

International Foundation Programmes Admissions Statement

This statement should be read in conjunction with the University's admissions principles and procedures: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/after-you-apply/policies/>

Year of admissions cycle:

2020

Courses covered:

International Foundation Programme:

- Social Sciences and Law pathway
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics pathway
- Arts and Humanities pathway

1. Admissions process

All applications are considered on an equal basis.

Applicants are asked to complete an application via the University's partner Kaplan International Pathways (<https://www.kaplanpathways.com/how-to-apply/uk-universities/application-form/>). For mainland China, applications are processed by the University of Bristol China Office Applicants will be asked to provide supporting documents (an IELTS test (UKVI SELT), high school graduation certificate and transcript, passport and details of any previous UK study). Some students may also be required to write a personal statement.

All applications are considered on behalf of the University of Bristol by Kaplan International Pathways, who will assess the application for evidence of academic achievement and potential.

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

2. Academic criteria

Entry requirements, including English language requirements, are listed on here:

<https://www.kaplanpathways.com/colleges/university-of-bristol-pathways/courses/international-foundation-programme/#/?status=11&course-prefer-study=1>

The English language test must be a Secure English Language Test (UKVI approved), e.g. IELTS and must be valid at the start of the International Foundation Programme (less than 2 years old).

When applying, applicants are required to specify the undergraduate degree they would like to apply to after completing the International Foundation Programme. This information will be used in order to make an appropriate offer for the International Foundation Programme, which may include

specified subjects related to the applicant's preferred degree. For further information on specified subjects, email Bristol-ifp@kaplan.com

Please note that progression to an undergraduate degree is based on successful completion of the International Foundation Programme and meeting the entry requirements. The applicant's first choice of degree is not guaranteed.

Applicants who have studied three full A-levels, or equivalent, should apply directly to an undergraduate degree rather than the International Foundation Programme. For details of equivalent qualifications, see <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international/countries>

3. Personal statement criteria

(if required)

- Academic background
- Reasons for choosing study in the UK
- Initial academic choices for future study

4. Interviews

Interviews are not usually required. If more information is needed about an application in order to make a decision, then applicants may be required to perform a Skype interview pre-offer, as part of the selection process.

Where an interview is required, the following criteria will be considered when assessing the interview performance: • Academic achievement and potential • Interest, motivation and commitment to the programme • Communication skills

5. Mature applicants

No additional qualifications are required; all applicants are treated the same. However, we may ask for information about what the applicant has been doing for the intervening years (this is to assess whether an applicant might be better applying directly for undergraduate studies).

6. Deferred applications

Deferrals to the next academic intake are permitted. Applicants should state reason for deferral request and notify Kaplan of any changes contact details, study history or immigration status. Checks will be made to ensure the validity to English language (SELTs).

7. Resits

We will consider applications from students who have taken resits.

8. Transfers

We would not normally consider a transfer request from one Foundation Programme within the UK to the University of Bristol International Foundation Programme.

9. Admissions team

Applications are assessed by Kaplan International Pathways in close consultation with the University of Bristol's Admissions Office and the Centre for Academic Language and Development.

10. Admissions process

An application is made online via the Kaplan website (or in person at a Kaplan Centre). For Mainland China, applications to the University of Bristol International Foundation Programme are processed by the university's China Office. Applications are assessed by Kaplan admissions staff on behalf of the University of Bristol against agreed criteria and policies. Receipt of an application will be confirmed by email. Decisions on applications will usually be reached within 24 hours and will be communicated to the applicant electronically by email. If an offer has been made, conditions of the offer and requirements for accepting the offer will be detailed in the offer letter. Once a student has met the conditions of their offer, paid their deposit, accepted their offer and is CAS ready, they will be given their CAS number for their visa application from June 2020.

11. Correspondence with applicants

Kaplan International Pathways will correspond with applicants using the email address provided on the application form. If an applicant nominates an Agent, we will also send correspondence to the Agent. If the contact details change, we ask applicants to inform us by email: Bristol-ifp@kaplan.com

12. International applicants

These courses are only available to international applicants.

13. English language requirements

Please see section 2 (above).

14. Extenuating circumstances

If an applicant's education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties with schooling they will need to complete and submit an extenuating circumstances form to Bristol-ifp@kaplan.com. Extenuating circumstances forms should be submitted at the point of application or prior to receipt of academic results.

The information provided on the form will be treated confidentially and will help us to fairly assess academic performance in light of the situation. The form can be found here: <https://kaplanpathways.com/da/bristol-extenuating-circumstances>