

# Faculty of Science Actuarial Sciences Undergraduate Courses

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# Welcome to Actuarial Sciences

By studying actuarial sciences or business statistics, we prepare you for a profession where you will deal with the financial impact of risk and uncertainty, and evaluate the likely impact of future events.

Here at the UEA we look to cultivate your natural abilities in statistics, mathematics and economics to empower you with the unique skills to be able to solve real business problems and place you in an enviable position in the employment market.

We are looking for communicators, people who are intelligent and can work in teams. We will encourage you to develop your knowledge and experience and, by no means least, have fun. Being a student is great, being a UEA student is better still!

### Why Study Actuarial Sciences at the University of East Anglia?

Our multidisciplinary courses draw on the expertise of the School of Computing Sciences, School of Mathematics and Norwich Business School providing the highest standard of education to prepare you for a stimulating and influential career.

### **Employment Prospects**

With starting salaries averaging over £30,000 per year the actuarial profession is one of the highest paid in the country, with actuaries working in commercial business, government, industry, finance and research.

Completing your degree is just one of the steps to becoming an actuary. After leaving university you usually join an actuarial firm to develop your skills while you qualify, passing the UK Actuarial Profession examinations to qualify as an Associate or Fellow of the Profession.

Completion of our courses gives you the opportunity to gain exemption for up to eight of the professional examinations set by the UK Actuarial Profession.

Of course, the employment market is very competitive, and we endeavour to ensure that all our students receive advice and training to prepare them for the transition to employment or further study.

The UEA Careers and Employability Service gives students the support they need to find out how skills and qualifications can match potential jobs. They give advice and run invaluable workshops on finding vacancies, interview techniques and how you can write your curriculum vitae effectively in support of job or higher-degree applications. They also provide access to a huge careers information library providing occupational profiles and employer information.

www.uea.ac.uk/careers

### **Industry Collaboration**

Much of our work is concerned with real-world problems and applications and we have excellent links with industry both for our teaching and research. We also have a range of industry-based speakers who regularly contribute to teaching.

One of the strengths of our actuarial courses is our close collaboration with insurance giant Aviva who participate in the teaching and provide placement opportunities. You will receive tuition from practicing actuaries on two different modules at the headquarters of Aviva in Norwich, allowing you to appreciate the work of actuaries and to apply your knowledge from taught lectures to real world problems.

We also offer our BSc Actuarial Sciences degree with a year in industry option, which allows you to take full advantage of working in a commercial environment whilst earning a salary and gaining invaluable experience.

The interaction with industry will also develop your transferable skills such as communication and analytical problem solving skills which in turn will enhance your employability.

# Teaching Excellence As our courses offer many

As our courses offer modules from the School of Computing Sciences, the School of Mathematics and Norwich Business School, our students benefit from the excellent reputation of all three departments at the University.

In the most recent teaching Quality Assurance Assessment all three departments involved in the course were regarded as outstanding, achieving the highest possible ranking.

Most course modules are taught through lectures (groups of 15 to 150 students), seminars (groups of 10 to 15 students) and practical laboratories (groups of approximately 16 students). Project reporting, group assignments, role-playing and seminar presentations are developed throughout your degree. Students have, on average, 15 hours of contact time per week with teaching staff. Additionally, we advise students to allocate at least 25 hours per week for self-study, coursework assignments and projects.

### **A Supportive Environment**

On your arrival at UEA you will be assigned an adviser who will provide guidance for your academic career and module choices and provide a sympathetic ear in times of personal difficulty. We have an 'open door' policy so that students can see their adviser or other members of staff, at any mutually convenient time.

We also provide a wealth of specialist support services. Whatever the issue, be it financial, personal, academic or administrative – the Dean of Students' Office and the Students' Union have experienced and sympathetic people, support groups and advice centres to help you.



### **Actuarial Sciences**

Actuaries use statistical and financial theories to solve real business problems such as understanding future financial events or analysing and assessing risks of and create theoretical models of the world around them.

For further information

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BSc Actuarial Sciences
with a Year in Industry
UCAS code N323
A level (typical offer): AAA
International baccalaureate:
34 (incl 7 in HL Mathematics)
Special entry requirements:
A level Mathematics at grade A or A\*
Length of course: 4 years

BSc Actuarial Sciences
UCAS code N324
A level (typical offer): AAA
International baccalaureate:
34 (incl 7 in HL Mathematics)
Special entry requirements:
A level Mathematics at grade A or A\*
Length of course: 3 years

The course profile is the same as for the four-year course but without the third year spent in industry. Employers advise that doing the four-year course (N323) significantly enhances employment prospects.

Typical offer grades are for guidance only – please refer to www.uea.ac.uk/cmp/courses for more detailed and up-to-date course information.

This programme, aimed at students who wish to become actuaries, gives you the opportunity to gain exemptions for the first eight core technical (CT1-CT8) professional examinations set by the UK Actuarial Profession.

The course combines depth of study with an excellent preparation towards becoming an actuary. It will develop your appreciation of recent actuarial developments and practice, and of the links between the theory of the subjects and their practical application in industry. The first two years are devoted to learning mathematical skills in the School of Mathematics; computing, statistical and practical actuarial skills in the School of Computing Sciences and business and management skills in the Norwich Business School.

#### **Course Structure**

The course philosophy is to develop a firm foundation in mathematical, computing, economic and business skills in the first year. These themes are further developed in compulsory modules during the second year, when you will also be introduced to specific actuarial themes and where you will begin to experience the work of an actuary.

Optional modules allow you to develop your specialist interests in the areas of computing, economics or business. The final year will be spent on a placement in a business setting working alongside practicing actuaries and modules will strengthen your knowledge in statistics and professional actuarial practice.

In the second and final year you will deepen your knowledge of business and economics which are of relevance in the actuarial workplace.



### Year in Industry

A special feature of the four-year programme is the year spent in industry. This gives you a wonderful opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge that you have learnt in your previous two years study in a real industrial/commercial setting, whilst earning a salary from the host company.

The third year of the course is spent in a business placement, working alongside practicing actuaries and the focus of the year will be a project that is agreed beforehand between the School of Computing Sciences and the company.

The project will be designed to develop and expand your skills, and throughout it, you will work with and be guided by experienced professionals at the company. In addition, you will learn new skills (eg professional practices, team-working and time-management) and these will stand you in good stead when you have completed your degree and are looking for a job.

You return to UEA for your final year of study.

The tuition fees for the year spent in industry are currently only £900 (2012 figures), so you benefit from a four-year degree without significant extra costs.

During the year, you will have plenty of support from the University, both from the Industrial Training Co-ordinator and your Academic Adviser. At the company, you will have an Industrial Supervisor and Mentor to supervise your work and provide guidance and advice, and you will be required to provide a monthly report on your activities.

We expect students to seek their own placements, but offer support and guidance in the process of looking and applying for them. We already have established links with Aviva and other placement providers.\*

Please note that course profiles may be reviewed and changed for future years of study. Full course profiles for the current academic year, including details of compulsory and optional modules, are available for each programme at:

www.uea.ac.uk/cmp/courses

### **Example Course Modules**

### Year 1 – Compulsory

- Programming for Applications
- Calculus
- Probability
- Introduction to Financial and Management Accounting
- Economics for Business
- Mathematics for Actuaries.

### Year 2 - Compulsory

- Applied Statistics
- Statistical Methods
- Contingencies
- Actuarial Methods
- Differential Equations
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Mathematics.

### Final year - Compulsory

- Financial Economics
- Advanced Statistics
- Further Actuarial Methods and Contingencies
- Actuarial Models
- Economics for International Business
- Business Finance.



### **Business Statistics**

For further information

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BSc Business Statistics
UCAS code G390
A level (typical offer): AAB
International baccalaureate:
33 (incl 7 in HL Mathematics)
Special entry requirements:
A level Mathematics at grade A or A\*
Length of course: 3 years

Typical offer grades are for guidance only – please refer to www.uea.ac.uk/cmp/courses for more detailed and up-to-date course information.

All around us, larger and larger amounts of data are being collected by companies and organisations. Companies use the data they collect to determine financial strategies, assess risk exposure and identify marketing opportunities, improve their own efficiency, to target customer care and to analyse effectiveness of their own procedures.

Employees working on the analysis of this data require multiple skills: an excellent background in applied statistics, a familiarity with computing and databases and a good knowledge of business and business practices. For high quality graduates with this background, there is ample opportunity for employment.

Our Business Statistics degree is multidisciplinary, involving three Schools of study, the School of Computing Sciences, the School of Mathematics and Norwich Business School.

The School of Computing Sciences offers modules in statistics and computing elements. The department's statistical research group develops and applies effective techniques for risk models.

The School of Mathematics teaches core mathematical techniques within the programme and Norwich Business School the business aspects of the programme.

#### **Course Structure**

In the first year, the programme offers the same modules as found in the Actuarial Science degree (see page 4-5). One of the benefits of this is that business statistics students who perform well can apply for exemption from some of the Institute of Actuaries professional examinations. Should business statistics students opt to work in risk analysis, these exemptions will prove beneficial both for employment and for career prospects.

#### Year 1

The first year includes compulsory modules designed to develop a firm foundation in mathematical, computing, economic and business skills.



#### Year 2

This year continues to build upon the foundations developed in the first year enabling you to further develop your knowledge in statistics, actuarial mathematics and computing.

### Year 3

In the final year you will have the opportunity to strengthen your knowledge in mathematics and business and also embark upon a significant statistical project giving you an opportunity to develop both applied and theoretical statistical tools. This project introduces students to activities that are similar to those that they are likely to encounter in their business careers. Students also take further modules in business processes and databases.

### **Employability**

The majority of students graduating from this course progress into roles as business analysts. For very good students, with interests in risk, there may be opportunities to work as actuaries, and gain exemption from up to three of their professional examinations. For exceptional students with interests in statistics, a research career following a PhD is possible.

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### **Example Course Modules**

### Year 1 – Compulsory

- Calculus
- Introduction to Financial and Management Accounting
- Programming for Applications
- Economics for Business
- Mathematics for Actuaries
- Probability.

### Year 2 - Compulsory

- Applied Statistics
- Statistical Methods
- Contingencies
- Differential Equations
- Financial Accounting
- Financial Mathematics.

### Year 2 - Optional

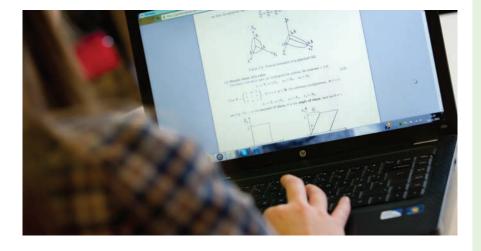
- Database Systems
- Business and Company Law
- Economics for International Business
- Strategic Business Decision Making
- Business Finance.

### Year 3 - Compulsory

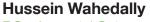
- Advanced Statistics
- Statistics Project.

### Year 3 - Optional

- Economics for International Business
- Database Systems
- Business and Company Law
- Business Skills for Managers
- Business Finance
- Business Ethics
- Strategic Business Decision Making.







**BSc Actuarial Sciences** 

A Levels
Mathematics
Chemistry
Physics
French
English

Originally from Mauritius

### Why did you choose to study at UEA?

I chose to study here because the course is taught in a very professional way. Similarly their close collaboration with industry was a key factor for me as it allows students exposure to the actuarial profession in the real world. Finally UEA's campus, its facilities and working environment convinced me that it was the ideal university for me.

# What have you really enjoyed about your course?

I really enjoy working with my lecturers and seminar leaders who are very friendly, open to questions and always ready to give a helping hand whenever I contact them. I also enjoy working with my course colleagues either for class work or when preparing for tests and exams, which has helped me to find new friends and importantly learn how to work as part of a team.

## Please could you tell us about your career plans for the future?

I want to become a fully qualified actuary, recognised by the Institute of Actuaries, United Kingdom. The qualification is widely respected as a mark of sound technical expertise, integrity and professionalism and offers a wealth of opportunity and choice. Studying here aids me a lot as the BSc Actuarial Science degree at UEA provides exemptions for professional exams. Moreover, the valuable advice I have had from actuaries teaching at UEA and from Aviva during my degree course has helped me understand which area of the actuarial profession is really suitable for my academic and personal skills.





Left: the Sportspark is a great facility on campus.

Right: the shared kitchens in university accommodation are a fantastic social space as well to meet with friends.

Actuarial Sciences student Hussein was attracted to study at UEA because of the professional teaching, excellent facilities and great accommodation. He takes some time out to tell us about his enjoyable journey.

### How have you found living on campus?

I have lived in both a premium en suite and standard room on campus. The rooms are spacious with a range of facilities. All kitchens are shared among the flat mates which are usually a group of eight people. This is the best part of living in university accommodation. Cooking together with other flat mates in the kitchen helps you discover new cultures, cuisines and most importantly make new friends.

# How did you find settling into university life when you first arrived?

Living in a new place with new people can be a difficult process for students, especially international ones. However, the way UEA allocates students to their accommodation helps students a lot. I had lovely flatmates who were from different backgrounds and cultures. We helped each other by sharing our experiences and I remember when we visited the city centre for the first time together, discovering new places and having lots of fun.

### Do you take part in any sports at UEA?

UEA has one of the finest university sports complex in the UK in the Sportspark, and it is my favourite facility on campus. I used to play football at a national level in Mauritius and studying at UEA has not hindered my passion for this game. I joined the UEA Football Society and managed to create a 7-a-side football team with my actuarial science course mates. Besides this, I use the highly equipped gym twice a week and also play badminton once a week with my friends in the multi-purpose sports hall.



# Have you been involved in any other societies whilst studying here?

I have been an active member in the UEA Actuarial Society since my first year and since then, I have joined the Football Fan's Society, Games Society, International Student Society and the Islamic Society. I always make sure I attend all the events the societies organise as these allow me to discover new thoughts, cultures, traditions and friends that share the same passions as me. During my third year I helped set up a Mauritian Society at UEA and was the Acting President.

# Have you been to any memorable gigs or club nights at the LCR?

The LCR at the University of East Anglia is an excellent venue where many up and coming bands have performed. My best experiences so far have been live concerts by Coldplay and artists like Emeli Sandé, Labyrinth and J. Cole. These have been fantastic moments and the whole campus is buzzing when they arrive.

## How would you describe Norwich and Norfolk to a potential student?

It's a really good place to easily walk around the city and Norfolk is one of the safest places in the UK. It is a cosmopolitan, buzzing and beautiful city with over 1500 historical buildings, an exciting arts scene, wonderful outdoor activities, top shopping and delicious locally produced food and drink. Norwich offers a rare blend of historic interest and modern sophistication which will exceed the expectations of any visitor.

### Is there any advice you would pass on to potential students?

I recommend that students should definitely put UEA as their first choice. The University offers top class accommodation, modern and high-tech lecture and seminar rooms, very friendly lecturers and staff and world-class facilities that makes studying here an enjoyable journey.

### Life at UEA

The University of East Anglia is an internationally renowned university based on a spacious campus that provides top quality academic, social and cultural facilities to more than 13,000 students. The latest National Student Survey showed once again that our students are among the most satisfied in the country. The University has been in the top 10 English mainstream universities for student satisfaction ever since the survey began seven years ago. We came third for facilities and third overall in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2011, and the Guardian University Guide 2012 placed us in the top 20 UK institutions.

"This excellent university is among the best on virtually any grounds you care to mention."

The Virgin Guide to British Universities 2012



### **An Ideal Location**

Built on 130 hectares of beautiful parkland on the outskirts of the historic city of Norwich, our campus is one of the most innovative in the country, combining natural beauty with architectural flair. The campus has won more than 20 architectural awards and ongoing multi-million pound investment continues to enhance teaching and research facilities. Virtually no part of our campus is more than a few minutes' walk from anywhere else, and almost every student need is catered for on site - there's a large food shop, a newsagent, a post office, two banks, two launderettes, a Waterstone's bookshop, restaurants, bars and even a travel agent. There are good public transport links into the city, which has a mainline railway station with regular services to London and all other parts of the country. Norwich also has an international airport.

#### Accommodation

First year undergraduates, who live outside a 12 mile radius of Norwich and who have selected UEA as their firm choice are guaranteed one of our 3,500 study bedrooms (many en suite). You will need to apply by the deadline which is published on our web site. Our accommodation has achieved the joint highest score in the Times Higher Education Student Experience 2011 and The Architects' Journal has voted our original residences – the Ziggurats – in the top ten examples of university architecture in the country.

www.uea.ac.uk/accommodation

"Students get the chance to live in either an architectural masterpiece or some of the best modern facilities of any university." The Sunday Times University Guide 2011



### **Learning Resources**

Our library contains more than 800,000 books and journals, as well as extensive collections of specialist materials. It is open seven days a week, and until midnight six days a week during semesters. We provide a wide range of IT services including campus internet access via a wireless network and in student residences. Specialist equipment such as scanners, colour printers and work stations specially equipped to meet the needs of users with mobility problems or visual impairment are also offered.

www.uea.ac.uk/is

### **Student Support**

We offer a wide-range of advice and guidance to any student who wishes to make the most of the opportunities available to them whilst at UEA or who is experiencing difficulties. From counselling to childcare, money matters to our chaplaincy, it's good to know there's help available whenever you might need it. We have financial advisers, an international student advisory team, learning enhancement tutors, an excellent nursery and a disability team. We also have a purpose built campus Medical Centre, a Boots pharmacy and a dental service offering NHS treatment to students and their families.

www.uea.ac.uk/services/students

### **Sporting Facilities**

The University's £30 million Sportspark is now the biggest indoor sports centre in Britain, boasting a state of the art Olympic sized swimming pool, athletics track, climbing wall, superbly equipped gym and an extensive range of sports and leisure activities, from dance classes to five-a-side football.

www.sportspark.co.uk

#### **Arts and Culture**

We are home to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts which provides access to permanent exhibitions of world art and a diverse range of touring exhibitions unrivalled by other universities. UEA also hosts an International Literary Festival which has included famous names such as Ian McEwan and Kazuo Ishiguro – both alumni of UEA's Creative Writing course.

www.scva.ac.uk

www.uea.ac.uk/litfest

### Gigs

The Independent says our Student Union gig roster is "like pop music's roll of honour, with the biggest names performing each year and other students' unions wondering how on earth we manage it". The LCR plays host to a wide range of popular bands, with around 60 gigs on campus each year. Regular club nights cover a wide spectrum of tastes and ensure there is something for every music fan. Recent high profile performers include Coldplay, Bombay Bicycle Club, Ed Sheeran, Rizzle Kicks, Wretch 32, Professor Green, Kaiser Chiefs, Example, Noah and the Whale.

www.ueastudent.com

### Financing Your Studies

We are committed to ensuring that tuition fees do not act as a barrier to those aspiring to come to a world leading university and have developed a funding package to reward those with excellent qualifications and assist those from lower income backgrounds. For up to date information on financial matters including our tuition fees, maintenance grants, student loans, scholarships and bursaries please see:

www.uea.ac.uk/finance

"The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts is perhaps the greatest resource of its type on any British campus." The Times Good University Guide 2012



"UEA's LCR (Kaiser Chiefs pictured) has been voted the best student venue in the country by the music industry's Live! Magazine. Each year more than fifty live bands grace its stage." The Virgin Guide to British Universities 2012

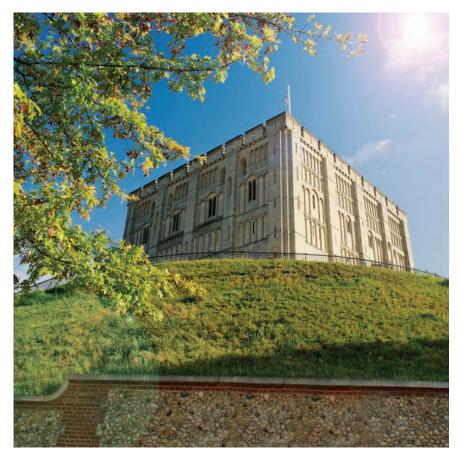


"The excellent sporting facilities are based around the £30 million Sportspark, which boasts an Olympic-sized swimming pool, fitness and aerobics centres, athletics track, climbing wall, courts and pitches." The Times Good University Guide 2012



### Norwich and the Region

Norwich doesn't shout about itself too much but what a city — and what a region. It's got it all — and some — and is just waiting to be explored! Norwich, a thriving cosmopolitan city with a noble heritage, is surrounded by glorious countryside including the Norfolk Broads. The Norfolk coastline, with everything from glorious sandy beaches to mysterious creeks, is easily accessible too, so you'll have plenty of time for rest and relaxation — if your studies allow! The city's landmark Norman Cathedral and Castle, cobbled streets lined with charming half-timbered houses and over 30 medieval churches are complemented by vibrant new developments including the Forum, which houses the Millennium Library and hosts regular concerts, comedy nights and craft fairs. So you've got that charming mix of historical atmosphere and those vital modern day must haves!



### Shopping

Norwich boasts a rewarding blend of independent stores, small specialist shops, major high street chains and the country's largest six-day open-air market, all set amidst a maze of pretty medieval lanes and alleys.

It's no wonder then, that it was voted one of the top ten places to shop in the UK and with Norwich Lanes, a particular hot spot for quirky buys, gaining more popularity, the city is a shopaholic's paradise.

With much of it pedestrianised and being very compact, it is a joy to simply walk around, maybe stopping in one of those fab cafés for a reviving hot chocolate.

### Nightlife

In addition to the University's renowned LCR venue which hosts regular club nights, the city centre caters for all music tastes, from mainstream rock and pop and r & b to alternative indie, and underground dance. There are more than 300 pubs and bars in the city, each with its own special vibe. The Golden Triangle has an excellent selection of pubs which are well established within the student community, offering regular quiz evenings, film nights and good food. If you choose to stick around over the summer, there are several great music festivals which take place in the region, including the increasingly popular Latitude which sees everything from poetry to rock gods on offer – often with mud thrown in for free!

The Waterfront is UEA's very own live music venue and nightclub situated in Norwich's city centre.



"I think Norfolk is the most beautiful and perfect place on Earth."

Stephen Fry, actor, writer and UEA Honorary Graduate

Norwich is England's first UNESCO City of Literature.



Norwich was nominated to become the UK's City of Culture 2013, and it's easy to see why. The city has six theatres with the Theatre Royal regularly staging West End productions, three cinemas, including a great art house cinema, a number of established museums and a host of art galleries, from the renowned Norwich Gallery to artist led galleries Outpost and Stew.

The Norfolk and Norwich Festival, held each May, is internationally acclaimed, attracting performers and visitors of all ages. Its programme covers everything from classical ensembles to French-Canadian acrobats and the Open Studios scheme, also part of the Festival, sees local artists opening up their studios for an exclusive peek inside fascinating stuff!

The carnival and firework display for the Lord Mayor's celebration every July is also not to be missed while the Royal Norfolk Show, at the end of June every year, is the country's largest two-day county show which celebrates all that is great about this diverse county from its agricultural heritage to its gourmet food producers.

### Travel

Norwich has excellent public transport with trains every 30 minutes to London. Norwich International Airport is only 15 minutes from the city centre and has links worldwide via four daily flights to Amsterdam. National Express and Megabus also operate services directly from the University.

### Art and Culture

There is a wide range of foodie options in Norwich, providing everything from all day breakfasts to your local curry house. A number of more formal restaurants are still very affordable, and have student friendly discounts and menu options. There is also a great range of independent cafés offering everything from posh sarnies to smoothies with old fashioned afternoon tea becoming a firm favourite! Look out for all the great delis and farm shops for fresh, seasonal produce (Norfolk produces everything from juicy mussels to organic chocolate) so you will never starve!

And the county has many micro breweries so you can sample Nelson's Revenge or even one called Headcracker. Norwich's annual Beer Festival, every October, sees people queuing round the block to get in! But don't worry, the local apple juice is delicious too.

### Perfect Location

Food and Drink

One of the best things about the University of East Anglia is its location, situated on the edge of both the city and countryside. The Norfolk coastline is home to world famous bird reserves and beautiful beaches, as well as ever-changing countryside interlaced with sleepy medieval villages, bustling market towns and stately homes. One of England's most beautiful national parks, The Broads, is also right on our doorstep for sailing, walking and cycling while paintballing, ice skating, amusement parks, a trip to the zoo or a day at the races are all within easy striking distance of the University.





"Norwich... has been voted one of the best small cities in the world."

The Times Good University Guide 2011

### **Applying to UEA**

### **Applications**

All applications for full-time undergraduate degree courses must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). The UCAS code name and number for the University of East Anglia is EANGL E14. Please visit their website to apply and for further information regarding the application process.

www.ucas.com

### **International Applicants**

We welcome applications from students outside the UK. The School of Computing Sciences offers a high quality educational experience for international undergraduates, visiting students, exchange students and postgraduates. There are over 2,500 non-UK students studying at the University of East Anglia from more than 100 countries, including Australia, China, Cyprus, France, Gambia, Mexico, India, Kenya, Spain, USA and Vietnam. For further information about all aspects of life as an international student at UEA including English language requirements and help improving your English, please see:

Our stunning campus, just 15 minutes from the centre of Norwich, has won over 20 awards for architecture.

www.uea.ac.uk/international www.intohigher.com/uea

UEA is in the top ten of the Guardian's People and Planet Green League 2011, which ranks universities according to their policies and commitment to environmental management.



### Students with Disabilities

We welcome applications from students with disabilities. The Disability Team aims to offer information, advice and the co-ordination of support required by students both before and during their studies. The more information we have in advance of your arrival, the easier it is for us to make any necessary preparations. This can include any reasonable adjustments which are required for your studies or accommodation. We would be happy to arrange an informal visit to the University for you. For more information see:

www.uea.ac.uk/services/students/disability

### **Mature Applicants**

We extend a welcome to students who are returning to study, who may have alternative qualifications. Students who come with alternative educational backgrounds add a very valuable dimension to the undergraduate teaching programme in the School. Staff and students alike appreciate and value their motivation, skills and experience.

We operate a flexible admissions policy in order to take account of prospective students who do not come to us directly from sixth form, and are always pleased to advise you on the most suitable way forward if you lack formal qualifications. Please contact us for an informal chat. See:

www.uea.ac.uk/return



### **Visiting Us**

We are always delighted to meet prospective students, either before or after their applications through UCAS. The best way to assess a university is to visit and experience what it has to offer. We warmly invite you to come and meet us.

### **Open Days**

These give you the chance to find out about student life here, courses we offer, student finance and graduate careers. You will be able to talk to lecturers and current students as well as taking a tour around campus. For more information and upcoming dates see: www.uea.ac.uk/opendayinfo

### **Visit Days**

Each year we hold a series of Visit Days, where applicants to our courses are invited to visit the University to learn more about the course they have applied for, meet current students and staff and tour our campus. Applicant Visit Days are usually held between November and March each year. If you wish your parents to accompany you, we have a programme specifically developed for their interests including finance and welfare issues. For more information see: www.uea.ac.uk/visitdays

#### Individual Visits

You are very welcome to visit the School at other times – just call us to make arrangements.

Norfolk is the safest place in the country according to recent statistics issued by the Home Office 2012.





We have taken great care in compiling the information contained in this brochure, which we believe to be accurate at the time of going to press. However, the provision of courses, facilities and other arrangements described in the brochure are regularly reviewed and may, with good reason, be subject to change without notice. Applicants for undergraduate programmes will be notified immediately of any material changes likely to have a bearing on their application, such as cancellation of, or major modification to, degree programmes or modules offered; changes to the delivery or location of courses, changes to accommodation provision, changes to entry requirements; or changes to fees and charges to be levied by the University.

Should industrial action or other circumstances beyond the control of the University occur, and this interferes with the University's ability to deliver programmes or other services in accordance with the descriptions provided, the University will use all reasonable endeavours to minimise disruption as far as it is practicable to do so. Provided the University complies with its obligations set out above, it shall not be liable to students or applicants, for any loss, costs, charges or expenses arising out of the information set out in this brochure, changes to that information or any disruption or interference of the type described above. The University operates an Admissions Complaints Procedure. If you feel that you have a well founded complaint regarding your application, please contact your Admissions Office in the first instance.

Please note that we cannot guarantee any student a work placement as this decision rests with potential employers and students will be expected to source these placements themselves. Limited support will be available from the University. If you have not successfully secured a work placement by the end of your second year you will be transferred onto the equivalent three-year degree programme.

### **Equal Opportunities**

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