

Brooklyn College - University of Sussex (Brighton, England) Exchange Program

The Brooklyn College exchange program with the University of Sussex is open to all Brooklyn College undergraduates with at least 45 completed credits. Participants may study coursework that will apply to their major, minor, or elective requirements, though preference is given to students who have a major or minor in English. Participants will have the unique opportunity to study for a semester or year in England while paying CUNY tuition, travel, and onsite living costs. Brighton is a beautiful coastal city an hour train ride away from London. Students not accepted as part of the BC-Sussex exchange may enroll directly with The University of Sussex paying the host institution tuition rate.

A. Eligibility

- 3.0 minimum GPA
- 45 college credits
- Clear academic and disciplinary record
- Open to all CUNY students with preference given to students from Brooklyn College
- English majors are especially encouraged to apply

B. Choosing Your Coursework at the University of Sussex

- As a visiting and exchange student at Sussex, you may choose from more than 1,000 modules (what courses are called in the UK system) offered by the University. Modules are available in Anthropology, Astronomy, Business, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering, English, History, International Relations, Law, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Media and Film Studies, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, and many other fields. Visit <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/modules/modules> for a full list of course offerings.
 - **Students applying for the Fall (autumn) term** should only consider modules listed as ‘autumn teaching’.
 - **Students applying for the Spring/Summer** should only consider modules listed as ‘spring teaching’.
 - **Students applying for the full year** are free to select any modules. Please note that modules listed as “autumn & spring are full year length courses (not semester-long courses).

*All module choices are subject to any pre-requisites that may apply.

C. Academic Credit for Study Abroad

Students receive credit and grades for the courses taken at University of Sussex. As part of your study abroad post-acceptance requirements, you will need to complete a signed Study Abroad Course Equivalency Form. This helps guarantee that the coursework for which you register abroad will apply to the coursework you need at Brooklyn College. (Changes can be made to the Course Equivalency form once you arrive on site if you find other classes of interest).

D. University of Sussex's Academic Calendar 2016-17

Fall 2016

- Arrival/Move-in: September 10th-12th, 2016
- Freshers' Induction: September 12th, 2016
- Teaching Induction: September 15th, 2016
- First Day of Classes: September 19th, 2016
- Last Day of Classes: December 9th, 2016
- Christmas Vacation: December 10th, 2016 through January 2nd, 2017
- Private Study Period: January 3rd-4th, 2017
- Final Exams: January 5th-20th, 2017
- Winter Break: January 21st-29th, 2017

Spring/Summer 2017

- First Day of Classes: January 30th, 2017
- Easter/Spring Vacation: April 8th-23rd, 2017
- Last Day of Classes: May 5th, 2017
- Private Study Period: May 8th-10th, 2017
- Final Exams: May 11th through June 9th, 2017

***Teaching Induction:** A general introduction to the school and subjects and will not apply to all students.

***Freshers' Induction:** Introductory sessions to just about everything you need to know about studying at the university and living in Brighton.

***Spring/Summer Terms:** Spring/Summer terms are combined. Teaching takes place in the spring term and the assessment period is in the summer term.

E. Housing Information

Students have multiple housing options both on campus and in Brighton & Hove. Residential advisors are provided for university housing and will be your housing information resource throughout your stay. Sussex has a policy of interspersing local and foreign students together in the same housing, so you will be living with British as well as other foreign students. For a breakdown of the differences between on campus housing and off campus housing, review these descriptions:

- Off-Campus: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/residentialservices/residences/offcampus>
- On-Campus: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/residentialservices/residences/onclick>
 - On-campus housing is guaranteed for students planning to study at the university for a full academic year if they apply for housing by August 1st.
 - Fall semester students should apply for on-campus housing by August 1st, although housing assignment is not guaranteed.

- On-campus housing for spring semester students may be available from a waiting list. Students may choose from available off-campus housing options as an alternate.
- To view housing options, check out University of Sussex's housing video tour: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/residentialservices/residences/housingtour>

F. Approximate Costs Per Semester For the 2016/2017 Academic Year

The University of Sussex reports that the average student should budget between 495 British pounds (724 US Dollars) to 840 British Pounds (1,228 US Dollars) a month for accommodation and other living expenses. Keep in mind variations in personal lifestyle and spending preferences.

	Estimated Monthly Costs in British Pounds	Estimated Semester Costs in British Pounds	Estimated Semester Costs in USD
Rent (1. Range of campus costs 2. Private Housing Costs)	1. £264-£592 2. £288-£432	1. £1056-£2368 2. £1152-£1728	1. \$1,543-\$3,461 2. \$1,751-\$2,627
Mobile Phone	£24	£96	\$140
Food, Laundry, Household Amenities	£140-£200	£560-£600	\$818-\$877
Local Travel	£40	£160	\$234
CUNY Required CISI Insurance (\$42.58 per month)			\$200
Books & Other Utensils	£24-£40	£96-£160	\$140-\$234
Clothing	£24-£40	£96-£160	\$140-\$234
Socializing/Free Time	£60-£160	£240-£640	\$351-\$935
Roundtrip Airfare		£788	\$1,200
***Estimated Semester Cost		£4,244-£6,700	\$6,523-\$10,142

***** In addition, students will pay CUNY tuition and fees**

Dollar estimate based on the University of Sussex published costs in pounds multiplied by currency exchange of one British pound is equal to \$1.45 (1/6/16). Students should be sure to check online regarding the most current exchange rate for the most accurate information.

- We suggest that students visit <http://www.oanda.com/> for up-to-date currency conversion rates. Once on the site, click on *currency converter*, which can be located at the top of the page.
 - The first section allows you to view the currency exchange rate between two countries. Select US Dollar under *Currency I Have* and British Pound under *Currency I Want*.
 - The second section will then generate the selling rate of the US Dollar. As of 01/10/2016:
-Selling 1.00000 **USD** you get 0.68858 **GBP**

** There are plenty of resources online for referencing cost of living and student expenses in The UK. For example, the [student calculator](#) is a good place to gain insight about the costs of living and studying in England: <http://international.studentcalculator.org/>

G. Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Most scholarships and financial aid that a student receives for semester study at Brooklyn College can be applied on semester abroad exchange programs. Students should consult the financial aid office about specifics on how their financial aid applies. Refer to the following links for more information on available scholarships.
 - Scholarship Information on the IEGE Website:
<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/international/scholarships.php>
 - Brooklyn College's Scholarship Office:
<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/administration/enrollment/financial/scholarships.php>.

H. Application Process

There are two parts to the application process. One application is submitted to Brooklyn College and, upon acceptance, a second one for the University of Sussex.

- 1. Submit to IEGE via the Online Brooklyn College Study Abroad Application/Notification of Study Abroad Plans:
<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/international/StudyAbroadApplication.php>
 - IEGE Application Deadline:
 - Due to limited spaces, interested students should submit their applications as early as possible.
 - Application must be submitted to IEGE no later than April 1st for the fall semester and October 1st for the spring semester.
- 2. After initial acceptance by IEGE, students will download and complete a second [application](#) to the University of Sussex.
 - University of Sussex Application Deadline:
 - Fall term: No later than May 1st
 - Spring term: No later than October 30th

I. Visa

- Students planning to study for less than six months will need a Short-term Study Visa (STSV). Students can obtain their STSV free of charge upon arrival at the airport in England. However, there is a charge for students who wish to apply for the visa in advance.
 - Students who are U.S. Nationals do not need to complete an application in advance.
 - Students who are non-U.S. Nationals may need to complete an application in advance. Please check the UK Immigration website for further information.
 - If applying for the STSV upon arrival in the UK, students MUST show their official Sussex acceptance letter, passport, and proof of sufficient funds for the full semester in England.
 - Students planning to study for a full year and/or do an internship or volunteer during their semester abroad will need to apply for a Tier 4 visa prior to their departure from the U.S.

*Any student coming for autumn only and thinking they may wish to extend to full year study once they are in the UK, they are advised to apply for a Tier 4 as it is not possible to extend a Short Term Study Visa in the UK.

*Visit <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas> for more information on the Short-term Study Visa and Tier 4 Visas.

J. Health Insurance

Students are required to purchase UK health insurance (by the host institution) and also CISI Health/Travel Insurance through CUNY for their entire time abroad. The insurances cover somewhat different aspects of your study/travel program and together provide powerful coverage while you are abroad. In order to obtain the special CUNY rate, students must use the link to the application and sponsor code provided on the information sheet:

http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/aca_international/CISI_Insurance_-_IEGE_Flyer.pdf

K. Applications, Forms & Additional Information

• Brooklyn College

- Brooklyn College Forms: All forms are available on the Applications and Forms page of the IEGE website: <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/international/forms.php>
- International Education & Global Engagement: 1108 Boylan Hall; 718-951-5189; iege@brooklyn.cuny.edu
- Office of Scholarships: 213 West Quad Center; 718.951.4796; scholarship@brooklyn.cuny.edu
- International Student Services: 235 West Quad Center; 718.951.4477; <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/offices/iss>

• University of Sussex

- Study Abroad Guide: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide>
- Online Application: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/applying>
- Modules (Academic Offerings)
 - Full list: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/module>
 - English: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/modules/modules/215>
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