



Choosing a course, university or college in Sussex

There is a wide range of colleges and universities in Sussex. Colleges also deliver university level courses, part time or full time, so you may be able to study more locally than you think. Whether you are returning to work after a break, wanting to progress in your present career, or looking for a career change, you'll find work-related and work-based learning opportunities in Sussex.

What is the most important factor for you?

Some people know where they want to study, and then choose a course from what's on offer. Others know that they want a particular qualification and need to investigate where that is being offered.

Students choose a course for a variety of reasons:

- you may have a specific career or job in mind
- you may have a broad range of interests and want to keep your options fairly open
- you know what you're good at and you're looking for something that will use those gifts and aptitudes
- Whatever your starting point, the value of a vocational or work-related course is to equip you with the knowledge and skills relevant to your level of work and give you a recognised qualification.

Where can you find the relevant information?

- If you know that you want to do a Foundation degree you can search by subject or institution at:
www.foundation-degrees-in-the-southeast.org.uk
- Attend an Open Day to find out more about individual institutions and courses. For dates of Open Days go to:
www.opendays.com
- Find out how to apply and request a prospectus online. For some courses, including foundation degrees, you can apply direct to the institution, for others you need to go through UCAS, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service at:
www.ucas.com.

How do you choose the right course for your situation - what do you need to find out from the individual institutions?

Here are some suggestions to help you make the right decision:

1. Research your chosen career area carefully. Visit a careers library, or search online to make sure you will gain the right qualification for what you want to do. For two good places to start researching online try:
www.learning-opportunities.org.uk/career-matters
www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk

2. Find out which colleges you can get to and then read the prospectuses or look at their websites to find out what would be a suitable course for you to start with, whether you can meet the entry requirements (not all courses ask for formal entry qualifications), what qualification you would gain and how long it would take.
3. Find out if you might need to have an interview, take a test or maybe provide examples of your work. You are sure to have a form to fill in so think about who to ask if you need a reference.
4. Identify where the course is being delivered especially if the institution has more than one site or campus. Find out how easy it will be to get there and what the cost of travel is likely to be. If you plan to drive, check the parking provision.
5. If you're interested in doing a Higher National Certificate (HNC), Higher National Diploma (HND) or Foundation degree, information about everything available in the southeast and includes direct links to the colleges and universities is online at: www.foundation-degrees-in-the-southeast.org.uk
6. Are they asking for any work-related experience, IT skills, or perhaps CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) clearance?
7. Talk to employers and to students who are a stage or two ahead of you.
8. Make good use of an Open Day to speak with tutors and see the facilities. For dates of Open days go to: www.opendays.com
9. Think about what style of study would suit you best: full time or part time, in the workplace, in college or by distance learning? Find out how courses are structured and assessed.
10. Check the price of the course, learning materials (books and equipment), and travel. The Learning Opportunities finance information sheet will help you consider what costs are involved. If some employment is included be sure you know what salary is being offered. Find out whether you can get help from your employer.
11. Check things like computer facilities, learning support and easy access. This information is available on individual college and university websites.

Universities and colleges in Sussex offering higher education courses

East Sussex

University Centre Hastings

Havelock Road, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1DQ

T: 08456020607

E: information@uch.ac.uk

W: www.uch.ac.uk

Sussex Downs College

Eastbourne Campus, Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 2UF

T: 01323 637637

E: info@sussexdowns.ac.uk

W: www.sussexdowns.ac.uk

Sussex Downs College

Park College Campus, Kings Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 2UN

T: 01323 637111

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Sussex Downs College

Lewes campus, 1 Mountfield Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2XH

T: 01273 483188

E: info@sussexdowns.ac.uk

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Sussex Downs College

Newhaven Campus, Denton Island Training Centre, Denton Island, Newhaven, BN9 9BN

T: 01273 511400

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Sussex Coast College, Station Approach, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1BA

T: 01424 442222

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Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Nr Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE

T: 01273 890454 F: 01273 890071

E: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk

W: www.plumpton.ac.uk

University of Brighton, Mithras House, Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 4AT

T: 01273 600900

E: enquiries@brighton.ac.uk

W: www.brighton.ac.uk

University of Sussex, Sussex House, Brighton, BN1 9RH

T: 01273 606755

F: 01273 678335

E: information@sussex.ac.uk

W: www.sussex.ac.uk

City College

Brighton and Hove, Pelham Street, Brighton, BN1 4FA

T: 01273 667788

F: 01273 667703

E: info@ccb.ac.uk

W: www.ccb.ac.uk

City College

East Campus, Wilson Avenue, Brighton, BN2 5PB

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W: www.ccb.ac.uk

City College

Adult and Community Learning, The Connaught Centre, Connaught Road, Hove BN3 3WB

T: 01273 667788 and 667744

F: 01273 224533

E: info@ccb.ac.uk

W: www.ccb.ac.uk

City College

Stanmer Park Campus Stanmer Park, Brighton, BN1 9QA

T: 01273 601678

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W: www.ccb.ac.uk

City College

Preston Road Campus Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6AF

T: 01273 667788

F: 01273 272026

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West Sussex**University of Chichester**

Bishop Otter Campus, College Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6PE

T: 01243 81600

E: admissions@chi.ac.uk

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University of Chichester

Bognor Regis Campus, Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 1HR

T: 01243 816000

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Chichester College

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Chichester College

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Northbrook College

West Durrington Campus, Littlehampton Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6NU
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E: enquiries@nbcoll.ac.uk
W: www.northbrook.ac.uk

Northbrook College

Broadwater Campus, Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 8HJ
T: 0845 1556060
E: enquiries@nbcoll.ac.uk
W: www.northbrook.ac.uk

Northbrook College

Shoreham Airport Campus, Shoreham Airport, Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5FF
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W: www.northbrook.ac.uk

Northbrook College

Liverpool Gardens, Business Development Unit 17 Liverpool Gardens, Worthing, BN11 1RY
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Central Sussex College

Crawley Campus, College Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1NR
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E: info.hh@centralsussex.ac.uk
W: www.centralsussex.ac.uk

Central Sussex College

Burgess Hill Campus, Victoria Business Centre, 43 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9LR
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W: www.centralsussex.ac.uk

Central Sussex College

East Grinstead Central, Queensmere House, 49 Queens Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 1BG
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E: info.eq@centralsussex.ac.uk
W: www.centralsussex.ac.uk

Central Sussex College

East Grinstead-The Birches, Unit 4d, The Birches Industrial Estate, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 1XZ

T: 01342 325320

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Central Sussex College

Gatwick Skills Centre

Ashdown House, Gatwick Airport, West Sussex, RH6 0JH

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Open and distance learning**The Open University**

PO Box 197, Milton Keynes, MK7 6BJ

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W: www.open.ac.uk

Other useful websites

www.hotcourses.com

www.nusonline.co.uk

www.unistats.com