Global Transfer Programme
Welcome

The University of Bristol and Sun Yat-sen University are very fortunate to enjoy a long history of collaboration.

As mutual friends, we work together on ambitious research, finding answers to the global challenges that we all face in society today.

We are very proud to launch our Global Transfer Programme with Sun Yat-sen University in Geography, providing you with the opportunity to transfer your study to Bristol.

Bristol is a successful and ambitious university, offering you the chance to learn from and with some of the leading scholars in the world.

Here, you can benefit from a research-rich environment that combines a dynamic approach to learning with innovation.

As the Dean of our Faculty of Science, I warmly invite you to apply to our programme. Good luck with your application, and I very much look forward to welcoming you to Bristol in the future.

Professor Jens Marklof
Dean, Faculty of Science
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The Programme

The University of Bristol (UOB) and Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU) are delighted to launch our Global Transfer Programme. This exclusive programme allows talented students from SYSU to transfer their credit and complete their study in Bristol.

Who should apply?
The programme is suitable for ambitious, motivated and determined students that plan to become global citizens.

Transfer pathways

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<th>UOB Degree</th>
<th>Time at SYSU</th>
<th>Time at Bristol</th>
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<td>Bachelor of Physical Geography</td>
<td>BSc Geography</td>
<td>3 years</td>
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This pathway will be known as the **UOB-SYSU 3+1 Global Transfer Programme (Geography)**. After completing the programme, you will receive a Bachelor’s Degree from both Sun Yat-sen University and the University of Bristol.

Key contacts
If you have any questions regarding the programme, please contact either:

**Sun Yat-sen University – Partnership Coordinator**
Qinchuan XIN, Deputy Dean (International)
Email: xxx@xxx.xxx

**University of Bristol – Partnership Coordinator**
Michael Benson, International Partnerships Manager
Email: international-partnerships@bristol.ac.uk

WeChat support
You can also join our WeChat group to talk directly with staff regarding the programme:
Application Details

Entry requirements
75% average at Sun Yat-sen University.
IELTS 6.5 overall, minimum 6.0 in all bands.

Application dates
Applications open: Tuesday, 1 January 2019.
Applications close: Friday, 29 March 2019.

To submit your application:
1. Contact the SYSU Partnership Coordinator to register your interest.
2. Once you have received approval from SYSU, submit your application on our website.

Tuition fee
The University of Bristol is delighted to offer an exclusive scholarship to all Sun Yat-sen University students applying to this programme. The UOB-SYSU Partner Scholarship will reduce your tuition fee by 10%. This means your tuition fee will cost £20,700 per year.

You don’t need to apply for the UOB-SYSU Partner Scholarship, it will be automatically applied to your tuition fee amount.

Other scholarships
We understand that the cost of studying overseas can be a barrier. We want to welcome the brightest minds to our campus, for that reason you can also apply for the following scholarships:

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<tr>
<td>Think Big Undergraduate Scholarship</td>
<td>Between 25% and 100% of your tuition</td>
<td>Sunday, 30 June 2019</td>
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You can only receive a maximum of 1 scholarship, if you are selected for more than 1 scholarship, you will receive the larger scholarship. To apply visit our website: http://bristol.ac.uk/international/fees-finance/scholarships/

UOB-SYSU Global Excellence Bursary
In addition, University of Bristol will offer 1 exclusive bursary of £2,500, which will be used to contribute to the cost of living in the UK. The bursary will be transferred into the winners UK bank account after their arrival in the UK.

To apply for the UOB-SYSU Global Excellence Bursary please contact the SYSU Partnership Coordinator.
Before You Arrive

Accommodation
As a student applying to the UOB-SYSU 3+1 Global Transfer Programme (Geography), you are guaranteed university accommodation for your first year of study.

In order to qualify for this guarantee, you must apply for accommodation by 30 June 2019. In total there are 25 different residences that you can choose from. When you apply for accommodation you will be asked to choose three residences.

You can find a full list of our residences on our website:
http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/residences/

The University of Bristol is an open and inclusive place. We consider many factors when allocating students to rooms, such as:

1. Catered or self-catered
2. Room type
3. LGBTQ+ students
4. Single-sex accommodation
5. Alcohol-free accommodation
6. Kosher accommodation
7. Mature students

When you apply let us know your preferences. For more information please visit our website:
http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/choosing/

IELTS
You do not need to have reached our IELTS English language requirements by the time you apply to the programme. However, you must have evidence of meeting our IELTS requirements by the time you apply for your visa.

Visa
To study in the UK you must apply for a student visa, what is formally known as a Tier 4 Student Visa. You can only apply for your visa from July. We recommend that you submit your visa application at the latest by mid-August. For more guidance on the Tier 4 application process please visit our website:
http://www.bristol.ac.uk/directory/visas/tier-4/

Checklist
As an international student you need to take some extra steps before you begin your studies with us. Please visit the following pages on our website to prepare for your arrival:

- Undergraduate checklist
- Information for new international students
At the University of Bristol you need to study enough units to obtain 120 credits every year.

Each of our units are worth normally around 20 credits, with longer units like your dissertation worth more. The following units are available to you while at Bristol:

**Year 3 at UOB**

In Year 3 you will need to study 1 mandatory unit, worth 40 credits:

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This means you will have 80 credits remaining to use across the following 10 optional units*. These units have been selected based off your prior study at SYSU:

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<td>Extreme Climates of the past</td>
<td>GEOG30017</td>
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<td>Environmental Risks, Management and Policy</td>
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<td>Spatial Modelling 3: Multilevel Modelling</td>
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<td>Migration and Development</td>
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<td>The Malthus Wars: Debating Population, Resources and the Environment</td>
<td>GEOG30019</td>
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<td>Ethnicity, Class and Housing in the City</td>
<td>GEOG30020</td>
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*We cannot guarantee that all units will be available.
Your Bristol degree

Your degree from Bristol will be based on a combination of your study at Sun Yat-sen University and the University of Bristol.

After completing the programme, you will receive a Bachelor’s Degree from both Sun Yat-sen University and the University of Bristol.

Calculating your degree

In the UK a Bachelor’s Degree is awarded based on the study completed in Year 2 and Year 3. Because the education systems in the UK and China are different, the table below shows how your degree from Bristol will be calculated:

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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>Year 3</td>
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This means your degree from Bristol will be based on your grades from Year 3 at SYSU and Year 3 at UOB.

Converting your grade

To issue your Bristol degree we need to convert your SYSU grade. Because the grading system in the UK and China is different we have worked with your academics at SYSU to agree a formula to convert your grade. The formula is fair, ensuring a strong grade at SYSU equals a strong grade at UOB. The formula is as follows:

\[ \text{Year 3 at SYSU} \times 0.85 \]

Example:
90% Year 3 at SYSU = 75% Year 3 at UOB

While your grade may look lower, it is still worth the same in the UK system. This is because in the UK our grades typically fall between 40% and 70%. The best students normally achieve 70%, most students in the UK obtain a grade of between 60-70%.