

University of Suffolk: accessible summary of 2020-21 to 2024-25 access and participation plan

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity. This supports underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education.

You can see the full access and participation plan for the University of Suffolk at:
<https://www.uos.ac.uk/sites/default/files/access-participation-plan-2020-2025.pdf>

Key points

The focus of our access and participation plan is on improving access and outcomes for specific groups of students. Data shows that, compared to their peers at the University of Suffolk, access and outcomes are lower for certain groups of students.

Fees we charge

At the University of Suffolk, the maximum fees we charge are:

£9,250 for full-time students

£6,935 for part-time students.

You can find a full list of fees for courses at the University of Suffolk at:
<https://www.uos.ac.uk/content/undergraduate-tuition-fees>

Financial help available

We offer financial help for students from underrepresented groups. This helps students to access higher education, to continue in their studies and to access specialist to digital equipment to facilitate engagement.

In summary, we provide

The **Ipswich Award** – which is a bursary of £1000 for students starting on specific courses at the Ipswich campus, where grades meet or exceed course entry requirements.

The **University of Suffolk Bursary** -

Our Financial Support Advisors can be contacted about support and how applications can be made by contacting moneyadvice@uos.ac.uk

What we are doing to achieve our aims

Our overall aim is to increase opportunities for individuals to access and succeed in higher education, enabling students at the University of Suffolk to achieve their potential, and make a difference to (e)4(rs)-216.32 375.7 58

To provide feedback, students can contact their [Student Union representative](#).

Evaluation: measuring and understanding what we have achieved

We have worked with the Students' Union to design our access and participation plan. Students are represented on our Access and Participation Plan Working Group, who have responsibility for overseeing the plan, and on key university committees with responsibility for student experience and learning and teaching.

See names

We have designed our programmes of activity based on the best evidence available about what works for students, and by looking at our own student population. We will collect data, feedback, and use this to evaluate our success and understand where challenges and barriers continue to exist. This includes evaluating:

the programme of activities we have designed

the impact of the programme we are doing to achieve our aims

the nine actions outlined above

the impact of all of these on our overall aim to increase opportunities for individuals to access and succeed in higher education, enabling students at the University of Suffolk to achieve their potential, and make a difference to the communities they live within.

The Access and Participation Plan Working Group will monitor our progress and report these to university committees including the committee for our Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, and the University's Senate. We will monitor the impact of our work on our identified target groups and adjust our activities where needed, in the best interest of our students.

We will publish evidence from our evaluations on [our website](#) by January 2024.

Contact for further information

You can contact Dr Ellen Buck at ellen.buck@uos.ac.uk for further information.