



UNIVERSITY OF  
CHICHESTER

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PARENTS' AND SUPPORTERS' GUIDE

# UNIVERSITY: What happens now?

2023-2024

# WELCOME...



University House,  
Chichester Campus

# TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER

Thank you for your  
interest in the University  
of Chichester.

If your child is still thinking of applying to study for a degree, we can help give you guidance and advice about how to make a late application, as well as lots more information about how to make a decision, key dates for your diary and what happens at clearing.

We're a small and friendly campus-based university on the sunny south coast, with a thriving student community where your child will be known by name. We have been ranked amongst the top 30 universities for both teaching quality and student experience by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* Good University Guide 2023.

If you have any questions, please do contact us on the details below.

All the best,

**Bob Savill**

Head of Student  
Recruitment and  
Admissions



## IN THE TOP-THIRD BEST UK UNIVERSITIES

Students rate Chichester in the top-third best UK universities in the *National Student Survey (NSS) 2022*



## ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

UK's top 5 most environmentally friendly university (out of 265).  
*HESA environment rankings (2019)*

# KEY DATES\*



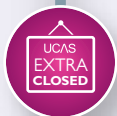
## 8 JUNE

If you have received all your university decisions by 18 May, you must reply to any offers by 8 June, otherwise they will be automatically declined.



## 30 JUNE

Deadline to apply to UCAS with up to five choices. Applications after 6pm (UK time) on 30 June are automatically entered into clearing.



## 5 JULY

Clearing starts through UCAS (see page 14 for more information about clearing). Check specific dates with universities.



## 17 JULY

If you receive all your university decisions by 12 July, you must reply to any offers by 17 July (including Extra) or they will be automatically declined.



## 17 AUGUST

Results day.

\* All dates are correct at the time of writing. Please check [ucas.com](https://ucas.com) for the latest information.



# EVENTS AND VISITS

The University of Chichester has two campuses, one in Chichester and one in Bognor Regis. Our campuses are situated between Portsmouth and Brighton and just 90 minutes from London; we have excellent transport links to major cities both in the UK and internationally.

## SUMMER OPEN DAYS

Open Days are a great way to talk to academics face to face and get a real feel for each university and what it can offer. You are likely to spend three to four years studying, so this is a great opportunity to find out what a university is like to live in and study at. The University of Chichester is holding an Open Day on 1 July.

### Book an open day

- ▶ [chi.ac.uk/opendays](http://chi.ac.uk/opendays)
- ▶ [studyhere@chi.ac.uk](mailto:studyhere@chi.ac.uk)
- ▶ +44 (0) 1243 816000



## CAMPUS TOURS

As an alternative to Open Days, universities offer student-led campus tours and ad-hoc visits. This is a great way to get a feel for everyday life on campus. It may also be possible to meet with a lecturer.

### Book a campus tour

- ▶ [chi.ac.uk/campustours](http://chi.ac.uk/campustours)
- ▶ [visitus@chi.ac.uk](mailto:visitus@chi.ac.uk)
- ▶ +44 (0) 1243 816000



## TASTER DAYS

Taster days, also known as Applicant Days, allow students to experience what it might be like to study the course, and often include lectures and hands-on workshops.

Tech Park, Bognor Regis Campus



## INTERVIEWS AND AUDITIONS

If the course applied for requires an interview and/or audition, your child will be invited to attend once their application has been considered.

University House, Chichester Campus



# MAKING YOUR FIRM AND INSURANCE CHOICES

Make informed choices by learning what each university has to offer.



## THINGS TO CONSIDER:

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Match the course requirements to predicted grades. Ensure the course choices made are realistic and based on what your child is likely to achieve.

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### COURSE CONTENT, REPUTATION AND FACILITIES

Ensure your child reads the module information to check the course of interest is right for them and be sure to research any course-specific facilities.

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### TYPE OF DEGREE

Options vary between single honours degree, combined degree (joint honours) or major/minor degree.

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### CAREER IDEAS

Will this course help them to achieve their goals?

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### STUDENTS' UNION (SU)

Students' Unions offer a wealth of support and social opportunities, so find out if your chosen university has an active SU and look out for various clubs and societies to join.

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### ACCOMMODATION

If your child applies to the University of Chichester by the January UCAS deadline and accepts us as their firm choice, they will be guaranteed a room in our accommodation for their first year. Many other universities cannot offer this, so ensure you research availability of accommodation. Visit [chi.ac.uk/accommodation](https://chi.ac.uk/accommodation) for full details.

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### TEACHING METHODS

Universities teach and assess in a multitude of ways including coursework, exams, practicals, presentations and group work. At the University of Chichester we pride ourselves on small teaching groups and in-person lectures and seminars.

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Cloisters, Chichester Campus



Academic Building, Chichester Campus

## GRADUATE PROSPECTS

It can be helpful to find out what careers students go into after graduating, or whether they go on to do further study. Visit [discoveruni.gov.uk](https://discoveruni.gov.uk) to find out more.



## COMMUTING

Some students decide to commute, depending on how much time they need to spend in university for their course. Timetables vary from course to course.



## SIZE

University vary greatly in size. Some students will be keen to get 'lost in the crowd' whilst others prefer a smaller community feel - like the University of Chichester.



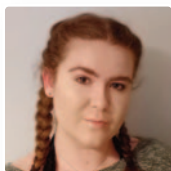
## LOCATION

Location is important, so check out the nearest cities and surrounding areas. The University of Chichester is set in a safe and vibrant city, close to the beaches and green spaces of the south coast, with fast links to London, Brighton and Portsmouth. Chichester is the 3<sup>rd</sup> safest city to live in England and Wales (Complete University Guide Crime Safety Tables 2023).



## CAMPUS

Some smaller universities are based on a single site, but most are spread out on different campuses, due to size and course facilities. We have two campuses; one in Chichester and one in Bognor Regis.



*The community here is so welcoming, you can have a conversation with anyone on campus, and I can't see myself living anywhere else.*

Cliona, BA (Hons) Primary Teaching with QTS



## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU CHOOSE

Campus Connect is an app that allows students to chat to student ambassadors and others on their course or in their accommodation, so they can ask any questions and form friendships before term begins.



CAMPUS  
CONNECT



Hear what it's like to be a student on our various courses or watch videos about different aspects of the university experience.



STUDENT  
VIEWS



## WHAT'S NEXT AT CHICHESTER?

### What happens after you click 'submit'?

#### February to April

- ▶ Start to apply for student finance. Your child will typically pay up to £9,250 per year in tuition fees as a UK student, though for many courses it's less. Fees don't need to be paid in advance. Students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover all or part of their fees. They can also apply for a Maintenance Loan to help towards living expenses. The amount they're eligible to borrow depends on several factors, including where they will be living during term time and your household income. You'll need to declare this information to receive the maximum amount available. Your child doesn't have to wait to receive offers from universities to apply for finance – they can usually do this from February.

#### May to June

- ▶ The accommodation portal opens on 8 May and closes on 23 June.
- ▶ Your child will need to choose their Firm and Insurance choices.

**Find out more  
about our  
scholarships  
and bursaries:**



## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

If your child has specific support needs, contact the university support services directly before their course starts, visit [chi.ac.uk/wellbeing](https://chi.ac.uk/wellbeing) for more information. There may be specific support packages available.





## MAKING A DECISION

The universities will assess your student's application and make one of the following decisions:

- ▶ Unconditional Offer: if your child's application meets all of the criteria and they have met the standard conditions of the offer.
- ▶ Conditional Offer: your child will be asked to achieve specific results in their current qualifications or other relevant experience.
- ▶ Rejection: if your child's application is not suitable, they will be rejected from the course.
- ▶ Interview/Audition: for some courses, universities require an interview or practical audition.

Your child needs to choose a Firm and Insurance choice:

- ▶ Firm Choice – 'the one' – this is their first choice, the course they definitely want to study (dependent on conditions and requirements). Your child is committed to that course at that university.

- ▶ Insurance Choice – a back-up option if your child does not get into their Firm choice. This will usually hold a lower grade offer. This has the same level of commitment as a Firm choice, but only comes into effect if your child does not meet the conditions of their Firm choice. Your child does not have to have an Insurance choice if they are certain that they would only go to their Firm choice.
- ▶ Your child will have a deadline to reply to offers they receive from institutions. It's really important that they check these deadlines or they may decline by default for not replying.
- ▶ Before responding they will need to understand the conditions of their offer and contact the university if they have questions.
- ▶ Compare offers to decide which your child wants to accept and which they do not.
- ▶ Make sure you have visited the university in question and it is somewhere your child will be happy.





# ACCOMMODATION – HOW IT WORKS

At the University of Chichester, we have lots of accommodation options to choose from.

Every university is slightly different when it comes to student accommodation. Some will have enough accommodation to offer to all of their first-year students, while others will have a limited number which may be on a first-come first-served basis.

Accommodation, or Halls of Residence, can come in all shapes and sizes. Some will have en-suite facilities, others will have shared bathrooms. Most universities offer the option of catered and self-catered rooms, with catered being the more expensive option. Where the university is located will also have an impact on price with London generally being the most expensive.

Whatever type of accommodation you opt for, it is important to liaise with the university as early as you can. Go and look at some accommodation to help you make an informed choice. For more information visit [chi.ac.uk/accommodation](http://chi.ac.uk/accommodation).



You can also watch video tours given by a student on our YouTube channel.

Stockbridge Halls



Barbara Smith Halls



# WHY CHICHESTER?



## LOCATION

Our beautiful location on the south coast means there is so much to do and enjoy locally. Just a short walk from our city-based campuses are stunning green parks, shops, cinemas and restaurants. In Chichester, students can go boating on the canal and visit our famous, beautiful cathedral, while Bognor Regis is only a five-minute walk from the seaside.



## COMMUNITY

At the University of Chichester students are more than just a number; they are part of a close-knit community where everybody knows their name. As a smaller university, we welcome students from the moment they arrive and make them feel like they belong. That's why we've been ranked in the top 10 for student satisfaction in the Complete University Guide (2023).



## PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We have an outstanding reputation for our range of excellent support services. Whether your concern is personal, emotional, financial or academic, at Chichester we can help support students. Appointments are available to book daily and in full confidentiality.



## TEACHING

One of the most important facts about Chichester is our excellence in teaching. Throughout your studies you will be taught in small groups where each student is heard and valued. You will also have access to a large amount of time with your tutor, whenever you might need it.





*We are the sunniest place in the UK,  
receiving an average 1902 hours of  
sunshine per year.*

Met Office data





# RESULTS DAY AND CLEARING

Results come out on 17 August. If your child didn't get the required grades for their course, they have several options:

## Results day

On results day, your child will be able to view their UCAS Hub to see whether they have been accepted onto their Firm choice university based on their exam results. If the university has rejected them then their Insurance choice will appear with a potential offer. If your child intends to live away from home, once they know which university they will be attending they can confirm their accommodation. In the weeks that follow, the institution will be in touch to confirm start dates, timetables and any other joining instructions.




## UCAS Clearing

Clearing is another service you can use to look for alternative undergraduate courses. If your child didn't get their place on a course, or didn't get the grades they required, Clearing allows them to apply for courses that still have vacancies. You can sign up to receive clearing notifications via our website, go to [chi.ac.uk/clearing](https://chi.ac.uk/clearing).

## Year out

Your child may wish to take a year out and defer the place on their course. They will want to take a productive gap year to make sure they get the most out of it. If your child is thinking about deferring you should check in advance with the university that this can be done.





## USEFUL INFORMATION AND LINKS

- ▶ UCAS applying to university information:  
[ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university](https://ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university)
- ▶ UCAS national course search:  
[digital.ucas.com/search](https://digital.ucas.com/search)
- ▶ UCAS Extra:  
[ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices](https://ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices)
- ▶ Student Finance England:  
[gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance](https://gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance)
- ▶ Budget planner:  
[moneyadvice.service.org.uk](https://moneyadvice.service.org.uk)
- ▶ University of Chichester course search:  
[chi.ac.uk/course-search](https://chi.ac.uk/course-search)
- ▶ Admissions email:  
[admissions@chi.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@chi.ac.uk)
- ▶ Once you child has applied and is holding an offer they will be invited to join Campus Connect where they can chat to student ambassadors and find people on their course.



## CONTACT US

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