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PARENTS' AND SUPPORTERS' GUIDE

UNIVERSITY:
What happens now?

WELCOME...



University House,
Chichester Campus

TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER

Thank you for your
interest in the University
of Chichester.

If your child is thinking of applying to study for a degree, we can help give you guidance and advice about how to apply, 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 *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
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Admissions



IN THE TOP-THIRD BEST UK UNIVERSITIES

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



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

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

KEY DATES*

2024



SEPTEMBER TO JANUARY

Completed UCAS undergraduate applications can be paid for and sent to UCAS. Applications can't be sent until all sections are complete, the reference is added, and the application fee has been paid.



NOVEMBER TO MARCH

Applications considered, invitations to audition/interview sent out (where relevant), and offers made.

2025



29 JANUARY (6pm UK time)

Deadline for most undergraduate courses. An application can still be sent after this date, but it may not be given equal consideration.



JANUARY TO JUNE

Applicants consider their offers and choose their firm (first) and insurance (second) choice offers.



FEBRUARY

If you decline your university offers, or you've used up all your course choices and currently don't hold an offer, UCAS Extra allows you to add another choice at no extra cost to help you gain a university place before the clearing process starts. It's a free service from UCAS and you'll automatically become eligible if all five of your choices have been used but you hold no offers.



30 JUNE (6pm UK time)

Last date for receipt of applications with choices. Applications received after this deadline are automatically entered into Clearing.



JULY

Clearing opens, and vacancies are shown in the UCAS search tool. See page 14 for what clearing is.

* All dates are correct at the time of writing. Please check 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.

OPEN DAYS

These 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.

Book an open day

- ▶ chi.ac.uk/opendays
- ▶ studyhere@chi.ac.uk
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CAMPUS TOURS

As an alternative to open days, we 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
- ▶ visitus@chi.ac.uk
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APPLICANT DAYS

Applicant days, also known as taster days, allow students to experience what it might be like to study the course, and often include lectures and hands-on workshops. You'll be invited after we receive your application if you've applied for a non-interview/audition course.

INTERVIEWS AND AUDITIONS

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

Tech Park, Bognor Regis Campus



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 student is likely to achieve.



COURSE CONTENT, REPUTATION AND FACILITIES

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



TYPE OF DEGREE

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



CAREER IDEAS

Will this course help them to achieve their goals?



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.



ACCOMMODATION

If your student 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 for full details.



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.



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 to find out more.



COMMUTING

Some students choose to commute to university, saving on housing costs for some or all of their course.



SIZE

Universities 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.



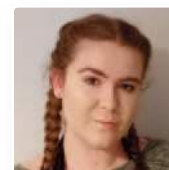
LOCATION

Location is important, so check out the nearest cities and surrounding areas. The University of Chichester campuses in Chichester and Bognor Regis are close to the beaches and green spaces of the South Coast, with fast links to London, Brighton and Portsmouth. Chichester is the third 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 many 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

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



Find out more about our scholarships and bursaries:



WHAT'S NEXT AT CHICHESTER?

What happens after you click 'submit'?

February to April

- Start to apply for student finance. Tuition fees are typically around £9,250 a year for UK students, but these are not paid from your pocket straight away. 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 student 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 in mid May and closes in mid June.
- Your student will need to choose their firm (first) and insurance (second) choices.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

If your student has specific support needs, contact the university support services directly before their course starts, visit 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 student's application meets all of the criteria and they have met the standard conditions of the offer.
- Conditional Offer: your student will be asked to achieve specific results in their current qualifications or other relevant experience.
- Rejection: if your student'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 student 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 student is committed to that course at that university.

- Insurance Choice – a back-up option if your student 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 student 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 student 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 student wants to accept and which they do not.
- Make sure you have visited the university in question and that it is somewhere your student will be happy.



ACCOMMODATION – HOW IT WORKS

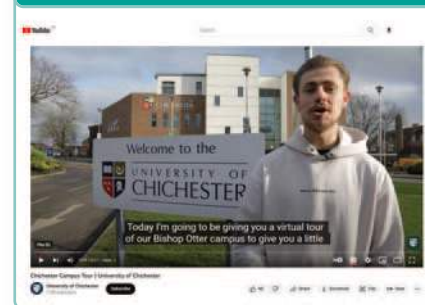
At the University of Chichester, we have lots of accommodation options to choose from.

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.

VIRTUAL ROOM TOURS



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.



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(Complete University Guide Crime Safety Tables 2023)



RESULTS DAY AND CLEARING

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

Results day

On results day, your student 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 student 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

UCAS Clearing

Clearing is another service you can use to look for alternative undergraduate courses. If your student 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.

Gap Year

Your student 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 student 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
- ▶ UCAS national course search: digital.ucas.com/search
- ▶ UCAS Extra: ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/extra-choices
- ▶ Student Finance England: gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance
- ▶ Budget planner: moneyadviceservice.org.uk
- ▶ University of Chichester course search: chi.ac.uk/course-search
- ▶ Admissions email: admissions@chi.ac.uk
- ▶ If you need any more information or have any questions on our own acceptance process then please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions or Student Recruitment team. admissions@chi.ac.uk or Visitus@chi.ac.uk

