University of BRISTOL

Welcome, students from the USA

Find out how Bristol gives you more during your studies, in your city life and in your career.



Get more for your future

Founded in 1876, the University of Bristol offers nearly 600 undergraduate and postgraduate degrees across a wide range of subjects.

Our teaching is grounded in world-leading research and informed by real-life insight. Your career is built into your degree, giving you extensive careers support, skills development programmes and industry-relevant experience. With dedicated resources to help you understand the UK job market, you can find vacancies, navigate visa requirements and learn how your experience translates into career opportunities globally, including in the US.

A degree from Bristol carries global recognition, giving it long term value wherever your future takes you. Our international alumni network includes more than 3,600 graduates in the USA. Bristol graduates are employed at organisations including Rolls-Royce, Meta, the US Government, The New York Times, Mitsubishi, Microsoft, Warner Brothers, Google, Sony Corporation, Kodak, the United Nations, BT Group, Deloitte, Apple and a range of prestigious universities

Get more from your community

The university is home to more than 30,000 students, with over 30% from outside the UK. We have more than 350 students from the USA currently studying here, and we would love for you to join us.

Bristol's Global Lounge brings our community together through cultural events, language cafés and free social activities. Societies are another great way to meet like-minded friends and share your culture with others. Our 300+ student groups include the North American Society and many more.

Get more from your city

Just 90 minutes from London, Bristol is a friendly, vibrant city with a distinctive character and rich history. Recognised as one of the UK's most exciting places to live and study in, it's known for its diverse culture, international community and creative atmosphere. You can explore Bristol's celebrated food scene with a wide range of international and European cuisine.

"My programme and the university have far exceeded my expectations. Bristol has a wonderful community feel that encourages you to get involved with a wide variety of clubs, activities and events. I received excellent support while preparing for my studies as an international student."

Edythe, USA
(MSc Global Wildlife Health and Conservation)

8th in the UK
57th in the World

(QS World University Rankings 2027)

Get more information



Entry requirements

We accept a wide range of qualifications. Our typical requirements are below, and you can find specific entry requirements on our online course pages.

Please contact us to check your specific entry requirements and ask any questions before you apply.

International Foundation Programme	Completed High School Diploma with minimum GPA 3.0/4.0 (80%), or High School Year 11 with minimum GPA 2.8/4.0 (77%) and 2 APs at 4, or 2.8 CGPA and 2 honors classes at grade B. You may be asked to achieve a particular grade in required subjects.	**bristol.ac.uk/ifp**
Undergraduate (Bachelor's: BA, BEng, BSc, BDS, BVSc, LLB, MArts, MEng, MSci, MBChB)	High school diploma (or equivalent) with a GPA of 3.2 minimum (3.4 for competitive courses) and three additional qualifications, which can be any of the following: • SAT (evidence-based reading and writing section only) with a minimum of 650 or ACT with a minimum score of 28 • Honors level classes taken in both semesters in Grade 12 • Dual enrolment courses • AP Tests with a score of at least 4 (more commonly 5) • AP classes, taken over two semesters in Grade 11 or Grade 12 • IB Higher Level courses • A Levels. Specific subject requirements will need to be met through AP Tests, (or IB Higher Level courses or A Levels).	**bristol.ac.uk/undergraduate**
Postgraduate taught (Master's: MSc, MA, MRes, LLM)	Undergraduate (bachelor's) degree that is equivalent to a UK upper second class degree (also known as a 2:1). This is equivalent to a CGPA of 3.3 or above.	**bristol.ac.uk/postgraduate**
Postgraduate research (PhD)	A 2-year master's degree from the USA or a 1-year master's from the UK. A research proposal may be required.	**bristol.ac.uk/postgraduate**

Scholarships

Our Think Big scholarship scheme supports international students from around the world. We are investing up to £5 million in University of Bristol scholarships for overseas students in 2027. For the latest information and to apply, visit: **bristol.ac.uk/international-scholarships**

Tuition fees

Tuition fees will depend on your course and your fee status. For the latest information about tuition fees, visit: **bristol.ac.uk/tuition-fees**

Find out more

Visit our USA webpage to:

- Find out how to apply
- Get more information about entry requirements

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