Welcome from our Vice-Chancellor

The University of Bristol has a long history of attracting the brightest and most gifted individuals from across the world. I hope you will be one of them.

As a Study Abroad student you’ll have all the opportunities our other undergraduates have. You will study in a research-rich environment that will challenge and push you, learn from some of the best scholars in the world, and live in one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in Europe. You will also be able to immerse yourself in the history and culture of the United Kingdom while becoming part of our close-knit community.

The international experience your Study Abroad programme offers you is invaluable. We all now live in an interconnected world, with careers and lives that cross geographic and cultural boundaries. Your programme is an excellent way to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding you need to prepare you for your next step, wherever that might be.

Bristol is consistently ranked within the top 40 universities in the world. You will be taught by the best: our academics question orthodoxies, advise governments, develop and patent new technologies, and share their expertise and knowledge with their students. Along with our world-class academics, you will also enjoy a flexible approach to your education where you can study multi-disciplinary themes from across the University, such as global citizenship, sustainable futures, and innovation and entrepreneurship. Whatever you aspire to achieve, studying at the University of Bristol will give you an excellent platform from which to take your next steps.

To finish, a few words about the environment you will study in and Bristol as a city.

Voted best for city life in the Whatuni Student Choice Awards, Bristol has a diverse arts, music and cultural scene. Bristol is known throughout the continent for our festivals throughout the year – we hold more festivals than any other European city. There are many beautiful green spaces throughout the city and we are nestled in the stunning countryside of South West England. The city is known for being a leader in sustainability and we are the only UK city to have won the European Green Capital award. In my view, the city offers something for everyone.

Have a look through our Study Abroad Guide to see where Bristol can take you.

Professor Hugh Brady
Vice-Chancellor and President

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Your University

Study at a world-renowned institution
Bristol is one of the most popular and successful universities in the UK, routinely ranked within the top 10 universities in the UK in the QS World University Rankings.

When you study at Bristol you join an academic community with an international profile. Our researchers and teachers are known for pushing intellectual boundaries and building on their discoveries into your learning. Many Bristol alumni go on to be leaders in their chosen field.

The Bristol experience
Bristol is a truly international university. Welcoming students and staff from over 120 countries and an exciting diversity of backgrounds makes for a stimulating and dynamic community. Bristol is large enough to cover the broadest range of subjects, yet small enough to feel warm and friendly. We continually invest in our facilities, training and technology to give you the best opportunity to succeed.

Explore new horizons
Bristol is a highly supportive environment, where we encourage personal as well as academic growth. The University and the Students’ Union offer a wealth of social, cultural and sporting opportunities. With a population of over 17,000 students, as well as clubs and societies catering for a tremendous range of interests, the University of Bristol is a perfect setting for you to try something new.

Live in the perfect location
The University is at the heart of the historic and lively city of Bristol, a highly sought-after place to live in a beautiful area of South West England. In 2014, Bristol was crowned best UK city to live in by The Sunday Times, which praised its ‘great shopping, buzzing social scene and glorious scenery’. Bristolians enjoy their culture and like to have fun.

Top 10
UK University in QS World Rankings 2015

2015 European Green Capital
Bristol named the UK’s first European Green Capital

Best for city life
Bristol voted best for city life in 2015 WhatUni Student Choice Awards

150+
International exchange partners from around the globe
Academic life

British system

The British university system is renowned across the world partly because of the level of self-study students are expected to do. What makes Britain stand out from other university systems is how much our students are expected to plan and manage their own work. While this style may take some getting used to, most of the students coming to Bristol enjoy this academic freedom and autonomy and end up thriving in this environment. Along with most other highly rated UK Universities, Bristol has a decentralised academic system with each department responsible for delivering their own curriculum. Because of this, the classes that you take may be structured in slightly different ways depending on the department or the year of study. Arts and social science classes may have fewer contact hours than you are used to, but will have a far greater emphasis on independent study. This is excellent preparation for the self-motivation and discipline needed for graduate study.

Teaching methods

Teaching at Bristol is composed of more than just lectures. You can normally expect there to be a mix of different types of classes such as seminars, tutorials and labs. Seminars are small group classes lead by a professor to discuss aspects of the course in greater detail and are designed to complement lectures and give you the time to discuss the subject in more detail with a professor and other students. Tutorials are also quite common and in these you meet in small groups to discuss projects, extended essays or laboratory work. In the sciences and engineering, there will be labs and project groups as well. Academic support and advising

One of the special aspects of the Bristol Study Abroad programme is the amount of academic support we provide for you. We know that your year abroad is crucial for your future and we want to do our best to ensure you make the most of your time with us. Your Study Abroad Advisor at Bristol will be available to help you before you arrive and during your stay, answering questions you might have. They are here to provide you with support on choosing your classes, understanding the Bristol academic system, and approving your study plans. Equally important, your advisor is also available to help with any non-academic issues, ranging from personal problems to suggestions on what you can do for the weekend, food fees to drop in if you have any questions during the year. Each department has an academic member of staff who is the main contact for Study Abroad students to discuss academic questions or concerns. All our teaching staff understand what it’s like to be a Study Abroad student at Bristol and are happy to answer any questions you might have about the class you’re taking.

“Studying at Bristol is highly independent and you will be given a lot of freedom during your time here.”

Sophie

University of Rochester

UK Academic Glossary

Seminar Discussion class of up to 15 students
Practical Lab
Tutor Advisor
Faculty College, eg Faculty of Engineering
School School, eg School of Chemistry
Department Department, eg Department of English
Teaching block Semester
Unit Class
Summative coursework Assessed assignments
Formative coursework Unassessed but still required assignments
Course Major
Mark Grade
On our Study Abroad programme, you can choose classes across the University – a rare exception among English universities. This flexibility allows you to effectively create your own academic programme. You can fulfil classes in your major, minor or just take classes that interest you. Study Abroad students often choose classes based on a broad academic theme.

British Studies
Delve into British culture and history by combining classes from politics, history, archaeology and English literature to give you a rich understanding of the country you're studying in. Popular classes in this area are: Darkest London, Revels and Riots: Popular Culture in Early Modern England and The Smugglers’ City, a History of Bristol, Politics and Policy-Making in the UK.

Pre-Medicine
Our strong biomedical sciences programme offers classes in anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, neuroscience, genetics and cell biology. Alongside this, our unique research in the medical humanities has created fascinating classes, ideal if you’re considering a career in medicine. Previously, students have chosen classes, including Buddhist Psychology and Mental Health, Literature and Medicine and Philosophy of Medicine, as well as classes focusing on health policy.

Engineering Studies
In the UK, Bristol is known for engineering and we offer classes in civil, mechanical, aerospace, computer science, engineering mathematics and electrical and electronic engineering. You can combine classes from any of these disciplines, including project work. There is a strong entrepreneurial focus within engineering at Bristol, including a series of Professional Studies classes that touch on project management and budgeting.

Women’s/Gender Studies
The University of Bristol is an important site of teaching and research in women’s and gender studies. Academic staff from arts, social sciences and law have shared a complementary interest in feminist scholarship, gender relations in society and representations of women in cultural practices. Recent classes include Feminism, Gender and International Relations, Sex and the Supernatural in the Middle Ages and Repressed or Risqué?: Victorian Sex and Sexuality.

American Studies
Bristol’s long relationship with North America is reflected in our academic focus. American Studies is covered by units in the Departments of Politics, History, and English Literature. Popular units in this area are: Beats and Grapes, The American West: An Environmental History and Indies America and Its Aftermath.

Globalisation and Development Studies
Bristol undertakes a large amount of research in social justice and economic development in the context of a global economy. You can take a mixture of classes from the Departments of Politics, Economics, Social Policy and History and some examples are: Globalisation and Development, The Politics of the Global South, and Gender, Conflict, Migration and Human Rights.
Life in Bristol

Bristol is a cosmopolitan city full of history and culture. With a wealth of creative talent, historic buildings, green credentials, and excellent transport links, it’s no wonder The Sunday Times named Bristol as ‘the best place to be a graduate’ in 2015.

The city

Bristol is a fantastic place to live and our students often say how much they love being here. As a Study Abroad student you can really become part of Bristol’s city community. The friendly culture and exciting lifestyle allows Bristol to quickly feel like a second home and a number of Study Abroad students even choose to return for postgraduate studies.

If you want to explore further afield you can hop on a train for a short ride to Bath or Cardiff. London is only 90 minutes away. You can also explore the quintessentially English countryside that surrounds the city very easily by train or bicycle. Many Study Abroad students take advantage of our location and travel to fantastic places like Barcelona, Rome and Prague for the weekend on an inexpensive flight from Bristol airport.

A diverse community

Bristol is a city that welcomes alternative thinking and new ideas. This is shown through our rich cultural heritage and our current reputation as a central hub of innovation and creativity in Europe. Bristol is made up of eclectic neighbourhoods that showcase the diversity and vibrancy that is modern Britain, yet it retains a down-to-earth feel. The city hosts a variety of festivals throughout the year. There are regular film festivals at the Watershed, an art house cinema in the centre of Bristol; the Festival of Ideas features writers, artists and thinkers engaged in discussion. The annual Harbour Festival brings a weekend of music, food and fun throughout the city. Recently Bristol hosted a cycle race through the city centre and also turned one of its main roads into an enormous waterslide!

A green capital

Bristol is a green place to live, boasting over 450 parks and green spaces. It is the UK’s first Cycling City, a Fairtrade city and European Green Capital 2015. Bristol is consistently ranked as one of the country’s most environmentally sustainable cities.

City centre campus

The University is based in the heart of the city, offering students easy access to all that Bristol has to offer. You’ll find cinemas, theatres, pubs, museums, galleries and live music venues all within a short walk from where you’ll be studying. There is something for all tastes, from traditional English tea rooms to nightclubs. Find out more about what it’s like to live in Bristol and watch several videos about the city online at bristol.ac.uk/city.

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17% of students at Bristol are international students and come from 112 countries.

‘Bristol is a hidden treasure with so much to offer. Explore as much as you can, there is so much to see.’

Katy, University of Oregon
The University of Bristol at the heart of the city
Much of student life revolves around the Bristol Students’ Union (Bristol SU) which is led by students for all students. With a thriving society culture, diverse student body and a fantastic city as the backdrop, the Bristol SU is an important part of the student experience – you won’t be short of things to do.

As a Study Abroad student, you’re welcome to get involved with as many activities as you like and from your first few days in Bristol, you’ll be invited to explore the University’s facilities and cultural life. We encourage students to make the most of the different clubs on offer, as students tell us again and again that joining a society makes all the difference to their experience here.

Societies and activities
Joining a society, sports club, student media team, volunteering project or fundraising group is a great way to meet like-minded people, have fun and develop skills relevant to your chosen career. With over 300 student groups, ranging from hot-air ballooning to photography, there should be something that takes your fancy.

The Richmond Building
The Richmond Building is home to Bristol SU and has recently undergone a significant renovation. The building houses the newly-refurbished Anson Rooms, one of the city’s largest gig venues. There are also two theatres, a café bar, dance studios, rehearsal rooms, a pottery studio, a photography darkroom and a swimming pool.

“Joining DramSoc, the performing arts society, was a good decision. It was wonderful being part of something and it kept me busy.”
Meghan, California State University, Chico
Sport for all

The University works in partnership with the Bristol Students’ Union to provide a wide range of sporting facilities and activities designed to suit all abilities and interests.

Get Active
There are over 65 sporting clubs and societies you can join through Bristol SU. All are student-led and offer a huge range of activities. The clubs and societies will all be present during the first week of term.

bristolsu.org.uk/activities/societies/clubs

If you want to stay active but would prefer not to join a sports club, you can get involved in the following programmes.

• Get Active – opportunities to try new activities, have fun, make friends and keep fit. Specific opportunities for international students are available.
• Fit and Fabulous – a programme of exercise classes, activities and sport open to women only.
• Intramural leagues – social competition, playing at an enjoyable, recreational level with your new friends.

bristolsu.org.uk/activities/sports

Stay Active
The activity pass provides access to all of the University’s sports facilities: sports pitches, sports hall, health and fitness suite and swimming pool. There is a range of membership packages to suit all levels of interest.

Full details of these packages and of the facilities and activities promoting health and fitness are provided in the Sport, Exercise and Health brochure, which you can download from our website: bristol.ac.uk/sport/facilities

Fresh Sport
Fresh Sport is a great way to get involved in sport when you first arrive in Bristol. It provides your first taste of sport at the University, allowing you to join a club or simply try something new.

Lock out for sessions taking place during Welcome Week in September. You can sign up in advance online at: bristol.ac.uk/sport

Performance Squad
Our Performance Squad helps student athletes continue their sporting careers without compromising academic achievements. Members develop a personal action plan, supported by services such as nutrition advice, physiotherapy and mentoring. The squad has supported Olympians, Commonwealth medallists and World Champions.

bristol.ac.uk/sport

‘Studying abroad was one of the best experiences of my life and I was able to fully immerse myself in a culture completely different from my own. I joined the University of Bristol Basketball Team. It was unbelievable; we even played in a basketball tournament in Paris.’
Larryn,
University of Oregon
A place to call home

Our Accommodation Office will help you find the perfect place to live and can advise you on University and private accommodation throughout your time at Bristol.

Choosing where to live
We have a wide range of accommodation available for Study Abroad students, from halls of residence to smaller flats. Many of our residences are within walking distance of the University, but there is student accommodation in different areas of Bristol as well. Whether you’re looking for a city centre experience or would prefer to be in a quieter part of town, there will be something to suit all tastes.

Halls of residence are either catered (which means a meal plan is included) or self-catered. There are full kitchen facilities in all self-catered halls of residence. Most residences have a communal TV room, study rooms, a launderette and bike storage. Everybody living in a university residence will have access to a team of live-in staff who are there to provide support and practical help to students. University residences all contain a mix of people so Study Abroad students will be sharing with British undergraduates, international students and others on the Study Abroad programme.

Guaranteed accommodation
Students coming for the autumn semester are guaranteed accommodation (as long as you apply for accommodation before the deadline). You can express preferences for different residences and we’ll do our best to accommodate these. Staying in halls of residence can help you integrate into UK university life as you’ll be living with Bristol students and will be welcome to join in with any sporting or social events happening at the hall.

Once you’ve accepted your place on our Study Abroad programme, we’ll guide you through the accommodation application process. We can offer advice for students with particular housing needs, such as students with disabilities.

Private rented accommodation
Alternatively, you may be interested in finding a room in a privately rented student house. This is easier for students coming for the full academic year, as most rental contracts are for a minimum of nine months. The Accommodation Office offers information and guidance about this, as well as tips on where to look for accommodation, and we run an Accommodation Help Desk for three weeks in September to offer assistance.

For more information on the residences see: bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/placements.html.
Student support

We want you to be able to make the most of your time studying in Bristol. Our comprehensive network of student services will ensure you have access to support for all aspects of university life – academic, personal and practical.

The Global Opportunities team
Based in the International Office, we’re your first point of contact. We’re here to help you with any queries or concerns you may have, from academic to personal and anything in between. We have an open door policy during office hours and Study Abroad students can drop in for a chat without having to make an appointment. Our team acts as your Study Abroad Advisor while you are here. We also run workshops on Academic Life in the UK and Maintaining your Wellbeing Abroad during each semester.

If you have any questions, please contact us:
Email: global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0)117 331 8504
bristol.ac.uk/international/ug-study/study-abroad

Academic advice
Every academic department at the University has a designated Study Abroad Academic Coordinator. During registration week you’ll be able to meet the coordinators where you’re taking classes if you have specific academic questions. Once you’ve registered for your classes, the Study Abroad Academic Coordinators are available by email or face to face if you have questions about classes or assessments. In addition to this, each professor will keep regular office hours and are happy to meet Study Abroad students and help you adapt to academic life at Bristol.

Visa support
Our International Student Visa Advisers can offer expertise and practical support. They are qualified experts and are here to ensure your visa arrangements are all in place to enable you to focus on your studies.

Counselling service
Our Student Counselling Service provides a safe place for you to talk through any problems. It offers a wide range of services including individual counselling and therapeutic group sessions, a well-stocked resource library and workshops covering topics such as how to cope with stress. They also have specific experience in helping students deal with cultural adjustment.

Disability support
Disability Services provides advice and study support for students with long-term health conditions, mental health difficulties (eg anxiety and depression), specific learning difficulties (eg dyslexia), autism spectrum conditions (eg Asperger syndrome), sensory impairments, and mobility difficulties. It is best to contact us early in the application process so that we can advise you on the support available to you and how to access it.

A safe environment
Bristol has been awarded the police certification of a ‘secured environment’. We do not tolerate any form of bullying, harassment or victimisation; we are committed to providing a fair and safe environment in which students can study and socialise. Bristol is also a Purple Flag City which acknowledges our city centre is a safe yet vibrant place for a night out.

bristol.ac.uk/studentservices
Fees and costs

The University of Bristol has over 150 exchange agreements with universities across the globe. If you come to Bristol on an exchange programme you do not need to pay tuition fees. Please check with the Study Abroad Office at your home university.

2017/18 Tuition fees:
- Full year: £14,100
- One semester: £7,050

Scholarships
We offer a scholarship in the form of a 30 per cent tuition fee reduction if you:
- study at one of our worldwide exchange partners but are unable to come through the exchange process;
- study at a US public institution and are classed as in-state;
- study at an EU institution but you are not able to come through the Erasmus programme.

Cost of living
Of course your living expenses will depend on your lifestyle while you are here. If you want to do a lot of travelling or have expensive tastes, you may need to factor this in. The UK may generally be slightly more expensive than you’re used to, but living in a smaller city outside London will reduce your expenses significantly.

Living costs are based on staying in Bristol for the full academic year:

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| Entertainment     | £1,500 (This may be more if you plan to do a lot of travelling while you’re in the UK.)<br>£500 (Optional)
| Clothes and toiletries | £700 |

2017/18 Study abroad guide fees and costs.

bristol.ac.uk
We know that moving to a new country can be a daunting experience, so the University runs events to help you settle into Bristol and make you feel at home here.

Meet and greet service
The University runs a ‘meet and greet’ service in September at several different arrival points, including London Heathrow and Bristol International Airport, to make your arrival into the UK as easy as possible.

Arrival
If you’re living in university accommodation while you’re studying here, you can go to your hall of residence as soon as you arrive in Bristol. After you accept your accommodation offer, the Accommodation Office will contact you with arrival information. You can email your residence directly if you need to clarify anything. Contact details for each hall can be found on the ‘Residences’ section of the Accommodation Office website.

Study Abroad orientation and welcome
At the Study Abroad orientation and welcome session you’ll meet other students on the programme from all over the world, have the chance to ask questions, and learn more about what studying and living in England is like. In the evening we throw a welcome party for all the Study Abroad students.

Welcome Lounge
Study Abroad students arriving earlier in September are invited to drop into the Welcome Lounge. The Welcome Lounge provides a central point of information for new international students where you can get questions answered, as well as being a place to relax. You’ll be able to get a bank letter, meet student ambassadors and find out more about Welcome Week events. These include the Bristol Students’ Union Welcome Fair and an International Welcome Reception.

Spring semester arrivals
If you’re coming to Bristol for the spring semester and arriving in January, there will also be special events organised to welcome you. As well as the Study Abroad orientation, you’ll be able to attend society taster sessions during the ‘Give it a Go’ week which is held early in the spring semester. Find out more about our programme of welcome events: bristol.ac.uk/international-office/new-students.
How to apply

We’ve tried to make our application process as simple as possible. Just complete our brief online application form and email us the supporting documents.

To apply, complete our online application at the link below. Then email us copies of your passport and any English language tests (if not required if you are a native speaker or a student from an English language university). Apply online at bristol.ac.uk/international/ug-study/study-abroad/how-to-apply.html

Entry requirements
Applicants should have a strong ‘B’ average which would be a GPA of 3.0 or above. We do try to be flexible so if you don’t quite meet what we ask for we will still consider applications slightly below this. If English is not your first language or not the teaching language at your university, then we will also ask you to submit proof of your English level.

English language programmes
If you do not meet the English language requirements for the Study Abroad programme there are two options:
- STABEL is an intensive summer language programme for you to improve your English. We offer a ten week course starting in June and a six week course in July. After this you can take regular classes with other Study Abroad students in September.
- Study Abroad Bridge is a programme if you just fall short of our English requirement. Students with 6.0 in IELTS or 80 in TOEFL can study at Bristol but would be asked to take mostly English language classes in the first semester. You will still earn university credit.

Visa requirements
If you are a student from outside the EU/EEA you will require a visa to study in the UK. Bristol offers two types of student visas: Short-term Study Visa for those coming for one semester or a Tier IV visa for students coming for the full year. After you are accepted to study at Bristol, you will send us more detailed information on the visa process, but please refer to our website for information.

As a Study Abroad student, you aren’t limited to studying in just one department, you can take classes from across the University. Create a study programme that works for you. You can use your time at Bristol to concentrate on your Major but also fulfil any other credit requirements – the choice is yours.

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Subjects

Arts
- Archaeology/Anthropology
- Film and TV
- Music
- Modern Languages
- Philosophy
- Theatre

Biomedical Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Cellular and Molecular Medicine
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacology
- Physiology

Engineering
- Aerospace
- Civil
- Computer Science
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical

Humanities
- Art History
- Classics and Ancient History
- English Literature
- History
- Religion and Theology

Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology

Social Sciences
- Economics, Finance and Management
- Law
- Policy Studies
- Politics and International Studies
- Sociology
There are many reasons to be excited about studying in the School of Arts at Bristol. At the top of the list must be the range and quality of our offerings, from prehistoric archaeology to avant-garde cinema. We work hard to keep class sizes small and to provide the best tools for students to get the most out of their education.

The courses on offer at Bristol are guided by the innovative research of our internationally recognised academics on themes ranging from British film history, to Medieval cultures, to biological evolution. The department takes an interdisciplinary approach and our staff are specialists in topical issues as diverse as globalisation, conflict, and human social and biological diversity. Scientific approaches are a particular strength: our newly developed laboratory facilities provide a context for outstanding research on migration. The relatively small size of the department means there is a friendly and informal atmosphere. Popular units include Gender, Sexuality and the Body, and Food and Feasting in the Roman World.

Music
The friendly atmosphere of this department reflects the close community of staff and students working together. Teaching is delivered by our expert staff, all of whom are practising musicians or composers. Our department is located in the beautiful and historic Victoria Rooms, where facilities include an auditorium, social rooms and recording studios. Popular units include Parisian Musical Life in the 20th Century and British Musical Modernism.

Modern Languages
Taking classes in this department gives you the chance to deepen your existing linguistic knowledge or to take on a new language while studying a wide range of topics on literature, society, civilization and culture. We offer our students a broad selection of languages, expert teachers and the latest facilities. Learning extends beyond the classroom through cultural weeks and extra-curricular activities. Popular units include From Frontiers to Football: Latin American History 1806-1916 and Spotlight on Anglo-German Relations.

Philosophy
The Department of Philosophy at the University of Bristol is considered one of the top in the UK, with a reputation for high-quality research in all aspects of the subject. We are particularly well-known for our strength in logic and the philosophy of science and mathematics, but other key areas include applied ethics, phenomenology and the philosophy of medicine. Popular units include Philosophy of Perception and Critical Reasoning.

"Back in America I attend a tiny, 1200 student liberal arts college just outside of New York city. Although Bristol, a huge research university, could not be more different from my home institution, the drastic change has made this year even more precious. The fact that I was able to take classes in different departments here helped me fulfill credit requirements for my Bachelor of Arts degree. While I was here I took English, social policy and theology classes. I've loved the opportunities I've received, from meeting wise professors to appreciating the architecture on my walk to school. Not only has my poetry been published since coming here, but I've also had the privilege of being exposed to music, art, friendships and literature I would have never come across at home."

Willa, Sarah Lawrence College, New York
The School of Humanities is one of the largest and most popular areas to study at Bristol and is home to some of the UK’s highest ranked departments. The popularity of the school comes in no small part from the innovative courses, ranging from Myth and Religion to 20th Century Feminism and Sexuality. The school is home to some well-known research centres attracting world-class teachers and researchers who drive the curriculum. Our larger research centres include the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Centre for Colonial and Postcolonial Societies, Institute for Greece, Rome and the Classical Tradition and the Bristol Poetry Institute.

Classics and Ancient History
Intellectual ambition, rigour and debate – these are the hallmarks of the department. Our specialisms are as diverse as our academics and students, focusing on everything from literature and visual art to mythology, archaeology and history. We’re an outward-looking department that thrives on engaging with the public as well as collaborating with scholars from across the world. Popular units include Roman Emperors – A Survival Guide and The Body in Antiquity.

English Literature
With world-renowned research produced by leading scholars, the department is an intellectually stimulating environment. Our distinctive small-group tutorials ensure a supportive educational experience and students are encouraged to involve themselves in further ways such as joining the Falstaff Society, which organises regular literary-themed events. Recent classes included Dangerous Books and The Fairy Tale in English.

History
We have expertise across a wide range of periods and approaches, from medieval and early modern to contemporary history. The department is a friendly, lively environment. We hold regular internal events and there are opportunities for students, staff and external speakers to lead discussions about their work. Popular classes include Drink and Disorder in Early Modern England and Calamities: Natural and Unnatural Disasters in the Modern World.

History of Art
Rigorous research underpins our department, from teaching and engaging the public in projects, to collaborating with top arts institutions in the UK and abroad. We aim to turn students into practising art historians, enabling them to write art history for themselves and to develop professional skills. Bristol is famous for its rich cultural heritage and we are proud to work with the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery and the Royal West of England Academy. Popular units include Art and Music and Modern Women Artists.

Religion and Theology
Classes encourage you to think critically and analytically about various belief systems and practices and to consider why individuals respond to religion in the way that they do. We are known for the quality of our teaching, which spans the Judeo-Christian and Buddhist traditions and is balanced by a thorough understanding of Christianity, Chinese religions, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam. Popular units include Living Religions and Christianity and Islam: Viewing the Other.
Social sciences

Economics, Finance and Management
Courses in this school are taught by dedicated teaching staff and leading researchers who incorporate the latest ideas into their classes. The result is a lively and challenging environment where teaching, learning and research thrive. We are home to two research centres, including the Centre for Market and Public Organisation. Popular units include Globalisation and Development, Financial Crises, and Industrial Economics.

Law
Located in the iconic Wills Memorial Building, the University of Bristol Law School represents a unique blend of traditional and innovation. We offer an educational experience that challenges and empowers students, and the benefits of established links with the legal profession on a local, national and international level. Our students come from all over the world, and our courses reflect this. Popular units include Human Rights in Law, Politics and Society, and Criminology.

Policy Studies
Bristol’s Social Policy degree is consistently ranked in the top one in the UK and ranks highly in student satisfaction surveys. Our teaching is delivered by a friendly academic community who are at the forefront of their fields of research. We have seven specialist research centres, including the Centre for Poverty and Social Justice and the Centre for Gender and Violence. Popular units include Education, Schooling and Diversity; Segregation and Inequality in the UK; and Gender, Conflict, Migration and Human Rights.

Politics and International Relations
There has never been more need for innovative and relevant social political science. Here you can engage with the practical and theoretical implications of politics as well as exploring more abstract issues such as the nature of power and justice. We host regular events and activities, and there are several politics oriented societies which Study Abroad students are more than welcome to join. Popular units include NGO Development and Practice; Democracy and US Government; Europe in Crisis: Global, Regional and Domestic Perspectives.

Sociology
In this department you’ll find classes focusing on a range of topics such as the media, religion, political participation, marriage, family and interpersonal relationships, all taught by our world-class academics, prominent sociologists and political scientists. We pride ourselves on our vibrant, engaged environment where Study Abroad students are encouraged and supported. Popular units include Key Social Thinkers, Social Identities and Divisions, and Feminist Politics.
Consistently at the top of UK rankings, the Faculty of Engineering at Bristol has been a leading light in the UK for decades. At Bristol, academic risk-taking is not only allowed, it is positively welcomed and this approach has allowed our engineering students to flourish. We encourage our students to challenge existing practice, which nurtures a culture of enterprise, providing you with the opportunity to develop and succeed in your future studies and career.

Aerospace Engineering
The City of Bristol is at the centre of a large regional and national aerospace industry, which provides numerous partnerships between the University and international aerospace companies, including Airbus and Rolls-Royce. Studying aerospace at Bristol means studying at one of the top departments in the UK where you will receive excellent instruction from those doing exciting research in the field. Popular units include Computational Aerodynamics, Aerelasticity, and Space Systems, while advanced composites and dynamics make up some of our research focius.

Civil Engineering
Long-term sustainability is at the heart of the course at Bristol with particular teaching and research focuses on earthquake and geotechnical engineering, water and environmental management, and infrastructure systems and design. We’re proud of our creative and cooperative work with the natural world, working to deliver a sustainable constructed environment to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations. Popular units include Systems and Technologies for Smart Cities, and Sustainable Construction.

Mechanical Engineering
Our Department of Mechanical Engineering is recognised as one of the foremost centres of education and research in the UK, placing us in the top percentile of mechanical engineering departments nationally for teaching standards. We are a leading centre of excellence for mechanical engineering in the UK and internationally. Some research areas which guide our teaching include robotics, solid mechanics and non-destructive testing. Popular units include Product Design and Heat Transfer.

Electrical Engineering
Our department is an active and successful centre of excellence in teaching and research, with in-depth specialisation in advanced communications technologies and electrical energy management. With extensive interdisciplinary links in areas from mathematics to medicine, research and study topics in electrical engineering are diverse. Our researchers have been at the forefront of work on 5G technology and have set world records in the field. Popular units include Lines and Waves and Digital Systems.

Computer Science
Bristol is a hub for the IT and creative industries in the UK and our Department of Computer Science is directly involved in groundbreaking work. We offer a diverse range of courses and students experience our research expertise first-hand, working with staff whose interests include quantum computing, microprocessor design, biological computing and wearable computers. Popular units include Human-Computer Interaction and Character and Set Design.

Engineering Mathematics
We are unique in the UK as the only mathematics department based in an engineering faculty, which gives us unparalleled access to a wide range of courses and research that focuses on real-world application. Students tend to mix classes in our department with classes elsewhere in the University to create a tailor-made programme to meet their needs. Popular units include Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos, and Mathematical and Data Modelling.

I looked at many study abroad programmes in the UK and chose Bristol because of its flexible programme. My degree back home is aeronautical engineering but it also has a mechanical engineering component and I managed to fit classes in both subjects into my timetable. I’m interested in current affairs too, and was able to take a class about globalisation in the School of Economics. I also liked the idea of being in a medium-sized city rather than a huge place because I figured it might be easier to ‘belong’ and to get to know people. This was true in my case – I made some good friends, not just other exchange students but also some Brits who were my flatmates. I have learnt a lot this year.

Felipe, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
Innovation and creativity lie at the heart of science and at Bristol we seek to instill this spirit and excite our students through the broad range of courses we offer. Bristol’s reputation means we attract outstanding academic talent at all levels and can offer exciting study opportunities. In teaching and research, Bristol offers a potent combination of world-class people and outstanding facilities. Our strengths in core subject areas fosters a strong interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research, making Bristol one of the leading universities in the UK.

### Biological Sciences

As a Study Abroad student, you’ll study in our new £56 million Life Sciences building, located in the centre of the campus. Research themes drive much of the highly rated teaching, for example molecular biology is taught by one of the leaders of the multi-million pound UK wheat genome project. Study Abroad students frequently mix their classes in biology with other related areas around the University such as in psychology and the biomedical sciences. Popular units include Evolutionary biology and Social Evolution: Genes to Societies.

### Chemistry

At Bristol, we know that chemistry is an exciting, evolving, core science, central to the quality of modern life. Its health is dependent on a vibrant, scientific education sector able to progress and develop the subject. With this in mind we are proud of our professional standard teaching labs Bristol ChemLabS, providing students with hands-on practice, replicating real world solutions. Popular units include Big Ideas in Science and Chemistry for Life Scientists.

### Earth Sciences

Located in the iconic Wills Memorial Building, boasting some of the best laboratories in the UK and a prolific research output, Bristol’s School of Earth Sciences is an excellent place to learn and grow as a scholar. Our professors are world-renowned leaders in volcanology, palaeobiology, experimental petrology and seismology. You will study in a friendly and vibrant department on a course that is consistently ranked as one of the top Earth sciences degrees in the country. Popular units include Oceanography and Imaging and Mapping the Earth.

### Experimental Psychology

Psychology at Bristol is considered a science — and with good reason: current teaching and research focuses on developmental, social, cognitive and biological psychology, neuropsychology and vision science. Our programme entails more laboratory work than you might be used to but most Study Abroad students rave about the unique experience of studying psychology from a research angle. This has applications in areas including memory, addiction and neurological disease. Popular units include Neuropsychiatry and Nutrition and Behaviour.

### Geographical Sciences

Bristol is unique in that we combine both human and physical geography. Our high ranking in the subject attests to the innovative nature of the courses offered in geography, which can relate to a variety of fields, from politics and sociology to engineering. We have strong links with the Cabot Institute (a cross disciplinary research organisation) which brings together world-class expertise to tackle the challenges of urgent environmental change. Popular units include Migration and Development, and Sea Level Past, Present and Future.

### Mathematics

Mathematics is a vitally important discipline that is central to addressing some of the most pressing social issues, from climate change to healthcare. With increasing quantification and digitisation of the world maths is set to become ever more important. This school has staff from all over the world, which means that students have access to some of the best brains in mathematics and statistics. Popular units include Logic and Number Theory.

### Physics

Bristol’s School of Physics is well placed to address the challenges of the future, with teaching and research focusing on the newly emerging areas of nanotechnology, optoelectronics, high temperature superconductors, smart materials, quantum information, e-science and revolutionary instrumentation for probing biological systems at the molecular scale. Popular units include Galaxies and the Universe, Nuclear Particle Physics, and Communicating Science
Few universities contain a focused structure for research and education in both human and animal biomedical and clinical sciences. The Faculty of Biomedical Sciences is a unique environment in which our academic and student communities thrive. Much of Bristol’s world-leading research is carried out at our biomedical science teaching labs. Our teaching is focused on helping you develop your expertise and confidence through lectures, labs, group projects, clinical activities, and our award-winning online resource, eBiolabs.

**Biochemistry**
Our research into processes that underpin human health and disease directly informs what we teach at undergraduate level. As a Study Abroad student, you benefit directly from being taught by researchers doing innovative work in synthetic biology, dynamic molecular cell biology and biomolecular structure and mechanisms. Popular units include Recombinant DNA Technology and Gene Expression and Rearrangement.

**Cellular and Molecular Medicine**
Our cellular and molecular medicine course aims to teach students how to become successful scientists and to undertake world-class research focused on turning science into medicine. We strive to ensure direct alignment of our teaching and research expertise, specialising in cancer biology, infection and immunity and regenerative medicine/ stem cell biology. Popular units include Frontiers in Infectious Diseases and Regenerative Medicine.

**Neuroscience**
Bristol is home to many internationally recognised research groups studying various aspects of neuroscience, including memory and learning, sensory processing and motor control. Our research focus drives our innovative teaching methods, which are often project-based, as well as traditional lectures. Our varied teaching labs are run in state-of-the-art dissection facilities and can include sessions with high-fidelity Human Patient Simulators. Popular units include Neuroscience of Pain and New Horizons in Medicine.

**Pharmacology**
Pharmacology at Bristol is focused on the action of drugs in the nervous system, which are used to treat disorders such as epilepsy, schizophrenia and Alzheimer’s disease. Students experience the approaches used to design and develop new drugs by investigating the effects of substances on single cells, organs and the whole body. Popular units include Receptor Signalling and Non-Drug Therapies, and Pharmacology of the Nervous System.

**Physiology**
Physiology is an experimental scientific discipline and is of central importance in medicine and related health sciences. At Bristol, there is inter-disciplinary collaboration with both our psychology and philosophy degrees and Study Abroad students benefit directly from this cooperation and the many relevant classes in these two fields. Popular units include Let’s go with the flow: the urinary tract from beginning to end and The Future of Molecular Medicine.
Getting to Bristol

Bristol is located in the south-west of the United Kingdom about 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of London. The University campus is in the heart of the city and can be reached easily by public transport from our airport, train and bus stations.

By plane
We recommend arriving through Bristol airport, which is less than ten miles from the centre of the city. There are many scheduled flights to Bristol from numerous European cities and if you are flying in from North America or Asia, you can fly to Bristol via hubs like Amsterdam, Paris or Frankfurt.

Alternatively, if you decide to fly into one of the London airports then there is a direct coach (bus) service from Heathrow to Bristol or a train via Reading from Gatwick. You can also take the Heathrow Express or the Heathrow Connect train service to London Paddington and then take a direct train to Bristol.

By train
Bristol has two main train stations – Bristol Temple Meads and Bristol Parkway. We recommend arriving into Bristol Temple Meads, which is closer to the city centre and offers more public transport options.

From just outside Temple Meads, the number 8 and 9 buses run to the campus, leaving every ten minutes at busy times. There is a large taxi rank at Bristol Temple Meads, or it is easy to walk to the University. Walking will take about 30 to 40 minutes and involves a steep hill.