

Admissions statement for 10-week and 6-week pre- sessional courses (available to applicants who have an offer to study a degree at the University of Bristol)

This admissions statement applies to applications submitted between 13 September 2025 and 11 September 2026.

Admissions criteria

Academic and English language requirements

Applicants are advised to check the [English language entry requirements](#) for the pre-sessional courses on our Centre for Academic Language and Development website.

Applicants must complete a Secure English Language Test (SELT) to be eligible for this programme. This must be less than two years old to be considered valid for entry.

There are no academic requirements for our pre-sessional English programmes. Applications for these courses do not require specific academic qualifications, nor a specific grade. Applicants holding an offer of undergraduate or postgraduate study at the University of Bristol should note the specific entry requirements for their programme in their offer, per our website: bristol.ac.uk/study.

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. Applicants whose offer of study does not specify a language condition are still welcome to apply to and undertake the pre-sessional programme.

Application process

Online application form

To apply for one of our pre-sessional courses, you must:

- Visit the [application start page](#).
- Start typing 'pre-sessional' into the search box, then select the course to which you wish to apply.
- Sign into the University of Bristol's [online system](#) as a new or returning applicant.
- Upload your supporting documents (detailed below).

Applications received by email will not be accepted. All required documents must be supplied before we can review an application.

The application deadlines for summer 2026 courses are:

- **10-week** (on campus or online): **30 April 2026**
- **6-week** (on campus or online): **28 May 2026**

Required and optional documents

Secure English Language Test (SELT):

A copy of your most recent UKVI IELTS certificate or equivalent, as detailed on our [entry requirements page](#). This should be less than two years old when the programme starts to be considered valid for entry. Upload this in the 'Qualifications' section of the online application.

Passport:

On campus applicants to provide a colour scan of your passport. Upload this document in the 'Passport and Visa' section of the online application.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [admissions principles and procedures policy](#), referring to the postgraduate policies. Applications are welcome from applicants intending to progress to undergraduate or postgraduate study. Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff.

Interviews

Interviews do not form part of the selection process.

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 the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers for pre-session programmes will typically be made in line with the entry requirements set out above.

Offers for pre-session programmes are usually unconditional, as applicants are expected to have met all entry requirements and provided evidence. If any requirements remain outstanding, a conditional offer will set out the specific conditions and deadlines for meeting them.

If an applicant has applied but is not eligible to receive an offer for the 6-week pre-session course, we may offer a place on the 10-week course instead if the application meets the requirements for the longer programme of study. This is subject to availability of places on the programme and the application meeting all requirements at point of application.

Deferrals

This programme does not allow deferrals.

Additional information

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. Guidance is available on the [pre-sessional visa webpages](#).

Transfers

It is not possible to transfer applications between programmes on request.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

[Course fees](#) are available on the Centre for Academic Language and Development website.

Deposits

Students are required to pay their full fee as a deposit for this programme. You can [pay this deposit online](#) using a credit or debit card.

Your fee cannot be paid in instalments. Pre-sessional fees are refundable in full within 14 days of original payment. Please email cald-pre-sessional@bristol.ac.uk if you need to request a deposit refund. After this period, no refunds will be made for students withdrawing from study.

Sponsored Students

If your pre-sessional fee will be covered by an international sponsor organisation, we may be able to provide a deposit waiver. Please upload proof of funding to your application before the relevant deposit deadline and contact our team at cald-pre-sessional@bristol.ac.uk. If you fail to pay your deposit or provide evidence of sponsorship by this deadline, we may withdraw your application.

Our deposit deadlines are:

- 6 May 2026 for 10-week students
- 3 June 2026 for 6-week students.

For more information on eligibility, visit our [sponsored students webpage](#)