University of Bristol International Foundation Programme

Course information: 2024-25

This booklet contains information about the University of Bristol International Foundation Programme. Choose your preferred degree, and discover which course you need to pass to qualify for entry to your degree. You can also see further information about the courses, including tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements, internship options and module summaries.

Undergraduate pathways

Choose your undergraduate degree

Available degree options may change over time, so visit our online Degree Finder
for the most up-to-date list: *kaplanpathways.com/bristol-degrees*

Key:
A: International Foundation Programme Arts and Humanities
L: International Foundation Programme Social Sciences and Law
S: International Foundation Programme Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Business and Finance

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance	L
BSc (Hons) Accounting and Management	L
BSc (Hons) Business Analytics	L
BSc (Hons) Business and Management	L
MSci (Hons) Business and Management with Innovation	L
BSc (Hons) Economics	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Accounting	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Econometrics	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Management	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematics	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Politics	L
MSci (Hons) Economics with Innovation	L
BSc (Hons) Finance	L
BSc (Hons) International Business Management	L
BA (Hons) International Business Management and French	L
BA (Hons) International Business Management and German	L
BA (Hons) International Business Management and Spanish	L
BA (Hons) Philosophy	A

Computing

BSc (Hons) Computer Science	S
MEng (Hons) Computer Science	S
MEng (Hons) Computer Science with Innovation	S

Education

BSc (Hons) Education Studies	L
BSc (Hons) Psychology in Education	L

Engineering

MEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Civil Engineering	S
BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering	S
BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Innovation	S
MEng (Hons) Engineering Design [5]	S
BEng (Hons) Engineering Design	S
MEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	S
BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	S
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	S

Law

LLB (Hons) Law	L
LLB (Hons) Law and French	L
LLB (Hons) Law and German	L
LLB (Hons) Law and Spanish	L

Marketing and Media

BA (Hons) Film and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Film and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Film and Television	A
MArts (Hons) Film and Television with Innovation	A
BSc (Hons) Marketing	L

Mathematics

MEng (Hons) Engineering Mathematics	S
BEng (Hons) Engineering Mathematics	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics	S
MSci (Hons) Mathematics	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Computer Science	S
MEng (Hons) Mathematics and Computer Science	S
MSci (Hons) Mathematics and Philosophy	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Philosophy	S
MSci (Hons) Mathematics and Physics	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Statistics	S
MSci (Hons) Mathematics with Statistics	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Statistics for Finance	S

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Your path to university:

International Foundation Programme — at the Centre for Academic Language and Development → **Undergraduate degree Year 1** — at the University of Bristol → **Undergraduate degree Year 2** — at the University of Bristol → **Undergraduate degree Year 3** — at the University of Bristol → **Graduate** with a University of Bristol degree

Costs of studying abroad: For details about the cost of studying in Bristol, in addition to pathway course tuition fees, see*: kaplanpathways.com/bristol-study-costs*

Accepted English tests: we accept UKVI IELTS and several alternatives. For full details, see: *kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/*

Music and Performing Arts

BA (Hons) Music	A
BA (Hons) Music and French	A
BA (Hons) Music and German	A
BA (Hons) Music and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Music and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Music and Russian	A
BA (Hons) Music and Spanish	A
MArts (Hons) Music with Innovation	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and English	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Film	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and French	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and German	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Performance Studies	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Spanish	A
MArts (Hons) Theatre with Innovation	A

Science and Health

BSc (Hons) Applied Anatomy	S
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry	S
MSci (Hons) Biochemistry	S
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry	S
MSci (Hons) Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry	S
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry with Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	S
MSci (Hons) Biochemistry with Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	S
BSc (Hons) Biology	S
MSci (Hons) Biology	S
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences	S
BSc (Hons) Cancer Biology and Immunology	S
MSci (Hons) Cancer Biology and Immunology	S
BSc (Hons) Cellular and Molecular Medicine	S
MSci (Hons) Cellular and Molecular Medicine	S
BSc (Hons) Chemistry	S
MSci (Hons) Chemistry	S
BSc (Hons) Chemistry with Computing	S
MSci (Hons) Chemistry with Computing	S
MSci (Hons) Chemistry with Industrial Experience	S
BSc (Hons) Data Science	S
BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience	S
MSci (Hons) Environmental Geoscience	S
BSc (Hons) Geography	L S
MSci (Hons) Geography with Innovation	S
BSc (Hons) Geography with Quantitative Research Methods	L S
MSci (Hons) Geography with Quantitative Research Methods	L S
BSc (Hons) Geology	S
MSci (Hons) Geology	S
BSc (Hons) Medical Microbiology	S
MSci (Hons) Medical Microbiology	S
BSc (Hons) Neuroscience	S
MSci (Hons) Neuroscience	S
MSci (Hons) Palaeontology and Evolution	S
BSc (Hons) Palaeontology and Evolution	S
MSci (Hons) Pharmacology	S
BSc (Hons) Pharmacology	S
MSci (Hons) Physics	S
BSc (Hons) Physics	S

BSc (Hons) Physics and Philosophy	S
MSci (Hons) Physics and Philosophy	S
BSc (Hons) Physics with Astrophysics	S
MSci (Hons) Physics with Astrophysics	S
BSc (Hons) Physics with Computing	S
MSci (Hons) Physics with Computing	S
MSci (Hons) Physics with Computing with Industrial Experience	S
MSci (Hons) Physics with Industrial Experience	S
MSci (Hons) Physics with Innovation	S
MSci (Hons) Physics with International Experience	S
MSci (Hons) Physiological Science	S
BSc (Hons) Physiological Science	S
BSc (Hons) Plant Sciences	S
MSci (Hons) Plant Sciences	S
BSc (Hons) Psychology	S
MSci (Hons) Psychology and Neuroscience	S
MSci (Hons) Psychology with Innovation	S
MSci (Hons) Theoretical Physics	S
BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour	S
BVSc Veterinary Science [5]	S
BSc (Hons) Virology and Immunology	S
MSci (Hons) Virology and Immunology	S
BSc (Hons) Zoology	S
MSci (Hons) Zoology	S

Social Science and Humanities

BA (Hons) Ancient History	A
BA (Hons) Anthropology	A
MArts (Hons) Anthropology with Innovation	A
BA (Hons) Archaeology and Anthropology	A
BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies	L
BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods	L
BA (Hons) Classical Studies	A
BA (Hons) Classics	A
BA (Hons) Comparative Literatures and Cultures	A
BA (Hons) Comparative Literatures and Cultures and French	A
BA (Hons) Comparative Literatures and Cultures and German	A
BA (Hons) Comparative Literatures and Cultures and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Comparative Literatures and Cultures and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Comparative Literatures and Cultures and Russian	A
BA (Hons) Comparative Literatures and Cultures and Spanish	A
BSc (Hons) Criminology	L
BSc (Hons) Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods	L
BA (Hons) English	A
BA (Hons) English and Classical Studies	A
BA (Hons) English and French	A
BA (Hons) English and German	A
BA (Hons) English and History	A
BA (Hons) English and Italian	A
BA (Hons) English and Philosophy	A
BA (Hons) English and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) English and Russian	A
BA (Hons) English and Spanish	A

BA (Hons) Film and English	A
BA (Hons) Film and French	A
BA (Hons) Film and German	A
BA (Hons) Film and Spanish	A
BA (Hons) History	A
BA (Hons) History and French	A
BA (Hons) History and German	A
BA (Hons) History and Italian	A
BA (Hons) History and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) History and Russian	A
BA (Hons) History and Spanish	A
BA (Hons) History of Art	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and French	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and German	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and Italian	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and Russian	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and Spanish	A
MArts (Hons) History with Innovation	A
BSc (Hons) International Social and Public Policy	L
BA (Hons) Liberal Arts	A
MLibArts (Hons) Liberal Arts	A
BA (Hons) Modern Languages	A
BSc (Hons) Philosophy and Economics	L
BA (Hons) Philosophy and French	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and German	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Italian	A
BSc (Hons) Philosophy and Politics	L
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Russian	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Spanish	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Theology	A
BA (Hons) Politics and French	L
BA (Hons) Politics and German	L
BSc (Hons) Politics and International Relations	L
BA (Hons) Politics and Italian	L
BA (Hons) Politics and Portuguese	L
BA (Hons) Politics and Russian	L
BSc (Hons) Politics and Sociology	L
BA (Hons) Politics and Spanish	L
BSc (Hons) Politics with Quantitative Research Methods	L
MSci (Hons) Politics with Quantitative Research Methods	L
BA (Hons) Religion and Theology	A
MArts (Hons) Religion and Theology	A
BSc (Hons) Social Policy	L
BSc (Hons) Social Policy and Politics	L
BSc (Hons) Social Policy and Sociology	L
BSc (Hons) Social Policy with Criminology	L
BSc (Hons) Social Policy with Quantitative Research Methods	L
BSc (Hons) Sociology	L
BSc (Hons) Sociology and Philosophy	L
BSc (Hons) Sociology with Quantitative Research Methods	L
MSci (Hons) Sociology with Quantitative Research Methods	L

Note: Some of the degree courses listed are 4 or 5 years in duration.

Please check our online Degree Finder for details *kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/bristol*

International Foundation Programme

Minimum English level: UKVI IELTS score*	Course length	Course tuition	Course start > Course end
> International Foundation Programme Arts and Humanities			
6.0 overall, with at least 5.5 in writing and 5.0 in all other skills	2 terms	£25,200	September 2024 > May 2025
> International Foundation Programme Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics†			
5.5 overall, with at least 5.0 in all skills	2 terms	£26,200	September 2024 > May 2025
> International Foundation Programme Social Sciences and Law			
6.0 overall, with at least 5.5 in writing and 5.0 in all other skills	2 terms	£25,200	September 2024 > May 2025

International Foundation Programme Plus

Minimum English level: UKVI IELTS score*	Course length	Course tuition	Course start > Course end
> International Foundation Programme Plus Arts and Humanities			
7.0 overall, with at least 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in all other skills	2 terms	£25,200	September 2024 > May 2025
> International Foundation Programme Plus Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics			
7.0 overall, with at least 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in all other skills	2 terms	£26,200	September 2024 > May 2025
> International Foundation Programme Plus Social Sciences and Law			
7.0 overall, with at least 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in all other skills	2 terms	£25,200	September 2024 > May 2025

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

IELTS exceptions: selected degrees have higher English language requirements for entry to the International Foundation Programme. For example, Veterinary Science and Psychology degrees: IELTS 6.0 overall, with at least 5.5 in writing and 5.0 in all other skills. See our online Degree Finder for details: *kaplanpathways.com/bristol-degrees*

Academic entry requirements: for all course options above, you need to have completed high school at the required level. For requirements specific to your country, select your preferred degree from our online Degree Finder: *kaplanpathways.com/bristol-degrees*

International Foundation Programme Plus: for students with a higher UKVI IELTS score, this programme will focus on further developing academic language and literacy.

International Foundation Programme
Core (compulsory) units - these are taken by all students:
· Academic Writing
· Text Response

International Foundation Programme Plus
Core (compulsory) units - these are taken by all students:
· Accelerated Academic Language and Literacy
· Language and Communication Studies

Arts and Humanities
In addition to the core units, students on this pathway will also take the following units:
· Exploring Literature
· Foundations of Arts and Humanities

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Depending on degree choice and in addition to the core units, students on this pathway will also take 2 or 3 of the following units‡:
· Foundations of Biomedical Sciences
· Foundations of Chemistry
· Foundations of Computer Programming
· Foundations of Physics
· Foundations of Psychology
· Foundations of Statistics
· Introductory Mathematics
· Mathematics for Mathematicians
· Mathematics for STEM

Social Sciences and Law
Depending on degree choice and in addition to the core units, students on this pathway will also take 3 of the following units‡:
· Culture and Identity
· Essential Mathematics
· Foundations of Finance and Economics
· Foundations of Law
· Foundations of Management
· Foundations of Politics
· Foundations of Psychology
· Introduction to the Social Sciences
· Introductory Mathematics
· Mathematics for Social Sciences

‡ The units you will need to take will depend upon the undergraduate degree you will study. Details of this can be found on the Degree finder or on your offer letter.

Academic Writing
This unit is designed to prepare international students for undergraduate study in the UK. It will introduce the key concepts and elements of academic writing at university, and allow students to practise the process of planning, drafting, evaluating and editing written academic work.

Accelerated Academic Language and Literacy
This unit aims to develop students' academic language and literacy through problem based learning using an integrated skills approach, focusing on reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as appropriate academic vocabulary and grammar.

Culture and Identity
This unit aims to explore the concepts of culture and identity. The course will start with exploring the question 'What is culture/identity?'. This will be analysed from a range of perspectives, such as philosophical, sociological and linguistic. Students will explore areas such as cultural identity, intercultural communication and global citizenship in both a contemporary and historical context.

Essential Mathematics
This unit aims to provide students with a strong mathematical foundation for further academic study, and to give students the appropriate mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding to help them progress to a range of courses in higher education.

Exploring Literature
In this unit students will explore a wide range of engaging texts from around the world. There is a strong focus on group discussion and close reading, as well as studying texts within their historical and social contexts. Students will be introduced to texts including poetry, prose and drama, alongside theory, criticism and context that will illuminate the texts and enhance understanding.

Foundations of Arts and Humanities
This unit aims to introduce students to a broad range of topics from disciplines in the Arts and Humanities. It will help develop a range of skills required for study at undergraduate level. The unit will introduce some of the significant events, movements and ideas in the modern era, such as surrealism, totalitarianism, Marxism, feminism and the canon. There will be a particular emphasis on how these are represented in the arts and literature, and the impact they have had on human history up to the present day.

Foundations of Biomedical Sciences
This unit will provide an introduction to selected topics in biomedical sciences. Students will also be introduced to skills required for scientific research, including data acquisition, handling and scientific reporting, as well as gaining practical laboratory experience. Topics may include cell biology, biological molecules, respiratory system, circulatory system, nervous system, digestive system, immune system and disease.

Foundations of Chemistry
This unit will allow students to develop the discipline-specific knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare for their chosen degree programme. Students will learn about fundamental theories of chemistry and be able to apply their understanding to solve simple problems. The unit will also include an experience of practical chemistry, to allow students to become confident and proficient in experimentation.

Foundations of Computer Programming
This unit introduces basic programming concepts and techniques in Python, and does not assume any prior knowledge of programming. Students will learn the fundamental principles of programming languages, algorithms, and data structures that underpin modern software development. The course will also emphasise problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Students will gain a solid foundation in programming and be able to apply their skills to real-world problems.

Foundations of Finance and Economics
This unit aims to provide students with an introduction to finance and economics. Finance will include both financial accounting and management accounting. Economics will include both microeconomics and macroeconomics. Students will have the opportunity to engage with a range of concepts, models and theories used in the world of business.

Foundations of Law
This unit will introduce students to the knowledge, skills and intellectual background of legal studies and prepare them for undergraduate studies in areas such as law and criminology. Students will view and interrogate the law through a critical lens, opening up a breadth of perspectives. Topics include the UK's legal system and its relationship with the EU, key concepts and sources of law, the law-making process and court system, and core legal sources such as legislation, precedent and statutory interpretation.

Foundations of Management
This unit aims to provide students with an introduction to the concept of management, and will centre around 3 core themes: marketing and consumption; people, work and organisations; and the global business environment. Students will develop an understanding of: meeting customer needs; the market and the marketing mix; business objectives and strategy; influences on business decisions; global markets and marketing; and global industries and companies.

Foundations of Physics
This unit will allow students to develop the discipline-specific knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare for their chosen degree programme. Students will learn about fundamental theories of physics and be able to apply their understanding to solve simple problems. The unit will also include an experience of practical physics, to allow students to become confident and proficient in experimentation.

Foundations of Politics
This unit provides a lively and challenging introduction to the study of politics and international relations. Students will explore major thinkers like Thomas Hobbes, Hannah Arendt and John Rawls; concepts like Liberalism, Realpolitik and Constructivism; and case studies that illuminate the real-world workings of theory and ideology. The unit aims to provide the underlying theory and political reality required to begin a range of degree programmes.

Foundations of Psychology
This unit will provide students with a broad understanding of the fundamental principles of psychology, covering cognitive, social and developmental psychology. Students will enhance their critical thinking and in these areas become familiar with contemporary research methods and techniques for studying psychology.

Foundations of Statistics
This unit will develop students' understanding of statistical methods and using data to a level equivalent to QCA level 3. The unit will prepare students on the International Foundation Programme for progression into higher level qualifications in science subjects that require a more advanced understanding of statistics.

Introductory Mathematics
This unit provides a first course in core mathematics including calculus to a level equivalent to QCA level 3. It will prepare students for progression into higher level qualifications in the physical, life and biomedical sciences or quantitative social sciences. It is suitable for students who have not taken any mathematics qualifications beyond the equivalent of QCA level 2.

Introduction to the Social Sciences
This unit aims to introduce students to the social sciences, and covers two main themes. The first theme focuses on 'understanding society'. With an emphasis on contemporary society, it introduces students to the diverse range of social science subjects which can be studied at the University of Bristol. The second theme focuses on 'contemporary social challenges' and introduces students to topics such as global development, the changing state of childhood, crime and deviance, social stratification and inequalities.

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Language and Communication Studies
This unit will introduce students to different communication and discourse models, exploring the role and importance of language in communicating meaning. The unit will help students to critically analyse a range of models and theories, as well as providing valuable text analysis tools.

Mathematics for Mathematicians
This unit is designed to develop students' mathematical understanding to an extended level equivalent to QCA level 3. The unit will include proofs, algebra, functions, matrices, complex numbers, roots of equations, sequences and series, calculus, and differential equations. The aims of the unit are to prepare students for progression into higher level qualifications in mathematics that require a more advanced understanding of mathematics.

Mathematics for Social Sciences
The unit will develop students' understanding of statistical methods and using data to a level equivalent to QCA level 3. The unit will prepare students on the International Foundation Programme for progression into higher level qualifications in the social sciences that require a more advanced understanding of statistics.

Mathematics for STEM
This unit is designed to prepare students for undergraduate programmes that require a solid understanding of fundamental mathematics ideas and their practical applications. Students will explore algebraic manipulation, properties of common functions, calculus to study change, linear algebra, and common techniques for analysing data.

Text Response
This unit aims to help students to excel in academic language and literacy skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) in preparation for their undergraduate pathway. The unit will include collaborative and individual tasks that will develop both academic skills and group-working skills. Students will explore a range of contemporary topics and apply these to primary and secondary research within their subject area, empowering them to analyse, evaluate and create knowledge about their future subject discipline.

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