

Arrival/Orientation Instructions

Sussex Summer



There are NO group flights.

Arrival Date: Students MUST arrive at the University of Sussex campus on the “EAP Official Start Date” of Sunday, June 24, 2012. This date is also published in the Program Calendars on the EAP website. Do NOT go to the EAP Study Center office. The designated arrival site is your assigned on-campus housing. Staff will be available to hand out keys and housing contracts. Students who arrive after 4:00 P.M. will need to pick up their keys from the 24-hour porters in York House. There will be tours of the campus and Brighton available at various times during arrival day, with the main orientation on the next morning.

Transportation Information: Students should fly into London Gatwick Airport if it is at all possible, then take a train to Brighton, with transfer to Falmer. This route saves both stress and money getting to Sussex. However, for students arriving at Heathrow Airport, there are essentially two reasonable ways to get to Brighton – one a little more expensive than the other.

1. The less expensive one is to take a bus from Heathrow direct to the Brighton bus station, called “Poole Valley.” This will take approximately 2 hours and is run by Jetlink every half hour during the day and every two hours during the night. The cost is £16 for a single ticket; £24 for a return ticket valid for six months. Pay the driver. Jetlink stops at Gatwick Airport an hour later to pick up arrivals from there. From Poole Valley, Brighton, you can either get a cab (£7-10) to the University, or take No. 25 bus.
2. Alternatively, students can take a bus from Heathrow to Gatwick South Terminal (should take an hour, and they run frequently), and from there take a train to Brighton, then transfer for Falmer. The train to Falmer runs three times per hour. However, there will be less frequent service for trains and buses on Sundays. It is probably worth buying a young person’s rail card right away at the station. The rail card gives a third or so discount on all off-peak trains.

There is a minibus service from Falmer station to the campus housing. If the bus is at the other end of its run when students arrive, they should wait. Although the rail station is right opposite campus, and it is not a long walk, it is much easier to wait and take the minibus than walking all the way with heavy luggage.

Housing and Meals Note: There will still be some cleaning and maintenance crews around the housing facilities due to the short time frame after University of Sussex students will have moved out. Please be patient if your room is not finished being cleaned. You cannot move in earlier than the official start date. This is self-catering accommodation; the university does not operate a “meal plan.” Students cook their own meals in the shared kitchens and have access to the shops, cafes, restaurants, and snack bars on campus and in town. Students should budget for food accordingly since most students will not be prepared to do their own cooking for the first few days.

Sussex International Summer School will mail each student a packet of informative materials. Please read through all items for more Arrival details.

Print this EAP document and hand-carry it abroad with you.

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