UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

Campuses: Which One To Choose?

College Lane vs. de Havilland — a subject-by-subject, facility-by-facility guide for Indian students choosing where to study and live

TWO CAMPUSES, ONE UNIVERSITY

Less than a mile apart, linked by a free shuttle bus, footpaths and cycle routes

COLLEGE LANE	DE HAVILLAND	DISTANCE APART
Sciences, computing, health, creative arts, engineering	Business, law, humanities, education	~0.6 miles / 5-min free shuttle / 20-min walk

Both campuses are in Hatfield, Hertfordshire — about 25 minutes by train from London King's Cross.

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PAGE 01 — THE QUICK ANSWER

You Don't Really “Choose” A Campus

Your course chooses it for you — here's how that works

THE SHORT VERSION

Almost every School at the University of Hertfordshire is based primarily at **one** campus. In practice, your degree subject determines where you'll spend most of your teaching time — the real decision is less “which campus do I prefer” and more “which campus does my course put me on, and how do I make the most of it.”

WHERE EACH SCHOOL SITS

College Lane Campus	de Havilland Campus
School of Computer Science	Hertfordshire Business School
School of Creative Arts	School of Humanities
School of Engineering and Technology	Hertfordshire Law School
School of Health and Social Work	School of Education
School of Life and Medical Sciences	
School of Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics	

This split is consistent across the university's own campus maps and school pages — if you know your course, you can already predict which campus you'll be based on most weeks.

Your Course → **Your School** → **Your Home Campus** → **Your Housing Choice**

WORTH KNOWING

Timetables can still cross campuses — a joint degree, an elective module, or a shared facility (like the 24/7 Learning Resources Centre at College Lane) can mean regular trips between sites. The free shuttle bus and short walking distance mean this is a minor planning issue, not a major one.

PAGE 02 — SIDE BY SIDE

College Lane vs. de Havilland

What each campus actually offers, beyond the subject split

Factor	College Lane	de Havilland
Core Subjects	Computer Science, Creative Arts, Engineering, Health & Social Work, Life & Medical Sciences, Physics/Astronomy/Maths	Business, Law, Humanities, Education
Library	24/7 Learning Resources Centre — one of the largest university libraries in Britain	Access via shuttle/walk to College Lane's LRC; local study spaces on-site
Student Union / Social Hub	The Forum — a £38m Student Union venue, capacity up to 2,250	Weston Auditorium (live music, arts events); Enterprise Hub
Sport & Fitness	The Oval: 24/7 gym, concierge, Amazon locker, 24/7 helpdesk	Hertfordshire Sports Village: gym, climbing wall, large pool, multiple sports courts
Signature Buildings	Learning Resources Centre, The Forum, Enterprise Hub	Law Court Building, Weston Auditorium, Hertfordshire Business School building
International Pathway College	Hertfordshire International College (Navitas) is based here	—
Nearby Amenities	Campus green spaces, cafes, on-site health centre, day nursery	Directly across the road from The Galleria shopping centre, Hatfield
Historical Note	Original site of Hatfield Technical College, developed on land donated by the de Havilland aircraft company	Opened 2003 on the former Hatfield Aerodrome / de Havilland Aircraft Company site

READ THIS BEFORE YOU DECIDE

Neither campus is objectively "better." College Lane has the bigger library and student-union venue; de Havilland has the sports village and a shopping centre on its doorstep. Pick your course first — then use this table to know what to expect day-to-day, not to pick a side.

GETTING BETWEEN THE TWO

Free Shuttle Bus (~5 min) + 20-min Walk + Cycle Path

Both campuses sit just off Junction 3 of the A1(M), roughly 25 minutes by train from London King's Cross to Hatfield station. The university's own Uno bus company also connects both campuses to the wider town and neighbouring areas.

PAGE 03 — LIVING THERE

Accommodation On Each Campus

A quick snapshot — see the full Housing Guide for complete pricing and options

Factor	College Lane	de Havilland
Housing Style	Larger halls mix — en-suite singles, standard singles, twin/shared rooms, studios	Predominantly en-suite singles, including a block exclusive to postgraduate students
From (2026/27, per week)	Standard single (shared bathroom) from £159.74	Single en-suite from £204.26
5-Minute Walk To	The Oval gym, LRC, The Forum, main teaching building	Hertfordshire Sports Village, Weston Auditorium, Enterprise Hub, business/law lecture halls
Best Suited To	Students wanting the widest range of room types and budgets	Students who want to be close to sport facilities and the Business/Law schools

All prices shown are official 2026/27 starting rates and include bills — see the companion **Housing Guide for the University of Hertfordshire** for the complete room-type and pricing breakdown.

WHICH CAMPUS FITS YOUR PROFILE?

You'll likely be on College Lane if…	You'll likely be on de Havilland if…
• You're studying Computer Science, Engineering, Creative Arts, Life/Medical Sciences, Physics, Astronomy or Maths, or Health & Social Work. • You want the 24/7 library and the biggest Student Union venue on your doorstep. • You're joining via Hertfordshire International College's pathway route.	• You're studying Business, Law, Humanities or Education. • You want to be steps from the Sports Village and a shopping centre. • You'd value a dedicated postgraduate accommodation block nearby.

Studying a joint or combined degree that spans both Schools? It's worth checking your specific timetable before choosing accommodation — the free shuttle makes either campus workable, but living closer to where most of your contact hours happen still saves real time across a semester.

PAGE 04 — VERDICT

So, Which Campus Should You Choose?

LET YOUR COURSE DECIDE — THEN PLAN AROUND IT

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

1 **Which School is my course based in?**

Check your offer letter or course page — it will name the School delivering your degree, and that tells you the campus.

2 **Do I have modules, placements or societies on the other campus?**

Joint degrees, electives and some student societies cross both sites. A quick look at your provisional timetable avoids surprises in Week 1.

3 **What do I want close to home — the library, or the gym?**

If neither factor above settles it, this is the genuine lifestyle trade-off: College Lane's 24/7 LRC and Forum, versus de Havilland's Sports Village and shopping-centre access.

BOTTOM LINE

Don't ask “which Herts campus is better?” Ask “which campus does my course put me on, and what do I need to know to make the most of it?” For almost every applicant, the first question answers itself the moment you know your subject.

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