

Is essex.ac.uk safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 65/100

essex.ac.uk

Verdict

65

OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

essex.ac.uk is moderately trusted.

Most signals looked ordinary, and some evidence was missing. Read the checks below before you pay or hand over personal details.

Safe for Read-Only

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official-looking University of Essex website page focused on admissions, course information, clearing events, campus life, and contact details. Contains navigation, contact emails/phone, and cookie consent text.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

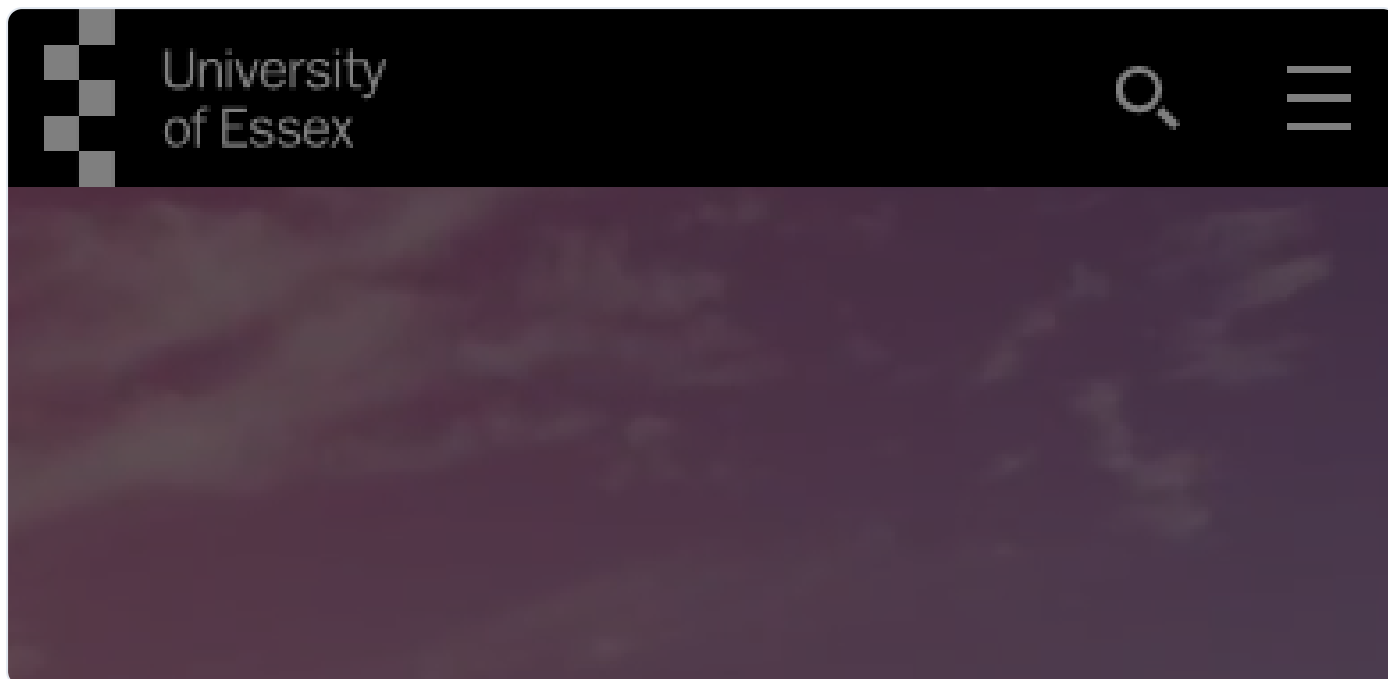
At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.essex.ac.uk/>



What essex.ac.uk served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Safe for Read-Only.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is an apparent University of Essex academic and admissions portal presenting undergraduate and postgraduate courses, Clearing 2026 information, campus life, research, events, student support, and contact channels; its apparent purpose is to support education, admissions, institutional communications, and related university services funded through tuition, public funding, research, donations, and paid facilities or services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent university-information structure, including admissions, course search, campus information, research, events, student support, and contact navigation, with no detected phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, wallet, or sensitive-form indicators. The institutional identity appears consistent with the content and associated social presence, but the available evidence supports an apparent or likely identity rather than independently proving the real-world operator.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled “UoE | University of Essex” and provides navigation for study, campus life, research, about, events, news, visits, and contact.
- The homepage provides Clearing admissions information, a course finder, fees and funding information, and a published admissions telephone channel.
- Page analysis recorded no red flags, no suspected brand impersonation, no login form, no hidden forms, and no sensitive-form submission.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no confirmed blacklist or phishing indication.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site’s educational purpose and institutional presentation are clear, while the available material does not establish an independently verified legal or regulatory operator identity. No financial-services license is claimed in the supplied page evidence; for an academic institution, the relevant checks are institutional recognition, admissions authority, fee arrangements, and the authenticity of any specific payment or enrolment process rather than brokerage licensing. The absence of a matched broker-reputation profile is contextual only and is not a licensing determination. The site also has minor technical publication gaps because structured metadata and a meta description were not detected, although these do not indicate fraud.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the institution as the University of Essex and presents a university or educational page category with a low page-risk assessment.
- The site links to Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Weibo, providing multiple institutional social channels.
- The site is served from AS16509, Amazon.com, Inc. (AMAZON-02), United States; the hosting provider is Amazon Data Services UK.
- Transport encryption uses a DV TLS certificate issued by YR2, valid to 2026-09-23T10:16:59+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before a high-value payment, enrolment commitment, or submission of sensitive personal information, independently confirm that the relevant course, fee, deadline, and admissions instructions match information obtained through an independently sourced University of Essex channel. Any payment destination should be checked against the institution’s independently verified finance or admissions contact details, and official support channels should be confirmed through an offline or separately sourced route.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage contains admissions, Clearing, fees and funding, course-search, and contact functions that can be cross-checked against independently sourced institutional information.
- The page contains no sensitive form, password form, or untrusted form destination in the observed interaction.
- The observed site behavior completed successfully across two runs without wallet connection, wallet-drainer, clipboard-hijack, hidden-form, or cloaking indicators.

Summary Verdict

The website has a **moderate-trust posture**: its content, institutional presentation, technical operation, and external reputation are consistent with a legitimate university information service, while the available evidence does not independently prove the real-world operator identity. It is suitable for ordinary informational and read-only use, with additional checks appropriate before sensitive or high-value actions.

Infrastructure Integrity

AWS CDN/WAF protection provides a mitigating layer by placing observed traffic at edge infrastructure rather than exposing a directly observable origin, which can reduce routine origin exposure but does not itself establish legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Routine browsing and academic-information review are proportionate uses; independent confirmation of institutional details and payment or enrolment instructions should precede material financial or sensitive-data commitments.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=5

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of essex.ac.uk.

- The request stayed on essex.ac.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. [CLEAR](#)

- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	18.171.30.181
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-09-23
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about essex.ac.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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