

University of Bristol Study Abroad (General pathway)
Fact Sheet 2023-24

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Academic Calendar (2023-24)	Autumn Semester: 18 September 2023 – 20 January 2024 Spring Semester: 17 January 2024 – 10 June 2024 Full term dates are listed on our website . See below additional dates for pre-sessional courses.

	<p>Pre-sessional English programme (forms part of STABEL):</p> <p><u>10-week course</u> Online course: 30 May to 11 August 2023 On-campus course: 7 June to 25 August 2023</p> <p><u>6-week course</u> Online course: 26 June to 11 August 2023 On-campus course: 5 July to 25 August 2023 Dates for the pre-sessional can be found on the website here.</p>
Study Abroad (General pathway) Programmes	<p>Study Abroad (General pathway) If the exchange agreement between our two institutions is university-wide, your students will be nominated under the Study Abroad (General pathway) programme. Students on this pathway can choose units from across the University to create a personalised academic programme, including combining units from different Faculties.</p> <p>If your students are direct-enrol (fee-paying) students, they can choose to join either the Study Abroad (General pathway) programme, which will give them the most flexibility when it comes to their unit choices, or they can apply to our Study Abroad (Subject pathway) programme if they want to focus on just one core academic area at Bristol. Please note that this is not offered in all subject areas. If you would like to receive further information about our Study Abroad (Subject pathway) programme, please contact the incoming team on global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk</p> <p>Study Abroad with English Language: STABEL (General pathway) For students who don't currently meet the English language requirements for the Study Abroad (General pathway) programme, STABEL combines Study Abroad with a pre-sessional English language course starting in June or July. This intensive English language course will prepare them for study in Bristol and lasts for six or ten weeks, depending on their current English language level. If they successfully complete the pre-sessional course, they will progress onto the Study Abroad (General pathway) programme in September. You can find out more about the pre-sessional courses on the website here https://bristol.ac.uk/academic-language/study/pre-sessional/ Student can choose an online or on-campus option for the pre-sessional programme. The teaching is the same for both options but the on-campus option gives students the chance to familiarise themselves with life on campus and get an introduction to living the UK before regular teaching begins in September.</p>

Nomination Deadlines	<p>STABEL (General pathway) Autumn semester/full year – 20 March 2023</p> <p>Study Abroad (General pathway) Autumn Semester/full year – 19 May 2023 Spring Semester – 6 October 2023</p> <p>Please send a list of nominated students to global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk including student name(s), student email address, duration of study and their major/main subject of study. We will follow up with information to the students (with the email from which they were nominated in cc) about how to apply.</p>
Application Deadlines	<p>STABEL (General pathway) 10-week programme: 26 March 2023 6-week programme: 2 April 2023</p> <p>Study Abroad (General pathway) Autumn Semester/full year – 28 May 2023 Spring Semester – 15 October 2023</p>
Academic requirements	<p>3.0 GPA (based on US 4.0 system) or equivalent Students must have completed at least one year of study at university level by the start of their Bristol studies. For 4-year degrees, we recommend at least 2 years of study. We have grade conversion in place for all partners who don't grade on the 4.0 GPA system. If you are unsure how the academic requirement is converted to the marking system at your institution, please contact us on global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk</p>
English language requirements	<p>IELTS 6.5 with no skill less than 6.0, or equivalent All incoming students, including year-long and single-semester students, are required to provide evidence that they meet our English Language requirements as part of their application. We cannot accept a letter of attestation for students confirming that they meet our English Language requirements, it must be in the form of one of the certificates listed on our language profile. A full list of accepted English language certificates for the 2023-24 academic year can be found on our Study Abroad Language Profile. Please note the length of validity of each accepted certificate as noted on the profile.</p>

	<p>If your institution fully teaches and assesses in English and can evidence that your English language entry requirements are equivalent to those required to come to Bristol, we may be able to put a Medium of Instruction letter in place for your students which would exempt them from the English language requirements. Please contact the incoming team on global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk for further information about this prior to nominating the students.</p> <p>Students who fall below our English language requirements may wish to consider the STABEL (Study Abroad with English language) programme. The English Language requirements for STABEL vary depending on the length of the pre-session course. We can only accept IELTS Academic for UKVI from authorised test centres for entry to the STABEL programme as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STABEL with 6-week pre-session course: IELTS Academic for UKVI 6.0 overall with 5.5 in all skills • STABEL with 10-week pre-session course: IELTS Academic for UKVI 5.5 overall with 5.0 in all skills <p>Please note that the STABEL programme has additional tuition fees for the pre-session course.</p>
Duration of study	<p>Students studying Chemistry or Law must apply for a full academic year as there are currently no semester-long units in these schools. We accept Study Abroad students both for semester-long and year-long exchanges in other schools and departments, however some have more year-long units than others (e.g. often in Science or Engineering subjects) so the students should check our Study Guides for further information. Study Guides are published on the Global Opportunities website with a list of available units shortly before the start of each application cycle.</p>
Restrictions for Study Abroad students	<p>Departments not open to Study Abroad students Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.</p> <p>Most postgraduate level units, except those within our Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science which form part of a 4-year integrated Masters programme. Masters students should only be nominated if they can take undergraduate units as part of their placement at Bristol and Undergraduate students are only permitted to take Masters level units where they have significant, relevant academic experience.</p> <p><i>The restrictions below are accurate as of November 2022 but further updates and any changes will be highlighted on our website.</i></p>

	<p>Engineering Please note that Computer Science units are only available at third and fourth year level and therefore are only suitable for students who have already completed 2 or 3 years of a Computer Science degree. If students wish to take units within Engineering, we strongly advise that they apply for a year-long placement as many of the units in these departments are taught over the full academic year.</p> <p>Psychological Science Psychology is taught as an experimental science rather than a social science at Bristol. Students taking Psychology units are generally required to have a strong background in Chemistry, Biology and Neuroscience.</p> <p>General guidance Study Guides will be published on the Global Opportunities website with a list of available units shortly after the start of each application cycle. Please note that unit choices cannot be guaranteed in advance and that unit registration for Study Abroad students will be finalised when they arrive in Bristol. Please also see below the guidance about unit levels and suitability for students.</p>
Unit levels and credits	<p>Undergraduate degrees in the UK are three-year programmes. Incoming Study Abroad students can choose units from all three years. For subjects that students haven't studied at their home institution, we recommend first-year units. Second-year units are most common for students taking their major/minor abroad, and third-year units are suitable for students in their major subject if they are close to graduation. Second and third year units may be subject to pre-requisite checks with the academic department at the start of the semester.</p> <p>A full credit load at Bristol is 60 credits (30 ECTS) per semester or 120 credits (60 ECTS) for a full academic year. Students cannot exceed this credit load and must take a minimum of 50 Bristol credits per semester (100 per year) to be considered a full-time student and to meet the conditions of their visa. Student must engage with classes and assessments for all units regardless of which units they plan to transfer for credit at their home university.</p>

Supporting documents required to be submitted with application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application form (signed by the student) • Official academic transcript (electronic copy/scanned copy) in English • Evidence of English language proficiency • A clear, colour copy of passport personal information page <p>The application pages of our website are updated in February each year after we have welcomed our January entry students. Please advise students that submitting the online application alone is not considered a complete application. All supporting documents must be submitted via email by the application deadline.</p>
Visa Information	<p>Non-UK/Irish passport holders coming for more than 6 months must apply for a Student visa. Students coming for less than 6 months must obtain a Standard Visitor visa. Some nationalities can obtain a Standard Visitor visa at the border and others must apply in advance. More information is available on our website and further guidance is sent to students after they have accepted their offer.</p> <p>Please ensure that students have a valid passport at the point of application or are due to receive one very soon if they have applied for a new/renewed passport.</p>
Accommodation	<p>September entry</p> <p>Exchange students from institutions outside of Europe and all non-exchange students are guaranteed an offer of a place in University accommodation, if they apply by the deadline. Exchange students from institutions within Europe are not guaranteed an offer but are still welcome to apply and are given support to find private accommodation.</p> <p>January entry</p> <p>Non-exchange students are guaranteed an offer of a place in University accommodation, if they apply by the deadline. We cannot offer an accommodation guarantee to exchange students, but we make every effort to place as many students as possible in a University residence or help them find private accommodation. Accommodation costs vary. More information can be found on our website.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <p>If students are successful in their application for University accommodation, they are typically given a 48-hour window to accept their offer and must do so within this timeframe to secure their accommodation. If they do not accept their offer by the deadline, the offer of accommodation will be withdrawn and they are unlikely to be able to reapply.</p>

Health and Insurance	<p>Students studying with us for less than six months on a Standard visitor visa will not be covered by the National Health Service (NHS) and should therefore make sure that they obtain adequate medical insurance that covers them while they are abroad. Students studying with us for a full academic year travelling on a Student visa, and those with a valid UK/Irish passport, will be covered by the National Health Service and therefore do not require medical insurance but will still need to take out travel insurance for flights etc. and contents insurance for their belongings. Student visa holders pay the NHS surcharge as part of their visa application. Please note that the University is not able to make recommendations about insurance providers.</p> <p>https://www.bristol.ac.uk/students-health/international-students/</p>
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