



University of Essex

LIVING AT ESSEX

COLCHESTER CAMPUS

Information for all new undergraduate and postgraduate students for 2025-2026

WHY ESSEX?

It's more than just a room. It's your place to connect and thrive, make friends for life, and embrace the moments that make you. It's your chance to live at the heart of a vibrant campus community with shared values and diverse interests, in an environment where you will succeed.

**ALL BILLS
INCLUDED**

39-WEEK
undergraduate contract

50-WEEK
postgraduate contract

Please note that contract lengths vary in line with course dates. Postgraduate courses are normally 50 weeks and undergraduate courses are normally 39 weeks, however, some courses start earlier or finish later than others.



CENTRAL LOCATIONS

RELIABLE AND SECURE TENANCY

LIVE WITH FRIENDS

STRESS-FREE PROCESS
with guaranteed allocation

NO GUARANTOR NEEDED

CLEANING IN COMMUNAL AREAS
and rubbish collected*

ESSEX SPORT
silver gym membership



**SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE**
with a wide range of options

*Cleaning is not provided in the shared bathrooms at The Pastures, but is provided in other accommodation areas and The Pastures shared kitchens.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



ALL OUR ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES:

ENERGY AND WATER BILLS

INTERNET ACCESS

CONTENTS INSURANCE

24/7 SECURITY

SUPPORT FROM OUR WELLBEING TEAMS



THE COPSE

Available to: **Undergraduate students**

The Copse is ideal for those who like a bit of luxury, students can choose to live in an en suite or a studio. All rooms have large, four-foot wide beds and access to a laundrette. Close to the serene greenery of the Meadows and the Pastures whilst still walkable to campus, the Copse is the perfect choice for students that like to be within a short distance of everything the university has to offer.

How much will I pay per week?

Single en suite premium

£212.87

Single en suite premium plus

£236.39

Self-contained studio

£249.69



Location

North West Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

En suite

How many students will I share with?

4-12

How far will I have to walk to campus?

10 minutes



Take a look inside The Copse:



bit.ly/TheCopseAtEssex

“ I am having the best experience overall in this accommodation! ”

THE MEADOWS EN SUITE

Available to: **Undergraduate and postgraduate students**

The Meadows offer a modern atmosphere and bright, beautiful surroundings located just 12 minutes from the centre of campus. Embrace the perfect blend of countryside living with a more vibrant interior that includes its own social pavilion with a common room, shop, and launderette.

How much will I pay per week?

£208.18

Location

North West Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

En suite

How many students will I share with?

5-7

How far will I have to walk to campus?

10-15 minutes



Take a look inside The Meadows:



THE MEADOWS TOWNHOUSE

Available to: **Undergraduate students**



Surround yourself with all the local conveniences that the University has to offer including the SU shops, library, restaurants all a short walk away from your Meadows Townhouse. Undergraduate students will get to enjoy a spacious and social alternative to our en suites with a shared bathroom, kitchen, dining and lounge area.

“ These rooms have a very nice layout. ”

How much will I pay per week?

£199.36

Location

North West Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

Shared between 2 students

How many students will I share with?

12

How far will I have to walk to campus?

10-15 minutes



Take a look inside The Meadows:



bit.ly/TheMeadowsAtEssex



UNIVERSITY QUAYS

Available to: **Undergraduate and postgraduate students**

Pop to the nearby shops for your everyday essentials, enjoy a Sunday afternoon bike ride or take the train to Colchester's historical city centre. Our University Quays accommodation is perfect for undergraduate or postgraduate students seeking a living space away from the bustle of campus where you can enjoy serene walks or calming bike rides to classes.

How much will I pay per week?

Single en suite

£190.47

Single en suite premium

£203.42

Double en suite

£224.07



The accommodation provides an excellent kitchen and big rooms with enough study space. And I am really happy to have amazing flatmates who are now my best friends.



Location

North West Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

En suite

How many students will I share with?

4-9

How far will I have to walk to campus?

15-20 minutes



Take a look inside University Quays:



WOLFSON COURT

Available to: **Undergraduate students**



Take a look inside Wolfson Court:



bit.ly/WolfsonCourtAtEssex

Wolfson Court is nestled in nature on the north side of campus. Being one of the smallest residences allows it to fit snugly at the heart of campus, with only a 3-minute walk to the main squares. Each flat provides accommodation for seven people, with shared dining spaces for students to get to know one another and create that warm feeling of home. With laundry facilities nearby and a washbasin in your room, everything you need will be right at your fingertips.

How much will I pay per week?

Standard

£137.83

Standard premium

£146.44

Location

North Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

Shared between 7 students



How many students will I share with?

7

How far will I have to walk to campus?

3 minutes

“ The location is excellent, the accommodation is nice for the price and it provides a weekly cleaner to clean the kitchen and bathrooms. ”



THE PASTURES

Available to: **Undergraduate students**

Location

North West Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

Shared between 2 students or en suite

How many students will I share with?

8-12

How far will I have to walk to campus?

10-15 minutes

The Pastures is our newest accommodation option here at Essex. With a modern and stylish design, The Pastures provides a cosy sanctuary where you can unwind, study, and create lasting memories. Located on the edge of campus you have the benefit of easy access to the city and just a short walk to your classes and university activities.

“ The open spaces and natural landscapes at the Pastures lend themselves well to outdoor activities such as walking, running, or simply enjoying the fresh air. ”

How much will I pay per week?

Single premium shared facilities

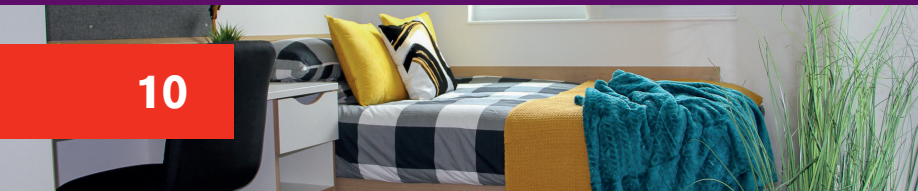
£178.64

Single premium en suite

£212.73

Studio

£251.79



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NORTH TOWERS

Available to: **Undergraduate and postgraduate students**



North Towers is our most iconic accommodation at Essex, centrally located at the heart of campus. You will be fully immersed in student life with university of your doorstep. The towers are a social space, with flats of up to 14 students.

How much will I pay per week?

£126.42

Location

North Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

3-4 toilets, 2-4 basins and 2-4 showers

How many students will I share with?

3-14

How far will I have to walk to campus?

2 minutes



North Towers fits me very well and is very comfortable.



Take a look inside the North Towers:



bit.ly/NorthTowersAtEssex



SOUTH TOWERS

Available to: **Undergraduate students**

South Towers is a fresh, and friendly option at Essex, with flats of up to 16 people, it's a great place to make friends for life. The South Towers are refurbished with a modern design, plenty of storage and bright rooms. The buzz of university life is right outside and the sports centre is just a stone's throw away.

How much will I pay per week? **£134.26**

“ Perfect housing for me. Within budget and the distance between the classroom, the social spaces and the room itself is perfect. ”

Location

South Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

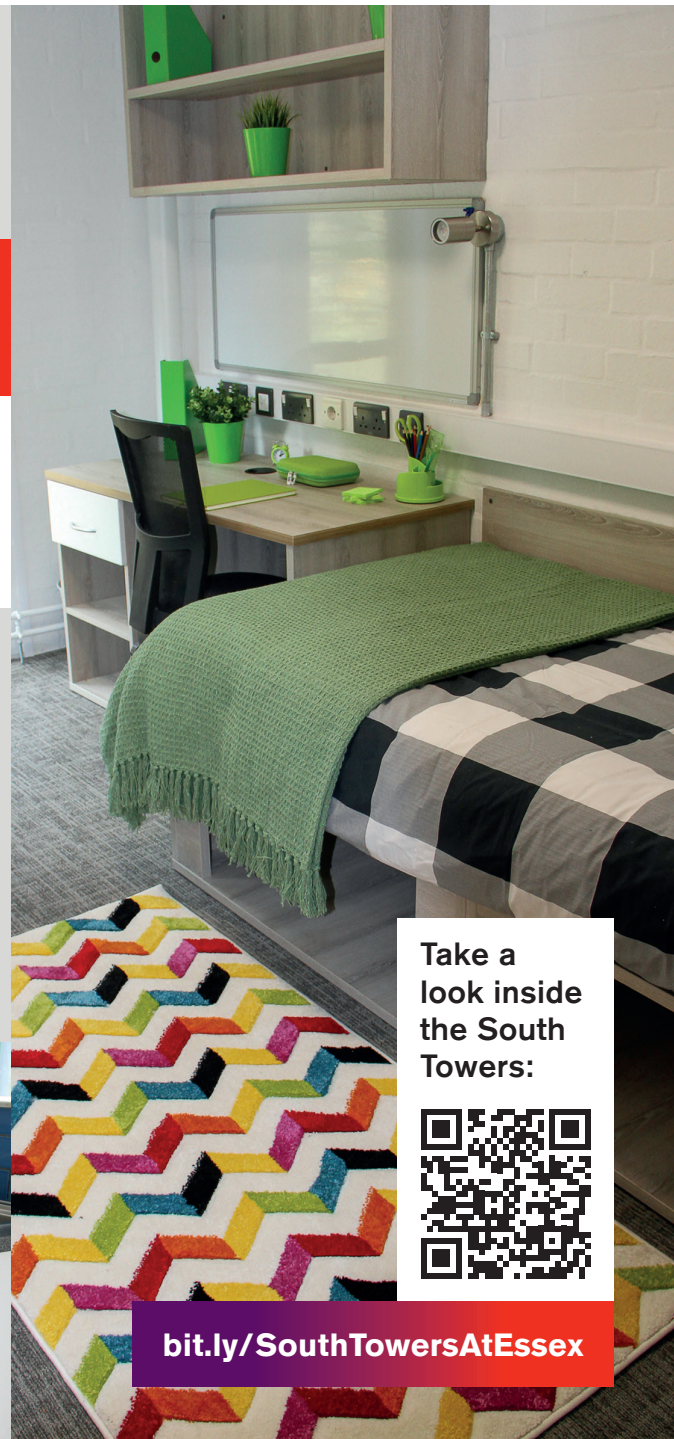
4 toilets, 2 basins and 2 showers

How many students will I share with?

16

How far will I have to walk to campus?

2 minutes



Take a look inside the South Towers:



bit.ly/SouthTowersAtEssex

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THE HOUSES

Available to: **Undergraduate students**

The Houses are a popular choice here at Essex. Nestled away from the busy centre of campus, this tranquil spot is the perfect place to study, hang out with friends, and feel at home. Explore the beautiful parkland on your short walk from campus and unwind after a busy day of lectures.



How much will I pay per week?

Shared Twin En suite
£101.78 per person

Single enhanced en suite
£185.22

Single en suite
£181.23

Single premium en suite
£196.84

“ I was anxious about coming to uni, but I feel safe, comfortable and happy with my room. ”

Location
North Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?
En suite

How many students will I share with?
4 or 6

How far will I have to walk to campus?
5 minutes



Take a look inside The Houses:



bit.ly/TheHousesAtEssex



SOUTH COURTS

Available to: **Undergraduate students**

South Courts is the second largest accommodation area on offer here at Essex. Located right next door to our sports centre, it's the ideal choice for sports enthusiasts or gym goers. The location is unique, a beautiful spot surrounded by green space in a community that feels like its own little village.



How much will I pay per week?

Shared twin en suite

£101.78 per person

Single enhanced en suite

£202.58

Single en suite

£197.89

Single premium en suite

£206.71

“ Lovely size room, great organisation of bin collection and cleaning schedules. Great communication between the team and tenants. ”

Location

South Campus

What's the bathroom facilities?

En suite

How many students will I share with?

4, 6, 13 or 14

How far will I have to walk to campus?

5 minutes



Take a look inside South Courts:



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bit.ly/SouthCourtsAtEssex

ATHLETE VILLAGE



WHAT IS THE ATHLETE VILLAGE?

The Athlete Village is our dedicated accommodation reserved exclusively for undergraduate students interested in representing our sports teams.

Achieve your peak performance as a member of our community of athletes and sports performers by staying at our Athlete Village.

Within a short walk of our sports facilities, you'll enjoy real perks to help you advance in your sports career.

Living in the Athlete Village, you will receive a comprehensive package of benefits to support your sporting endeavours, including:

- Free upgrade to Essex Sport Gold Membership
- Free Essex Blades BUCS participation fee worth £30
- Contribution towards one Sports Club Membership fee worth up to £50
- Free Kit Pack worth £125
- 2 weeks free BUCS pre-season training accommodation worth up to £396



Find out more about Athlete Village and apply today.

bit.ly/AthleteVillageEssex



LGBTQ+ ACCOMMODATION

Students can select accommodation options that cater to individuals who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community.

We support our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community members, including those who may define themselves as:

- Queer
- Demisexual
- Pansexual
- Intersex
- Non-binary
- Questioning
- Asexual
- Genderfluid

This includes having the option to choose LGBTQ+ friendly accommodation.

Our aim is to make sure that all University accommodation is a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone. But we also offer students the option of selecting LGBTQ+ accommodation as some students may prefer to live with people who have shared life experiences or are part of the LGBTQ+ community themselves.

This also allows students who are gender non-conforming to live in shared spaces based on personal compatibility rather than adhering to traditional gender norms.

Is the LGBTQ+ accommodation available for allies?

This accommodation is exclusively for those who identify as LGBTQ+. This offers our residents a place of peer support where they can use their shared experiences to help create an inclusive and positive environment for all.

We believe that when LGBTQ+ students feel safe, supported, and included in their living environment, it can positively impact their academic performance.

VOLUNTEER SQUARE



Gain access to exclusive workshops, talks, volunteering opportunities and year-round support for your projects.

Build and nurture relationships and gain valuable experience by joining our volunteering learning community with access to exclusive opportunities and support from the Student Union's VTeam.

Benefits:

- Welcome Packs full of exclusive VTeam merch, freebiesmerch and freebies.
- Exclusive talks by VTeam members and student ambassadors where you'll learn everything you need to know to get the most out of volunteering.
- Opportunities to take part in one-off bespoke projects at the beginning of each term.
- Workshops for Learning Community students around how to get recognition for volunteering and information on local and national awards.
- Invites to VTeam meetings and socials, a direct line to VTeam's staff and project leadership teams, and a heads up on future recruitment for VTeam Regular Project Committee roles.
- Early registration on big events like Beach Cleans and SU Fireworks night. You'll also be informed first about new projects and the list of events for Student Volunteering Week.
- Monthly check-ins with a designated lead from VTeam.

To live in Volunteer Square, simply add in the notes section of your application that you would be interested in living at Volunteer Square. You will also need to select South Courts as your chosen accommodation.

START-UP SQUARE



Start-up Square is a fresh and vibrant new living space for students interested in starting a business while they study or those wishing to pursue an entrepreneurial career path in the future.

Be part of an ambitious, innovative, and entrepreneurially minded community on campus with access to events and support from the Essex Startups team.

Start-up Square is located in our South Courts accommodation area, a short stroll to the Innovation Centre on the north of campus, where you'll have easy access to the co-working facilities in Studio X and the Essex Startups team.

Living in our tailored accommodation will provide you with the space and opportunities to share ideas and brainstorm your future business ventures alongside other business-minded students.

To live in Start-up Square, simply add in the notes section of your application that you would be interested in living at Start-up Square. You will also need to select South Courts as your chosen accommodation.



HOW DO I APPLY?

APPLY NOW



Applying is easy! Simply login to the myEssex applicant portal and locate the 'Living' section which contains the link to the online form. essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/how-to-apply

Q: Are the rooms furnished?

A: Yes, all rooms in University of Essex accommodation are furnished with essential items such as a bed, desk, chair, and a wardrobe.

Q: Is on-campus accommodation guaranteed for all students?

A: All first-year students are guaranteed accommodation if they apply before a certain date, allocation is on a first-come-first served basis so it's advised to get your preferred choices in at the earliest convenience.

Q: What support services are available for students living in accommodation?

A: The University of Essex provides a range of support services for students living in accommodation, including maintenance assistance and 24/7 security. There are also dedicated staff members available to address any concerns or queries including our Student Wellbeing and Inclusivity Service which you can access our drop-in service without making an appointment. We also have the Student Information Team in the Silberrad Student Services Hub.





Q: What is the difference between Enhanced and Premium?

A: Our Enhanced rooms have been refurbished. Our Premium rooms have bigger beds and our Premium Plus have more living space, as well as the larger bed. If you're not sure which one is right for you, visit our website to see photos of what these rooms will look like.

Q: What if I have specific needs?

A: We have a range of individual needs rooms with various adaptation, including:

- Wheelchair access
- Hearing impairment support
- Emergency call point/panic alarm
- Kitchen adaptations
- Automated doors
- Shower room features including adjustable grab rails – shower seats can be requested if not already available

Although every effort is made to assist in making reasonable adjustments to suit the needs of individuals, further funding and support may be required to arrange more specific specialised equipment.

Wheelchair adapted rooms are available at The Houses, South Courts, The Pastures and The Copse.



SOCIALS

Follow us for tours, images, events and more.

Get ready to dive into exclusive content on our Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok accounts. Follow us to see our room tours, event information, live Q&As and more!

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3-YEAR DEAL

THE 3 YEAR DEAL IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATION AREAS:

South Courts

North Towers

University Quays

New students can lock in the current 2025-2026 prices for the duration of their studies with our 3-year contract.

**KEEP THE SAME ROOM
YOU'VE MADE HOME**

**SUMMER ACCOMMODATION
AT THE SAME RATE**

NO PRICE CHANGES FOR 3 YEARS

PEACE OF MIND AND EASY LIVING



Take advantage of our new 3-year deal by selecting this option when completing your application.

You can apply at essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation/apply/new-students



LAUNDRETTE LOCATIONS

We provide laundry services on campus and near your accommodation, so you'll never need to travel far to use our facilities.

We have laundrette facilities available from North Campus, South Campus, the Meadows, University Quays, the Copse and the Pastures. The machines are operated by the Circuit app, making laundry quicker and easier. Top-up your Circuit app account in seconds – then you're good to go!



ESSEX FOOD

Essex Food offers a wide choice of cafés, restaurants, and bars on campus to suit all tastes and budgets.

Our accommodation is self-catered, but there are many outlets for you to grab some food on campus.


For a list of all outlets and opening times search 'Food and Drink' on the University of Essex website.





ESSEX SPORT

An Essex Sport Silver membership is included in all on-campus accommodation options at Essex.



Our state-of-the-art facility has become a favourite among students, boasting an impressive array of 160 workout stations. Whether you're a fitness enthusiast or just starting your fitness journey, you'll find everything you need to stay active and motivated.

With over 100 fitness classes offered each week, ranging from yoga and Pilates to high-intensity interval training, there's something for everyone.

Having an Essex Sport Silver membership included in your accommodation ensures you'll have ample opportunities to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle right at your doorstep.



160 WORKOUT STATIONS

OVER 100 FITNESS CLASSES

ON-CAMPUS GYM

KEY DATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE

GUARANTEE DEADLINES

UNDERGRADUATE
Friday 12 September 2025

POSTGRADUATE
Friday 12 September 2025

If you apply after your deadline, we can no longer guarantee you accommodation, but you can still apply and we will offer you a room if possible.



PAYMENT METHODS

Use the University's student online payment system to make credit/debit card payments.

Term	Term dates	Payment deadline
Term 1	1 October 2025 – 31 December 2025	31 October 2025
Term 2	1 January 2026 – 31 March 2026	31 January 2026
Term 3	1 April 2026 – 1 July 2026	30 April 2026
Term 4 (if applicable)	29 June 2026 – 16 September 2026	6 July 2026

OPEN DAYS

STUDENT
AMBASSADOR

SEE WHERE YOU MIGHT BE CALLING HOME

Chat with students and staff, tour our campus, listen to a variety of talks and get a feel for what life at Essex is really like.

We host many Open Days throughout the year. To book onto our next one, email us at

opendays@essex.ac.uk or visit essex.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days

QUALITY GUARANTEE

Accommodation Essex is a member of the Universities UK Student Accommodation Code (SAC) which sets out the quality and standards that students can expect from our accommodation.

To make sure we comply with the Housing Act 2004, Accommodation Essex adhere to the UUK Student Accommodation Code, which has been designed to protect your rights to safe, good quality university-managed accommodation.

Derwent, the management company for The Copse, University Quays, and The Meadows, as well as BYUK FM, who manage The Pastures, adhere to National Code Assured Accommodation (ANUK).





RESIDENCE LIFE AND WELLBEING

Your time on campus should be a positive and memorable experience. We are here to help make this happen.

We have a team of Residents' Assistants (RAs) who live across different areas of accommodation.

Their role is to get to know their residents, encourage communication and build community through a range of social activities.



THE RA TEAM

Formed of student-staff called Residents' Assistants (RA) who are there to help you integrate into University life and will organise a range of social activities where you can get to know other students in your accommodation and familiarise yourself with the local area.

They are also there to offer support should you have trouble settling in or are home sick. The Residence Life program includes monthly activities, guidance on being a good neighbour, promotion of wellbeing events, and support for international students adjusting to the local community. For any support, email reslife@essex.ac.uk.

BECOME AN ACCOMMODATION REPRESENTATIVE



Get paid for unique work opportunities

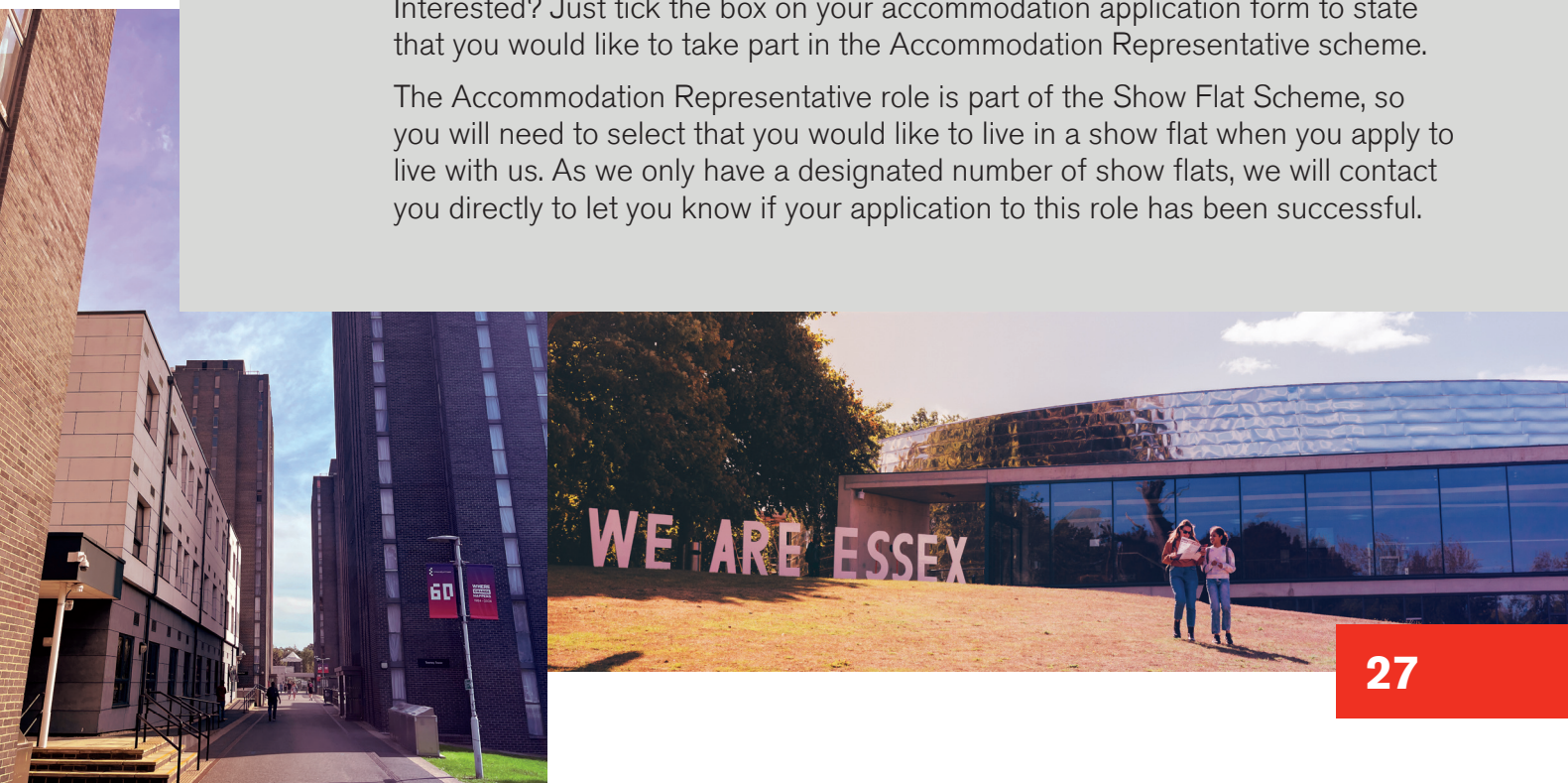
Gain a part-time job that works around your time and campus schedule. Applying to be an Accommodation Representative will allow you to showcase your on-campus accommodation to prospective students and their guests.

Once you have joined us at Essex, you will receive training and support to ensure you can start working in your role as soon as possible.

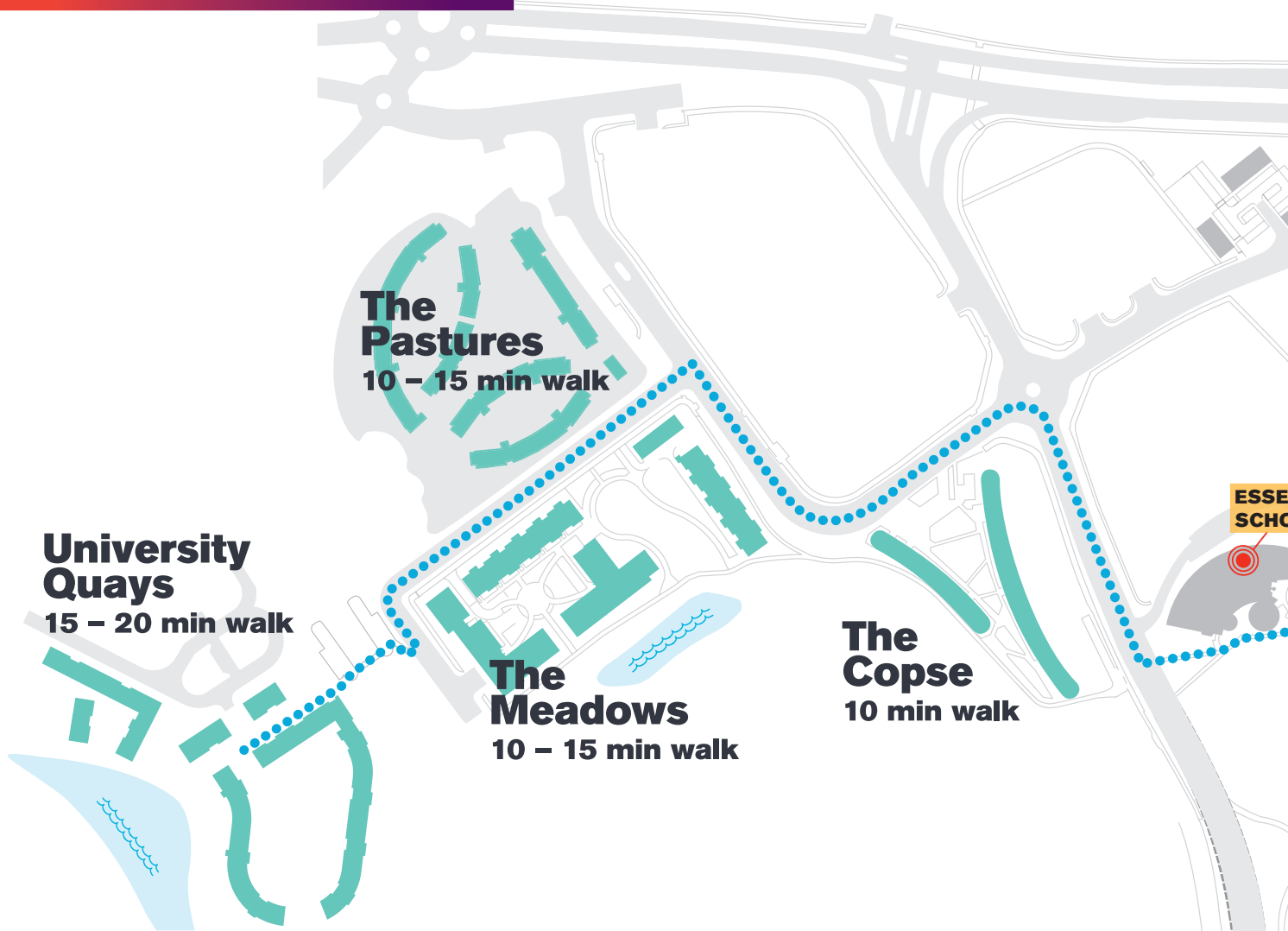
How to apply

Interested? Just tick the box on your accommodation application form to state that you would like to take part in the Accommodation Representative scheme.

The Accommodation Representative role is part of the Show Flat Scheme, so you will need to select that you would like to live in a show flat when you apply to live with us. As we only have a designated number of show flats, we will contact you directly to let you know if your application to this role has been successful.



FIND US ON CAMPUS



**University
Quays**
15 – 20 min walk

**The
Pastures**
10 – 15 min walk

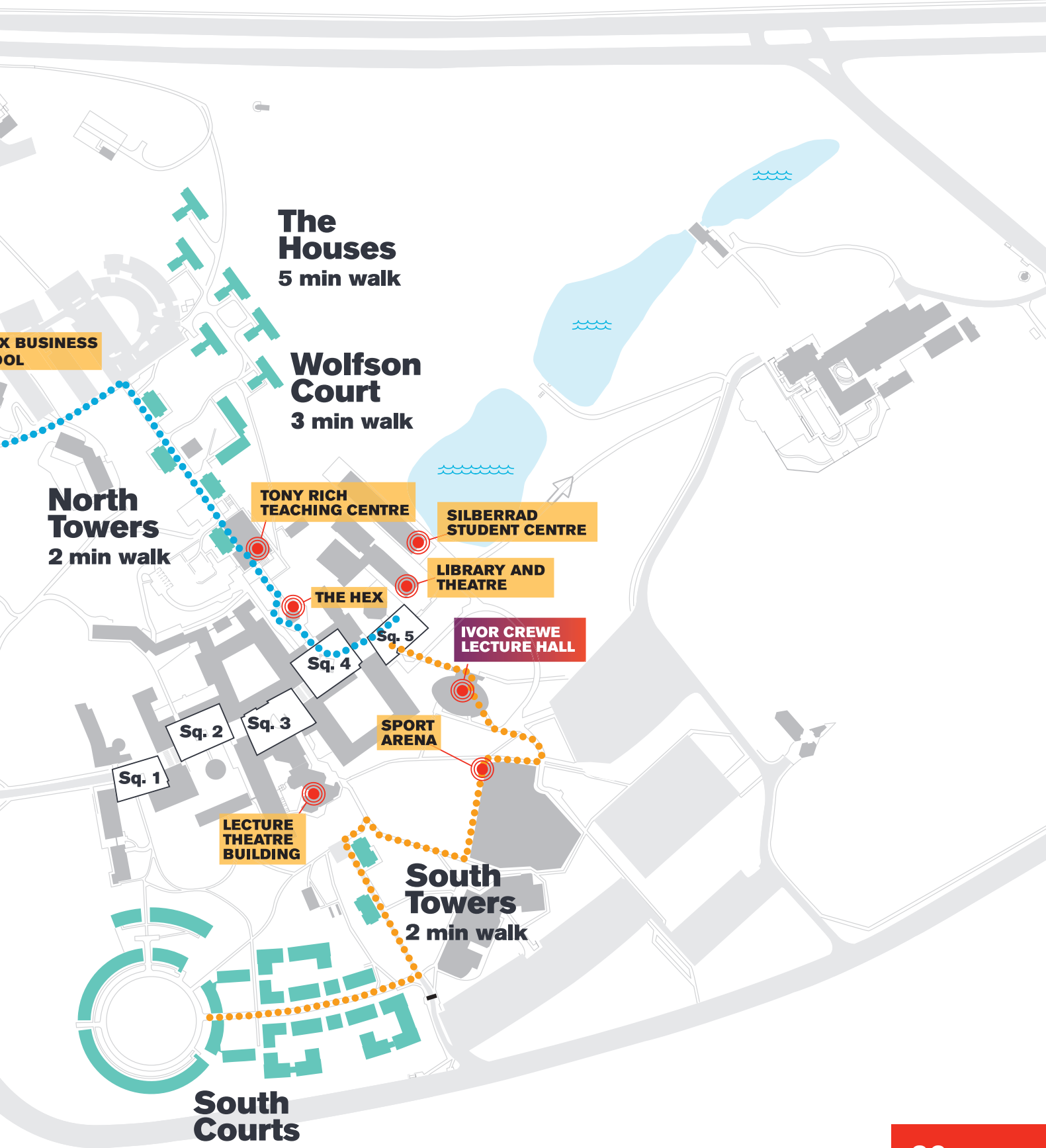
**The
Meadows**
10 – 15 min walk

**The
Copse**
10 min walk

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ACCOMMODATION MAP

- The Houses, North Towers,
The Copse, The Meadows,
Wolfson Court, The Pastures,
University Quays
- South Courts,
South Towers



The Houses
5 min walk

Wolfson Court
3 min walk

North Towers
2 min walk

TONY RICH TEACHING CENTRE

SILBERRAD STUDENT CENTRE

LIBRARY AND THEATRE

THE HEX

IVOR CREWE LECTURE HALL

Sq. 4

Sq. 5

SPORT ARENA

Sq. 1

Sq. 2

Sq. 3

LECTURE THEATRE BUILDING

South Towers
2 min walk

South Courts
5 min walk

*The Athlete Village, Start-up Square and Volunteer Square are located in South Courts.

ACCOMMODATION COMPARISON

	North Towers	Wolfson Court	South Towers	The Houses	South Courts	The Copse	Meadows Townhouse	Meadows, En suite	University Quays	The Pastures
Internet access and Wi-Fi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communal wc/showers	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes – 1 between 2	No	No	Yes
En suite wc/showers	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wash hand basins in room	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Communal kitchen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Self-catered	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Common room	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Laundrette on site	No – 2 min walk	No – 3 min walk	No – 2 min walk	No – 2 min walk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CCTV surveillance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
24/7 security	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleaners for communal areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Available for undergraduates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Available for post-graduates	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Adapted rooms available	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Walking time to centre of campus	2 mins	3 mins	2 mins	5 mins	5 mins	10 mins	10-15 mins	10-15 mins	15-20 mins	10-15 mins
Flat size	14 students	7 students	16 students	4-6 students	4-14 students	4-12 students	12 students	5-7 students	4-8 students	8-12 students
Price per week*	£126.42	£137.83-£146.44	£134.26	£181.23-£196.84	£197.89-£206.71	£212.87-£246.69	£199.36	£208.18	£190.47-£224.07	£178.64-£251.79



CONTACT US

**Student Services Hub
First Floor, Silberrad Student Centre
Colchester Campus
University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park
CO4 3SQ**

Contact Details

Tel: **+44 (0)1206 874000**

Term time: **9.15am – 5pm**

Out of term: **10am – 4pm**

Email: **askthehub@essex.ac.uk**

Links

essex.ac.uk/life/accommodation

essex.ac.uk/student/advice-and-support





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