

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 18 September 2024 and 17 September 2025.

Admissions criteria

Academic and English language requirements

Applications for these courses do not require specific academic qualifications, nor a specific grade. However, there are specific entry requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at the University of Bristol. We recommend you make yourself aware of the qualifications required for your chosen programme before you apply for the pre-sessional course: 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.

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

Applicants must complete a Secure English Language Test (SELT). This should be less than two years old to be considered valid.

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 2025 courses are:

- **10-week** (on campus or online): **29 April 2025**
- **6-week** (on campus or online): **27 May 2025**.

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 to be considered valid. Upload this in the 'Qualifications' section of the online application.

Passport:

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 our pre-sessional programmes will typically be made in line with the entry requirements set out above.

Pre-sessional offers will typically be unconditional, expecting applicants have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

If an applicant has applied but is not eligible to receive an offer for the six-week pre-sessional 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.

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 2025 for 10-week students
- 4 June 2025 for 6-week students.

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