



University of
BRISTOL



Study Abroad guide
2021/22

Welcome to Bristol

Bristol is the 8th largest city in the UK*, located in the South West of England just 90 minutes from London.



*when defined by Primary Urban Area, centreforcities.org 2017

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Introducing the University of Bristol

The University of Bristol is one of the most popular and successful universities in the UK, with a diverse community of nearly 25,000 talented students.

Here, you'll experience outstanding teaching shaped by our cutting-edge research and learn from academics at the forefront of their fields.

Living and studying at the heart of Bristol, one of Europe's most exciting, creative cities, you'll find a world of opportunities right outside the lecture theatre.



Founded
in 1876

Top 10 in
the UK*

58th in
the world*

5th in the
UK for
research†

*QS World University Rankings 2021

†THE analysis of REF 2014

Study Abroad programmes

Bristol offers a highly flexible and personalised Study Abroad experience, with three different programmes to suit your English language ability and a wide range of subject choices.

English language requirements

Our three programmes require different levels of English language ability.

PROGRAMME	IELTS REQUIREMENT*
Study Abroad Standard	6.5 overall, minimum 6.0 in all bands
STABEL (Study Abroad with English Language)	
– With 6-week pre-sessional course	6.0 overall, minimum 5.5 in all bands
STABEL (Study Abroad with English Language)	
– With 10-week pre-sessional course	5.5 overall, minimum 5.0 in all bands†

*Please see bristol.ac.uk/international/countries for further details about alternative accepted English language qualifications.

†Please note that for the 10-week STABEL programme, students will need an academic IELTS for UKVI from an authorised test centre, also known as a SELT, in order to apply.

Study Abroad Standard

September and January start

This is the most common option for native English speakers or those who already meet our English language requirements. You can take this programme in the autumn or spring semester, or for the full academic year. For those who want to enhance their English language skills, you can also take English language units alongside your other subjects.

STABEL (Study Abroad with English Language)

September start

STABEL combines Study Abroad with a pre-sessional English language course starting in June or July. This intensive English language course will prepare you for study in Bristol and lasts for six or ten weeks, depending on your current English language level.

Subject options

At Bristol you will choose units from across the University to create a personalised academic programme.

You can take units in your major and minor, as well as other subjects that interest you. Our six faculties offer a wide variety of subjects, which can be combined to create a diverse and intellectually stimulating programme.

*Available for full-year students only

**Available for Computer Science majors only

Arts

Anthropology and Archaeology
English Language
Film and TV
Innovation
Modern Languages
Music
Philosophy
Theatre



Engineering

Aerospace Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Science**
Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Engineering Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering

We strongly advise Engineering students to apply for a year-long placement as many of our Engineering units are taught across the full academic year.



Humanities

Classics and Ancient History
English Literature
History
History of Art
Religion and Theology



Science

Chemistry*
Earth Sciences
Geographical Sciences
Mathematics
Physics



Social Sciences

Accounting and Finance
Economics
Education
Law*
Management
Policy Studies
Politics and International Studies
Sociology



Life Sciences

Anatomy
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Cellular and Molecular Medicine
Neuroscience
Pharmacology
Physiology
Psychology



Create your programme

Make the most of your time here by creating a tailored academic programme that works for you.

Customise your experience by selecting units from across departments, combining different subjects to suit your interests or immersing yourself in your main subject of study.

Study level

Undergraduate degrees in the UK are three-year programmes, and as a Study Abroad student you can choose units (classes) from all three years.

For subjects that are new to you or that you haven't studied in-depth at home, first-year units are the most suitable. Second-year units are the most common for students taking their major/minor abroad, and third year units are suitable for students in their major subject if they are close to graduation.

We usually recommend that you take at least 50 per cent of your units in your major subject, but please check with your home university about any requirements for your degree.

Credits and course load

You will take 60 Bristol credits per semester, which is a full course load. Most units at Bristol are either 10-credits or 20-credits, so you will typically take three to six units per semester.

Science and Engineering subjects tend to have more 10-credit units, whereas Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences tend to have 20-credit units. Your home university will be able to advise you about how the credits transfer back to your degree.

Finding your units

The terminology used at Bristol might not exactly match what you are used to at your home university. Please read the guidance on our website about how to create your programme – we recommend that you try a few different search terms when looking for units in our unit catalogue. You can sometimes find units that match your requirements in unexpected areas.

Example study plans

Opposite are just a few examples of ways that you can combine subjects from across our faculties to suit your academic needs and interests.*

*Sample units are indicative only. Specific class combinations cannot be guaranteed.

Example study plans

Environmental science

UNIT	DEPARTMENT
UNIV10001 Sustainable Development	School of Geographical Sciences
GEOG16001 World in Crisis?	School of Geographical Sciences
EASC10002 Environmental Geoscience 1	School of Earth Sciences
EASC30050 Environmental Radioactivity	School of Earth Sciences
PHYS30027 Environmental Physics	School of Physics
SOCI20049 Environment and Society	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
POLI20018 The Politics of the Environment	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies

Bristol's environmental research is world-class. Our geography research is ranked first in the UK, and earth systems and environmental sciences is second (*THE* analysis of REF 2014). The University's Cabot Institute is a leading centre for innovative, interdisciplinary research into solutions to environmental challenges.

European studies

UNIT	DEPARTMENT
MODL10009 Contemporary European Cinema	School of Modern Languages
MODL20011 Gender in Post-Socialist Central and Eastern Europe	School of Modern Languages
CLAS10035 Historical Survey: Ancient Greece	Department of Classics and Ancient History
HIST10043 The Early Modern World	Department of History
POLI30014 European Foreign Policy	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
PHIL20050 Texts in Modern European Philosophy 1	Department of Philosophy
THRS10064 Living Religions West	Department of Religion and Theology

Taking our European studies options help you develop the skills to understand, explain and negotiate the rich cultural landscapes of European countries. You can access the excellent facilities in the School of Modern Languages – including our student cinema suite, audio recording studio and language lab – and enjoy outstanding teaching in our Department of Religion and Theology, ranked sixth in the UK (Complete University Guide 2021).

Health sciences/Pre-med

UNIT	DEPARTMENT
BIOL20019 Brains, Behaviour and Evolution	School of Biological Sciences
BIOL20011 Cell and Developmental Biology	School of Biological Sciences
BIOC20001 Molecular and Cell Biology	School of Biochemistry
MOLG22100 Recombinant DNA Technology	School of Biochemistry
PANM10001 Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	School of Cellular and Molecular Medicine
PHPH20013 Cellular Physiology	School of Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience
PSYC10014 Science of Happiness	School of Psychological Science
PHIL30049 Philosophy of Science	Department of Philosophy

Our Faculty of Life Sciences tackles major challenges in plant, animal and human health, with leading academic staff including fellows of the Royal Society and members of the Academy of Medical Sciences. You'll learn in our cutting-edge facilities such as the Life Sciences Building, opened by Sir David Attenborough.

British history and culture

UNIT	DEPARTMENT
MODL30007 Contemporary British Cinema	School of Modern Languages
ENGL10042 Literature 1150-1550	Department of English
ENGL20068 Shakespeare	Department of English
HIST30097 Teenage Kicks: Youth and Subcultures in Britain since 1918	Department of History
HIST20114 The Making of Contemporary Britain (1918-2008)	Department of History
HART20024 Art in Britain	Department of History of Art
SPOL10017 Segregation and Inequality in the UK	School for Policy Studies
POLI20014 Modern British Government and Politics	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies

The School of Humanities offers a range of research clusters including Modern Britain Research, The Perspective from the Sea, and Urban Humanities. Many distinguished British alumni have studied arts at Bristol including author David Nicholls, actor Simon Pegg, and Greg Doran, Artistic Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Your second home

Named one of the UK's top 3 locations for city life,* Bristol is a creative, cultural capital that will quickly feel like home.

At the heart of the city

Our campus is located near the centre of Bristol and offers outstanding facilities, including nine libraries with dedicated study spaces and millions of resources.

Our excellent teaching and learning facilities include:

- the cutting-edge Life Sciences Building which features one of the largest teaching labs in the UK;
- Hack Space, a creative area for engineering students to experiment, collaborate and test new ideas;
- one of the best-equipped studio theatres at any UK university.

Best of both worlds

A short walk from campus will take you into the heart of the city centre. Situated in south-west England, just 90 minutes from London, Bristol offers hundreds of years of history to explore. It is a vibrant, diverse city that's also packed with green spaces. The beautiful British countryside and coast are easy to reach by bus, bike or car.

*WhatUni Student Choice Awards 2019

'Bristol is a city in which you learn not only inside the classroom, but also out of it.'

Sebastián Universidad de Santiago de Chile

 **Approximate walking times from Tyndall Avenue on the Clifton campus**

Enjoy a stroll through the Georgian arcades and picturesque squares of **Clifton Village**. A top spot for café culture, this neighbourhood is home to the world-famous **Clifton Suspension Bridge** and is on the edge of a wide green parkland known as **The Downs**.

 **20 minutes**

Bristol's **Harbourside** bustles with lively bars, restaurants, museums and attractions, and is a focal point for festivals and markets all year round.

 **15 minutes**

Cabot Tower sits at the summit of **Brandon Hill**. There are great views from the top overlooking this green haven, which is just a short walk from our main campus.

 **10 minutes**

The impressive **Wills Memorial Building** at the top of Park Street marks the entrance to our campus.

 **5 minutes**

University of Bristol Clifton campus

Our main campus lines the leafy streets of Clifton and includes libraries and study spaces, our newly renovated **Indoor Sports Centre** and the colourful **Royal Fort Gardens**.

Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus

We are developing a new world-leading campus in the heart of the city of Bristol. Dedicated to collaboration and discovery, teaching and research will focus on digital, business and social innovation.

City life

Experience something different at festivals celebrating everything from slapstick comedy to hot air balloons



Relax in one of our 450 parks and green spaces, proportionally more than any other UK city



bristol.ac.uk/city

Get a taste of British food culture from street markets, cosy cafés and independent restaurants



In October 2018 the University of Bristol's Cabot Institute commissioned Bristol artist Anna Higgle to create a mural about climate change. The mural represents the threats of climate change informed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Photo by: We The Curious



Enjoy Bristol's vibrant music scene, with diverse venues from converted cargo ships to world-class concert halls



Find more images of student life in our city
@ [universityofbristol](https://www.instagram.com/universityofbristol)

Student life

With our outstanding facilities, active Students' Union and extensive support network, at Bristol you can enjoy the best of student life.

Get involved

Every student at the University of Bristol is a member of the Students' Union (SU). Led by students, for students, Bristol SU is a vital part of our world-class university experience.

The SU organises events, represents your views, and runs more than 400 clubs and societies for different interests and hobbies. You will also be able to join the International Students' Network, which hosts events, runs campaigns and represents international students. Joining a club is a great way to meet new people while you're here, and Study Abroad students often say taking part really helps them settle in and make friends.

Sports and fitness

Bristol's first rate sports and fitness facilities will help you stay on top of your game. More than 70 sports groups cater for every interest, from cycling to cricket and snow sports to skydiving.

The University is home to a sports centre, renovated in 2018, swimming pool and outdoor sports complex complete with strength and conditioning suite. If you enjoy a little friendly competition, get a team together and join our intramural leagues.

Health and wellbeing

Bristol's holistic approach to wellbeing will support you to realise your full potential. Our comprehensive network of resources and student services is ready to support you if and when you need it.

- Our Student Wellbeing and Residential Life teams are friendly and approachable, providing you with advice and will coordinate the right support for you.
- The Student Counselling Service provides confidential, high-quality, short-term, individual and small-group counselling.
- We have a full NHS (National Health Service) doctor's surgery on campus for students who live in the local area.
- Other services include our Multifaith Chaplaincy, Disability Services and extensive online resources.

Your space on campus

There are plenty of places around the University to relax, socialise and get support. The SU Living Room provides a dedicated space to relax and meet friends – right at the heart of the campus. Due for completion soon is our Global Lounge, a central hub that supports integration of home and international students. When you arrive, our Global Lounge team will help you settle in at the International Welcome Lounge. They also organise regular cultural events and run a Language Café throughout the year.

Global Opportunities team

While you are studying at Bristol, the Global Opportunities team are your first point of contact. We are here to support you with any concerns you have, academic or personal. We have an open-door policy during office hours, so you can drop in at any time without making an appointment.



'Be open to this wonderful opportunity. This will become one of the most profound growing experiences of your life.'

Rachael Boston College



Accommodation

With our wide range of residences, we will help you find the perfect place to live.

Your home away from home

Study Abroad students starting in September are guaranteed a place in University accommodation, if you apply by the deadline. For students starting in January, we make every effort to place you in a University residence, or help you find private accommodation.

University-allocated accommodation is either catered, which includes a meal plan, or self-catered with full kitchen facilities. Most bedrooms are single, but you have the option to share. All rooms are furnished, with either an en suite or a shared bathroom, and every residence provides free internet and 24-hour security.

You'll be living with a mix of British undergraduates (usually first years), International students and other Study Abroad students. Accommodation is available for student with disabilities, health needs, cultural or religious requirements as well as single sex and alcohol free accommodation options.

Our University accommodation is organised into three villages, shown on the next page.

Support in your accommodation

Our Residential Life Service is your support network in University accommodation. Each Student Residential Village has a Residential Life Team, offering 24-hour advice and support, 7 days a week.



Student Residential Village North

Our North Village is a campus of accommodation housing over 2,000 students, set in 65 acres around two miles from the University campus – a 20-minute bus trip or a pleasant 40-minute walk. A bus pass is included in your accommodation fee. The site includes extensive gardens and space for socialising and relaxing. It houses most of our catered residences and our second sports complex.



Student Residential Village East

The East Village residences are based in and around Bristol's city centre. All are within walking distance of the University campus, and benefit from an endless supply of shops, cafés and bars. Nearby is Bristol's vibrant Harbourside, which hosts many festivals and events and is a popular area for nights out.



Student Residential Village West

Our West Village residences are mostly based in and around Clifton – a popular and picturesque suburb of Bristol known for its traditional architecture, café culture and green spaces. Clifton offers a mixed selection of busy shopping and nightlife as well as quiet residential areas. These residences are mostly around 15 minutes' walk from campus.

'Living in University accommodation is a great way to interact with people and provides the perfect environment to begin friendships.'

Emma University of Western Australia

Private accommodation

If you prefer to live outside of University-allocated accommodation and rent privately, the Accommodation Office is available to help. This is easier for students coming for the full academic year, as most rental contracts are for a minimum of nine months. Bristol SU provides a specialist letting service for students, and there are many other property providers across the city.

Social life and sports

Each University residence has a social committee run by students, which organises a range of social events, fun activities and sporting leagues. We also offer a programme of physical activity across campus for all students, with regular exercise classes and other sessions right on your doorstep.

Fees and funding

Tuition fees

If you come to Bristol through an exchange partner you may not need to pay tuition fees. Students who apply independently or as a direct-enrol applicant will pay Study Abroad tuition fees. If you're not sure which one applies to you, speak to your home university for further guidance.

2021/22 tuition fees

Study Abroad programme

- Full year: £17,800
- One semester: £8,900

STABEL programme

- 6 weeks: £2,850 + Standard tuition fee
- 10 weeks: £4,650 + Standard tuition fee

Tuition fees will be paid once you arrive, and full-year students can pay in instalments. You should check with your home Study Abroad office and/or programme provider regarding the payment of fees to the University of Bristol or contact us if they are unable to help. Your home institution may have a special agreement with us or pay the fees on your behalf.

EU students

We are not in a position to confirm our tuition fees for EU nationals applying to begin their studies in the 2021/22 academic year, as universities are awaiting the outcome of EU exit negotiations between the UK Government and the EU. However, we are aware that students are starting to consider where they would like to study in 2021 and we will provide further advice at bristol.ac.uk/study/brexit as soon as we are able to.

External funding options

Students from some countries may be eligible for additional funding from their home country. For example:

- Students from colleges or universities in the USA or Canada may be eligible to apply for the BUTEX Scholarship;
- Students from Germany may be eligible to apply for funding from DAAD towards their study abroad costs;
- The University of Bristol is on the Norwegian Government's Lånekassen list of approved overseas institutions that can attract extra loans for students coming from Norway;
- Chilean students may be eligible for funding from the Chilean Ministry of Education through the English Open Doors programme.



Accommodation

Accommodation fees vary, but the information below will give you a good idea of cost.

TYPICAL ACCOMMODATION FEES

Self-catered	per week
Shared room	£91 – £111
Single room	£114 – £161
En suite room	£157 – £167
Catered	per week
Shared room	£149
Single room	£179 – £185
En suite room	£196 – £205

Typical accommodation fees based on 2020/21 figures for university allocated accommodation. Figures rounded to the nearest pound.

Accommodation fees include a bus pass, internet, heating and electricity costs. Additional compulsory costs include insurance and a Junior Common Room subscription.

Private rents vary according to your preferences. A room in a shared residential property usually costs between £80 and £110 per week, not including bills; commercial studio apartments will be more expensive. You can expect to pay around £60-£70 per month for utility bills.

Living costs

The cost of living in Bristol will vary depending on your lifestyle. The information below may give you an idea of what to budget for.

EXPENSE	TYPICAL ANNUAL COST
Food	£1,900 for self-catered or private accommodation; £900 for catered (in addition to two daily meals included in rent)
Clothes and toiletries	£700
Entertainment	£1,500 for sports pass, entertainment, additional activities and travel costs

You can live well in Bristol for much less than in London; the cost of living is around 25 per cent cheaper than in the capital.* As Bristol is a student city, many shops, restaurants and venues offer a student discount. Typical costs of some common expenses are shown below.

For more information about typical living costs, see bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses.

ITEM	TYPICAL AVERAGE COST [†]
1 litre of milk	£0.96
500g loaf of bread	£1.21
1kg of white rice	£1.07
1kg of potatoes	£1.31
12 eggs	£1.87
Cappuccino in a café	£2.86

[†] numbeo.com, May 2020

How to apply

Our simple online forms make it easy to apply for our Study Abroad programmes.

1



Complete an application form at bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-apply.

2



Print and sign your completed application and get a signature from an academic advisor or study abroad advisor at your home university.

3



Email your signed application form, along with copies of your transcript from your home university, the photo page of your passport and any English language proof required, to global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk.

Entry requirements

Academic requirements

You should have completed at least one year of university (two years if you are studying a 4-year degree) and have a strong 'B' average or a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0. If you are unsure about whether your grades are equivalent to this requirement, please speak to your home Study Abroad office or contact Bristol's Global Opportunities team.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language or the teaching language at your home university, we will need proof of your English language proficiency. Please see page 4 for the IELTS requirements for each of our Study Abroad programmes.

If you have an alternative English language qualification, please get in touch with us to find out if it is acceptable.

Visa

Students from outside the EU/EEA will require a visa to study in the UK. Some students will be required to apply for a visa in advance of travel. This will be confirmed in your acceptance and pre-arrival letter, which you will receive after firmly accepting your offer. If you are applying for the STABEL programmes, please consult our website for further advice about visas.

EU/EEA nationals arriving in the UK after 1 January 2021 may be required to apply for a visa. Please visit bristol.ac.uk/directory/visas/brexit-eu-students for up to date EU/EEA student immigration information.

Our Student Visa Services team can support you at every stage before you arrive and while you are with us. Please refer to our website for up to date information: bristol.ac.uk/visas.

'People in Bristol are really kind and friendly. All my lecturers and classmates offer me help without hesitation.'

Renxuan University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

Summer schools

Our taught and research-based summer schools offer exciting short-term experiences across a range of disciplines.

Providing hands-on, immersive, and career-ready experiences, our summer schools are a short-term alternative to spending a semester or year abroad.

Our unique programmes for future leaders, researchers and change-makers have been designed to maximise your learning and growth. We emphasise small-group teaching, as well as industry and community engagement sessions.

In 2021, summer schools for undergraduate students will focus on the following topics:*

- Advanced Chemical Characterisation and Academic English
- Arts, Activism and Social Justice
- Biomedical Sciences
- Field Archaeology and Anthropology
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Shakespeare in Performance

In addition to these taught programmes, the University of Bristol also offers six-week STEM summer projects for high-achieving students looking to gain advanced research experience.*

Starting from £2,795, all summer schools include academic credit and transcripts as well as a complete pastoral and support package.

bristol.ac.uk/global-summer

An exciting range of sociocultural activities extends your learning experience well beyond the lab or classroom, to help you explore the city of Bristol and this vibrant part of the UK.

For more information visit bristol.ac.uk/global-summer or contact the summer school team by emailing global-summer@bristol.ac.uk.

*Please note our summer school offerings are subject to change.



Contact us

The Global Opportunities team is dedicated to supporting Study Abroad students throughout their time at Bristol.

From your initial enquiry to generating your transcript when you have completed your studies, we are here to help with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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This prospectus contains information for students planning to join the University of Bristol in autumn 2021 and spring 2022. Every effort is made to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (July 2020). However, since the information is subject to change you are advised to check the University's website for the latest updates: bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad

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