



University of
BRISTOL

International Pathways Guide

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Welcome

Study at the University of Bristol, one of the UK's leading Russell Group universities, and follow your path to success. You'll enjoy first-class facilities, outstanding teaching and an exciting location. With Kaplan Pathways, you can apply to the University-delivered International Foundation Programme, and progress to a Bristol degree.



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← Explore your opportunities at the University of Bristol, what makes it such a great institution, and the excellent facilities you'll find on campus.
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Bristol:

where you belong

The University of Bristol is a prestigious Russell Group institution where research breaks new ground and students like you can thrive. It's a truly special place that can open the door to your future.

Learn to think differently

At the University of Bristol, you'll be encouraged to become an independent thinker. Innovative curricula and research-led teaching will help you develop the skills you need to thrive after you graduate, in work and in life. As a Russell Group university, Bristol degrees are directly influenced by the research taking place on campus, so you'll benefit from frontline knowledge. In addition, the University has many international research collaborations, and practical experience is integrated into the curricula, so you'll have lots of exciting opportunities available to you. You may even have the chance to work on real-world projects within the business, government and community sectors.

As a Bristol student, you'll be part of a supportive academic community, with advisers that are based in Schools and your programme-allocated residence to support you. You'll have the chance to join a wide range of clubs and societies and meet other students from around the world, so you can expect to enjoy a fantastic student experience as well as a lively social life. The city of Bristol itself is also a very friendly and welcoming place to be a student, so you'll feel at home right away!

Enhance your studies

Get involved in professional community engagement, volunteering and student mentoring or do a work placement. You could also take an interdisciplinary online course in Innovation and Enterprise, Global Citizenship or Sustainable Futures and learn more about the University's values. All of these experiences can help you grow as a person and become a well-rounded graduate.





5 reasons to choose the University of Bristol



Top 10
in the UK

QS World University
Rankings 2022



World top 70
university

QS World University
Rankings 2022



Bristol

is the world's 2nd most
sustainable city

Conde Nast Traveller 2020



Top 10
in the UK
for research quality

Times and Sunday Times Good
University Guide 2022

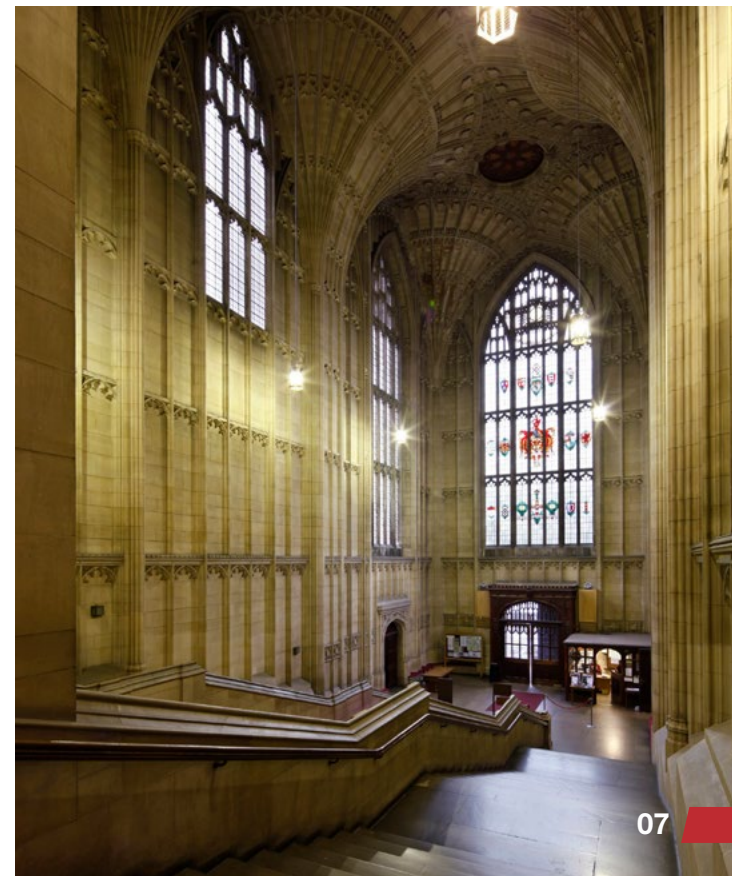


Top 50
in the world for graduate
employability

QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022



↗ See a performance at the SU
theatre
↘ Enjoy modern buildings and
facilities
← Wills Memorial Building
↓ Climb the Wills Memorial Tower



Your life on campus

With world-class facilities, a campus redevelopment project informed by students, and new state-of-the-art enterprise facilities being developed in the city centre, there has never been a better time to join the University of Bristol.

Investing in your future

At the University's main campus in Clifton, you'll find spaces to study, relax and socialise, such as Senate House. This modern space is home to the SU Loft, which includes a multi-faith prayer room, student meeting and activity rooms and the student-run Beckford Bar. Elsewhere, the Global Lounge is a comfortable space celebrating different cultures, where you can meet people from around the world and attend a range of exciting cultural events.

The Faculty of Engineering has invested more than £19 million in practical learning facilities, including a propulsion lab, a satellite lab and ground station, and a creative workshop, Hackspace. The Life Sciences building features a five-storey laboratory wing, a state-of-the-art greenhouse, and one of the largest teaching labs in the UK.

In 2019, work began on the new Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus. With a focus on innovation, students, academics, researchers, businesses, civic partners and the local community will work together to develop fresh perspectives and explore how to innovate responsibly, create an inclusive economy that works for everyone, and other big research questions for the future.

Take a look:
bristol.ac.uk/virtual-tour/

Life outside your studies

You can get involved with as many clubs and societies as you like at the University of Bristol. There are more than 350 societies and sports clubs to choose from, with everything from football and running, to board games and cheese-tasting.



← Students' Union

Located in the Richmond building, the students union offers you over 200 study spaces and lots of activity rooms including the Balloon Bar (Pictured). A short walk from Senate House, you can also relax, unwind and meet new people in the Bristol SU Living Room or the Bristol SU Loft.



← Fantastic libraries

With nine specialist libraries, you'll have all the resources you need to support your studies.

Discover Bristol

a dynamic and welcoming city

The University of Bristol is located in the heart of the city, where creative energy and diverse outlooks combine to form a lively community that is proud to be different.

Always moving forward

Bristol has a long tradition of innovation, and it continues to push boundaries to this day. With pioneering technology and research companies based around the city, Bristol is home to many creative individuals who think outside the box. This dynamic spirit and buzzing energy is what keeps the city moving forward.

Embracing diversity

Bristol's also embraces diversity. People from all over the world have made the city their home, and you can hear nearly 100 different languages drifting through the city. With temples, mosques, synagogues, churches, and meditation centres, as well as specialist grocery stores and restaurants for almost every cuisine, you'll feel part of a multicultural society. You'll feel welcome and you'll feel at home in Bristol.



Celebrating the unconventional

Bristol is a welcoming city that dares to be different. It's a capital of urban art, and even hosts Europe's largest street art festival, Upfest, every summer. It's this kind of vibrant, artistic environment that inspired one of the city's most famous artists: Banksy.

Supporting local businesses

The city is proud to support small businesses, and you can find everything from specialist bakers to unique bars and cafés. Stroll along Gloucester Road, one of the longest stretches of independent shops in the UK, and find your favourites! Come to Bristol and be part of this dynamic and welcoming city.

Want to see more?

kpln.org/why-bristol

← Discover world-class collections at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
➤ Enjoy great transport links from Bristol Temple Meads station
➔ Relax near Castle Park in central Bristol



Bristol is home to over 450 parks and green spaces, proportionally more than any other UK city.



Things to do in Bristol

With so much to do in Bristol, it's almost impossible to be bored. It's an exciting city to live in, and its vibrant atmosphere will inspire you to get out there and experience it all!

Walk along the suspension bridge

↗ The Clifton Suspension Bridge is one of Bristol's most famous landmarks. There are great views across the beautiful Avon Gorge, so it's well worth taking a walk along this impressive feat of engineering.

Visit museums and galleries

↗ As a cultural hotspot, it's no surprise that there are lots of museums and art galleries to enjoy. From the city's social history at M Shed to contemporary art at the Arnolfini Gallery, there is so much to discover.

Experience a festival

↗ Bristol is well known for its festivals, and there are so many throughout the year — enjoy everything from music and film festivals to the world-famous International Balloon Fiesta, which hosts over 130 hot air balloons from around the world.

Relax by the harbour

↗ Bristol harbour is a beautiful place to spend time. You can go to the Sunday markets, relax at the waterside restaurants and bars, or even try out some watersports like paddleboarding and canoeing.

Go on a walking tour

↗ In Bristol, you can go on a guided street art, history, culture, or food walking tour, so there's something for everyone. You'll get to see some of the city's best sights at the same time!

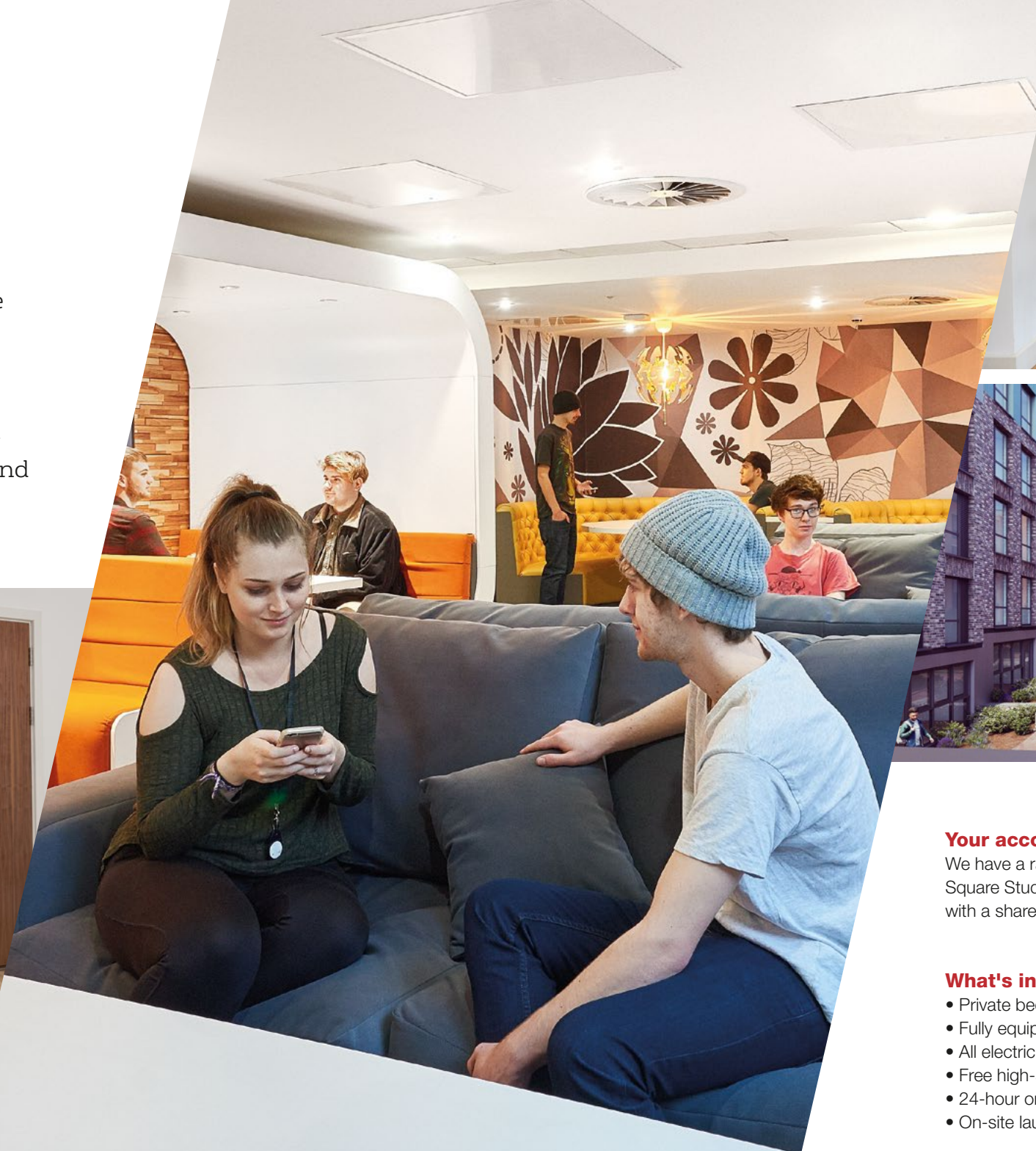
Want to see more?
kpln.org/life-in-bristol

Living in Bristol

During your time in Bristol, you'll want to live somewhere that's comfortable, secure and convenient. We offer modern, city centre accommodation with everything you need to feel at home. It's easy to book your room through the accommodation portal, and our dedicated team will be on hand to help you find a great place to live.



↑ A private bedroom at King Square Studios
 → King Square Studios common area
 ↗ Your private kitchen and study area at King Square Studios
 → Zinc Quarter exterior (CGI render)



Your accommodation

We have a range of accommodation options in the city centre, including King Square Studios and Zinc Quarter. Both offer a private bedroom and bathroom with a shared or private kitchen and fantastic shared social spaces.

What's included?

- Private bedroom and bathroom
- Fully equipped private or shared kitchen
- All electricity, gas and water bills
- Free high-speed WiFi
- 24-hour on-site security
- On-site laundry (usage charges apply) and common rooms with games and TV

Accommodation during your degree

As an undergraduate student, you can apply through the University to stay in one of the University's many halls of residence, or in private accommodation.

International Foundation Programme

Take a pathway course

As an international student, you might need, or benefit from, a pathway course that prepares you for degree study. Sometimes a pathway course is necessary due to differences in national education systems, or to help you improve your academic or language qualifications to the level needed.

You can take the International Foundation Programme, which is a type of pathway course, at the University of Bristol. Expert University staff will guide you in improving your English, academic skills and subject knowledge. When you pass your course at the required level, and with good attendance, you'll be guaranteed entry to your degree! During your pathway course, you'll have access to the University's excellent facilities and resources, effectively making you a full University of Bristol student before you even start your degree.

To date, students from over 50 countries around the world have studied the International Foundation Programme.



Richmond Building, the home of the International Foundation Programme



✦ Nouf
from Saudi Arabia



↖ Karam
from Egypt

What can I study?

You can study the International Foundation Programme at the University of Bristol, which will enable you to enrol on an undergraduate degree. You can choose from several different routes: Arts and Humanities; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and Social Sciences and Law.

International Foundation Programme

For entry to the 1st year of a bachelor's degree

For students who have finished high school and meet both the academic and IELTS requirements.

Minimum English language entry requirements: UKVI IELTS 5.5 with at least 5.0 in all other skills*

International Foundation Programme Plus

If you have a higher level of English (minimum UKVI IELTS 7.0 overall), you will be placed on the International Foundation Programme Plus. This programme will give you the opportunity to focus on further developing your academic language and literacy. When you speak to an adviser, they can discuss with you whether you're eligible for this course.



Undergraduate
degree
Year 1

Undergraduate
degree
Year 2

Undergraduate
degree
Year 3



Graduate

with a University of Bristol degree

Course details

Use the course information booklet to explore the full range of courses, degrees and online internship options.

You can also gain entry to the University via Kaplan International College London. Find out more:
kaplanpathways.com/london

* UKVI IELTS alternatives: we can accept alternative tests as proof of English language. Learn more at: kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/

Learn your way

Experienced University of Bristol staff will empower you to make the most of your time on the International Foundation Programme. You can gain the skills you need to progress to your degree feeling confident and excited.

University-developed curriculum

When you study on the International Foundation Programme, you'll be a full University of Bristol student, so you'll feel like part of the University before you even start your degree. Your course has been designed to prepare you for your Bristol undergraduate degree, and it will help you gain the skills and understanding that you'll need for further study, and for your future career. Through subject-based activities, you'll develop your critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills, while improving your academic English.

With your success in mind

As well as learning from experienced teachers, you'll receive regular one-to-one guidance from your academic tutor. This high ratio of staff to students will give you the right support to further develop your academic English and subject knowledge. You'll experience a mix of tutorials, lectures and seminars, preparing you for university.

'My main goal is to ensure that students leave us feeling ready for their university degree. I teach them the skills they need to become independent learners who can think critically.'

Nathalie, International Foundation Programme Tutor (pictured)

100% of students who successfully passed their course received an unconditional offer to a Bristol degree. See the full progression rates: kaplanpathways.com/bristol-satisfaction

↖ Nathalie
International Foundation
Programme Tutor



👤 **Kareem**
from Saudi Arabia

Katherine 🏠
International Foundation
Programme English for
Academic Purposes Coordinator

Student support

Studying abroad is a big step and it might take you out of your comfort zone. But don't worry — if you need support at any stage the dedicated Student Services team will be able to help you, so you can make the most of your time in the UK and have a fulfilling study abroad experience.

Academic support

Academic support will always be available to you during the International Foundation Programme, helping you to stay on track. You will have a personal academic tutor, and will attend frequent academic tutorials to support your professional development. You can also access independent academic support through the Students' Union's Just Ask Advice Service, where you can speak to advisers who will be there to help you with any concerns you have related to your studies or your time at university.

Talk to someone

Positive wellbeing and success is an integral part of the International Foundation Programme. The University has a range of services available, including the Student Wellbeing Service, Residential Life teams, Student Counselling Service and Disability Service. You can request support through an easy online process, and the University will connect you with the right help.

Welcome events

If you've booked your accommodation through Kaplan, we can meet you at the airport when you arrive in the UK and take you to your new home, so that you don't need to worry about finding your own way there. Before you start your classes, you can take part in the University of Bristol's Welcome Week. It's a chance for you to get involved in lots of fun and exciting events, meet new people, make friends and be introduced to student life in Bristol. Many of these events are free, and other events will continue to be organised after Welcome Week has finished. We strongly recommend that you take part in the fun — it will help you have the best possible start to your International Foundation Programme.



Student Ambassadors

Kaplan Student Ambassadors are international students who share their experiences of studying abroad through videos and blogs. Here, Dariga tells us what it was like studying the International Foundation Programme:
kpln.org/ifp-experience

Find out more

If you want to read more about the University of Bristol, there's lots to discover online. Below you can find a brief guide to where to go for more useful information.

The University of Bristol

About the University:
kaplanpathways.com/university-of-bristol

Degree options at the University of Bristol:
kaplanpathways.com/bristol-degrees

University of Bristol's website:
bristol.ac.uk

International Foundation Programme

About the International Foundation Programme:
kaplanpathways.com/bristol

Student accommodation:
kaplanpathways.com/bristol-accommodation

Student services:
kaplanpathways.com/bristol-support

Tuition fees and costs:
kaplanpathways.com/bristol-fees

Information for studying abroad

Student visa:
www.gov.uk/student-visa

Student insurance:
kaplanpathways.com/insurance

College guardians for under-18s:
www.collegeguardians.co.uk

Information for parents:
kaplanpathways.com/parents

Further questions?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):
kpln.org/uk-faq

Get in touch:
kaplanpathways.com/bristol-contact

Meet us in your country or region:
kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country

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Meet Ian

Ian from Kenya is on his path to a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

'Before coming to study here, I had never been to the UK. I wanted to find a study destination that was similar to my home city of Kisumu, Kenya, and Bristol seemed perfect. It's not big like a capital city, so you're never too far from the city centre and it's easy to walk everywhere. I love to wander around Bristol and admire the old architecture — every building has a story to tell, and exploring the city gives me a sense of comfort and peace.

I chose the University of Bristol because I believe that you need to study somewhere that not only builds you academically, but also challenges you to be a better person. What good is education if you can't be someone who is compassionate and practises empathy towards their fellow human beings?

On the International Foundation Programme, I'm encouraged to be independent, to learn how to reason logically, and to reach conclusions on my own. It's this kind of critical thinking that prepares you for university, and for life.

After I graduate with my degree, I want to go back home and implement what I've learnt so that I can give back to the society that has given so much to me. I want to use my education in Engineering to tackle issues like flooding and drought that affect my country so deeply.

My personal mantra is a quote from Gandhi: "In a gentle way, you can shake the world". I believe that everyone should stand up and be counted — if you have the chance to study abroad, then you should always remember that you are living someone's dream. It's important to make the most of what you have, and to never be too hard on yourself.

This is my path so far.'

✦ Ian
from Kenya

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Application process

Applying to the University of Bristol with Kaplan is quick and easy. Just choose your course using the booklet at the back of this brochure, follow the steps below, and we'll help you with the rest.

1

Submit your application

We'll guide you through the entire application process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or find out more via this link: kaplanpathways.com/bristol-apply

2

Receive an offer letter

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you. We'll send you a decision within one working day.

3

Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study, or sending us your financial guarantee if you're a sponsored student. You can now book your accommodation through the accommodation portal, so you have a great place to live during your studies.

4

Obtain your student visa

To study a pathway course in the UK, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. We'll advise you on this important step, and you'll receive the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.

5

Book your flight and begin your studies

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student at Bristol!

Choose your path

If you are interested in studying at the University of Bristol and would like to know more, then you can either get in touch, or use the booklet opposite to find the right path for you.

Course information

You can use the **course information booklet** to find out more about the pathway courses that lead to the University of Bristol, as well as the University of Bristol degrees available to you. In the booklet, you'll find tuition fees, entry requirements, module summaries and more, to help you start your path with Kaplan.

Alternatively, you can find a digital version of this booklet on our website:

kaplanpathways.com/bristol-course-info

Contact us

kaplanpathways.com/bristol-contact



Where is Bristol?



Who's on the cover?

Crystel (left) from Costa Rica and Ian (right) from Kenya both on their path to the University of Bristol.

Find out more

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-bristol

Explore more study options

Kaplan offers international students a wide range of education options in English-speaking countries. Learn more: kaplanpathways.com

Join in online

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Office for Students (OfS)

The University of Bristol is registered with the Office for Students. This means their teaching and support has met the required standards. It also means that students have the right to work part-time during their studies in the UK.

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