

STUDY ABROAD GUIDE 2022/23



University of
BRISTOL



Welcome to Bristol

Bristol is the 8th largest city in the UK*, located in the south-west of England just 90 minutes from London.



*When defined by Primary Urban Area, centreforcities.org 2019

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Autumn semester

September 2022 – January 2023

Spring semester

January – June 2023

Full academic year

September 2022 – June 2023

The dates above are indicative term dates and the exact dates will be released on our website: bristol.ac.uk/dates



Introducing the University of Bristol

The University of Bristol is one of the most popular and highly-ranked universities in the UK, with a diverse community of nearly 30,000 talented students.

Here, you'll experience outstanding teaching shaped by our cutting-edge research and learn from academics at the forefront of their fields.

Living and studying at the heart of Bristol, one of Europe's most exciting, creative cities, you'll find a world of opportunities right outside the lecture theatre.

Top 10

in the UK
QS World University Rankings 2022

1876

Founded in 1876

62nd

in the world
QS World University Rankings 2022

5th

in the UK for research
THE analysis of REF 2014



Study Abroad programmes

Bristol offers a highly flexible and personalised Study Abroad experience, with different programmes to suit your English language ability and a wide range of academic fields. All our programmes are available for a single semester or a full academic year.

The most common options for native English speakers, or those who already meet our English language requirements, are the Study Abroad (General pathway) and Study Abroad (Subject pathway) programmes. For those who want to enhance their English language skills for academic purposes, you can also take English language units alongside your other subjects.

If you are applying to Bristol as an exchange student, you can check with your home university or the Global Opportunities team at Bristol to find out which programme you have been nominated to. Direct-enrol students and independent applicants can choose to join any of our programmes.

English language requirements

For full details of the English language requirements and accepted certificates for each programme, please visit our website. bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad

Study Abroad (General pathway) programme

September and January start

You will choose units from across the University to create a personalised academic programme. You can take units in your major and minor, as well as other subjects that interest you. Our six faculties offer a wide variety of subjects, which can be combined to create a diverse and intellectually stimulating programme.

Study Abroad (Subject pathway) programme

September and January start

You will be nominated by your home university to a department at Bristol which best matches your current degree programme. You will take the majority of your units within your host department, with the option to take a small number of credits in other academic areas of interest or from our Centre for Academic Language and Development.

STABEL (Study Abroad with English Language)

September start

For students who don't currently meet the English language requirements for the Study Abroad (General pathway) or Study Abroad (Subject pathway) programmes, STABEL combines Study Abroad with a pre-session English language course starting in June or July. This intensive English language course will prepare you for study in Bristol and lasts for six or ten weeks, depending on your current English language level. If you successfully complete the pre-session course, you will progress onto the Study Abroad (General pathway) or Study Abroad (Subject pathway) programme in September.

Subject options

Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad

Arts

- Anthropology and Archaeology
- English Language
- Film and TV
- Innovation
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Philosophy
- Theatre



Engineering*

- Aerospace Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science**
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Engineering Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering



Humanities

- Classics and Ancient History
- English Literature
- History
- History of Art
- Religion and Theology



Science

- Chemistry***
- Earth Sciences
- Geographical Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics



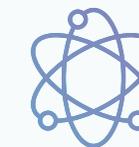
Social Sciences

- Accounting and Finance
- Economics
- Education
- Law***
- Management
- Policy Studies
- Politics and International Studies
- Sociology



Life Sciences

- Anatomy
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Cellular and Molecular Medicine
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Psychology



*We strongly advise Engineering students to apply for a year-long placement as many of our Engineering units are taught across the full academic year

**Available for final-year Computer Science majors only
***Available for full-year students only



Create your programme

Make the most of your time here by creating a tailored academic programme that works for you.

Study level

Undergraduate degrees in the UK are three-year programmes, and as a Study Abroad student you can choose units (classes) from all three years. Occasionally, some departments open up master's level units for Study Abroad students. You can check the full list of available units in each department in our online study guides.

For subjects that are new to you or that you haven't studied in-depth at home, first-year units are the most suitable. Second-year units are the most common for students taking their major/minor abroad, and third year units are suitable for students in their major subject if they are close to graduation.

Credits and course load

You will take 60 Bristol credits per semester, which is a full course load. Most units at Bristol are either 10-credits or 20-credits, so you will typically take three to six units per semester.

Science and Engineering subjects tend to have more 10-credit units, whereas Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences tend to have 20-credit units. Your home university will be able to advise you about how the credits transfer back to your degree.

Finding your units

The terminology used at Bristol might not exactly match what you are used to at your home university. Please read the guidance on our website about how to create your programme – we recommend that you try a few different search terms when looking for units in our unit catalogue. You can sometimes find units that match your requirements in unexpected areas.

Example study plans

For students applying to the Study Abroad (General pathway) programme, here are just a few examples of the way you can combine subjects from across our faculties to suit your academic needs and interests.*

Study Abroad (Subject pathway) students are required to take the majority of their units in the department to which they are nominated by their home university.

*Sample units are indicative only. Specific class combinations cannot be guaranteed.

Example unit choices – Study Abroad (General pathway)

Environmental sciences

Unit	Department
UNIV10001 Sustainable Development	School of Geographical Sciences
GEOG16001 World in Crisis?	School of Geographical Sciences
EASC10002 Environmental Geoscience 1	School of Earth Sciences
EASC30050 Environmental Radioactivity	School of Earth Sciences
PHYS30027 Environmental Physics	School of Physics
SOCI20049 Environment and Society	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
POLI20018 The Politics of the Environment	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies

Bristol's environmental research is world-class. Our geography research is ranked first in the UK, and earth systems and environmental sciences is second (THE analysis of REF 2014). The University's Cabot Institute is a leading centre for innovative, interdisciplinary research into solutions to environmental challenges.

European studies

Unit	Department
MODL10009 Contemporary European Cinema	School of Modern Languages
MODL30001 Communism in Europe	School of Modern Languages
CLAS10035 Historical Survey: Ancient Greece	Department of Classics and Ancient History
HIST10065 The Early Modern World: Europe and the Wider World	Department of History
POLI30014 European Foreign Policy	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
PHIL20050 Texts in Modern European Philosophy 1	Department of Philosophy
THRS10064 Living Religions West	Department of Religion and Theology

Taking our European studies options help you develop the skills to understand, explain and negotiate the rich cultural landscapes of European countries. You can access the excellent facilities in the School of Modern Languages – including our student cinema suite, audio recording studio and language lab – and enjoy outstanding teaching in our Department of Religion and Theology, ranked 11th in the UK (Complete University Guide 2022).

Health sciences/Pre-med

Unit	Department
BIOL10001 Current Topics in Biology	School of Biological Sciences
BIOL20212 Evolutionary Biology	School of Biological Sciences
BIOC20001 Molecular and Cell Biology	School of Biochemistry
MOLG22100 Recombinant DNA Technology	School of Biochemistry
PANM10001 Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	School of Cellular and Molecular Medicine
PHPH20013 Cellular Physiology	School of Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience
PSYC10014 Science of Happiness	School of Psychological Science
PHIL30049 Philosophy of Science	Department of Philosophy

Our Faculty of Life Sciences tackles major challenges in plant, animal and human health, with leading academic staff including fellows of the Royal Society and members of the Academy of Medical Sciences. You'll learn in our cutting-edge facilities such as the Life Sciences Building, opened by Sir David Attenborough.

British history and culture

Unit	Department
MODL30007 Contemporary British Cinema	School of Modern Languages
ENGL10042 Literature 1150-1550	Department of English
ENGL20068 Shakespeare	Department of English
HIST30097 Teenage Kicks: Youth and Subcultures in Britain since 1918	Department of History
HIST20114 The Making of Contemporary Britain (1918-2008)	Department of History
HART20024 Art in Britain	Department of History of Art
ARCH20068 Britain AD	School for Policy Studies
POLI20014 Modern British Government and Politics	School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies

The School of Humanities offers a range of research clusters including Modern Britain Research, The Perspective from the Sea, and Urban Humanities. Many distinguished British alumni have studied arts at Bristol including author David Nicholls, actor Simon Pegg, and Greg Doran, Artistic Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Your second home

Named one of the UK's top 3 creative and cultural cities,* Bristol is a diverse, vibrant capital that will quickly feel like home.

At the heart of the city

Our campus is located near the centre of Bristol and offers outstanding facilities, including nine libraries with dedicated study spaces and millions of resources.

Our excellent teaching and learning facilities include:

- The cutting-edge Life Sciences Building which features one of the largest teaching labs in the UK;
- Hack Space, a creative area for engineering students to experiment, collaborate and test new ideas;
- One of the best-equipped studio theatres at any UK university.

Best of both worlds

A short walk from campus will take you into the heart of the city centre. Situated in south-west England, just 90 minutes from London, Bristol offers hundreds of years of history to explore. It is a vibrant, diverse city that's also packed with green spaces. The beautiful British countryside and coast are easy to reach by bus, bike or car.

*European Commission, 2019

'Bristol is a city in which you learn not only inside the classroom, but also out of it.'

Sebastián, Universidad de Santiago de Chile



Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/city



Approximate walking times from the Clifton campus

Clifton Village: Enjoy a stroll through the Georgian arcades and picturesque squares of **Clifton Village**. A top spot for café culture, this neighbourhood is home to the world-famous **Clifton Suspension Bridge**.

🕒 20 minutes

Harbourside: Bristol's **Harbourside** bustles with lively bars, restaurants, museums and attractions, and is a focal point for festivals and markets all year round.

🕒 15 minutes

Brandon Hill: Cabot Tower sits at the summit of **Brandon Hill**. There are great views from the top overlooking this green haven, which is just a short walk from our main campus.

🕒 10 minutes

University of Bristol Clifton Campus: Our main campus lines the leafy streets of Clifton and includes libraries and study spaces, our newly renovated **Indoor Sports Centre** and the colourful **Royal Fort Gardens**.

Wills Memorial Building: The impressive **Wills Memorial Building** at the top of Park Street marks the entrance to our campus.

🕒 5 minutes

Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus ➔

We are developing a new worldleading campus in the heart of the city of Bristol. Dedicated to collaboration and discovery, teaching and research will focus on digital, business and social innovation.

City life

Experience something different at festivals celebrating everything from slapstick comedy to hot air balloons.



More parks and green spaces than any other UK city



World-class events and music venues



A city of famous festivals



Renowned for its food scene



In October 2018 the University of Bristol's Cabot Institute commissioned Bristol artist Anna Higgle to create a mural about climate change. The mural represents the threats of climate change informed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Photo by: We The Curious



Find more images of student life in our city
@ universityofbristol

Student life

With our outstanding facilities, active Students' Union and extensive support network, at Bristol you can enjoy the best of student life.

Get involved

Every student at the University of Bristol is a member of the Students' Union (SU). Led by students, for students, Bristol SU is a vital part of our world-class university experience.

The SU organises events, represents your views, and runs more than 400 clubs and societies for different interests and hobbies. You will also be able to join the International Students' Network, which hosts events, runs campaigns and represents international students. Joining a club is a great way to meet new people while you're here, and Study Abroad students often say taking part really helps them settle in and make friends.

Sports, exercise and health

Bristol's first rate sports and fitness facilities on campus will help you kickstart and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle during your time here.

Our memberships give you access to our gym, fitness classes, studios and swimming pool. You can also play sport socially or competitively by joining one of 70 student sport clubs on offer and if you play professionally, develop with our Performance Team.

Health and wellbeing

Bristol's holistic approach to wellbeing will support you to realise your full potential. Our comprehensive network of resources and student services is ready to support you if and when you need it. You can use our online Request Support Form to contact our services.

- Our Student Wellbeing and Residential Life teams are friendly and approachable, providing you with advice and coordinating the right support for you;
- The Student Counselling Service provides confidential, high-quality, short-term, individual and small-group counselling;
- We have a full NHS (National Health Service) doctor's surgery on campus for students who live in the local area;
- Other services include our Multifaith Chaplaincy, Disability Services and extensive online resources.

Your space on campus

There are plenty of places around the University to relax, socialise and get support. The SU Living Room provides a dedicated space to relax and meet friends – right at the heart of the campus.

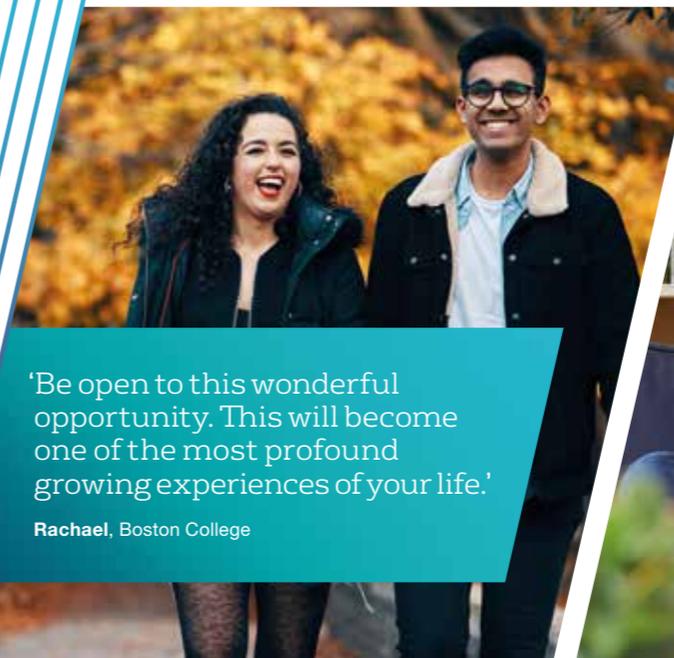
Find out more at
bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-life

Global Lounge

The Global Lounge is a cultural hub that celebrates all. On arrival, the team will help you to settle in, giving you the chance to meet other students, and provide practical support. Situated at the heart of campus, the Global Lounge is a place for all Study Abroad, other international and UK students to connect and learn from each other, encouraging community among students and staff through social events, activities, and a regular Language Café.

Global Opportunities team

While you are studying at Bristol, the Global Opportunities team are your first point of contact. We are here to support you with any concerns you have, academic or personal. We also have a student-facing space in the Global Lounge so you can drop in at any time without making an appointment.



'Be open to this wonderful opportunity. This will become one of the most profound growing experiences of your life.'

Rachael, Boston College

Accommodation

Our wide range of residences ensure you find a safe and supported home here.



Find out more at
bristol.ac.uk/accommodation

Your home away from home

September entry exchange students from institutions outside of Europe and all non-exchange students are guaranteed an offer of a place in University accommodation, if you apply by the deadline. Exchange students from institutions within Europe are not guaranteed an offer but are still welcome to apply and also given support to find private accommodation. For all January entry students, we cannot offer an accommodation guarantee but we make every effort to place as many students as possible in a University residence or help you find private accommodation.

University-allocated accommodation is either catered, which includes a meal plan, or self-catered with full kitchen facilities. Most bedrooms are single, but you have the option to share. All rooms are furnished, with either an en suite or a shared bathroom, and every residence provides free internet and 24-hour security.

You'll be living with a mix of British undergraduates (usually first years), International students and other Study Abroad students. Accommodation is available for students with disabilities, health needs, cultural or religious requirements as well as single sex and alcohol free accommodation options. Please note that we cannot guarantee to offer you a flat that meets your exact preferences.

Our University accommodation is organised into three villages, shown on the next page.

Support in your accommodation

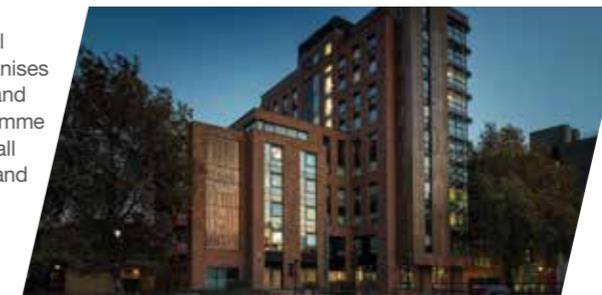
Our Residential Life Service is your support network in University accommodation. Each Student Residential Village has a Residential Life Team, who are trained to provide you with a wide range of advice and help.

Private accommodation

If you prefer to live outside of University allocated accommodation and rent privately, the Accommodation Office is available to help. This is easier for students coming for the full academic year, as most rental contracts are for a minimum of nine months. Bristol SU provides a specialist letting service for students, and there are many other property providers across the city.

Social life and sports

Each University residence has a social committee run by students, which organises a range of social events, fun activities and sporting leagues. We also offer a programme of physical activity across campus for all students, with regular exercise classes and other sessions right on your doorstep.



East Residential Village

The East Village residences are based in and around Bristol's city centre. All are within walking distance of the University campus, and benefit from an endless supply of shops, cafés and bars. Nearby is Bristol's vibrant Harbourside, which hosts many festivals and events and is a popular area for nights out.



West Residential Village

Our West Village residences are mostly based in and around Clifton – a popular and picturesque suburb of Bristol known for its traditional architecture, café culture and green spaces. Clifton offers a mixed selection of busy shopping and nightlife as well as quiet residential areas. These residences are mostly around 15 minutes' walk from campus.



North Residential Village

Our North Village is a campus of accommodation housing over 2,000 students, set in 65 acres around two miles from the University campus – a 20-minute bus trip or a pleasant 40-minute walk. A bus pass is included in your accommodation fee. The site includes extensive gardens and space for socialising and relaxing. It houses most of our catered residences and our second sports complex.



'Living in University accommodation is a great way to interact with people and provides the perfect environment to begin friendships.'

Emma, University of Western Australia

Fees and funding

Tuition fees

If you are nominated to Bristol through an exchange partnership you will not need to pay tuition fees. Students who apply independently or as a direct-enrol applicant will pay Study Abroad tuition fees. If you are unsure which category applies to you, please speak to your home university for further guidance.

2022/23 tuition fees Study Abroad programmes

This includes both the Study Abroad (General pathway) and (Subject pathway) programmes

- Full year: £18,500
- One semester: £9,250

STABEL programme

- 6 weeks: £2,990 + Study Abroad tuition fee
- 10 weeks: £4,880 + Study Abroad tuition fee

Tuition fees will be paid once you arrive, and full-year students can pay in instalments. You should check with your home Study Abroad office and/or programme provider regarding the payment of fees to the University of Bristol. Your home institution may have a special agreement with us to pay the fees on your behalf.

External funding options

Students from some countries may be eligible for additional funding from their home country. For example:

- Students from colleges or universities in the USA or Canada may be eligible to apply for the BUTEX Scholarship;
- Students from Germany may be eligible to apply for funding from DAAD towards their study abroad costs;
- The University of Bristol is on the Norwegian Government's Lånekassen list of approved overseas institutions that can attract extra loans for students coming from Norway.



Find out more at
bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-fees

Accommodation

Accommodation fees vary, but the information below will give you a good idea of cost.

Typical Accommodation Fees

Self-catered	Per week
Shared room	£90 to £111
Single room	£109 to £166
En suite room	£155 to £199
Catered	Per week
Shared room	£157 to £160
Single room	£186 to £203
En suite room	£206 to £213

Typical accommodation fees based on 2021/22 figures for university allocated accommodation. Figures rounded to the nearest pound.

Accommodation fees include all gas, electricity and water costs, internet, bus pass, insurance and a Social Fund contribution.

Private rents vary according to your preferences. For a room in a shared residential property you could pay between £350 and even upwards of £550 in monthly rent, not including your bills. Studios in commercial properties can be up to £1000 per month, although this does include bills and internet.

Living costs

The cost of living in Bristol will vary depending on your lifestyle. The information below may give you an idea of what to budget for.

Expense Typical Annual Cost

Food	£1,250 for self-catered or private accommodation; £911 for catered (in addition to two daily meals included in rent)
Clothes and toiletries	£700
Entertainment	£1,500 for sports pass, entertainment, additional activities and travel costs

You can live well in Bristol for much less than in London; the cost of living is around 15 percent cheaper than in the capital. As Bristol is a student city, many shops, restaurants and venues offer a student discount.

For more information about typical living costs, see bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses

How to apply

Our simple online forms make it easy to apply for our Study Abroad programmes.

1



Complete an application form at bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-apply

2



Have your application and unit choices approved by an academic advisor or study abroad advisor at your home university.

3



Email your signed application form, along with copies of your supporting documents to global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk This may include a translated copy of your academic transcript, evidence of English language level and a copy of your passport.*



'People in Bristol are really kind and friendly. All my lecturers and classmates offer me help without hesitation.'

Renxuan, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

Entry requirements

Academic requirements

You should have completed at least one year of university (two years if you are studying a 4-year degree) and have a strong 'B' average or a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0. If you are unsure about whether your grades are equivalent to this requirement, please speak to your home Study Abroad office or contact Bristol's Global Opportunities team.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language or the teaching language at your home university, we will need proof of your English language proficiency. Please see our website for further information about English language requirements.

Visas

If you do not hold a UK/Irish passport and will be studying at Bristol for more than six months, you must apply for a Student visa. We will send you a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) around three months prior to the start of your programme. You will need the number on your CAS to apply for your visa.

Non-UK/Irish passport holders studying at Bristol for only one semester must obtain a Standard Visitor visa. Some nationalities can receive this visa at the UK border, but others will need to obtain it in advance of travel. You can check whether you need to apply in advance using the tool here www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Our Student Visa Services team can support you at every stage before you arrive and while you are with us. Please refer to our website for up to date information: bristol.ac.uk/visas

*For a full list of supporting documents required to complete your application please go to bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-apply

Summer schools

Our taught and research based summer schools offer exciting short-term experiences across a range of disciplines.

Providing hands-on, immersive, and career-ready experiences, these programmes are a great alternative to spending a semester or year abroad.

Our summer schools emphasise practical skills. You will learn in small-groups and engage with our wider community through co-curricular sessions.

In 2022 we will offer summer schools across the following topics:

- Advanced Chemical Characterisation and Academic English;
- Arts, Activism and Social Justice;
- Biomedical Sciences;
- Field Archaeology and Anthropology;
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship;
- Shakespeare in Performance;
- STEM Research Projects (from our Health Science, Life Science, and Science faculties).

Starting from £2,795, our summer schools include academic credit and transcripts as well as a complete support and sociocultural package well beyond the lab or classroom, to help you explore the city of Bristol and this vibrant part of the UK. They are open to students at any stage of their undergraduate degree.

For application information and eligibility requirements visit bristol.ac.uk/global-summer or contact the summer school team by emailing global-summer@bristol.ac.uk

Find out more at
bristol.ac.uk/global-summer

*Please note our summer school offerings are subject to change.



Contact us

The Global Opportunities team is dedicated to supporting Study Abroad students throughout their time at Bristol.

From your initial enquiry to generating your transcript when you have completed your studies, we are here to help with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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