

Undergraduate admissions statement

This statement should be read in conjunction with the University's admissions principles and procedures.

Year of admissions cycle: 2014

Courses covered:

MEng Civil Engineering (H200) 4 years

MEng Civil Engineering with Study in Continental Europe (H201) 4 years

BEng Civil Engineering (H205) 3 years

Admissions process

1. Admissions team

Applications assessed by centralised team in close co-operation with Admissions Tutor/s.

2. Application assessment methods

All applications are considered on an equal basis. Applications are not segregated by the type of educational institution attended. All applications are acknowledged by email on receipt (starting in mid-September), to establish contact and inform the applicant of the process to be followed.

We cannot guarantee that all applicants that meet our standard offer will be given an offer.

All applications are allocated scores on the academic record and the personal statement / reference.

The weighting is as follows:

GCSE's: 75%

A-Level: 25%

Applicants are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion, disability, or age.

3. Interview or visit day

Applicants who have been given an offer are invited to attend one of the Departmental Visit Days, normally from November to March. The visit is to allow students to find out more about our course content and the University. Details of offers are confirmed through UCAS. Unsuccessful applicants are also informed through UCAS.

4. Correspondence with applicants

All correspondence relating to an application's status will be sent by email.

All applicants should be contacted when we receive their application, to establish contact and inform the applicant of the process to be followed. Applicants will then be notified if their application has been successful or unsuccessful, or to inform them that their application has been assessed but that we will not be able to make a final decision until later in the cycle.

Applicants who receive an offer will receive an invitation to a visit day.

5. Deferred applications

We will consider applications for deferred entry.

Criteria for assessing applicants

1. Academic entry requirements

Academic entry requirements for standard qualifications (A-level, SQA, IB, Access, BTEC, Welsh Bacc, 14-19 Diploma, GCSEs) can be found in the online Undergraduate Prospectus <http://www.bris.ac.uk/prospectus/undergraduate/2014/>.

Other qualifications, including international qualifications, will be considered on their individual merits; further information is available at:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international/study-at-bristol/how-to-apply/country-specific/>.

2. Additional academic criteria

We may make a lower offer based on whether an applicant is deemed to have experienced educational disadvantage, as defined in section 7.5 of the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures](#). For those taking other examinations, the nearest equivalent offer is made; using academic judgement based on experience and published equivalencies.

3. Personal statement criteria

We will check the personal statement and reference for evidence of mitigating circumstances. In some cases we may need to refer to the personal statement and reference to differentiate between applicants with very similar academic profiles. If this is the case, then the criteria will include the following:

Evidence of clear thinking and understanding

- Problem-solving, analytical and practical skills
- Appropriateness of chosen University course to declared interests and aspirations
- Non-academic achievement / experience, extra-curricular activities, positions of responsibility
- Relevant work experience
- Relevant reading / research beyond A' Level syllabus
- Written English, expression, construction, argument

4. Reference criteria

The applicant's motivation to study Civil Engineering, powers of analysis and expression, performance, special circumstances will be taken into consideration when reading the reference and this will be included with the weighting of the Personal Statement.

5. Additional Tests

No tests are involved in the selection process. No example of work will be required.

6. Interview

No interview is required, unless in exceptional circumstances.

7. Mature applicants

We welcome applications from mature students. Where applicants may not have the educational qualifications to support their application, industrial and self-taught experience will be taken into consideration.

8. International applicants

International applicants will be subject to the criteria as detailed here:

www.bristol.ac.uk/international/countries

We also consider applications through the Common Application system, and the same criteria and assessment used for UCAS applicants are applied.

9. English Language requirements for non-native speakers

All applicants are required to demonstrate that they have sufficient ability to understand and express themselves in both spoken and written English in order to benefit fully from their degree course.

English Language requirements can be found in the Undergraduate Prospectus and at: www.bristol.ac.uk/ug-language-requirements

The specific IELTS standard required for this programme can be found in our online prospectus:

http://www.bristol.ac.uk/prospectus/undergraduate/2014/sections/CIVE/dept_intro

10. Contextual information

We take a holistic approach to all applications, ensuring that the educational and social context in which an applicant applies is taken into consideration, where supported by clear evidence that this may have adversely affected academic achievement. This may include time spent in Local Authority care, information about which is provided in the UCAS application. Such applications will have one grade lifted for their academic score: e.g. an AAB applicant will be awarded the same academic score as an AAA applicant. Applicants still need to satisfy specific subject requirements.

We also consider evidence of clear motivation to study. This may include attendance at a University summer school, a targeted Access Scheme (such as Access to Bristol or Realising Opportunities), or participation in other higher education outreach activities.

We do not take the following into consideration when making admissions decisions: the school type attended by an applicant, or whether an applicant's parent has any experience of higher education.

Offers

Typical offers for A-levels and other UK qualifications can be found in the entry data in the online [Undergraduate Prospectus](#). Offers to applicants with non-standard qualifications will be made equivalent to the published A-level offer.

We may make lower offers based on whether an applicant is deemed to have experienced educational disadvantage, as defined in section 7.5 of the [University's admissions principles and procedures](#).

Other

1. Transfers

Students are not able to transfer to Civil Engineering from another course from within the University or from another University. Currently the only entry point for the MEng and BEng is year 1.

2. Additional information

Not applicable.

Contacts for enquiries

Any enquiries should be addressed to the Undergraduate Admissions Office: eng-ug-admissions@bristol.ac.uk or +44 (0)117 928 8150.