

**UWE
Bristol**

University
of the
West of
England



International Pathways Guide
Study abroad and shape your
future with a UK degree

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PATHWAYS

WELCOME

Follow your path to UWE Bristol, a careers-focused university where your success matters. With its outstanding teaching, impressive employability record, and high student satisfaction levels, UWE Bristol will help you to get real-world ready.

You can prepare and qualify for entry to a degree at UWE Bristol through a Kaplan pathway course online or on campus at UWE Bristol's International College. In this brochure, you'll learn everything you need to know about the University and how you can study there.

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Mohamed from Egypt

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Be prepared for the real world

Do university right

At UWE Bristol, you will get experience that matters. You'll learn real-world skills, have access to meaningful work experience opportunities, and be encouraged to challenge yourself. All of this can help you stand out from the crowd when you graduate, and be one step ahead in the ever-more-competitive global job market.

Your future career is important to the University: its degrees are often designed in partnership with industry, so that what you learn is aligned with what employers are looking for from university graduates. You'll also have the opportunity to create valuable professional connections, thanks to the University's links with companies such as Airbus and Lloyds Banking Group. This means at UWE Bristol, you can turn your ambition into success.

Gaining the right knowledge and making connections is important. However, to really get ahead, you'll need to support what you know with real-life experiences. Through travel, volunteering, entrepreneurship, student societies and more, you can develop into a well-rounded person and demonstrate all that you've learnt. As an international student at UWE Bristol, you'll join a strong global community where everything is within your reach, so you can get the future you want.

Discover more:

[kaplanpathways.com/universities/uwe-bristol](https://www.kaplanpathways.com/universities/uwe-bristol)



Why choose UWE Bristol?

TOP 20

most international UK universities
Hotcourses Diversity Index 2023

TOP 15

in the UK for sustainability
People & Planet University League 2023/2024

TOP 200

young university in the world
Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024

90%

of undergraduates are in employment or further study 15 months after graduation
Graduate Outcomes Survey 2024

GRADLINK

is UWE Bristol's well-known careers website just for international students



EXPLORE YOUR CAMPUS

UWE Bristol gives you the best of two worlds: the freedom and excitement of living in a big city, and the safety and support of a campus community. The University has three campuses in and around Bristol: Frenchay, Glenside and City. Learn more about each of them, and get a taste of what life is like at UWE Bristol.

UWE Bristol's campuses

Frenchay Campus

Frenchay has everything you might need — including the Students' Union, sports facilities, and numerous shops, cafés, and restaurants. It is also home to the School of Engineering and the West of England University Enterprise Zone (UEZ), which is one of only four in the country.

As part of UEZ, you'll find Future Space — a dynamic workspace for innovative small-to-medium sized businesses specialising in science and tech.

Take a look:
youtu.be/S8HG09xp8QQ



City Campus

City Campus is the home for creative and cultural industries, made up of city centre sites at Bower Ashton, Spike Island, Arnolfini and Watershed.

Watch a short video tour to help you find your way around:
youtu.be/LiedK9JHMLc

Glenside Campus

Glenside Campus is home to many of the University's Allied Health, Nursing and Midwifery students.

Watch a short video tour to help you find your way around:
youtu.be/bxo91a9za28



LIFE OUTSIDE YOUR STUDIES

You can find so much to do at UWE Bristol. Whether you want to join a sports club, find a faith or culture group, develop your musical talents, or simply relax with friends, you can make the most of your student experience on campus here.

- 160+ sports clubs, societies and networks.
- Centre for Music.
- Centre for Sport.
- Community Hub.
- Cinema.
- Cafés, bars and shops.



WELCOME TO BRISTOL

CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

UWE Bristol is located in Bristol, the largest city in the South West of England. The city's vibrant, yet laid-back atmosphere attracts people from all over the world, and its pioneering spirit means it is full of opportunities — discover yours.

A city you'll want to call home

Cultural hotspot

Bristol's cultural diversity and inclusivity makes it a special place to live, with over 90 languages spoken in the city. It is a fascinating melting pot of people from around the world, and the locals are welcoming and friendly. You'll enjoy student life in a truly vibrant community.

A city of innovation

A starting point for early voyages to the New World, Bristol still has remnants of its maritime history on the harbourside. Such a pioneering spirit lives on today: the city's economy is based on creative media, electronics, and aerospace industries. The area is home to many innovative high-tech and research companies, making it a great place to launch your career.

Buzzing atmosphere

With street art on almost every corner, festivals throughout the year, museums and galleries, and performing arts venues, Bristol buzzes with energy and life. There's always something to do here, and you'll find yourself inspired by the city's vibrant atmosphere.



Want to see more?
youtu.be/1Sm9tURivsQ

SEE AND DO

Top 5 things to do

There is so much to do in Bristol that you'll never be bored. However you choose to explore it, you are sure to fall in love with this unique city and come to think of it as your second home.

1

Visit the museums and galleries

From cutting-edge art to historical exhibits, Bristol's museums and galleries come in all shapes and sizes, showcasing wonderful art and fascinating history. You can also check out the city's famous street art: there are even guided tours dedicated to it.



2

See a festival or show

In Bristol, you can enjoy a different show each night of the week; take your pick of live music, theatre, comedy and dance. There's also a festival for virtually everything! Why not take in the spectacular views at the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival?

3

Walk the Clifton Suspension Bridge

Stroll across this world-famous feat of engineering for amazing views of the Avon Gorge, and the city beyond. Other historic landmarks include the Cabot Tower. Try climbing its spiral staircase to look out over the city from the top.

4

Relax in the city's green spaces

Take a break and relax in one of Bristol's 400 parks and gardens. Some of the biggest parks in the city centre are Castle Park, Brandon Hill, Queen Square and Clifton Downs. They're perfect spots for hanging out with friends, studying, or people-watching.

5

Enjoy Harbourside

With waterside restaurants and bars, Sunday markets, and watersports, Harbourside is a great spot to spend time. Taking a ferry ride up and down the Floating Harbour can give you the chance to relax and see the city from a different angle.

ACCOMMODATION IN BRISTOL

It's important to feel safe and comfortable when you study abroad. Our on-campus accommodation is secure, modern, and includes everything you need to enjoy your time as a pathway student. Book through Kaplan and our dedicated team will help you find a great place to live.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Private bedroom and private bathroom.
- All electricity, gas and water bills.
- WiFi.
- Shared kitchen and dining area.
- Comfortable lounge area.
- Entertainment facilities.
- Access to shared laundry room (usage charges apply).
- Student bedding pack.



Your accommodation Frenchay Student Village

Here, you'll be just a short walk from the International College. An optional cleaning service is available and 24/7 security staff will ensure your safety. Other accommodation options may be available in the city centre, depending on availability.

Pictured above, clockwise from top left: accommodation building exterior, private bedroom, shared kitchen, laundry facilities.

Accommodation during your degree

During your first year of university, you'll have the option to apply through the University to live in UWE Bristol's student residences on the Frenchay and Glenside Campuses, or stay in private accommodation.

DEGREE PREPARATION

Based on UWE Bristol's Frenchay campus, the International College is where you will study your pathway course. This course will help you to meet degree entry requirements and adjust to life at university. You can also study online via Digital Pathways.

Take a pathway course

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

You can take your pathway course online or at UWE Bristol's International College, where expert staff will help you improve your English language level, academic skills, and subject knowledge. You'll have access to the University's facilities, and when you pass your course at the required level, and with good attendance, you'll be guaranteed entry to your degree.



STUDY OPTIONS

There are several ways to start your path to UWE Bristol: a Foundation Certificate or International Year One will enable you to enrol on an undergraduate degree, and Pre-Master's will do the same for a postgraduate degree.



Channa Noun from Cambodia

Course details

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

Foundation Certificate For entry to the first year of a bachelor's degree

For students who have finished high school

English language entry requirements: minimum UKVI IELTS 4.0 in all skills*

International Year One For entry to the second year of a bachelor's degree

For students who have finished high school with higher grades

English language entry requirements: minimum UKVI IELTS 4.0 in all skills*

Pre-Master's For entry to a master's degree

For students with at least 3 years of higher education in a suitable subject

English language entry requirements: minimum UKVI IELTS 4.5 with no less than 4.0 in any skill*



Off-campus Pre-Doctorate course
You can study a Pre-Doctorate at Kaplan International College (KIC) London to prepare for a doctoral degree at UWE Bristol.

Find out more:
kaplanpathways.com/pre-doc/london

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

EXPERT TEACHING

Experienced staff will empower you to make the most of your time at the International College. We value both your education and your experience of living in and exploring the UK, and want you to progress to university feeling confident and excited.

Be inspired

At the College, you'll meet people from around the world who are excited to learn. Your teachers will encourage you to think critically and to get involved in conversations and debates about complex topics, helping prepare you for university academic culture.

Throughout your course, you'll improve your subject knowledge and study skills, and raise your English language level. What you learn on your pathway course will prepare you for university, but also for life after graduation.

Customised curriculum

Your pathway course has been specially designed for international students, so it will help you adjust to the UK education system. You'll study different modules based on your degree subject and career goals, and the course will typically include special projects which allow you to cover a topic that interests you.

Teaching support is tailored to each individual student, so you'll be able to learn at your own pace, and in your own way.

Virtual internships

You can add an optional integrated virtual internship to many courses. This is a great opportunity to grow your professional network and get valuable job experience before even starting your degree.

99%

of students who passed their course received an unconditional offer for UWE Bristol in 2024.

See the full progression rates:
kaplanpathways.com/uwe-progression/

Employability skills

Preparing you for a successful career is an important part of studying abroad — that's why employability skills are included in all our courses. You'll gain real-world skills and experience through working on practical projects, get help expanding your professional network, have the opportunity to attend live careers events and even gain impressive professional qualifications.

Learn more about careers:
uwe.ac.uk/study/career-development



STUDENT SUPPORT

No matter which stage of your educational journey you're at, you can rely on our support. From the moment you apply, to when you progress to university and beyond, we'll be here for you.

Support from the start

When you study with Kaplan, you benefit from fantastic support from the moment you get in touch. We'll guide you through the visa process, send you a useful pre-arrival guide, and give you early access to your learning materials with Pathways Preview. If you're under 18 years old, Kaplan can help arrange a comprehensive guardianship service from a recognised and established guardianship company.

When you land in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and provide a transfer service. We'll make sure you're settled and comfortable when you arrive at your new home, with everything you need to feel ready for your studies and life in the UK!

We're here for you

Your wellbeing and happiness is extremely important to us. That's why we do everything we can to help you settle in. The first few days of term are Welcome Week, which will be a fun introduction to College life, the staff and your fellow students.

We'll organise social events and day trips to help you make the most of your time at the College, and help you set up a bank account and register with a doctor. If you ever want to discuss anything, our friendly support team will always be there for you! You'll also be able to carry on working on your Kaplan portfolio and building your employability skills even after your course ends, with Pathways Extra.

Tina Geiser, College Services

92%

of students surveyed in 2023 agreed that it was easy to ask for advice and support from College staff

See what else our students think:
kaplanpathways.com/uwe-satisfaction/

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

You can get a great idea of what student life abroad is like from our Student Content Creators. They've experienced it themselves, and can tell you what to expect!

Life as a student

If you are curious to know more about what it's like to live and study abroad in the UK, the best way is to learn from people who have been there themselves.

Our Student Content Creators are international students just like you, and they're here to provide all the guidance you need and have created all kinds of video and written content that offers useful advice about studying abroad.

This could include things such as good places in Bristol to visit, what campus life is like, handy tips on what to bring to the UK, and how to adapt to a different culture. Maybe you'll follow in their footsteps and become a Student Content Creator yourself.

Hear what life at UWE Bristol is like from our students: kpln.org/uwebic-content-creators



Ruth from Kenya



I decided to become a Student Content Creator because I wanted to become more involved with daily life at the College. For me, it wasn't simply about being a leader — I wanted to learn from my peers as I set an example and hopefully inspired others."

Ruth from Kenya
Student Content Creator

FIND MORE ONLINE

If you want to read more about UWE Bristol and studying abroad, there's lots more to discover online! Below you can find links to further useful information online.

THE UNIVERSITY

About the University
kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university

Degree options at UWE Bristol
kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/uwe

UWE Bristol's website
uwe.ac.uk

UWE Bristol's Students' Union
thestudentsunion.co.uk

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 and guardians
kaplanpathways.com/parents-and-guardians

THE COLLEGE

About the International College
kaplanpathways.com/uwe

Student accommodation
kaplanpathways.com/uwe-accommodation

Employability resources
kaplanpathways.com/uwe-employability

Tuition fees and living costs
kaplanpathways.com/uwe-fees

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Get in touch
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Meet us in your country or region
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MEET ANEL

Anel from Kazakhstan followed her path from UWE Bristol's International College to a Civil Engineering degree at UWE Bristol.

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A few years ago, I decided to take a pathway course at UWE Bristol's International College because I wanted to gain entry to an Engineering degree at UWE Bristol. I didn't meet the entry requirements to go straight into the University, so when I found the International Year One in Engineering course, I was really happy because it felt like the right choice for me. Studying this course meant that I could spend a year preparing for my degree, and then progress straight to the second year at university (provided I got the required grades).

I had such a great time at the College! All of the teachers were very helpful and really good at explaining what we were expected to do. The social aspect of life at the College was also really fun — I took part in various international days, I joined the Kazakh Society and I started doing Zumba.

Now, I'm at UWE Bristol and really enjoying being a university student. I've had the opportunity to do a work placement, which taught me a lot about the Engineering industry, and it also helped me to decide on my aspirations. In the future, I would love to gain as much experience as possible, so that I can build up a base of knowledge, and eventually create my own company.

This is my path so far.”

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Indira from Uzbekistan

1

Submit your application form

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 apply via the link below.

kaplanpathways.com/uwe-apply

2

Receive offer and book accommodation

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 a decision within one working day. You can now book your housing through the accommodation portal.

3

Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit, or sending us your financial guarantee if you're a sponsored student.

4

Obtain your student visa

To study at a UK university, you'll typically need to get a student visa. We'll advise you on this important process, and send you 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!

Digital Pathways

Kaplan also offers only degree preparation courses, known as Digital Pathways, so that students can progress to UK study without needing to leave their home country!

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

If you like what you've read about UWE Bristol so far and want to know more, then you can either get in touch, or use the accompanying course booklet to find the right path for you.

Course information

You can use the **course information booklet** to find out more about the pathway courses at UWE Bristol's International College, as well as the UWE Bristol degrees that they lead to.

In the booklet, you'll also find tuition fees, entry requirements, module summaries and more, to help you start your path with Kaplan.

Explore the booklet online:
kaplanpathways.com/uwe-course-info

Contact us

kaplanpathways.com/uwe-contact



Where is Bristol?



Who's on the cover?

Sabiha from India (left) and Jonida from Albania (right) followed their path to UWE Bristol

Find out more

kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university

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):

UWE Bristol's International College is registered with the Office for Students. This means our teaching and support has met the required standards. It also means that our students have the right to work part-time during their studies in the UK.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publishing, but some changes (for example to university rankings, accommodation and course options, course delivery, etc.) are likely to occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check the website or contact us for any updates before you apply. Once you have applied, any change which has an impact on the terms and conditions of your offer or a significant part of your programme will be communicated to you.

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