Study UK

Guide for students



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Why study in the UK?

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.

The UK has inspired some of the finest minds in human history, and now it can inspire you.

For centuries, the planet's most inventive and creative thinkers were taught at universities in the UK. And today, our country's rich traditions of critical thinking and problem-solving are taught alongside the most cutting-edge and modern approaches to learning in the entire world.

That means that the UK is the perfect place for you to be creative. Our universities have one of the most diverse subject offerings in the world and we'll give you the support and space you'll need to be imaginative, ambitious and to think differently. And all while receiving a prestigious education that is built on the most solid of historical foundations.

Celebrated figures in science, politics, art and literature have all benefited from this exceptional standard of teaching. Thirty eight per cent of Nobel Laureates and one in four world leaders have been shaped by their studies in the UK. You will be given space in other ways, too. Studies in the UK aren't aren't confined to the classroom or lecture theatre. Regular field trips, visits and excursions will accelerate your learning by applying it to real world situations. By studying and problem-solving with friends you will learn how to challenge each other's ideas, enjoy constructive debate and gain an unbeatable understanding of how lessons and theories can be translated into working practice. This critical and intellectual approach to education will give you so much more than just a competitive edge among your peers. It will fire your imagination and widen your personal experiences too.

World-class education

A UK education is your bridge to the world, and to a bright and successful future.

Academics and employers across the globe admire and respect the formidable reputation of the UK's education system, and our graduates are among the most employable in the entire world. In fact, the majority of international students who have studied in the UK report a significant competitive edge over peers educated in other countries. They are progressing further, being promoted quicker, and earning more because of the prestigious education they have received in the UK. That's because our universities and colleges consistently top world rankings. Two of the world's top three universities can be found here - and a further 26 of our universities and colleges are among the world's 200 best institutions for learning (Times Higher Education, World University Rankings 2023).

What's more, the UK's higher education system is held to strict and exacting standards by the UK government, so you can be certain to get the very best in teaching, support and educational resources.

The UK is one of the most popular study destinations in the world. Over 600,000 students from other countries are currently studying here, and so you'll make all kinds of friends and learn about hundreds of other cultures. All in the home of the English language.

This is a chance to discover the very best in yourself. You will gain the knowledge, skills and insights which are in extremely high demand, all across the globe. It is also your opportunity to develop your personal interests, to learn about other cultures and experiences and to forge new and important friendships.

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.

Whether you're the type who wants to get muddy at Glastonbury Festival, or someone who keeps things refined at the Royal Opera House – you can be sure to find the things which will truly make your heart sing.

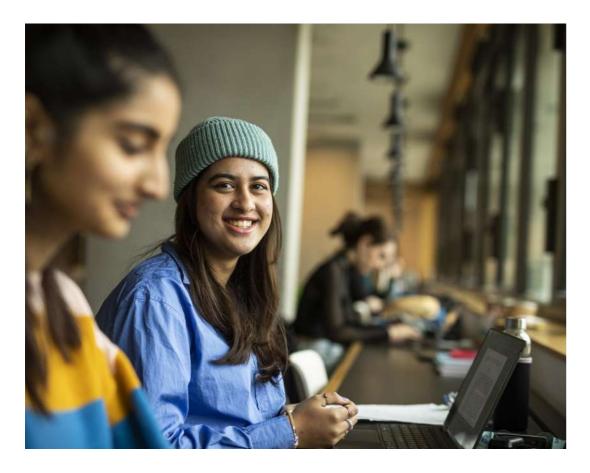
Great universities that give you space to grow

With a global reputation for research and academic excellence, the UK is the perfect place to discover your talents. 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.

A UK 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

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.



How to find your dream UK course

Use this chart to help you decide on your study journey in the UK



Consider your interests, strengths, academic background and career goals



Shortlist institutions and courses:

Scan to search institutions and what subjects they offer.



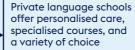
https://study-uk.britishcouncil.o /plan-studies



Language schools:

 Choose an accredited language school





University language centers offer excellent facilities, access to shared university resources, and flexible end-of-course assessments that lead to mainstream courses.

Boarding schools and pre-university education:

- Do your research on schools' profiles, inspection reports etc. You can start by visiting www.isc.co.uk
- Choose a foundation course recognized by your target universities.
- 3. Check each institution's entry requirements to make sure you are eligible.



Undergraduate and postgraduate courses:

- Do your research check out websites like Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) to search for inspection reports and rankings of individual institutions' subject expertise and research capability.
- Check each institution's requirements to make sure you qualify.
- Consider affordability of tuition fees and living costs.

Apply to the UK institutions of your choice:

- 1. Be clear about the entry requirements and follow the application procedures.
- 2. Scan to apply on Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS) for undergraduate and foundation programmes





Receive more than one unconditional/conditional offer:





Receive no offer: enter the Clearing stage or submit your applications for a different course.



Scan to find out more about clearing

Decide on your university and course considering academic and non-academic factors:

If you have a conditional offer:

- 1. Accept the offer.
- 2. Meet the conditions before the deadline.
- 3. Receive the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and other necessary documents.

If you have an unconditional offer:

- 1. Accept the offer.
- 2. Receive the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and other necessary documents.



Apply for your UK visa three months before your course starts, and get ready for the exciting journey and experience of studying in the UK!

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:



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









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.

Some UK postgraduate course types include:

Master's degrees

- M.A (Master's of Arts)
- M.Sc (Master's of Science)
- M.Eng (Master's of Engineering)
- M.FA (Master's of Fine Arts)
- LL.M (Master's of Law)
- M.Arch (Master's of Architecture)
- M.Phil (Master's of Philosophy)
- MBA (Master's of Business Administration

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.

PhDs or doctorates

Postgraduate diplomas and qualifications: are usually shorter than a master's courses and do not involve a theses and dissertations.

Search for your post-graduate course

Visit the Prospects website, which has details of postgraduate study options:

www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses



Other study options

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

Further education refers to education after secondary school that is not an undergraduate or postgraduate course. 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 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 reputation for academic excellence, the UK is the perfect place to learn English.

Boarding schools: A residential schools where students 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 outside the UK? There are various transnational education (TNE) options for you to choose from, including online courses, articulation pathways and joint degrees.

To find out more about course information and other UK study options, visit:

https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/ways-learning





How to apply for undergraduate studies

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



www.ucas.com

Deadlines for 2024 entry applications

2 May 2023

2024 entry courses will be shown in the UCAS search tool:



https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/ applying-university/ucas-undergraduate

16 May 2023

You can start your undergraduate application for 2024 entry, but you cannot submit it to UCAS until 5 September 2023.

2 October 2023 18:00 (UK time)

Application deadline for conservatoire music applications

Applications for dance, drama, and musical theatre courses may have different deadlines. Do check conservatoires' websites for up-to-date information.

16 October 2023 for 2024 entry at 18:00 (UK time)

Deadline for applications to Oxford and Cambridge universities, and for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/ science, and dentistry

You can still add other choices later but don't forget that you are limited to a total of five choices.

18:00 (UK time)

31 January 2024 Deadline for the majority of courses

> Applications can still be sent after this, but the institutions cannot guarantee they'll give it equal consideration.

30 June 2024 18:00 (UK time) Last date for receipt of applications with choices

Applications received after this deadline are automatically entered into clearing. While you can still to apply until 30 June, it is advisable to apply early.



https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/ clearing-and-results-day/what-clearing

Please note:

The above dates are subject to minor adjustments each year, so please check the UCAS website for updates. UCAS also advises applicants to apply as early as possible to allow sufficient time for admission preparations.

What is Clearing?

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

5 July 2024

Clearing opens, and vacancies are shown in the UCAS search tool.

As of 20 September 2023, the UCAS website has not yet updated the closing date for clearance for entry in 2024. This year the dates are 05 July to 17 October 2023.

You can apply for a course using the clearing process if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still available.

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 paid the multiple choice application fee.
- You've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in your application.

Useful tips for applying through Clearing:

- Ask for advice from your teachers and counsellors.
- See what courses are available by using the search tool on UCAS and check entry requirements.
- Consider different courses of subjects.
- Directly contact universities or colleges you're interested in.
- Add your Clearing choice in your application.

Please visit www.ucas.com for up-to-date deadlines

For more information about clearing, visit the UCAS website:

https://www.ucas.com/clearing-launch



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 fixed application deadlines. However, it is always best to apply early to make sure you have the best chance of being accepted – ideally, six months to a year before your course of choice begins.

For more information about applying for post-graduate courses in the UK, visit:

https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/ways-learning/postgraduate



Study UK

www.prospects.ac.uk



Prospects

What you will need when applying to UK universities and colleges

- 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



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:

- 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 get more information on the Study UK website: https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/plan-studies/apply



Additional documents and information

While UCAS can send results on your behalf (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 the additional documents and information. You may be required to provide proof in the form of certificates or transcripts.



Student visas

Most international students will 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 about £500 to apply for this visa outside of the UK.

For more information 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 our 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 explore extending an existing student visa or switching to a different type.

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



How long will it take to get my visa?

The UK's Visas and Immigration service aims to process student visas within 15 working days. You are recommended to prepare and apply for your visa well in advance. You can make an application up to six months before you intend to travel. If you need a visa quickly, you can pay extra for a priority service.



Apply to stay and work in the UK after graduating

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.

You can find more information about the Graduate Route on the Study UK website:

https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/graduate-route



You can find out more information about working after your studies here:

https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Working/Working-after-studies





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 the universities' websites.



Living costs

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. As a guide, you should expect to budget from between £1,300 and £1,400 per month in London and between £900 and £1,300 in the rest of the UK per 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. You can use the UKCISA international student budget calculator to help you plan your budget:



https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Studying--living-in-the-UK/How-much-will-it-cost-to-study-in-the-UK

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:



Totum

https://www.totum.com/campaigns/wearetotum

https://www.isic.org/get-your-card



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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 universities' websites 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 at:

https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/scholarships-funding/great-scholarships



Post-graduate scholarships

You can also apply for some of these post-grad scholarships should you meet the criteria:

 Chevening Scholarships: Post-graduate 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





Living in the UK

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 deadlines.

Private accommodation

The accommodation office at your institution should 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. Do check in with them for more information.

The most common 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 can be quite difficult to secure. 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.

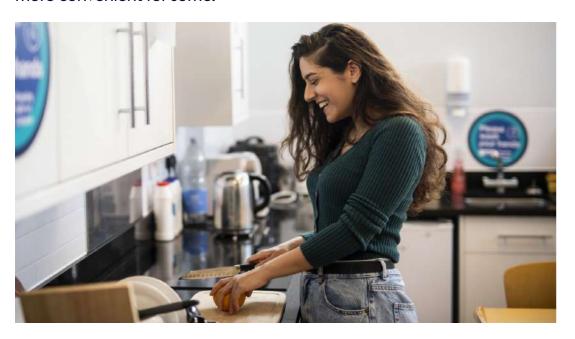
Food

Food is often near the top of the list of things we miss when away from home. But food can be one of the best parts of living in the UK. Your time at 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 £30 to £40. You can will always find a range 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. By living among people from all backgrounds and cultures, you can also try out new and different cuisines. So why not ask your flat mates for a few tips, and learn to make some quick and easy dishes from different cultures?

Living in catered halls at university usually means that breakfasts and dinners are provided for you from Monday to Friday, which may be more convenient for some.



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, and 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 sports, the UK offers a range of ways to explore your passion. We're fanatical about almost all sports 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 the UK

There are many ways to query the weather in the UK. Smart phones will all have their own weather query tool. Two more authoritative UK weather forecast networks are recommended here: One is the weather forecast of Met Office and the other is BBC Weather.



Spring

March to May

Spring in Britain starts on the first day of March and ends on the last day of May in the meteorological calendar. But from an astronomical point of view, spring usually begins at the vernal equinox, around March 20 in the northern hemisphere.

As the Atlantic loses heat in autumn and winter, the humidity and heat in the atmosphere are reduced, so the weather in Britain is slightly dry in spring.



Summer

June to August

The British summer calendar includes three months in June, July and August, or according to the astronomical calendar, from the day of the summer solstice, it is generally around June 21. The summer solstice is the time when the sun reaches the highest point in the sky, which is also the longest day of the year.



Autumn

September to November

According to the weather calendar, autumn begins in September and ends in November. In astronomy, autumn begins around the autumnal equinox on September 22. Similar to the vernal equinox, during the autumnal equinox, the sun shines directly on the equator, day and night are almost equal, each for 12 hours.

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.



Winter

December to February

The meteorological calendar divides winter into the 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.

Explore the UK

From bustling cities to snow-capped mountains, rolling green hills to highlands and islands, 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 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 an inclusive society, 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:

https://www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html



Study UK website:

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



General information

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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

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Universities and Colleges

Admissions Service (UCAS):

www.ucas.com

The official website for comparing UK higher education course data:

https://discoveruni.gov.uk

















Association of Colleges

https://www.aoc.co.uk/about/general-further-education-colleges



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







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