‘Bristol felt like home – I acclimatised so quickly.’

Broderick Purdue University
1st in UK
The Sunday Times
‘Best Places to Live’ 2017

Joint 5th
For research intensity in the UK
(Times Higher Education analysis of REF 2014)

9th in UK
QS World University Rankings 2019

150+
partner universities worldwide

1,000
years of city history
Study options

Bristol offers a highly flexible and personalised Study Abroad experience, with three different programmes to suit your English language ability.

Study Abroad programme

September and January start

The most common option for native English speakers or those who already meet our English language requirements is the Study Abroad programme. You can take this option in the autumn or spring semester, or for the full academic year.

Choose classes from across the University to create a personalised academic programme. Take classes in your major or minor, or those that interest you. Our six faculties offer a wide variety of subjects, which can be combined to create a diverse and intellectually stimulating programme.

For those who want to enhance their English language skills, you can also take English language classes that run alongside your other subjects.

STABEL (Study Abroad with English Language) programme

September start

If you do not meet the English language requirements for the Study Abroad programme, or you want to improve your academic English, you may be eligible to apply for our STABEL programme. STABEL combines Study Abroad with a pre-sessional English language course. Pre-sessional courses are intensive English language courses that take place over the Summer and are only available to students starting in September. You will study for six or ten weeks, depending on your current English language level.

Students taking the STABEL programme will be supported by both the Global Opportunities team, who run all three Study Abroad programmes, and the University’s Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies during the pre-sessional course.

Study Abroad Bridge programme

September start

This is a year-long course and is designed to ‘bridge the gap’ between our STABEL and Study Abroad programmes. It is designed for students who are very slightly below the Study Abroad English language requirements and unable to attend the STABEL (Study Abroad with English Language) programme, which starts in the summer.

It is also suitable for Study Abroad students who wish to spend their first semester at Bristol enhancing their English language and academic abilities, before moving on to study their academic interests in greater depth.

During the Autumn semester you will take 60 credits from our Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies. The focus is to improve your English language ability for academic purposes, and to gain a deeper understanding of academic life in the UK. During the Spring semester, you will have the opportunity to take units from your chosen academic field(s).
How to apply

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

**Step 1**
Complete an application form at bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-apply.

**Step 2**
Print and sign your completed application and obtain a signature from an academic advisor or study abroad advisor from your home university.

**Step 3**
Email your signed application form, along with copies of your transcript from your home university, the photo page of your passport and any English language proof required, to global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk.

**Entry requirements**

**Academic requirements**
You should have completed at least one year of university and have a strong ‘B’ average or a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 on a typical US grading system. 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 university, then we will ask for proof of your English level. English requirements are as follows:

- **Study Abroad programme** – IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no skill less than 6.0.
- **Study Abroad Bridge** – IELTS overall score of 6.0 with no skill less than 5.5.
- **STABEL with 6 week pre-sessional** – IELTS overall score of 6.0 with no skill less than 5.5.
- **STABEL with 10 week pre-sessional** – IELTS overall score of 5.5 with no skill less than 5.0.

**Visa**
If you are from outside the EU/EEA you will require a visa to study in the UK. You will usually need a Short-term study visa if you will be here for one semester, or a Tier 4 (General) student visa for the full year. Our Student Visa Services team will support you at every stage before you arrive and while you’re with us.

**Dedicated advice**
Our dedicated Global Opportunities team can give advice about our academic system and choosing classes, as well as any non-academic issues. Every academic department has a study abroad academic coordinator, with whom you can discuss your subjects, classes or assessments. All your professors will also be happy to help.
Your second home

Named among the top five best cities to visit worldwide by Rough Guides®, Bristol is a cultural capital that will quickly feel like home.

Best of both worlds
You will fall in love with Bristol. Situated in south-west England, just 90 minutes from London, it offers over 1,000 years of history to explore. A thriving urban centre, Bristol is also packed with green spaces, and the countryside and coast are easy to reach by bus, bike or car.

Get involved: 300+ clubs
Joining a club is a great way to meet new people while you’re here. Study Abroad students often say taking part really helps them settle in and make friends. With over 300 clubs and societies, including 60+ sports groups, most students join a few at the beginning of term.

Almost every interest is catered for, from a capella singing and American football to skydiving and soccer. Many of the sports clubs organise discounted student trips during University vacations. Recent excursions include mountain biking in the Alps and sailing in Croatia.

bristol.ac.uk/groups
*Rough Guides 2017

bristol.ac.uk/city

Your second home
City life

By day

Sport
The University is home to a recently renovated sports centre, swimming pool and specialist complex complete with Olympic weights area. If you enjoy a little friendly competition, get a team together and join our intramural leagues for soccer, badminton, basketball, netball or hockey. bristol.ac.uk/sport

Shopping
Bristol is a great destination for shopping, featuring Europe’s longest street of independent shops. Whether you want a traditional bookshop, a continental Christmas market or something unique, all budgets and tastes are catered for.

Art
Historic exhibits and contemporary art sit side-by-side across the city. The Royal West of England Academy and Bristol Museum & Art Gallery host major exhibitions and are located next to the University, while contemporary works can be found at Arnolfini and Spike Island. Bristol also enjoys an international reputation for street art. Featuring major works by the likes of Banksy and Cosmo Sarson, neighbourhoods are alive with modern murals.

By night

Food and drink
Bristol boasts hundreds of restaurants, pubs, bars and cafes, meeting all tastes and budgets. Whether you want to drink cocktails in teacups, dine out in a 400-year-old pub, or experience cafe culture and eat at fisico, Bristol is sure to deliver.

Music
The city is renowned for its diverse music scene. You can find a wealth of venues and genres from small reggae bars and rock clubs to classical concerts at the University’s own Victoria Rooms.

Theatre and film
Bristol’s stage productions are world-class. The newly refurbished Bristol Old Vic is the UK’s longest-running and perhaps most beautiful theatre. As a UNESCO City of Film, Bristol is a hub for film studios, producers and animators, creating ground-breaking work such as Planet Earth II. Film lovers can see arthouse and foreign-language titles at Watershed independent cinema, or visit the Everyman to enjoy the latest release in a boutique venue.

Festivals
A European festival hotspot, Bristol hosts events all year round. Many offer free admission and are usually walking distance from the University. Lead attractions include music festivals such as Love Saves the Day, Pride, the International Balloon Fiesta, Comedy Garden, and Uplift – Europe’s largest urban art gathering.
Events

SEPTEMBER
ENCOUNTERS FILM FESTIVAL
The UK’s leading short film and animation festival

OCTOBER
SIMPLE THINGS
Multi-venue festival of alternative music

NOVEMBER
ICE SKATING IN MILLENNIUM SQUARE
Enjoy a winter wonderland in the city centre

DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS MARKETS
Festive alpine markets, crafts and food

JANUARY
SLAPSTICK FESTIVAL
Multi-venue festival of comedy attracting international talent

FEBRUARY
LUNAR NEW YEAR
City-wide free events and performances

MARCH
VARSITY SERIES
Represent the University in soccer, basketball, rowing and more

APRIL
FESTIVAL OF IDEAS
Lecture series featuring famous minds

MAY
LOVE SAVES THE DAY
Major DJs and bands descend on the city

JUNE
FESTIVAL OF NATURE
The UK’s largest festival of the natural world

The Sunday Times ‘Best Places to Live’ in the UK 2017
We have a wide range of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Our Accommodation Office will help you find the perfect place to live.

A guaranteed home
Study Abroad students coming for a full year or the autumn semester are guaranteed a place in university-owned accommodation, if you apply by the deadline. For students starting in the spring semester, we make every effort to place you in a University residence, or help you find private accommodation.

Our residences
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.

Every residence provides free internet and 24-hour security and pastoral support staff. Residence facilities vary but most have a common room, study rooms, laundrette and bike storage, while some feature music rooms, bars and gardens.

Accommodation is available for students with disabilities or health needs, mature students, and those with special cultural or religious requirements – including some alcohol-free and single-sex options.

Choosing where to live
Our student residences range in size from 40 to 740 students and are spread over three locations. Our North Residential Village is a lively student hub of residences set in 65 acres, based two miles from campus. It houses our second sports complex and free buses run to the University all day and late into the night.

Our West Residential Village is based in and around Clifton, a student-friendly suburb within the city. Full of traditional architecture, it features shops, cafes, bars and green spaces. These residences are mostly around 15 minutes’ walk from campus.

The East Residential Village is based in and around Bristol’s city centre. Residences are within easy walking distance of the University campus, and benefit from an endless supply of shops, cafes and bars.

Join a community
Staying in our residences can help you settle into UK university life. You’ll be living with a mix of British undergraduates, international students and others on the Study Abroad programme. Each residence has a student-run committee which organises social events such as concerts, theatre performances, summer balls and formal dinners. You can also get involved in sporting leagues and fitness classes.

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 Students’ Union provides a specialist letting service for students, and there are many private letting agents and providers across the city.

What will it cost?
Accommodation fees for our residences vary according to location, facilities and room type, but all include internet, utility bills and a bus pass. Prices for single rooms typically vary from £109 to £197 per week.

Private rents vary according to your preferences. A room in a shared residential property usually costs between £80 and £110 per week, not including bills; commercial studio apartments will be more expensive.

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

‘Living in University accommodation has been really good, I get along with all my flatmates and we do lots of things together.’

Emily University of Melbourne
I would definitely recommend Bristol. It’s an amazing city and one of the best universities in the world.

Jose Universidad de Costa Rica
Why students love Bristol

Bristol is a picturesque city made for sharing on Instagram. Here, students and staff provide their snapshots of student life.

‘For me, the Wills Memorial Building encapsulates the spirit of Bristol. It reflects this vibrant city’s historic side whilst still being at the core of daily Bristol life.’

Jessica University of Melbourne

‘After visiting friends at different universities, I was always happy on the way back to Bristol, knowing I was returning to the best city by far.’

Tom (MA English Literature)

‘Having the University set right in the middle of such a beautiful city always makes for a great cycle home from the lab.’

Pete (University of Bristol researcher)

‘Climb Cabot Tower and you will find the beautiful skyline of Bristol. Or simply have your lunch in the garden between classes. Bristol always has enough space for you to lie back and relax.’

Carty The University of Hong Kong

Find more images of student life in our city universityofbristol
Explore nearby attractions

1. **Bath**  
   A UNESCO World Heritage site featuring historic Roman architecture and the Roman baths.

2. **Surfing**  
   Coastal surf breaks within easy reach of Bristol.

3. **Stonehenge**  
   A prehistoric monument built around 5,000 years ago.

4. **Glastonbury Festival**  
   The world's biggest greenfield festival, attracting hundreds of international artists and bands each year.

5. **Cardiff Castle**  
   Explore Roman ruins and fairytale towers at Wales' impressive 11th-century castle.

6. **Stratford-upon-Avon**  
   Shakespeare's birthplace, home to the RSC theatres and 800 years of history.

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**Location**

Bristol is a vibrant city just 100 miles from London. Surrounded by UNESCO World Heritage Sites and spectacular countryside, from here you can explore the UK and Europe.

**London**  
1h 40m from £16 each way

**Edinburgh**  
6h from £53 return

**Dublin**  
1h 15m from £30 return

**Paris**  
1h 15m from £53 return

**Amsterdam**  
1h 15m from £57 return

**Madrid**  
2h 20m from £56 return

**Rome**  
2h 35m from £60 return

Costs as of June 2018

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