

MSc Human Geography: Society and Space

Programmes covered

Human Geography: Society and Space (MSc)

Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This admissions statement should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes](#).

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Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

Application Deadline

There is currently no application deadline for this programme.

Required documents

All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Required documents for this programme are:

- Two references (at least one academic)
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- Personal statement
- English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English-speaking countries)
- Curriculum vitae (CV), which should be no longer than two sides of A4

Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme, unless you wish to apply for a 1+3 ESRC PhD studentship (UK residents only).

Interviews

Interviews do not normally form part of the selection process. If you wish to apply for a 1+3 ESRC PhD studentship (UK residents only), interviews will form part of the scholarship application process.

Correspondence with applicants

Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Applicants will be advised by email if their application is considered to be incomplete and will be asked to provide any missing information or documentation.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements

An upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in an appropriate subject. For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our [International Office](#) website.

English language criteria for non-native English speakers

For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile B of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

Reference criteria

Applicants should arrange for referees to provide electronic references, which can be submitted through the online application system. Non-electronic references should be on headed paper, with clear contact details and signed by the person who wrote it. Two references are required as part of the application. At least one should be an academic reference. In cases where professional experience is relevant to the application, professional references will be accepted in lieu of academic references.

The following will be taken into account when references are analysed:

- Applicant's motivation
- Applicant's ability to work independently
- Applicant's powers of analysis and expression
- Ways in which the applicant's performance does not reflect their ability, e.g. educational/special circumstances
- Suitability of the applicant's background to the program.

Personal statement criteria

Applicants' personal statements should demonstrate: interest in and commitment to the subject; evidence of their current understanding of the subject area; an ability to articulate their views coherently, including clear thinking and understanding, problem solving and analytical skills, and creativity; and that the chosen programme is appropriate given their declared interests and aspirations. Personal statements may also be

assessed based on what they say about applicants' non-academic achievements and/or experiences, extra-curricular interests, positions of responsibility, voluntary or paid work, etc. The criteria stated above can be demonstrated through both academic and non-academic means. They are designed to be equally applicable to students who have different educational backgrounds or previous formal educational experience of human geography.

Applicants not presenting a formal qualification in human geography are welcome to apply and should be able to demonstrate their interest in the subject through other means (eg related formal degree training in sociology, politics, English, architecture, law, journalism, etc), independent reading, work experience. Applicants may, if they wish, include details of research interests and ambitions in their personal statement.

Selection process and offers

Selection process

All applications are considered in accordance with the [University's policy on equality and diversity](#). The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

Each application for the MSc in Human Geography: Society and Space is considered by the MSc Course Director. All applications are assessed on individual merit.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

An unconditional offer will be made to successful applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met.

Where academic requirements have not yet been met, successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to meet those requirements. The deadline for this is the first day of August prior to the start of the course.

Deferrals

Applicants are able to defer their place for one year, after which applicants will need to reapply.

Deposits

International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £1000. You can pay this deposit online at <http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits> using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our PaytoStudy account at www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy. PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html>. You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.

