

Consumer Disclosures for students in receipt of Federal Student Aid (2020/2021)

If you require this information in an alternative format (e.g. large print) please contact <u>international@chi.ac.uk</u>.

The U.S. government requires us to disclose the following consumer information:

Institutional and Financial Assistance Information for Students

- Once a year the University of Chichester contacts all registered U.S. citizen students that the University is a participating Title IV school and we process the Direct Loan Program (Stafford and Plus loans).
- In order to apply for Direct Loans students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and follow the application guidelines on our <u>website</u>.

Contact information

General contact details:

University of Chichester, Bishop Otter Campus, College Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 6PE. <u>help@chi.ac.uk</u> or +44 (0) 1243 816222

University of Chichester, Bognor Regis Campus, Upper Bognor Road, West Sussex, PO21 1HR <u>help@chi.ac.uk</u> or +44 (0) 1243 816222

Location and contact details on our website

Admissions:

Admissions team, University of Chichester, College Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 6PE. <u>admissions@chi.ac.uk</u> or +44 (0) 1243 816222

Our admissions Policy is available online.

Federal Student Aid (Direct Loans) team:

Päivi Leivo and Jane Smith, International Student Advisory Service (ISAS)

Bognor Regis Campus, Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis, PO20 1HR, UK, <u>international@chi.ac.uk</u>, + 44 (0) 1243 812146

International Student Advisory Service, November 2020.

Our Financial Aid information is available here.

Student Financial Aid Information

- For information about all need based and non-need based federal, local, private and institutional student financial assistance available to students at the University please see our <u>Fees & Finance</u> webpage.
- Information on Federal Aid and US-based private loans is displayed on our <u>Financial Aid</u> webpage.

Code of conduct for education loans

In order to prohibit a conflict of interest with the responsibilities of an agent with respect to private education loans, all staff at the University of Chichester with responsibility for Federal and Private education loans from the U.S. are prohibited from:

- revenue-sharing arrangements with any lender
- receiving gifts from a lender, a guarantor, or a loan servicer
- contracting arrangements providing financial benefit from any lender or affiliate of a lender
- directing borrowers to particular lenders or refusing or delaying loan certifications
- offers of funds for private loans
- call centre or financial aid office staffing assistance
- advisory board compensation.

Facilities and Services available to students with disabilities

Information about the facilities and services available to students with disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, is available from the <u>Disability</u> and <u>Dyslexia Service</u>

Price of attendance

- <u>Tuition fees</u>
- https://www.chi.ac.uk/study-us/fees-finance
- <u>Accommodation fees</u>

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https://www.chi.ac.uk/study-us-0/accommodation

• Cost of attendance for Financial Aid application

https://www.chi.ac.uk/international/fees-and-finance/federal-studentaid-us-applicants-0

Occasionally, there may be additional costs for your course; if so, this will be outlined to you by your department. Additionally our <u>student contract</u> outlines some of the additional costs you may need to be prepared for.

Refund Policy, requirements for withdrawal and Return of Title IV Funds

Refund Policies

- <u>University's tuition fee policy</u>
 <u>https://www.chi.ac.uk/study-us/fees-finance/tuition-fees</u>
- Refund of Title IV Funds Policy

You can find our 'Refund of Title IV' Policy under 'Important Information' on our Financial Aid webpage

https://www.chi.ac.uk/international/fees-and-finance/federal-studentaid-us-applicants-0

Please contact <u>international@chi.ac.uk</u> if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Programmes ineligible for Federal Student Aid

We are unable to offer federal loans to students on certain ineligible courses. Ineligible courses include courses which are less than half-time, are not degree-bearing and courses with online or distance learning elements.

You are also not able to study on non-degree programmes e.g. CertHE or take part in a study abroad programme unless it is with a Title IV eligible institutions (see study abroad information below).

Please note that students are not eligible for Direct loan funds if their study includes periods of study or research in the U.S.A.

If you are a PhD student planning to spend your writing up period in the U.S.A. in order to conduct specific U.S. related research, please speak to the ISAS regarding the regulations and restrictions. See more information on this on our Financial Aid website under "Ineligible courses" section

Study Abroad and Exchange

Most University of Chichester students studying at undergraduate level have the option of adding a voluntary study abroad/exchange component to their studies. You can find out about study abroad and exchange opportunities on our website. <u>https://www.chi.ac.uk/international/study-abroad-exchange</u> or email <u>exchange@chi.ac.uk</u>.

Students in receipt of Federal Aid need to consider the following points:

- The host institution abroad must be a Title IV eligible institution. You can request a list of eligible institutions from the Financial Aid team.
- Study abroad/exchange that takes place in the United States is prohibited.

If you are taking part in a programme which involves study abroad or exchange, please email the Finance Aid team at <u>international@chi.ac.uk</u> as this may affect your eligibility for US federal loans. You can request a list of Title IV eligible institutions from the Financial Aid team (international@chi.ac.uk)

Academic programme information

Our current degree programmes and departments are listed on our website under <u>Subject Areas</u>. For information on recognised UK degrees please visit the <u>UK government</u> website.

School and program accreditation, approval and Licensure

In the UK, the power to award degrees is regulated by law and the Privy Council is responsible for the granting of degree awarding powers and university titles. The University of Chichester gained its degree awarding powers in 1999 and the title 'University of Chichester' was approved by the Privy Council on 12 October 2005. For more information and for the full list of degree awarding institutions please visit the <u>UK government's website</u>.

Office for Students

We are officially recognised as a Higher Education provider by the Office for Students.

Office for Students: <u>https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/about/our-</u> <u>strategy/</u>

Register of HE providers: <u>https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/regulation/how-to-register/</u>

Vaccinations

The University of Chichester recommends that students protect themselves against Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Meningitis. We strongly advise you to make sure your vaccinations are up to date before you commence your studies.

For more information on immunisation please see our <u>health advice</u> <u>webpage</u> as well as our <u>MMR Policy</u>.

If you are required any additional vaccinations as part of your programme of study you will be advised of this separately.

Privacy of Student Records – Family Education Rights and Privacy

The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) does not apply in the UK. The UK has similar legislation to protect personal data and this is called the Data Protection Act (DPA). Our Data Protection Policy and the Freedom of Information Policy are available on our <u>polices</u> <u>webpage</u>.

Student Loan Information Published by the US department of Education

The University of Chichester will provide information published by the U.S. Department of Education to students at any time that information regarding loan availability is requested. For more information please visit our <u>Financial Aid webpage</u>.

National Student Loan data System (NSLDS).

If you take out a federal loan we will submit the details of your loan to NSLDS and this data will be accessible to guaranty agencies, lenders and schools determined to be authorised users of the data system.

Entrance Counselling for Federal Student Loan Borrowers

Before first disbursement, first-time borrowers must complete and submit proof of completion of Entrance Counselling which is available on the <u>https://studentaid.gov/</u> website.

Exit Counselling for Federal Student Loan Borrowers

Before completing your studies the University of Chichester you must complete and submit proof of completion of Exit Counselling which is available on the <u>https://studentaid.gov/</u> website. Any student who fails to complete exit counselling via <u>https://studentaid.gov/</u> will be emailed a copy of the exit counselling guide, produced by the US Department of Education.

Private Student Loans Disclosures and Preferred Lender List

We advise that you investigate US federal loans before applying for a US private student loan, as federal loans are often cheaper and most US students are eligible for them. US private student loans do not enable you to borrow more funds than US federal loans. The same Cost of Attendance calculations apply.

The University will certify loan request from Sallie Mae, which is currently the only US lender willing to lend to students studying at foreign school.

Please note that Sallie Mae is not a 'preferred lender', but the only private lender willing to lend to students at foreign schools. In the event of other companies deciding to choose to take the opportunity to lend to foreign school students we will make sure they will be given equal visibility.

Retention rate

The University's retention rate is available from the <u>Higher Education</u> <u>Statistics Agency</u>.

Further information

We make every effort to ensure that the information provided here is accurate, however we cannot guarantee that information may not be altered beyond our reasonable control.

If you wish to obtain more information or advice on Financial Aid for U.S. students please contact us at <u>international@chi.ac.uk</u> + 44(0) 1243 812146.