

# UK - England

## Sussex Summer

### UCEAP Advising Notes

#### Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle, as well as Sussex's [International Summer School](#) web site. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

#### Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising>

#### Program Location

The University of Sussex is located just outside the popular beach resort city of Brighton, which is known for its vibrant nightlife and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Spending time in Brighton has been one of the highlights of the Sussex summer program for many students. One of Brighton's nicknames is "London by the Sea" because you are only an hour's train ride away. Other nicknames for Brighton are "Britain's San Francisco" and "The Gay Capital of Britain."

#### Application Deadlines

The Sussex Summer 2018 program has a rolling application deadline beginning November 1, 2017 and ending December 4, 2017. Spaces in the program are first-come, first-served. Those applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be selected.

#### Sussex International Summer School website: [www.sussex.ac.uk/iss/](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/iss/)

This site has the full program description, information on housing, and course descriptions for 58 courses in fields of study such as art, anthropology, biology, business & management, drama, economics, education and social work, English, Film Studies, gender studies, global studies, history, independent research, international relations, media & popular culture, medicine & health, philosophy, physics, psychology, and sociology.

There is also a diagnostic test to determine whether the applicant has mastered single-variable calculus to a sufficient degree to attempt Physics I & II.

### Application Process

Students should access the application from the [BSA Website](#), not the Sussex Summer website.

### Competitiveness of the Program

Sussex ISS will be able to accommodate all qualified applicants who apply. However, the Physics program at Sussex has 40 spots. In late February, you will be notified if you need to complete University of Sussex's own online application. If you are not selected at that time you will be asked if you would like to submit documents to apply to another university in the UK. If you are interested in submitting an application for a 'back-up' option, please contact UK Adviser Katie Weibel ([weibel@berkeley.edu](mailto:weibel@berkeley.edu)) before the application deadline.

**Physics 1 & 2, Calculus-based:** Students who want to take Physics 1 & 2 must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and must have taken two semesters of single-variable calculus with grades of C or better. Students must take both Physics I & II courses during the 8-week summer session. Students on UCEAP cannot take only one Physics course

### Sussex Summer Application Fee

After selection, students will be asked to fill out the Sussex University Summer Program application. At this time students must pay a £150 application fee (about \$195 if 1 GBP = \$1.30). *This fee is non-refundable.*

### Physics Program Lab Fees

When students are required to fill out the Sussex Univ. Summer Program application students who intend to take the Physics I and II courses will be required to pay lab fees of 380 GBP (about \$494 if 1 GBP = \$1.30). This fee would be refunded if the student chose to withdraw by the deadline of May 1, 2017.

### Summer Financial Aid

Financial aid for the summer is not as comprehensive as what students may be accustomed to during the academic year because it is a "trailer" to the 2017-2018 academic year. If getting financial aid is important for your participation in the Sussex program, it's essential that you plan ahead and keep the following in mind:

1. The Financial Aid Office will likely not be able to release award letters for summer until the beginning of April or even later. If you have questions, please visit the Financial Aid Counselors in the Berkeley Study Abroad Office.
2. Your summer financial aid award will not be disbursed until a minimum of 10 days prior to the program start date, so you will need to be prepared to pay any pre-departure fees for the application fee, physics lab fees, health clearance and airline tickets using a credit card or other means.

### Scholarships

The [Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Program](#) will offer summer scholarships.

UCEAP offers [Promise Award Scholarships](#).

### **Curriculum**

Students take 2 (two) consecutive courses worth 4 semester units each, 8 units total for the program.

The program is eight weeks long and is divided into two four-week sessions. **Students can take only one course in each 4-week session.**

Courses are both lower division (level I) and upper division (levels II and III). Level III courses are research-based.

Students can elect to do research in place of a course. Sussex ISS will strive to place a student with a professor or post-graduate student doing research in an area of the student's interest but cannot guarantee a suitable placement.

### **Prerequisite Courses for Science Majors**

Many past students have taken the physics courses to fulfill pre-requisites for Integrative Biology, Molecular Cell Biology and some College of Natural Resources majors and also to fulfill requirements for the pre-med emphasis. The Physics 1 and 2 calculus-based courses offered at Sussex are pre-approved to satisfy the Physics 8A and 8B prerequisite courses

### **EAP Returnees**

EAP returnees are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with Sussex student contacts get in touch with the BSA Adviser.

### **Bringing Dependents on the Program**

The Student Visitor Visa necessary for this program does not permit the student to bring dependents.

### **Student Visitor Visa**

Depending upon whether the student will have to provide a parental bank statement to prove sufficient funds for the Student Visitor Visa, the student may need to bring a certified birth certificate. Most U.S. citizens will be able to order their birth certificate on-line by contacting: <https://www.vitalchek.com>. U.S. citizens can also telephone the county clerk in the county of birth to obtain the birth certificate. Please request these well in advance, as the process to obtain it may be lengthy. *A photocopy of a certified document is not acceptable.*