General information from the University for all students that you should find useful.

COVID-19 and life on campus

Restrictions on life here in the UK have reduced over the summer months, and infection rates have remained stable. The measures that we took over the last 18 months have therefore been reviewed.

To protect each other, and reduce the risk of disruption to your education we ask that:

- You wear a face covering indoors on campus, unless you are exempt
- You take a Lateral Flow tests for COVID-19 twice a week
- If you have symptoms of Coronavirus you remain at home and take a PCR test
- You wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser where it is available

Full details of our work around COVID-19 can be seen on our Health and Safety webpage

Social distancing is not required on campus and there are no legal restrictions on social events. You will be able to engage in a full programme of activities with academic schools, sports clubs, and societies when you arrive, whilst observing the measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe.

Vaccinations

It is great that most students and staff will have been vaccinated by the time you arrive. If you have still to complete your vaccinations please see our Vaccinations webpage to find out how to get your jabs, including if you are an overseas student.

University Welcome

All new and returning students are invited to attend a University welcome which will take place online:

- For new Undergraduate students 10:30 on Monday 20 September
- For new Postgraduate Taught students 9:30 on Monday 20 September

Throughout welcome week there will be a huge range of activities for you to participate in. The best way to find out what is available is to download the student app or check the welcome pages on our website, which will go live on 13th September.

A highlight of our welcome every year is the Student Union’s welcome fair, open to new and returning students this year and extended to 2 days (24 – 25 September) on the Downs.
You can also enjoy our welcome village in Royal Fort Gardens from the 21 to the 23 September. A carnival of street food, student performances and panel discussions, social areas and information tents, it’s a great place to meet, socialise, try a new sport and soak up the Bristol welcome atmosphere.

**New student information**

For all the information you need to get ready for your arrival the best place to start is our new students home page which links through to information on registration; accommodation; Bristol Students’ Union (Bristol SU) and much more.

To help with the step up to higher education, we have a fantastic range of resources that help to familiarise you with the tools we use, and the skills you will need to develop, to engage with your studies. You can also find information on our libraries and study spaces here.

If you are looking for some academic challenges before you arrive, there is a great set of courses and articles that the Open University has developed in partnership with Russell Group Universities

**International students**

Our Global Lounge is open from 13 September on the 1st floor of Senate House. This space is for all home and international students to meet, socialise and get help and advice. You can also request bank letters at the Global Lounge.

We have a great programme of events for international students on over the welcome period so check out our event webpages for more detail. We also have dedicated pages for new international students to help you find your way around the University.