

University of Sussex

Name of University			
Website	http://www.sussexstudent.com/fencing		
Facebook and Twitter	Sussex university fencing club		
Contact email address(es)	Club Captain: Fergus Rees-Gildea Coach: Angela Goodall		
Size of fencing club	40-50 members		
Cost to Join (Athletic Union and fencing club fees where appropriate)	£70 for the year		
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)	Venue is a large gym hall, enough room for 50 fencers more or less. Storage facilities for all the club fencing gear is composed of one cupboard for club gear and 2 smaller cupboards for electrics. Size of storage for fencing gear often presents problems.		
Coach(es)	Angela Goodall is our official club and team coach. Assistant coach is George Burwood, we also have 6 members of the club qualified with a level one coaching certificate. Angela's fee is £26.30 per hour.		
Additional coaching costs			
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)	Anyone who is interested in fencing is welcome to take part in the Tuesday club training. A smaller beginners intensive session is also available on Sunday after team training. This is run by two qualified team members, the size of this intensive beginners session is approximately 16.		
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc.)	The club has 4, 5 electric pistes available and are normally only used by team members as there is not enough electric equipment (lames, bodywires) available for regular club members. The larger beginner club run footwork and training programs run by Angela. Warm up and training normally take the 1 st hour and free training the second.		
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)	We have 3 teams, Mens A, Mens B and Womens A. these experienced fencers make up about 50% of the club. We begin beginners on Foil and allow them to choose between the swords after about a month.		
Does the club run out of term time?	No though xtra sessions are scheduled even after the BUCS season.		
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	yes		
Teams entered into BUCS, which leagues and finishing positions for last year	Team	League	Final Position 12-13
	Men's 1	Division 1	4th
	Mens 2	Division 2	6th
	Women's	Division 2	1st
Do you send fencers to the BUCS individuals, does the AU pay for transport and entry fees?	Yes we compete in the BUCS individuals, while we can apply to the union for help funding the trip they do not pay for it in full.		
Do club members attend open competitions?	Yes		
Do you have other regular matches? Friendlies, local leagues etc.	Friendly's with Imperial and Royal Holloway, regularly attend Sussex Regionals and Opens, Attend Paris Open, Invicta and London Team Trophy every year		
What about social events? After training, dinners, parties etc.	Pub after every training. Socials in the past have included ice skating, paint balling, lasertag etc. Every year we also hold a Christmas meal.		
Can elite fencers get sports grants, scholarships or other help from the University? Please give details of where from and how much.	Fencers who have competed nationally can receive a 2000£ sports bursary. Elite fencers can receive funding for trips to nationals etc. again this funding never covers the entire trip, only a portion.		

Hall of Fame – list some fencers who are currently at your university or who are recent alumni.			
What is the best thing about your university fencing club?	We are one the best clubs in the country at providing a fun friendly atmosphere for those who are new to fencing. We receive huge amounts new fencers every year and have special extra sessions in place for those who want to improve faster.		
What is the worst thing about your university fencing club?	General lack of space for our sports equipment as it hinders the club from growing in size. We also been unable to attend several tournaments due to lack of funding and financial help from university.		
Anything else we should know?			
Any advice for prospective applicants			
If there are local clubs that university fencers sometimes attend then please list the following information for each:	Brighton and Hove club.	Crawley fencing club	
Cost to join	5 per session	5 per session	
Venue details (where/size/quality/storage for personal kit)			
Coach(es)			
Additional coaching costs			
Details of beginners courses (cost/coaches)			
Club night information (number of pistes/footwork/free fencing etc)			
Composition of club (experienced fencers/any weapon speciality etc)			
Club equipment to use for training and competitions?	yes		
Does the club have any teams and if so what leagues/events do they compete in?			
Do club members attend opens competitions?			
Any other information?			