

Is sussex.ac.uk safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 68/100

sussex.ac.uk

Verdict

68
OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

sussex.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.

Not Scam

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

What this site appears to be

Official University of Sussex website page describing study options, research, news, events, open days, campus life and contact details. Content is informational and aimed at prospective/current students, staff and partners.

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	1 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
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 Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA EV R36	NOTED

Cookies on our website

We use some essential cookies to make this website work.

We'd like to set additional cookies to understand how you use our site so we can

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

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the apparent institutional web presence of the University of Sussex, presenting information on undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD, online and short-course study, research, news, events, campus life, accommodation, careers and contact services for prospective students, current students, staff, partners and the wider community.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No phishing, impersonation, identity contradiction or confirmed blacklist signal was observed. The site's educational content, institutional navigation, contact information, absence of sensitive forms, and links to established social platforms are consistent with a genuine university website. One external classification marked the domain as malicious, but this is an isolated and uncorroborated detection: other supplied checks found no blacklist or search-engine phishing result, and no malicious behavior was identified in the page analysis. The result is therefore a reputational anomaly requiring contextual interpretation, not evidence of a scam.

EVIDENCE

- Homepage: institutional navigation covers study, research, student services, news, events, staff and contact functions; no login form, hidden form or sensitive data form was detected.
- Homepage analysis: no red flags, brand-impersonation indicators, crypto activity or deceptive business mechanics were identified.
- External reputation telemetry: 1 malicious classification out of 92 evaluated results; blacklist status false, search-engine phishing status false, and abuse reports 0.
- External traffic measurement: rank 15853, within the top 1 million sites.

Regulatory Verification Notes

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate academic institution, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified by this assessment. The reviewed content describes higher education, research and community engagement rather than a financial-services offering, and no financial or regulatory license claim is presented. That is a disclosure and verification point for institutional due diligence, not evidence of deception. The site's strong page authority, academic restricted-domain context, substantive content and recognized social presence provide affirmative legitimacy support. A broker-reputation dataset produced no matching record; this is contextual only and is not a licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- Homepage: title identifies "University of Sussex - a leading, research-intensive university," with substantive sections for study, research, news, events, student life and contact.
- Homepage: links are present to facebook.com, instagram.com, youtube.com, vimeo.com, tiktok.com and linkedin.com; four were treated as established social-presence signals.
- Hosting infrastructure: served from AS786 (JANET - Jisc Services Limited, GB).
- Transport encryption: EV TLS certificate issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA EV R36 for University of Sussex(The), valid to 2026-10-08 23:59:59 UTC.

What to Verify Next

Before high-value payments, submission of sensitive information or reliance on admissions or fee instructions, independently confirm the relevant institutional details through an official university directory or a contact route obtained from an offline or separately trusted source. Admissions, fees and funding, and contact pages should be cross-checked for consistency of names, payment instructions and return or refund arrangements. Where a transaction or service falls outside ordinary university activity, the responsible legal entity and any applicable authorization should be confirmed with the relevant authority.

EVIDENCE

- Contact page: provides the site's stated contact and campus-information route for independent confirmation.
- Fees and funding pages: identify the pages where payment-related instructions and financial arrangements should be checked.
- Homepage navigation: exposes distinct routes for admissions, international study, current students, staff and collaboration, allowing the claimed institutional context to be compared across pages.

Summary Verdict

The website has a **moderate-trust, not-scam posture** supported by coherent institutional content, an established academic web presence, strong technical identity signals and the absence of observed contradiction or phishing patterns. The operator connection appears likely rather than independently proven, and the isolated external reputation anomaly prevents a fully conclusive trust determination.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves to a single likely origin address, with no CDN or WAF detected. This means there is no evident edge-layer shielding or origin obfuscation, but the direct hosting arrangement is not itself an indication of malicious activity.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary informational use is proportionate; sensitive submissions, payments or consequential decisions should proceed only after the relevant institutional and transaction details have been independently confirmed.

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=4

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 sussex.ac.uk.

- The request stayed on sussex.ac.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- It is hosted on JANET, from a server in GB. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	JANET - Jisc Services Limited, GB
Country	GB
Server IP	139.184.14.212
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA EV R36
SSL expiry	2026-10-08
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 1 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about sussex.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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