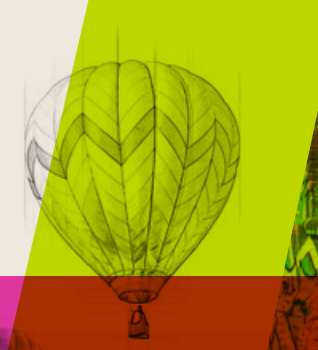




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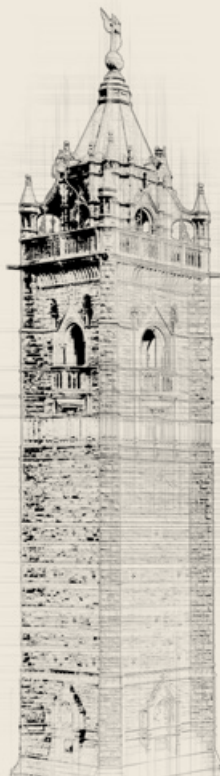
‘I am so pleased you are interested in joining us at the University of Bristol. You will find a wealth of opportunity, friendship and support here...

...Do explore the many exciting programmes and activities on offer, all designed to help you develop your own unique potential. I hope I will have the pleasure of welcoming you to our wonderful university community.’

Professor Evelyn Welch
(Vice-Chancellor and President)



View of Wills Memorial Building and Cabot Tower from Queen's Building



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YOUR STORY STARTS HERE

Our courses will deepen your interests and open your eyes to new ideas. We tackle some of the world's greatest challenges through innovative research and teaching. Our curriculum is designed to empower you to make meaningful contributions and give you the competitive edge for your future.

You'll live and study in the heart of Bristol, one of Europe's most exciting and creative cities. The city will influence and inform your studies and you'll find a world of opportunities right outside your lecture theatre.

In this guide, we'll share what makes Bristol so special. We hope you are inspired to visit us, ask questions, and bring your ambition to life at Bristol.



5th most targeted university by top UK employers

High Fliers Research, 2024

Top 5 in the UK for research

THE analysis of REF 2021

9th in the UK

QS World University Rankings, 2025

24,500 undergraduate students from more than 130 countries

Find out more about the University of Bristol at bristol.ac.uk/strategy



BRINGING LIFE TO YOUR AMBITION

At Bristol, we empower you to make your ambition a reality, no matter your background. Hear from some of our students on how they have achieved this.



CARLOS' STORY
(BSc Biological Sciences)

'Bristol is the real game changer'

This University offers me a world of opportunities in a field I'm passionate about: sustainability. This is what made the difference for me.

Suddenly, I was leading networks of hundreds of students, organising events and campaigns, and contributing to decision-making at the University. I'm proud to have been invited to events that I had dreamed of going to such as one of the world's biggest conferences against climate change, COP26.



YASMIN'S STORY
(MEng Mechanical Engineering with a Year in Industry)

'One of the best decisions I've ever made'

Being able to apply what I had learnt at university in a real life workplace was incredibly satisfying. I learnt so much on the placement year and was able to develop many skills. I feel far more motivated for the years ahead and know I can get a head start on my accreditation as an engineer.



LALITHA'S STORY
(BSc Politics and Sociology)

'I felt supported and free'

Studying at Bristol has taught me that the search to find myself is an ongoing process, and I should be free from rigid milestones and menial ideas of success. Success at the University is defined by the level of passion we students put forth in our efforts, and I plan to continue upholding that spirit after graduation.



JONATHAN'S STORY
(MB ChB Medicine)

'The chance to travel has been a real privilege'

On my course, I have had the chance to travel which has been a real privilege. This included a week in the French Alps doing wilderness medicine and an eight week medical elective in Thailand which was amazing fun and a fantastic opportunity.



WILLIAM'S STORY
(LLB Law)

'Reach the potential you're capable of'

After leaving school, I chose to fulfil my childhood dream and enrolled as a Royal Marines Commando, where I developed a passion for law and advocacy. I knew that in order to pursue that passion through to a legal career, I would need to go to university.

I was apprehensive about whether I would fit in or feel like a 'real student' because of my age. However, when I reached out to Bristol, they were not just helpful with the application process - they were warm, friendly, welcoming, and made me feel part of the family from the outset.



TEACHING AND INDEPENDENT STUDY

At Bristol, we'll challenge you to explore your subject area in depth, experiment with new concepts and leave your comfort zone.

You'll be empowered to ask the big questions – and equipped to find the answers.

Forge your own path

You'll be encouraged and supported to explore your interests during your degree. We offer a variety of optional units to choose from and many courses provide opportunities for project work or interdisciplinary collaboration.

You'll engage with your subject in the classroom and online, independently and cooperatively. Weekly lectures and seminars will form the basis of your course, providing you with inspiring teaching and lively discussions.

Outside of structured contact hours, you'll shape your own time, proactively seeking out resources and working with peers to get the most out of your learning experience.



'The flexibility of my course to choose my own pathway made it really unique and meant I was always able to choose units that I was interested in.'

Maya (BSc Biomedical Sciences)

Real-world relevance

Our teaching ensures you get the best education, entrusting you with the knowledge to make a difference in a complex and changing world. Our curriculum is informed by research and industry, uses innovative teaching methods, and connects with real-world issues. This means our courses stay relevant and prepare you for the future, wherever you want to go.



26 subjects highly ranked in the world's top 100

QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2024



Search our subject areas for more detail about how you'll be taught on your chosen course.

bristol.ac.uk/ug-subjects



RESEARCH-LED TEACHING

Our world-leading research is carried out with passion and expertise to find practical, innovative solutions to issues across the globe. Whatever you study, you'll be taught by academics actively working at the forefront of their fields. Here's a selection of some of the research that could inspire your future lectures.

'Moths are going to inspire the next generation of sound absorbing materials.'

Professor Marc Holderied, School of Biological Sciences

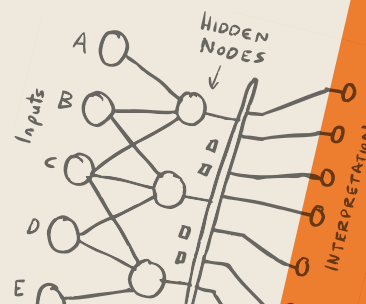
Leading AI research and discovery

We are leaders in artificial intelligence (AI) research and education. Bristol was crowned 'AI University of The Year' at the National AI Awards 2024.

As an AI leader, Bristol has been chosen by the government to host a new national supercomputer research facility, focused on artificial intelligence. To be known as Isambard-AI, the new facility will serve as a resource for researchers and industry experts spearheading AI innovation and scientific discovery – and places Bristol at the centre of the AI revolution.

Creating sonic wallpaper inspired by a moth's wing

Our researchers, who recently discovered that moth wings offer acoustic protection from bat echolocation calls, have been studying whether their structure could inform better performing sound absorbing panels, when not moving in free space. This breakthrough and potential to create these ultrathin panels could revolutionise noise-cancelling technology.



Children of the 90s

For the last 30 years, researchers have been collecting, analysing and studying a huge range of health and lifestyle data from families in Bristol and the surrounding area. With more than 27,000 participants from three generations, it's the most detailed study of its kind in the world. CO90s informs global research papers on topics such as diet and fitness, parenting patterns, autism, allergies, environment and COVID-19.

Esther was one of over 14,000 pregnant women to sign up to CO90s in 1992, and now her daughter and grandchildren are all part of the study.

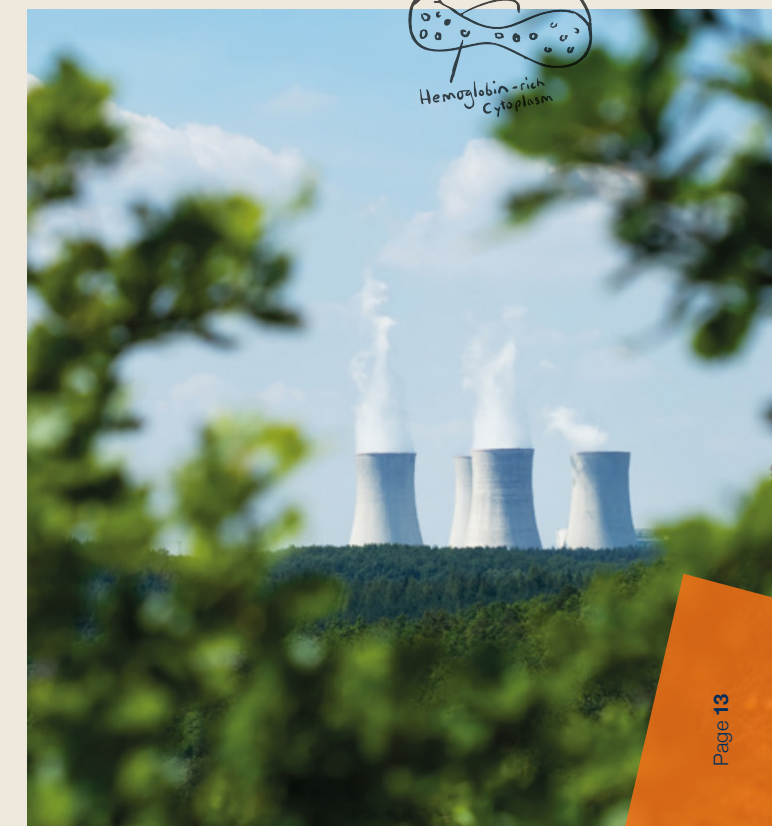
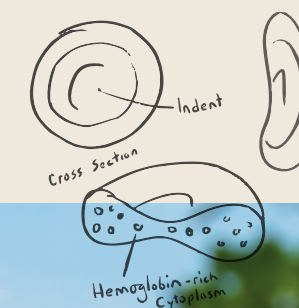


A greener nuclear future

Nuclear power – alongside renewable energy sources – is likely to become increasingly important as we move away from fossil fuels and transition to low-carbon societies. Our researchers are using pioneering ways to understand how radioactive materials and nuclear waste are managed, protected and disposed of so we can improve the safety of nuclear power, making it viable for our future.

Revolutionising blood disorder treatments

In a world-first clinical trial, red blood cells grown in a laboratory have now been transfused into another person by a UK team including University of Bristol researchers. If proved safe and effective, manufactured blood cells could revolutionise treatments for people with blood disorders.





1st university in the world to achieve 100% Green Lab Certification

LEAF 2021

12th most sustainable university in the world

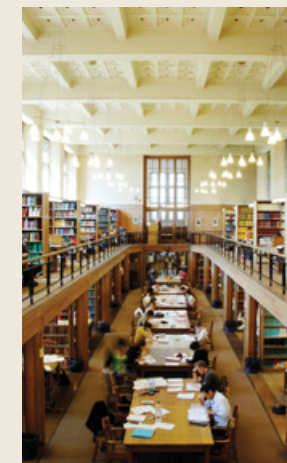
QS World University Rankings: Sustainability, 2025

Anechoic Chamber

WORLD-CLASS CAMPUS

The University continually invests in state-of-the-art facilities, resources and technology. These study and social spaces will be the backdrop for your experience at Bristol.

Wills Memorial Library



Cutting-edge facilities

Our campus is home to state-of-the-art laboratories, extensive multimedia centres and the latest technology. Some of our facilities include:

- Ultra Low Noise Laboratories in the Nanoscience and Quantum Information Building.
- The Anechoic Chamber, a key facility for wireless research.
- Coldrick Observatory, a six-metre radio telescope for astrophysics research on the roof of the School of Physics.
- Smart Cinema – the world's first fully instrumented auditorium that monitors audience reactions through biometric responses.

‘By far, what I have enjoyed most about my course is the facilities. The University has such advanced and modern laboratory equipment that allows me to take full advantage of my time here.’

Jonathan (BSc Biomedical Sciences)

- Language lab, audio-editing studio and foreign materials library for modern languages.
- The Bloomberg Room, a financial trading computer room with access to software used throughout the financial services industry.

Study spaces

Our eight libraries house the largest academic collection in South-West England. 24-hour study spaces across the University are available for quiet study or group working, and you'll have access to more than 2,000 computers and Wi-Fi across campus.

Specialist resources

Many departments hold their own extensive archives and special collections:

- The Theatre Collection is an accredited museum and research centre dedicated to the study of British theatre history, and the Earth Science Collection contains over 100,000 samples of scientific and historical importance.
- The University's Botanic Garden is home to more than 4,500 plant species and is a fascinating place to study plant evolution.

OUR UNIVERSITY AT THE HEART OF BRISTOL



The University has three campuses across Bristol, all with a distinct character and setting. Regular public transport connects the campuses to each other and other parts of the city, with some of Bristol's best shops, cafés, bars and museums easily accessible from your lectures, labs or library.

Historic meets modern

You'll study in a range of unique buildings. On the Clifton campus, you'll find the Grade II-listed Fry Building housing the Mathematics department and the Victorian villas on leafy Woodland Road for the Arts and Humanities departments. Newer additions include the Life Sciences Building – with an outdoor living wall that is home to a variety of plant species – and the UK's largest Earthquake Engineering facility in the Queen's Building.

On the edge of the city, Bristol Veterinary School is based at Langford campus, a 105-hectare estate with beautiful gardens and parkland.

Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus (TQEC)

Opening in 2026, this new campus represents the biggest investment in the University's history. This cutting-edge facility will bring students, staff, community organisations and industry partners under one roof to tackle society's greatest challenges together.

For undergraduate study, it will be home to the Business School and the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Flexible teaching rooms and study areas range from collaborative spaces to low-distraction rooms. Innovative facilities such as the Design Factory and Maker Space will

make TQEC an exciting and dynamic learning environment.

Dedicated space for industry and community partners in the building will facilitate networks, provide students with access to potential future employers and create more opportunities for students to integrate with the city.

Space to unwind

There are plenty of places across our campuses to take a break between classes. You can choose to go to the gym, enjoy some green space at the tranquil Royal Fort Gardens or relax in a more social environment, like the Bristol SU Loft or Living Room.



'I really love the campus. The buildings are a mixture between old and new but are all distinctly Bristol.'

Emmie (BA Hispanic Studies)



Explore the campus with our 360° virtual tour.

bristol.ac.uk/virtual-bristol



Top left: St Nick's Market

Middle left: Architect's impression of TQEC.
Credit FCBStudios.

WELCOME TO OUR CITY

Best place
to visit in
the UK

Time Out, 2024



The largest city in the South West, Bristol is known for its fiercely independent spirit, creative culture and vibrant yet laid-back atmosphere.

A community made up of people from 180 countries, Bristol's distinct neighbourhoods reflect the city's diverse character. With all the buzz of a major city without the expanse, Bristol is truly walkable.

The Clifton campus is only a short walk to the picturesque **Clifton**, where you'll find the iconic suspension bridge. Browse the shops on **Park Street** during a study break, at the top of which is the **Wills Memorial Building**, home to our graduation ceremonies.

Wander down to the bustling **harbourside**, where you'll find restaurants housed in shipping containers, an independent cinema and boats-turned-pubs floating on the water.

Immerse yourself in art and culture at the museums and art galleries around the vibrant **city centre**. Discover Bristol's shopping quarter, try local street food, party at a day festival or watch live music at grassroots venues.

Venture further north to find more street art and indie music venues in **Stokes Croft**, and wander along Gloucester Road, the longest chain of independent shops in Europe.

Head to the south of the river to visit **Bedminster**, home to Upfest, Europe's largest street art festival. Spot iconic hot air balloons ascending from **Ashton Court**, one of Bristol's 400+ gardens, parks and nature reserves.

Just outside the city you can hike and cycle through beautiful countryside, or even catch a wave at a man-made surfing lake.

Our brand-new Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus is conveniently located next to Bristol Temple Meads station, the largest rail hub in the west of England. Less than two hours from London and surrounded by beautiful countryside, Bristol is ideally situated for exploring the South West while remaining well connected to major cities.



Find out more
about our unique city:
bristol.ac.uk/city

Clifton Suspension Bridge



‘Growing up in Bristol, I’ve always loved the sense of diversity here and how welcoming and friendly the city is.’

Belnice (MB ChB Medicine)

Bristol Harbour Festival (Credit: Paul Box)



Upfest (Credit: Kobra, Paul Box and Colin Rayner)

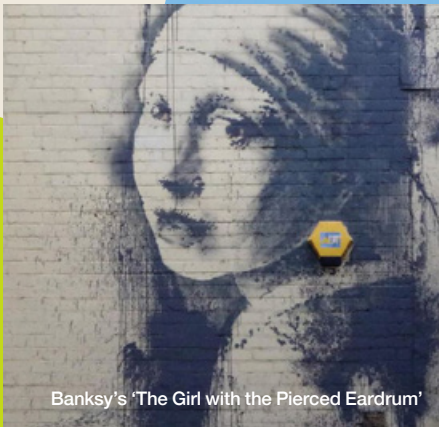


Hear from Belnice about why she loves living and studying in Bristol.

[bristol.ac.uk/
belnice-story](https://bristol.ac.uk/belnice-story)



Balloons at the Balloon Fiesta



Banksy's 'The Girl with the Pierced Eardrum'



Bristol Light Festival (Credit: ShotAway)

Clifton Wood



BRISTOL IS KNOWN FOR...

Forward thinking

Bristol is a place of firsts. Not only was our University the first in England to admit women on an equal basis to men, but our city was also the first to declare a climate emergency. Throughout history, the Bristolian attitude has been one of experimentation and original ideas. You'll find the people of Bristol to be familiar with the unfamiliar and to challenge the status quo.

Sustainability

As a student at Bristol, you'll be able to get involved with green initiatives – both at the University and in our city. You might join a network of staff and students who work to engage local schools and communities around climate change, or maybe you'll take part in regular plogging (jogging while litter-picking) sessions with friends.

Reclaim The Night March organised by Bristol SU, 2022



Upfest (Credit: Paul Box)



Pride 2022



Welcome week

Culture and creativity

The city's walls are lined with street art and you're never far from an art gallery, museum, theatre, gig venue or club. While you're walking between lectures, you'll also find a range of public artworks dotted around the campus. Palm Temple illuminates the courtyard outside the Chemistry Building; an interactive mirror-maze reflects the green space of Royal Fort Gardens; and a life-size bronze statue of Henrietta Lacks, whose cells were the first ever to survive outside the body, stands proud in the heart of the campus.

A warm welcome

Our city is welcoming and diverse, allowing you the space to be you. When you arrive at university, you'll get the chance to settle in during Welcome Week. In partnership with Bristol SU, a range of events and activities will be arranged for you to meet new friends and find your feet.

Wherever you're from and whatever your style, Bristol is a place where you can feel at home.



One of our undergraduate students, Carlos, began by volunteering for environmental initiatives and progressed to leading multiple networks and representing the University at COP26.



Hear more about Carlos' story and the opportunities at Bristol.

bristol.ac.uk/carlos-story



YOUR HOME FROM HOME



Our student residences provide a vibrant community designed to help you settle into university life.

Located in Clifton, Stoke Bishop, and the city centre, we offer a wide variety of accommodation options to suit your preferences.

There are over 40 residences to choose from, each with their own

characteristics and reasons why students love living there. We offer accommodation options to suit everyone, including adapted and accessible rooms, single-sex, alcohol-free, and mature student options.

Our catered residences provide fresh, nutritious meals to cater to all dietary requirements, while our self-catered residences feature larger kitchens for those who prefer to cook for themselves.

The Clifton residences are just a short walk from the independent shops, cafés, and restaurants of Clifton Village. The Stoke Bishop residences are nestled near the open green space of Clifton Down, and the city centre residences put you right on the doorstep of a bustling area filled with shops, cafés, bars, and Bristol's harbourside.

All our residences are within walking or cycling distance, or a short bus journey, from campus.

All undergraduate students living in university residences receive a free bus pass.

Explore our range of accommodation options and find the right place for you: bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/about



‘The university accommodation is conveniently located, has great facilities such as study rooms and beautiful gardens, and it is also the basis for many long-term friendships.’

Shannon (BEng Engineering Mathematics)



Durham Hall

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

All students living in University of Bristol accommodation can access 24/7 support from a trained team of Residential Wellbeing Advisers. All residences have a Junior Common Room – a student-led social committee that organises events and activities throughout the year.

Representatives from your residence will take part in Junior Common Room meetings and plan and deliver events to help you meet other students in your halls. The Student Communities team delivers regular events, close to our halls of residences, for our students to build connections with one another and foster a sense of community.

Student Accommodation team

Our Student Accommodation team can help you find somewhere to live and offers advice on University allocated and private rented accommodation throughout your time at Bristol. They provide specialist advice, for example for students with disabilities or with young families, and will do everything they can to make sure you feel at home in Bristol.

B:Active

B:Active, run by our Sport, Exercise and Health division, is a programme of social fitness and sport sessions exclusively for Bristol students. Free of charge and suitable for all abilities, sessions can be found in multiple locations across campus and residences: bristol.ac.uk/sport/bactive



‘Living in University accommodation gave me the necessary independence and life skills for living on my own. Being around students made the vibe even better, always being able to socialise when you feel like it.’

Albert (MSci Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry)



Find out more about your accommodation options and the fees associated with our residences.

bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/about



A DAY IN THE LIFE

Find out what a typical day in the life looks like for Lana, a BSc Psychology student.

‘Bristol will give you great opportunities and if you work hard and take these opportunities, your experience at university can be incredibly beneficial, both to your self-growth and to your career.’



8 am

When I have a busy day, I go to a study centre to get some work out of the way in the morning.



2:30 pm

During my break between participants, I spent some time with the wonderful Nightline committee during visibility week. The team have been my second family throughout university! Nightline is a student-led listening service, here to listen to anything on your mind.



6 pm

I try to fit in going to the music rooms at least a few times a week to practise piano and write new songs. It gives me some downtime to relax! These rooms are in Richmond Building and are free to book out during the day via the Bristol SU.



11 am

Today I'm spending my afternoon running in-person research sessions for a PhD student and researcher. Bristol has given me so many wonderful opportunities, including this research assistant post. Today I came a bit early to set up and make sure everything was working.



4 pm

I went for a midweek coffee catch up with a friend at Bakesmiths. Bristol is great for local cafés: FED, Mocha Mocha and Two Ways Café are just a few of my favourites.



WELLBEING AND SUPPORT



At Bristol, we want you to feel both independent and supported. We'll help you manage your health alongside your studies.

We have a comprehensive range of services to support your health and wellbeing. Our on-campus Students' Health Service provides the full range of NHS GP services; our Student Wellbeing Service offers help and guidance if you're experiencing challenges; and our Student Counselling Service offers ways to maintain positive mental health.

Making space for your wellbeing

The Multifaith Chaplaincy offers confidential pastoral and spiritual support and a welcoming space for all faiths and none. Student societies, such as the Wellbeing Network, provide a place to talk about wellbeing and connect with others.

Disability Services

Students who come to Bristol with ongoing health or mental health conditions, sensory impairments or mobility or specific learning difficulties can access additional advice and support from Disability Services. Contact us early to find out what support is available and how to access it: bristol.ac.uk/disability-services



Hear from Hager, a medical student who shares how the support she receives for her disability allows her to thrive at university.

bristol.ac.uk/hagers-story

Academic support

We provide academic support to help you recognise your unique learning style, discover new skills and get the most out of your studies by providing a range of services, including:

- A personal tutor who you'll meet with regularly throughout your time at university.
- Skills development and training via the Study Skills service available to all students.
- Peer support, such as peer-assisted study sessions led by students from later years of your course.



In 2022, Bristol became one of the first universities to receive the University Mental Health Charter Award, recognising our approach to improving mental health and wellbeing across the whole community.



'The University's Peer Mentor scheme really helped me to settle in and adjust to student life in Bristol. Having someone who had just been through the same process as me who could answer all my questions was really reassuring.'

Vanessa (BA History)

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

As a University of Bristol student, you'll be a member of Bristol Students' Union (SU), which represents the student voice, provides you with advice and support, and offers access to clubs, societies and projects.

Bristol SU is student-led and supports more than 350 societies, sports clubs and volunteering projects. The SU will run your Welcome Week and organises hundreds of events throughout the year. It also provides advice about academic and housing issues and provides practical services, such as a lettings agency.

Venues

The Richmond Building is home to Bristol SU activity spaces and events. Here you can find the Balloon Bar, a space where you can meet friends for a drink or relax after studying, two theatres where you can enjoy or get involved in performances, a pottery studio, music practice rooms, a radio studio, dance studios and more. It also houses the Anson Rooms, the SU's largest event space, hosting both SU and student-led events.

Bristol SU staff are based in Senate House and there are other SU spaces within this central building, including the Living Room, a place designed for you to relax, unwind and connect with others, and the Bristol SU Loft, a collaborative co-working space perfect for group projects.

There's also a sensory room for students who might need a dedicated space to focus on or engage with their senses.

Representation

A full-time elected officer team and over 900 academic reps are here to represent your views and needs to the SU and the University. Alongside this, there are a number of student community organisers who create communities and enable change for marginalised groups.

Volunteering

Bristol SU supports student-led projects which are all run by passionate student volunteers. The SU also connects hundreds of students with volunteering opportunities across Bristol, giving you the chance to make a positive impact on the city you'll call home.

'What I like most about the University is the range of societies on offer. I've taken on volunteering, played in an orchestra and had a go at rowing, windsurfing and climbing. There's 100% something for everyone!'

Monica (MSci Biology)



Find out about welcome week:
bristolsu.org.uk/freshers



Black women creative panel

SU living room



SPORT, EXERCISE AND HEALTH

Our wide range of activities and excellent facilities will help you lead a healthy, active lifestyle and benefit from the positive effects of sport and physical activity.

Get involved and find your people

Taking part in activity is a great way to meet other students and settle into university life. Whether this involves competitive sport, social sport and activities or just getting some physical activity into your day, we have something for you. You can even develop your employability skills with our sports leadership and volunteering programmes.

Bristol SU has more than 60 student-led sports clubs, ranging from football to archery, snowsports to motorsport, and cheerleading to Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Browse the SU's societies and sports clubs to find the right fit for you: bristolsu.org.uk/student-groups

The SU also host Intramural Sport, which is a fun, social, multi-sport programme for students who just want to turn up and play, with league matches taking place every week.

Our Performance Team supports and develops student athletes, making it easier to combine a sporting career with academic study: bristol.ac.uk/sport/performance

Our sports facilities include:

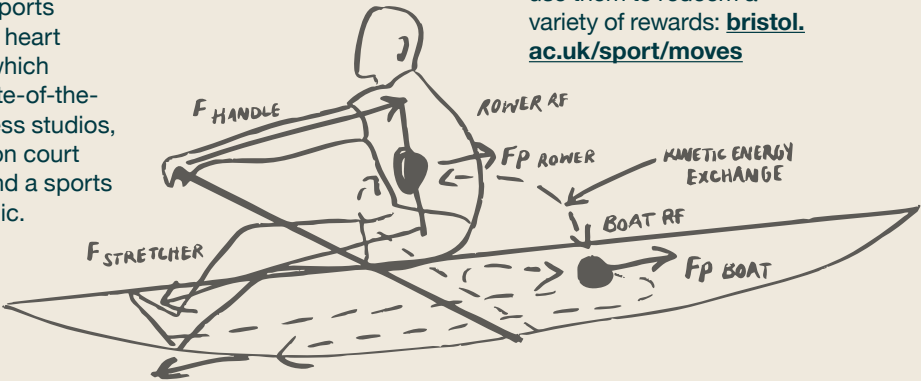
- The Indoor Sports Centre at the heart of campus, which houses a state-of-the-art gym, fitness studios, a 6-badminton court sports hall and a sports medicine clinic.

- A 32-metre swimming pool in the Richmond Building.
- Coombe Dingle Sports Complex, our 38-acre indoor and outdoor facility, featuring grass and artificial pitches, an indoor tennis centre, an Olympic weightlifting gym and more.
- The tranquil Saltford Boathouse, located halfway to Bath on the River Avon.

Fitting physical activity into your schedule

Most sports clubs have regular scheduled training sessions allowing you to train and compete with other group members. Our Active app is a hub for information and includes access to a library of on-demand sessions for you to access any time to fit around your studies.

There's also a free rewards app called Bristol Moves+. Bristol students can collect points for daily activity and use them to redeem a variety of rewards: bristol.ac.uk/sport/moves



'I made sure to try out as many societies as possible. One week I went to a different sports club each day! This allowed me to meet a wide range of people and find where I fit in at Bristol.'

Sam (BSc Economics)

YOUR CAREER BEGINS HERE

Bristol graduates are in high demand with big employers in a range of industries.

Throughout your time at Bristol and for three years after you graduate, our Careers Service will be on hand to help you develop your skills and make industry contacts to take forward in your future career.

Careers Service

Whether you're creating your CV, seeking work experience, or exploring your career options, we have a range of events and support available for you, including:

- Paid internships and help to find part-time work.
- Professional, impartial, one-to-one advice.
- Workshops, presentations and employer-led skills activities.
- Help to perfect your CV, applications, and interview technique.

- Networking with employers, large and small, at careers fairs and other events.
- Startup support and funding opportunities.
- Support for starting your own business and funding opportunities.

- Business and alumni mentoring schemes.

We're available to all students throughout your studies, in person, online and through our careers portal.

Bristol graduates are 5th most targeted by top employers

High Fliers Research, 2024

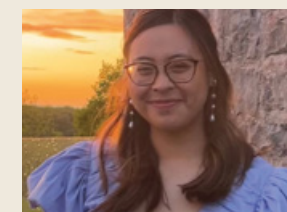


'The University's Career Service has a great network and they give really sound advice on everything from getting a part-time job at the University to long-term careers planning and interview preparation.'

Jonathan (MBChB Medicine)

Bristol alumni

As a Bristol graduate, you'll become part of a group of pioneering and inspiring alumni. Whether you're working towards being an actor, accountant or astrophysicist, you'll be supported to reach your potential. Bristol alumni span the globe and our exclusive online space, Bristol Connects, offers a way to contact our professional and country-specific alumni networks: bristol.ac.uk/alumni



Hana, MEng Civil Engineering, 2023
Graduate Bridge Engineer at WSP

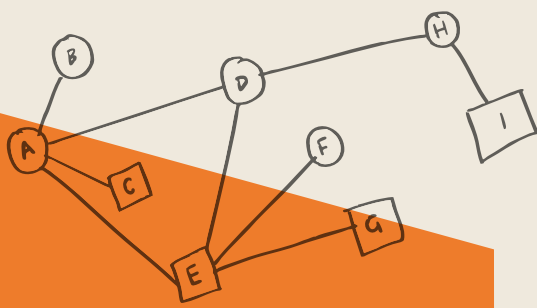


Lucy, BSc Biology, 2022
Scientific Support Worker in Virology at Southmead Hospital



Tom, BA Italian, 2022
English Teacher in Southern Italy

Find out what recent graduates like Hana, Lucy and Tom are doing now: universityofbristolcareers.blogs.bristol.ac.uk



SKILLS FOR YOUR FUTURE

We'll provide you with the opportunities and support to get you where you want to be after graduation. Take advantage of initiatives alongside your studies to set you apart from others in a competitive job market.

Study in industry

We offer courses that include a study in industry or professional placement option. Using our links with employers, we'll help you find a position that complements your subject focus and suits your interests. Search the course finder for courses with this option: bristol.ac.uk/ug-study

Bristol Skills Profile

Co-designed by students, academics and external partners, including graduate employers, the Bristol Skills Profile summarises the nine essential skills we want all students to develop. Taking time to reflect on your skills, and tracking them in a purposeful way, will help you to develop

them and communicate them effectively to others.

The University's online skills platform, My Skills, will help you to understand, reflect on, build and develop your skills set goals: bristol.ac.uk/myskills

Industry-endorsed skills award

Recognising the skills you develop through work experience, volunteering and extracurricular activities, the Bristol PLUS Award provides a framework to help you develop your employability and is recorded on your degree transcript.

Read about Avellina's experience of taking the PLUS Award alongside

her studies, and the development opportunities it led to: bristol.ac.uk/avellina-plus-award

Creating opportunities through mentoring

The Bristol Mentors scheme matches successful applicants with an alumni mentor who will help you explore ideas, share advice and give you an edge to break into the industry that interests you.

Chemistry student Farhan and alumnus Hamish (BA 1992) were paired up by the Bristol Mentors programme: bristol.ac.uk/mentoring-hamish-farhan

'After taking part in the mentorship scheme I feel a lot more confident. I've learnt a lot from Hamish – it's nice to know that even after people graduate, they still feel connected to the University and want to help students like me.'

Farhan (BSc Chemistry)



'Being able to apply what I had learnt at university in real life was incredibly satisfying. I learnt so much on the placement year and was able to develop many skills such as independent learning, working with uncertainty, overcoming stress, and how to send emails!'

Yasmin (MEng Mechanical Engineering with a Year in Industry)



Yasmin shares how her placement year boosted her confidence, career prospects and appreciation for university life.

bristol.ac.uk/yasmins-story



STUDY ABROAD

Gain a new perspective and internationalise your degree by spending time abroad, with the Bristol Abroad team on hand to guide you through the process.

Study and work abroad

If your subject offers a course with study abroad, you have the opportunity to study abroad during the third year of your four-year degree.

Current partner universities include the University of California, the University of Sydney, National University of Singapore, the University of Copenhagen and more. Studying abroad provides students with valuable intercultural and employability skills, along with enriching personal development opportunities. You'll pay a reduced tuition fee for your year abroad and you may also be eligible for student loans and grants while you're away. Languages students also have the option to work overseas during their year abroad.



'I had the time of my life studying in Taiwan with some incredible, hardworking and open-minded people. I will never forget the times we shared because they have really changed me and given me a broader perspective for the range of opportunities available to me in the future.'

Abi (BA Liberal Arts)



Chicago, USA

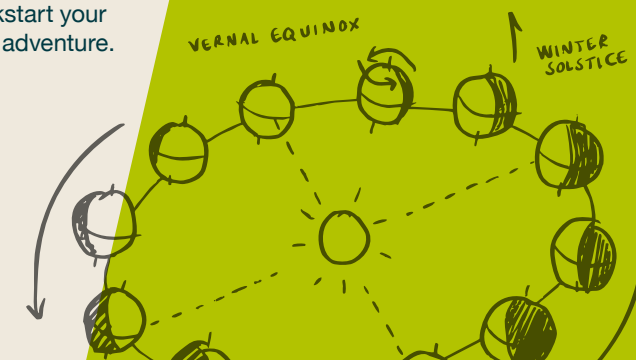
Summer and short-term programmes

Bristol offers plenty of opportunities to study, intern or volunteer abroad over the summer. Exciting options currently include volunteering on development projects in Fiji, internships in Spain and a language and culture programme in Taiwan. Whether you want to do something related to your degree or try something completely new to help boost your career prospects, we're here to help you kickstart your international adventure.



Find more information about opportunities to intern, work or volunteer abroad during your degree.

bristol.ac.uk/bristol-abroad





CHOOSE YOUR COURSE AND APPLY

We welcome applications from students of all backgrounds, ages and nationalities and accept a wide range of diverse qualifications.

How to apply

For the majority of courses, we accept applications through UCAS, and you can submit your application from early September 2025. For detailed information about the UCAS application process, including deadlines and alternative application schemes, visit ucas.com/undergraduate

For our part-time degrees, including International Foundation Programmes and CertHE Foundation Years, you must apply directly to the University. Further information can be found on the course pages on our website.

Search for your subject area

Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-subjects to search for your subject and find detailed information about what to expect as a student at Bristol. Learn more about our facilities, industry links and the career prospects for your chosen degree.

Entry requirements

Your course page will show the typical A-level, BTEC and International Baccalaureate (IB) grades we usually request, as well as further details about the wide range of other qualifications that we accept.

We welcome applications from international students and accept international qualifications. Visit bristol.ac.uk/international/countries to learn more about how to apply from your country.

Contextual offers

Our contextual offer is a grade reduction of up to two grades below the standard entry requirements. We make contextual offers to applicants from backgrounds who are historically less likely to come to Bristol. Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/contextual-offers and view your course page online for specific requirements.

UCAS institution code: BRISL B78

Search the subject areas we offer and choose your course. Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-subjects



FEES AND FUNDING

Studying for a degree is an investment in your future. We can provide information and guidance to help you navigate fees, costs and funding opportunities.

Fees and costs

Tuition fees for 2026 entry are expected to be confirmed and published on our website in summer 2025. For more information regarding tuition fees, please visit bristol.ac.uk/ug-fees-funding

Accommodation fees will depend on the type of accommodation you choose. If you live in University residences, your fee will include all energy rates, internet, basic contents insurance, a bus pass (for students living in undergraduate or mixed undergraduate and postgraduate accommodation), and a Social Fund contribution. More information can be found at bristol.ac.uk/accommodation

Living expenses, such as food, travel, books, clothing and entertainment, will vary by individual circumstances. Making the most of student discounts and deals and taking on a part-time job are some of the ways to save money and budget well as a student.

Government funding

Eligible UK students can apply for a loan to cover the full cost of tuition fees. If you're a full-time UK student under the age of 60 and studying for your first degree, you may be eligible for a maintenance loan towards your living expenses in addition to your tuition fee loan. Additional support is available for students with a disability and those with childcare costs or adult dependants. Further information can be found at gov.uk/student-finance

Bristol's bursaries and scholarships

The University offers a range of bursaries and scholarships to help students from all backgrounds thrive at Bristol, including:

- University of Bristol bursary for UK students
- Black Futures Scholarships
- Scholarships for international students including Think Big scholarships
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships
- University of Bristol Financial Assistance Fund

To find out more about the bursaries and scholarships detailed here, and many other funding options, visit bristol.ac.uk/scholarships

Support while you're here at University

We recognise that the cost of studying is a major concern for prospective students and parents, carers and supporters. The University has a wide range of measures in place to provide support, such as regular drop-in sessions with the Student Money Advice and Funding team for money advice and a Hardship Fund for students who experience financial hardship during their studies.

By working with the Students' Union and listening to the student voice, we regularly review what we can do to help students navigate everyday costs.

Our Student Money Advice and Funding team provides information and advice on financial support from the UK government and the University, managing your money, discretionary support and eligibility for the hardship fund.



Explore fees and funding support.
bristol.ac.uk/student-finances

VISIT US

Explore our University and city and find out what it's like to be a student here by attending an event, either on campus or online.



Get the latest information about upcoming events.

bristol.ac.uk/ug-visits

On-campus events

Our events give you unique access to the University and offer you the chance to experience student life in Bristol. Open days give you the opportunity to meet academics, current students and our student services teams. If you receive an offer to study at Bristol, you'll be invited to an exclusive offer holder event to further explore your department and meet students and staff from your course.

Events near you

You can meet us at one of the UCAS and higher education or careers fairs we attend. We also visit schools and colleges regularly to give talks and run workshops about the admissions process and life at university.

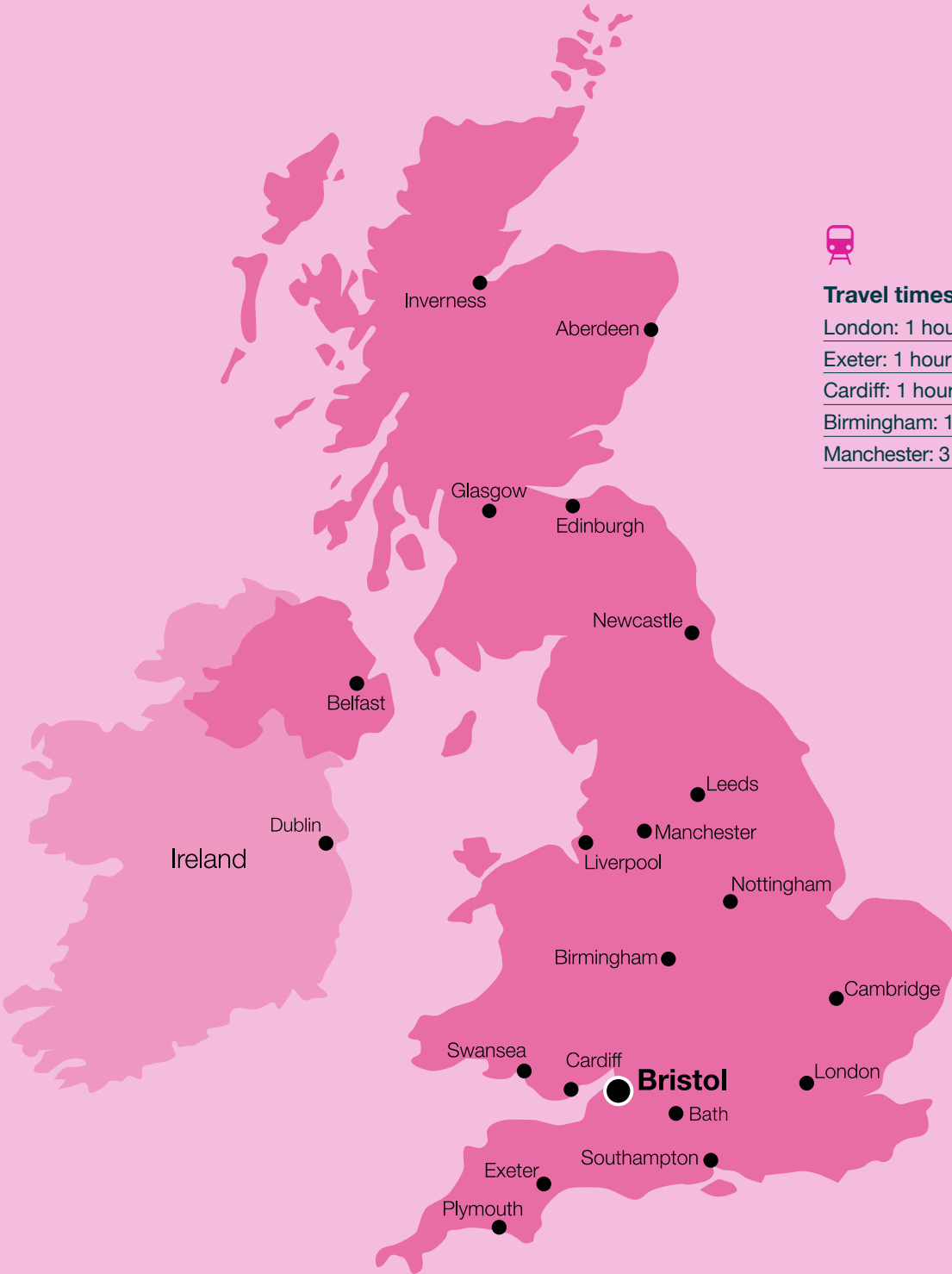
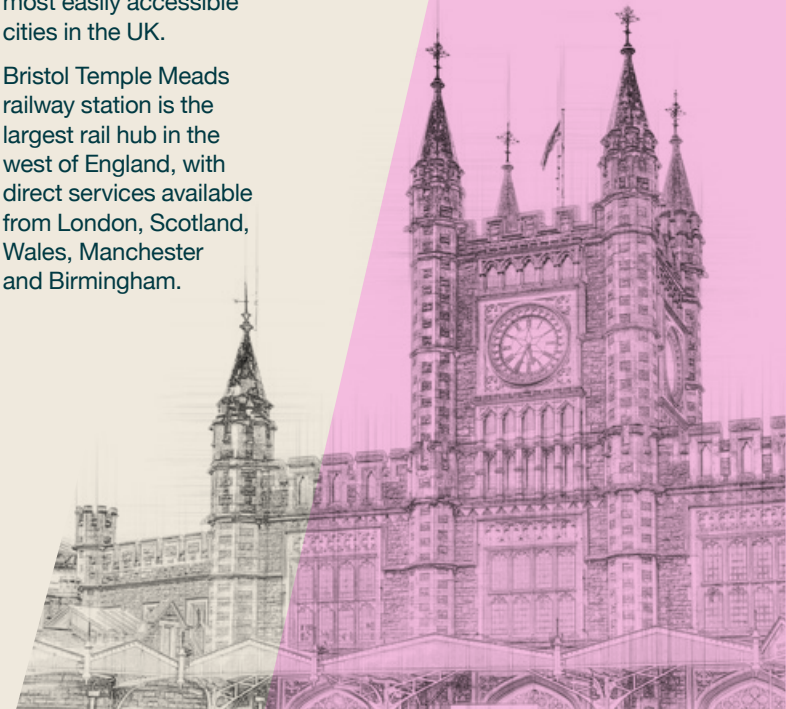
Virtual events

We know it's not always possible to attend an event in person, so virtual events allow you to get involved from the comfort of your own home. You can also explore our campus online, with our 360° virtual tour: bristol.ac.uk/virtual-tour

Getting here

Bristol is located in the South West of England, about 100 miles west of London, and is one of the most easily accessible cities in the UK.

Bristol Temple Meads railway station is the largest rail hub in the west of England, with direct services available from London, Scotland, Wales, Manchester and Birmingham.



Travel times by train

London: 1 hour 40 minutes

Exeter: 1 hour

Cardiff: 1 hour

Birmingham: 1 hour 30 minutes

Manchester: 3 hours 10 minutes



OPEN DAYS



2025 OPEN DAYS

Friday 13 June

Saturday 14 June

Saturday 1 November



Register your interest for the next open day.

bristol.ac.uk/opendays



‘What solidified my decision was visiting the University. I fell in love with the city and the University. It felt as if there was so much to learn and discover!’

Yasmin (MEng Mechanical Engineering with a Year in Industry)



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