse student community
With an incredible 140+ nationalities on campus, the University of Essex is an exciting place to live and study. You'll meet people from around the world, share stories about your cultures, learn new things, and come to understand different perspectives. Whether you’re in class or at a social gathering, you'll learn so much from being immersed in a diverse community, which treats everybody with respect and is open to new ways of thinking.

3. Beautiful campus
Set in 200 acres of beautiful parkland, the University of Essex’s Colchester campus offers you everything you need. The campus squares are always buzzing with life, and you can enjoy the shops, street market, restaurants, bars, theatre, cinema, hairdressers, gym and nightclub!

4. Fun student life
You can choose from 165+ sports clubs and societies to join at the University of Essex, so you’re sure to find one to suit you. You'll also enjoy the convenience of living on campus in the University's residence halls — you'll get to spend more time with your friends, and it will be easy to get to class.

5. Quality education
The University of Essex’s Gold rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) means you'll enjoy some of the best teaching, learning environments and student outcomes in the UK. Studying at the University of Essex will help you become a critical thinker and prepare you for life after graduation.

“The people here are so kind and it was easy to make friends! I always hang out with my friends in Colchester, which is so nice — it’s like a little town, not like London, but when you’re with your friends, it doesn’t matter where you are!”

Carla from Peru, studying Robotic Engineering at the University of Essex
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