Study UK

Guide for students





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Why study in the UK?

The UK is the perfect place to become the most confident, most promising version of yourself.

You will discover so much about yourself, here in the home of the English language. We're one of the world's most popular study destinations; with a welcoming, inclusive way of life, outstanding academic standards and rich traditions that will inspire you to think independently, be creative and truly grow as an individual. It's why our graduates are progressing further and being promoted quicker than peers educated elsewhere.

And with new friends, new experiences and some of the world's greatest cultural events waiting for you, you'll make memories that last a lifetime.

A world-class education

The UK has inspired some of the finest minds in human history. Now let it inspire you with a university degree that's packed full of exciting possibilities. Through a UK education, you'll discover fresh ideas. You'll learn to see things differently. And thanks to the creative, inspiring and transformative style of teaching, you'll take your education to a whole new level.

The UK has been a leader in academia for centuries. It's home to four of the world's top 10 universities (with a further 22 ranked among the global top 200) and has one of the most diverse subject offerings in the world. Thanks to rich traditions of critical thinking and academic rigour, more than one in three undergraduate students who study in the UK obtain a first-class degree.

Celebrated figures in science, politics, art and literature have all benefitted from this exceptional academic approach. One in three Nobel Laureates have been shaped by their studies in the UK and more world leaders than any other nation have been educated in the UK. Just like these great minds, you'll be inspired to push your learning in new and exciting directions. And you'll be encouraged to express your opinions, your ideas and to develop your own interests and intellectual capabilities.

You'll gain fresh perspectives in the UK, too. UK degrees are designed to the most rigorous academic standards, so you'll find yourself venturing beyond the library or lecture theatre. Field trips, visits and excursions will all accelerate your learning by applying it to real world situations. By problem solving with your peers, you will learn to challenge each other's ideas, enjoy constructive debate and gain an unbeatable understanding of how academic learning can be translated into innovative working practice.

You'll do all of this in the home of the English language the global language of science, diplomacy and international business.

This critical, experiential and intellectual approach to education will give you so much more than an internationally prestigious degree. It will give you an impressive competitive edge among your peers and allow you to truly grow as a creative and talented individual.

A great student experience

You will never forget your time studying here, with great experiences and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Whether it's your first time in our welcoming, beautiful country or simply your first time away from home, this is your chance to fall in love with the UK's ancient traditions, modern attitudes and our world-beating cultural scene. There are so many things to discover here as you study. Everywhere you go, from the breathtaking scenery of our national parks to the dazzling nightlife of our cities, you and your new friends will get to experience the very best in music, art, theatre, film and literature.

The UK has given the world superstars from Hamlet to Harry Potter, The Beatles and The Rolling Stones to Adele and Ed Sheeran. We're a world leader in fashion, too - with Alexander McQueen, Vivienne Westwood and Stella McCartney all learning their trades in UK universities.

And as we're the nation that invented football, tennis, rugby, golf, cricket and so many other games – don't forget that the UK is also home to some of the greatest experiences that sport can offer. So, whether it's cheering on Manchester City or Liverpool in the English Premier League, or watching a singles final with your friends at Wimbledon, you'll find opportunities and experiences here like nowhere else on earth.



Succeed in your career

With a global reputation for research and academic excellence, the UK is the perfect place to discover your talents. And by studying here, you'll feel confident and ready to make great leaps forward in your life and chosen career.

The UK is one of the world's most innovative countries and has consistently been at the forefront of science, culture, finance, politics and more. We are the birthplace of many world changing events, from the Industrial Revolution to the invention of the World Wide Web – and our small country continues to exert enormous global influence.

This impressive culture of innovation and invention will inspire you to get the very best out of your own studies. And as our teachers are among the brightest in the world, studying here is an opportunity to draw from a wealth of experience and learn from the very best.

This education will enable you to transform your life and career, giving you experience and insights that are in high global demand. And as our intensive postgraduate programmes maintain this exceptional standard of education, while often being shorter than those in other countries, choosing to study for a postgraduate degree in the UK can quickly transform their prospects in an effective and affordable way.

Finding a study option that's right for you

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Whether you are looking for undergraduate, postgraduate, English courses or other study options, we can help you find the right course for you.

Courses in the UK are tailor made to support you in getting the most from your studies as quickly as possible. There are thousands of courses for you to choose from – no matter what you're passionate about, the UK is a fantastic place to pursue your interests.

In the UK, flexibility is built into the majority of our courses. Many universities allow you to choose from different subject 'modules', so you can build a course programme that suits you, specialising as you go for a perfectly tailored experience.

Postgraduate courses in the UK maintain our exceptional academic standards, and while some are shorter than those in the US and Australia, many of our prestigious MBA degrees take just one year to complete. This allows you to get excellent value for money in your studies and means you can begin applying your education to the real world a lot sooner.

Choosing a course to study in the UK

No offer is received

Language schools:

- Choose one of the British Council accredited language schools - scan the QR code for more information
- 2. Attend an English course in preparation for next step

Private language schools: with more personalised care, individually purposed programme and a variety of choices

Language centres within

universities/colleges: with excellent facilities, access to shared resources at the university/college, and upon completion flexible assessments leading to mainstream courses



Choose your subject: Consider your interests and strengths, qualifications and academic backgrounds, work experiences, career aspiration, the subject's career prospects and development potentials.

Shortlist institutions and programmes: Use the course search engine on study-uk. britishcouncil.org to see which institutions offer your interested subjects.

Boarding schools and pre-university education:

- Go to Independent Schools Council (ISC) website (www.isc.co.uk) for individual schools'profiles, inspection reports, and their GCSEs and A-levels grades.
- 2. For foundation courses, be clear about they are recognised by which universities.
- 3. Check each institution's entry requirements for eligibility.

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses:

- Check quality assurance agencies' inspection reports and ranking of individual institution's subject expertise and research capability - use the section of "Useful UK education websites " as a starting point
- 2. Check each institution's entry requirements for eligibility.
- 3. Decide affordability of the tuition fees and living costs.

Apply for institutions:

- 1. Be clear about the entry requirements and follow the application procedures.
- 2. Use website of Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) to apply for undergraduate courses and some university foundation programmes see more on www.ucas.com.

When receiving more than one unconditional/conditional offers,

Decide on your final choice of institution and course by considering:

- 1. Academic factors, including course design, assessments, subject and research inspection results, scholarship opportunities, and so on.
- 2. Non-academic factors, including location, climate and weather, lifestyle options, well-being of and support for international students, tuition fee and living cost and so on.
- Choose one conditional offer: accept the offer, and meet the conditions before the deadline as required by the institution in order to receive the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and other necessary documents.
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Start applying for the UK visa three months prior to the start of your course, and prepare yourself for the exciting journey and experience of studying in the UK. All the best!

Undergraduate studies

For international undergraduates looking to kick-start their career, the UK offers far more than just a world-class education. With a wide range of learning experiences around every corner, you will graduate with the confidence, skills and knowledge to shape your future.

UK undergraduate course types include:

- Bachelor's or undergraduate degree: BA (Bachelor of Arts), BSc (Bachelor of Science), BEd (Bachelor of Education) and BEng (Bachelor of Engineering).
- A full-time bachelor's degree normally takes three years to complete (four in some cases). Part-time options are also available at some universities and colleges.
- Shorter courses: Foundation Degree, Diploma of Higher Education, Higher National Diploma, and Certificate of Higher Education.

Search for your course

UCAS lists more than 50,000 undergraduate courses with over 380 providers in the UK, which you can search for here: https://digital.ucas.com/search

Their subject guides also give you an insight into the courses you could study at undergraduate level, what they involve, and how to enroll: www.ucas.com/explore

You can also use the university finder on the Study UK website to search for a course:

https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/choosing-university-college

MBA courses

A Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree is an internationally recognised qualification which gives you the skills you need for a successful management career.

PhDs or doctorates

A Doctor of Philosophy, or doctorate (PhD/DPhil), is the highest academic level a student can achieve. These degrees are very demanding and often lead to careers in academia (as a lecturer or researcher). Most students will complete a master's degree before they do a PhD.

Postgraduate diplomas and qualifications

'Postgrad' certificates and diplomas allow students to study something new or build on the skills and knowledge already gained during their undergraduate degree.

Postgraduate diplomas are usually shorter than a master's and do not involve a thesis or dissertation.



Professional and vocational qualifications

These qualifications help you improve or gain skills for specific jobs. Most awards involve practical training. This gives you the opportunity to experience a job first-hand.

Search for your course

Visit the Prospects website, which has details of postgraduate study options www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses

Other options for you

As well as undergraduate and postgraduate study, the UK offers many other opportunities to international students:

Further education: This refers to education after secondary school that is not an undergraduate or postgraduate degree. Further education institutions in the UK provide technical and professional education and training to people over the age of 16. Qualifications and training include A-Levels, apprenticeships, traineeships, vocational qualifications and entry level training.

Foundation pathway courses: These are designed for international students to improve their English skills and develop the confidence to start undergraduate or postgraduate study. They provide the opportunity to adjust to the UK's culture and get used to university teaching.

English language courses: As the home of the English language and with a reputation for academic excellence, the UK is the perfect destination to learn English.

Postgraduate studies

With our exceptional academic standards, progressive teaching techniques and globally respected research practices, it's easy to see why so many international postgraduates choose to study in the UK.

UK postgraduate course types include:

Master's degrees

- MA (Master of Arts)
- MSc (Master of Science)
- MEng (Master of Engineering)
- MFA (Master of Fine Arts)
- LLM (Master of Laws)
- MArch (Master of Architecture)
- MPhil (Master of Philosophy)

Subject specific qualifications are research-led and usually designed for students to progress to a PhD.

A full-time master's degree normally takes one year (taught master's) or two years (research master's) to complete. Part-time options are also available at some universities. **Boarding schools:** A boarding school is a residential school where pupils live and study during the school year. There are approximately 500 boarding schools across the UK.

Studying for a UK degree outside the UK

Did you know you can gain a UK higher education qualification in your own country? If you have commitments that prevent you from relocating to the UK itself, or are looking for excellent value for money, you could still transform your life and career prospects with a Transnational (TNE) degree.

Provided in English by 142 UK universities, and in 226 countries and territories worldwide, these degrees are your opportunity to benefit from the same rich academic traditions as your peers in the United Kingdom. You'll learn from exactly the same cutting-edge teaching practices, and receive the same encouragement to think independently, be creative and truly grow as an individual.

To get more information and to find out about the courses that are available, please visit https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/ ways-learning/degree-outside-uk



How to apply

How to apply Undergraduate studies

Most undergraduate applications are made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). To apply through UCAS, you need to go to www.ucas.com and register your details in their application system. You can apply for up to five courses through UCAS and you will be contacted by them with any offers from your chosen universities or colleges.

Application deadlines

15 October

For courses at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine, science and dentistry.

25 January

For most undergraduate courses

30 June

Late deadline for most undergraduate courses. Applications received after this deadline will automatically go into 'Clearing', so you will not be guaranteed your first choice.

While you will be able to apply after the January deadline right up until 30 June, it is better to apply early.

Application procedure for UK undergraduate course through UCAS



If requirements are met, Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and other necessary documents are send to the applicant.

What is Clearing?

Clearing is how universities and colleges in the UK fill any places they still have on their courses.

From 5 July to 20 October, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places.

You can use Clearing if:

- you're applying after 30 June.
- you didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept).
- you didn't meet the conditions of their offers.
- you've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in Track.

Useful tips for applying through Clearing:

- Ask for advice.
- See what courses are available by using the search tool on UCAS and check entry requirements.
- Consider different subjects.
- Talk to the universities you are interested in.
- Attend a virtual open day.

For more information about clearing, visit the UCAS website www.ucas. com/undergraduate/resultsconfirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing

For more information about applying for undergraduate courses in the UK, visit https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/ways-learning/undergraduate

Postgraduate studies

Many UK universities handle their own postgraduate applications and you can often apply directly through their websites.

Many postgraduate courses do not have a fixed application deadline. However, it is always best to apply early to make sure you have the best chance of being accepted – from six months to a year before your course begins.

For more information about applying for postgraduate courses in the UK, visit https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/ways-learning/postgraduate and www.prospects.ac.uk

What you will need when applying to a UK university or college

- Your qualifications
- Personal statement
- Additional documents and information

Your qualifications

You can check the equivalence of your country's qualifications with those in the UK by contacting the National Recognition Information Centre – www.naric.org.uk

Application procedure for schools, language providers and master programmes

UK institution

Applicant

Applicant fills in the application form and submits the documents required by the institution.

UK institution

UK institution answers inquiries of the applicant and sets entry requirements.

Applicant

Applicant gathers course information on institution's website, and makes inquiries about application by email/phone/etc.

If enquiry requirements are met, Institution issues Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and other necessary documents.

Applicant

Applicant prepares documents for UK visa application.

UK Visa Application Centre

If documents are insufficient or requirements not fully met, Institution issues an conditional offer.

Applicant

Applicant sends additional documents as required by the institution.

Personal statement

You will be required to provide a personal statement as part of your application to study at a UK university. This document is your opportunity to explain why you would like to study your chosen subject, and to outline the skills and experience that make you well suited to this field.

Here are some tips to help you.

- The course description on the university website will explain the qualities, skills and experience it requires. Be sure to explain how you match each of these requirements as you write your statement.
- State why you are applying for the course. Be specific about which aspects interest you most, and how you believe the course will help you in your future ambitions.
- As well as explaining why you are academically suited to the course, also describe any work experience you may have – or any extra-curricular activities you take part in.

For more advice on writing a personal statement, you can visit www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university

You can also find out more information on the Study UK website https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/apply



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Additional documents and information

While UCAS can send results (including the International Baccalaureate) for most international qualifications, you may need to send proof of those results yourself.

You should check with your chosen university, to understand what their policy is on this issue. You may be required to provide proof in the form of certificates or transcripts.

Student visas

Student visas

Most international students need a visa to study in the UK. Finding out whether you need a visa to study is easy – simply check the UK government's website here: www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Student visa (previously Tier 4 visa)

It is likely you will need to apply for a student visa to study in the UK, and you should check with your country's governmental information to confirm this.

It costs £363 GBP to apply for this visa outside of the UK.

For more information on the student route visa, and your options, visit www.gov.uk/student-visa

What you will need to apply

You will need to make an appointment at a Visa Application Centre in your home country, where your fingerprints and photograph will be taken.

The following documents are also usually required when applying for the student route visa, although this will vary depending on where you live.

- A confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference number, which is provided your UK university or college.
- Evidence that you can pay for your course and living costs in the UK.
- Original certificates, showing your educational qualifications.

How to apply

- You must apply online for a student route visa, at www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply
- You'll need to have your fingerprints and photograph taken at a visa application centre (to get a biometric residence permit) as part of your application.
- You'll have to collect your biometric residence permit within 10 days of when you said you'd arrive in the UK (even if you actually arrive at a later date).

If you are applying from within the UK, you can look at extending an existing student visa or switching from a different type.

For more information on applying for a student visa, go to www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply

Graduate Route

The UK's Graduate Route welcomes international students to apply to stay in the UK and work, or look for work, upon graduation. International students who have successfully completed an undergraduate or master's degree can apply to stay in the UK for up to two years after their studies. PhD graduates can apply to stay for up to three years.

Here is more information:

- The Graduate Route is available to international students who have a valid student route visa (Tier 4 visa) at the time of application and have successfully completed a degree at undergraduate level or above at a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance.
- Successful applicants on this route will be able to stay and work, or look for work, in the UK at any skill level for a maximum period of two years if they have successfully completed an undergraduate or master's degree. PhD graduates will be able to stay for three years. Graduates will be able to switch into skilled work once they have found a suitable job.
- The Graduate Route will require a new visa application.
- It will include the payment of a visa fee and the Immigration Health Surcharge. The exact fee will be set out in due course.

For more information, see here https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/graduate-route

You can find out more information about working after your studies on the UKCISA website here: www.ukcisa.org.uk

Money, budgeting and scholarships

Course fees

Fees for UK courses vary depending on your study level and where in the UK you are studying (as there are different rules for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales).

International students can expect to pay between £10,000 and £26,000 annually, and typically an undergraduate degree course will last for three years. Medical degrees may cost more and many UK master's degrees can be completed in one year, meaning lower living costs and faster entry into employment.

Always be sure to check the cost of course fees with the university or college you are applying to. Most often, this information will be listed on their website.



Living costs

No matter which country you're from, the UK is an affordable study destination. Knowing what kinds of costs you can expect will help you to plan your finances.

The cost of living varies, according to where in the UK you decide to study. London and other big cities are more expensive than other areas, for example. But depending on where you study, you should expect to budget from between £800 and £1,300 a month to cover your rent, bills, entertainment and other living costs. The institution where you choose to study will be able to advise you on more detailed local costs of living and where to shop locally.

The National Union of Students card and the International Student Identity Card offer great student discounts in many shops, restaurants and businesses. You can find out more about these cards at www.totum.com and www.isic.org/get-your-car

Scholarships and financial support

There are hundreds of scholarships, bursaries and grant schemes on offer for students who need extra support to pay for their UK course. Many institutions offer their own scholarships and bursaries – check the university's website for more information.

GREAT Scholarships

GREAT Scholarships are for international students who want to study at a UK university for a one-year postgraduate course. Each scholarship offers a minimum of £10,000 towards tuition fees.

The scholarships are jointly funded by the British Council, the GREAT Britain Campaign, and participating UK higher education institutions. Find out more here: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding/great-scholarships

Global scholarships

You can apply for any of the following scholarships, provided they are appropriate for your course.

- Chevening Scholarships: Postgraduate scholarships from the UK government aimed at students with potential as future leaders: www.chevening.org
- Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowship Plan: Postgraduate scholarships for nationals of Commonwealth countries, funded by the UK government and intended to support individuals who will subsequently make a contribution to the development of their home country: cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/apply/

Country-specific scholarships and funding

There are many different scholarships available, some of which depend on where you are from.

For more information, please visit https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding

Accommodation

Most universities and colleges have their own accommodation office, and this should be the first place you go to ask about accommodation. Most institutions provide accommodation for international students in a hall of residence (either full-board or self-catering) or a self-catering shared house or flat. Space is usually limited, so applications for such accommodation should be made as soon as you have been accepted on your course and certainly before the required deadline.

Private accommodation

The accommodation office at your institution may be able to help with this, too. The office may keep lists of private accommodation available in the area, and some offices may even help you arrange a booking.

The most usual type of private accommodation is a room in a house with shared facilities. Renting a furnished house or a flat is likely to be expensive, especially in city centres, and quite difficult to find. A good way of making this affordable is to share with other students. If you do this, make sure you agree beforehand on how you will share costs.

Food

Food is near the top of the list of things you might miss when away from home. But food can be one of the best parts of living in the UK. University offers you a great opportunity to build a positive relationship with food and cooking, to create some interesting, delicious meals and to really enjoy yourself.

The average weekly food shop for one costs around £20-30. Although you will always find a selection of supermarkets with plenty of choice for students on different budgets.

An increasing number of UK supermarkets offer international food products, so you will always be able to get together with friends and cook the food you love. And by living among people from all backgrounds and cultures, you can also try out many new and different cuisines.

Living in catered halls at university usually means that breakfast and dinner are provided for you from Monday to Friday, which can make life a lot easier.



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Leisure time

On campus, the students' union usually organises all kinds of social functions and there will be many clubs and societies that you can join.

If you are interested in arts and culture, you will find the UK packed with museums, theatres and other cultural attractions just waiting to be discovered.

The restaurant scene in the UK is thriving, and increasingly diverse. Pubs are also popular social destinations for many university and college students in the UK. You don't have to drink alcohol to go to a pub – you will find lots of non-alcoholic drinks on offer, and many pubs also have food and entertainment such as karaoke, football match screenings, or pub quizzes (weekly events where you compete as a team).

Some of the world's largest music venues and events are in the UK, such as the O2 Arena in London and the world-famous Glastonbury Festival, but many world-renowned artists and bands also play at UK universities and colleges, and small bars and cafés often host live music and dancing.

Almost every town will have a cinema with films from around the world. Hollywood releases will be easy to find, but major cities also have cinemas specialising in foreign and independent films, and universities often have a student cinema that shows films on campus at student-friendly prices.

If you love sport, the UK offers a range of ways to explore your passion. We're fanatical about every kind of sport here, and many of our athletes and clubs lead the world. Whether it's global team sports, like football, or individual sports like athletics, you will find ways to compete in and celebrate the sports you care most about alongside your studies.

UK weather and clothing

Although UK weather is unpredictable, it is rarely extreme. Wear several layers so that you can put them on or take them off as the weather changes, and always carry an umbrella.

In summer, the average temperature ranges from 9–18 degrees Celsius (48–64 degrees Fahrenheit), although on occasion, it can reach above 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) in a heatwave.

In winter the average is between 2 and 7 degrees Celsius (36–45 degrees Fahrenheit), but temperatures can drop below 0 degrees Celsius (36 degrees Fahrenheit). Most houses, buildings, trains and buses have good heating systems. In general, there is little difference between the regions of the UK, but you will experience more snow, rain and wind in northern and mountainous areas.

Most UK towns and cities have a large range of shops selling clothes to suit all styles and budgets. You will see all kinds of fashion at UK schools, colleges and universities, and almost anything goes. Students usually dress casually during the day – jeans and t-shirts are fine – and more smartly if you're going out in the evening. Very few student bars and pubs have a dress code.

Some courses require you to wear specialist clothing for health and safety. For example, if you are in a science laboratory, you may need to wear protective glasses and a white lab coat. Some universities will provide these, while others may require you to purchase your own.

The UK is a multi-cultural place and it is common for people to wear clothing associated with their culture and religion, for example a head scarf, kippah, turban, sari or long skirt. In major towns and cities, you will find specialist shops selling clothing from around the world, particularly Asian and Middle Eastern clothing.

Four seasons in UK

There are many ways to query the weather in Britain. First of all, your mobile phone has its own weather query tool around the world. Two more authoritative UK weather forecast networks are recommended here. One is the weather forecast of Met Office and the other is BBC Weather.



In Britain, autumn often brings unstable weather, and you can still feel the obvious coolness sooner or later. In the second half of this season, due to the depression of the Atlantic Ocean, Britain will also have rain and wind.

equinox marks the gradual beginning of

period from December to February. In astronomy, winter begins at the winter solstice, that is, around December 22 in the northern hemisphere. The winter solstice is the shortest day of the year. When the sun is farthest from the south of the earth's equator, the earth's northern hemisphere will tilt, causing the reduction of solar heat. After the winter solstice, the days begin to lengthen.

winter.

Explore the UK

From bustling cities to snow-capped mountains, rolling green hills to highlands and islands, the UK is beautiful, and exploring is a must. Its relatively small size and good transport links mean that you can see a lot while you are here. Some highlights include London with its fascinating history, iconic buildings, cutting-edge fashion, theatre and food; northern cities like Manchester and Liverpool, which are well known for their famous football clubs and great nightlife; Scotland's stunning mix of wild beauty and buzzing cities; the stunning landscapes of Wales' national parks; and the spectacular coastline of Northern Ireland.

For more information about exploring the UK visit www.visitbritain.com

Health and safety

With one of the best healthcare systems in the world, globally respected policing and low crime rates, studying in the UK is exceptionally safe and secure.

The UK's NHS (National Health Service) is one of the world's most advanced healthcare systems, offering safe and modern treatment.

To gain access to the NHS, you will be required to pay an immigration health surcharge as part of your visa application fee.

The UK is a safe country, with low crime rates and a trustworthy police force. In addition, many institutions have their own security services who patrol campuses. Your institution will usually provide you with information on staying safe on campus.

Religion in the UK

As an open, inclusive and multi-faith society, students of all religions can expect to feel welcome in the UK, along with plenty of places to practise their faith. With a history of multi-culturalism dating back hundreds of years, we have well-established communities representing all major religions, and a deep commitment to supporting students' religious needs on campus.

We are proud to be a very inclusive society in every way, and it is against the law to discriminate against anyone because of their race, nationality or religion.



Further information

Useful links

If you would like to read more about studying in the UK, and what opportunities you will find here, here are some websites and links that can help you.

Moving to the UK

For the latest information on moving to the UK to study, please visit https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk

Student visas

For information and guidance: www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration

For Visa Application Centre (VAC) information: www.vfsglobal.co.uk/en

Study UK website: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/student-visas

General information

Study UK website: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/

Choosing a university: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/choosing-university-college

What subjects can I study?: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/choosing-course/subjects

Find out about scholarships: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding

Social media

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/StudyUK.BritishCouncil

Instagram https://www.instagram.com/StudyUK_BritishCouncil/

Twitter https://twitter.com/StudyUKBritish

LinkedIn www.linkedin.com/showcase/study-uk-british-council/

YouTube www.youtube.com/user/StudyInTheUK

TikTok https://www.tiktok.com/@studyuk_britishcouncil Spotify https://open.spotify.com/user/fuz79snssaf2ilfqtqbapdent

Universities and Colleges

Admissions Service (UCAS): www.ucas.com

Unistats: The official website for comparing UK higher education course data: www.unistats.ac.uk

Association of Colleges www.aoc.co.uk

Prospects: Postgraduate course search: www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study



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