

## UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, COLCHESTER

Residential Centre

Age Range: 14 – 18 years

Course start dates: 5 July, 19 July 2009

Web: <http://www.lsc.ac/courses/centres/colchester.htm>



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### THE AREA

Colchester, Britain's oldest recorded town and its first capital, is located in North Essex close to the Suffolk border and yet is less than an hour away from London. Colchester is today a thriving modern town with excellent transport links and offering some of the finest leisure facilities in Eastern England. The surrounding countryside includes the area of outstanding natural beauty known as 'Constable Country', named after landscape artist John Constable, who painted many local scenes, including parts of the University campus.

### THE COLLEGE

Conceived as a university town, the Colchester campus consists of a series of modern, interlinked buildings grouped around open courtyards and pedestrian squares. The main campus is set in over 200 acres of beautiful parkland, much of which was landscaped in the 18th Century. The close-knit Colchester campus has shops, banks, restaurants and an excellent range of sports and arts facilities.

### FACILITIES

The classrooms are spacious and modern, and there are lecture theatres for film nights and certificate presentations. Students can choose to eat in the pasta bar, the salad cafeteria or the fast food canteen at mealtimes.

Sports such as volleyball, basketball, badminton and table tennis will take place at the main campus sports hall. Other activities include the ever-popular evening discos.

### ACCOMMODATION

All flats are modern and self-contained with 4 or 6 single rooms and a kitchen. All rooms have en-suite shower and toilet facilities. **A €40.00 damage deposit per student is payable on arrival at the centre.**

### TEACHING PROGRAMME

The course includes 15 hours of English tuition per week, with a twenty-minute break. Lessons will be run on a zig zag timetable with some classes taking place in the afternoon and Saturdays. The lessons focus mainly on vocabulary work and the development of communication skills through involving students in various classroom activities. There are also lessons which are linked to the cultural and historical aspect of the excursion programme, so that students are informed about the destinations and get maximum benefit from their trips. Students will be given course material, which is theirs to keep, but they are not provided with writing materials. All students are tested on arrival and placed into the class level that is most suitable for them, and their progress is monitored throughout the course. The maximum class size is fifteen students.

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## ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

- Full Day trip to London with Thames Sightseeing cruise
- Full Day trip to Cambridge with a visit to King's College
- Half Day trip to Ipswich with museum visit
- Half Day trip to Clacton-on-Sea
- Visit to Colchester Castle
- Town walk
- 2 x sports per week
- 2 x Disco per week

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Full Postal Address: University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, United Kingdom

Website: [www.essex.ac.uk](http://www.essex.ac.uk)

Distance from town centre: 3.5km

Distance from: London Heathrow: 156km

London Gatwick: 143km

London Stansted: 56.5km

## ACCOMMODATION

Name/names of LSC accommodation: South Courts

Total beds on site: 350

Total LSC bed allocation: 120

Disabled access: Limited access and some disabled rooms available.

Ratio of showers/baths: All rooms en-suite.

Ratio of toilets: All rooms en-suite.

Towels provided: No

Room cleaning: Once a week.

Lockable bedrooms: Yes.

Common Rooms: There is a kitchen/common area in each flat. There is also a student lounge and games area in Students Union building.

Dining hall capacity: Students can choose to have their meals in a variety of venues on site using a voucher system. Each venue has a different capacity and serves different types of food.

Telephones: Phones in all rooms. Can only be used with a phone card purchased on site.

Laundry Facilities: Coin operated laundrette. £2.00 per wash, 20p for 5 minutes drying.

Safe available for leaders: Yes.

Internet Available: No

## SPORTS FACILITIES

Indoor Sports: A large modern gym.

Outdoor Sports: Plenty of outdoor pitches for football and other outdoor games.

## TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Nearest Public Transport: A bus stop is located at the entrance to the College.

Frequency of Service: Once every 30 minutes.

Average Cost: £1.50

## LOCAL AMENITIES

Nearest Bank: On site

Nearest Shops: On site

Nearest Post Office: On site

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