University of BRISTOL

Study abroad at Bristol 2018/19

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

Katy, University of Oregon

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AUTUMN SEMESTER 2018/19
Arrival from 21 Sep
Welcome Week 24 to 28 Sep
Orientation and Welcome Party 24 Sep
Teaching 1 Oct to 21 Dec
Exam period* 11 to 24 Jan

SPRING SEMESTER 2018/19
Arrival from 16 Jan
Orientation and Welcome Party 17 Jan
Teaching 25 Jan to 18 Apr
Spring holidays 19 Apr to 10 May
Exam period 20 May to 7 Jun

*Students may be able to arrange alternative assessment if they need to return to their home university in early January.

1st
The Sunday Times
'Best Places to Live' 2017

Top 5
for research in the UK[†]

Top 10
UK university in QS
World Rankings 2018

150+
partner universities
worldwide

1,000
years of city history
to explore

[†] Research Excellence
Framework (REF) 2014

Why students love Bristol

1 A city alive with masterpieces

In the hometown of Banksy, urban art hides around every corner.

2 Europe's longest street of independent shops

Gloucester Road is full of vintage boutiques and thrift stores.

3 Secret bars around the city

Look for a bowler hat, a hidden phonebox or a neon light and knock to enter.

4 Bristol loves film and theatre

From 11-seat cinemas to multiplexes and emerging theatre to major production venues, Bristol is an epicentre for performance.

5 Waterfront venues

Bristol's music scene suits all tastes, from club nights in a converted ship to jazz bars and indie venues.

Your second home

Named among the top five best cities to visit worldwide by Rough Guides*, Bristol is a cultural capital that will quickly feel like home.

Best of both worlds
You will fall in love with Bristol. Situated in south-west England, just 90 minutes from London, it offers over 1,000 years of history to explore. A thriving urban centre, Bristol is also packed with green spaces, and the countryside and coast are easy to reach by bus, bike or car.

Get involved: 300+ clubs
Joining a club is a great way to meet new people while you're here. Study Abroad students often say taking part really helps them settle in and make friends. With over 300 clubs and societies, including 60+ sports groups, most students join a few at the beginning of term.

Almost every interest is catered for, from a capella singing and American football to skydiving and soccer. Many of the sports clubs organise discounted student trips away during University vacations. Recent excursions include mountain biking in the Alps and sailing in Croatia.

bristolsu.org.uk/groups

*Rough Guides 2017

1st
UK's best place to live, Sunday Times 2017

City life

By day

Sport
The University is home to a fully equipped sports centre, swimming pool and specialist complex complete with Olympic weights area. If you enjoy a little friendly competition, get a team together and join our intramural leagues for soccer, badminton, basketball, netball or hockey.

bristol.ac.uk/sport

Shopping
Bristol is a great destination for shopping. Whether you want a traditional bookshop, a continental Christmas market or something unique from one of our many independent shops, all budgets and tastes are catered for.

Art
Historic exhibits and contemporary art sit side-by-side across the city. The Royal West of England Academy and Bristol Museum & Art Gallery host major exhibitions and are located next to the University, while contemporary works can be found at Arnolfini and Spike Island. Bristol also enjoys an international reputation for street art. Featuring major works by the likes of Banksy and Cosmo Sarson, neighbourhoods are alive with modern murals.

60+
sports clubs for all interests and skills

250
years and counting, Bristol Old Vic is the UK's longest-running theatre

By night

Food and drink
Bristol boasts hundreds of restaurants, pubs, bars and cafés, meeting all tastes and budgets. Whether you want to drink cocktails in teacups, dine out in a 400-year-old pub, or experience café culture and eat al fresco, Bristol is sure to deliver.

Music
The city is renowned for its diverse music scene. You can find a wealth of venues and genres from small reggae bars and rock clubs to classical concerts at the University's own Victoria Rooms.

Theatre and film
Bristol's stage productions are world-class. The newly refurbished Bristol Old Vic is the UK's longest-running and perhaps most beautiful theatre, while the Tobacco Factory Theatres offer modern adaptations in an intimate setting. Film lovers can see arthouse and foreign-language titles at Watershed independent cinema, or visit the Everyman to enjoy the latest release in a boutique venue.

Festivals
A European festival hotspot, Bristol hosts events all year round. Many offer free admission and are usually walking distance from the University. Lead attractions include music festivals such as Love Saves the Day; Pride; the International Balloon Fiesta; Comedy Garden; and Upfest – Europe's largest urban art gathering.

What's on

SEPTEMBER
ENCOUNTERS FILM FESTIVAL
The UK's leading short film and animation festival

OCTOBER
SIMPLE THINGS
Multi-venue festival of alternative music

NOVEMBER
ICE SKATING IN MILLENNIUM SQUARE
Enjoy a winter wonderland in the city centre

DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS MARKETS
Festive alpine markets, crafts and food

JANUARY
SLAPSTICK FESTIVAL
Multi-venue festival of comedy attracting international talent

FEBRUARY
CHINESE NEW YEAR
City-wide free events and performances

MARCH
VARSITY SERIES
Represent the University in soccer, basketball, rowing and more

APRIL
FESTIVAL OF IDEAS
Lecture series featuring famous minds

MAY
LOVE SAVES THE DAY
Major DJs and bands descend on the city

JUNE
FESTIVAL OF NATURE
The UK's largest festival of the natural world

'It's a very young city with students everywhere. It's very peaceful and easy to live here even though you're in the middle of the city.'
Chae, Seoul National University

Study options

Bristol offers a highly flexible and personalised Study Abroad experience. Make the most of your time here by creating a programme that works for you.

Flexible study
You can choose classes from across the University to direct your own academic programme. Take classes in your major or minor, or just those that interest you.

Tailored to you
We offer three different Study Abroad options.

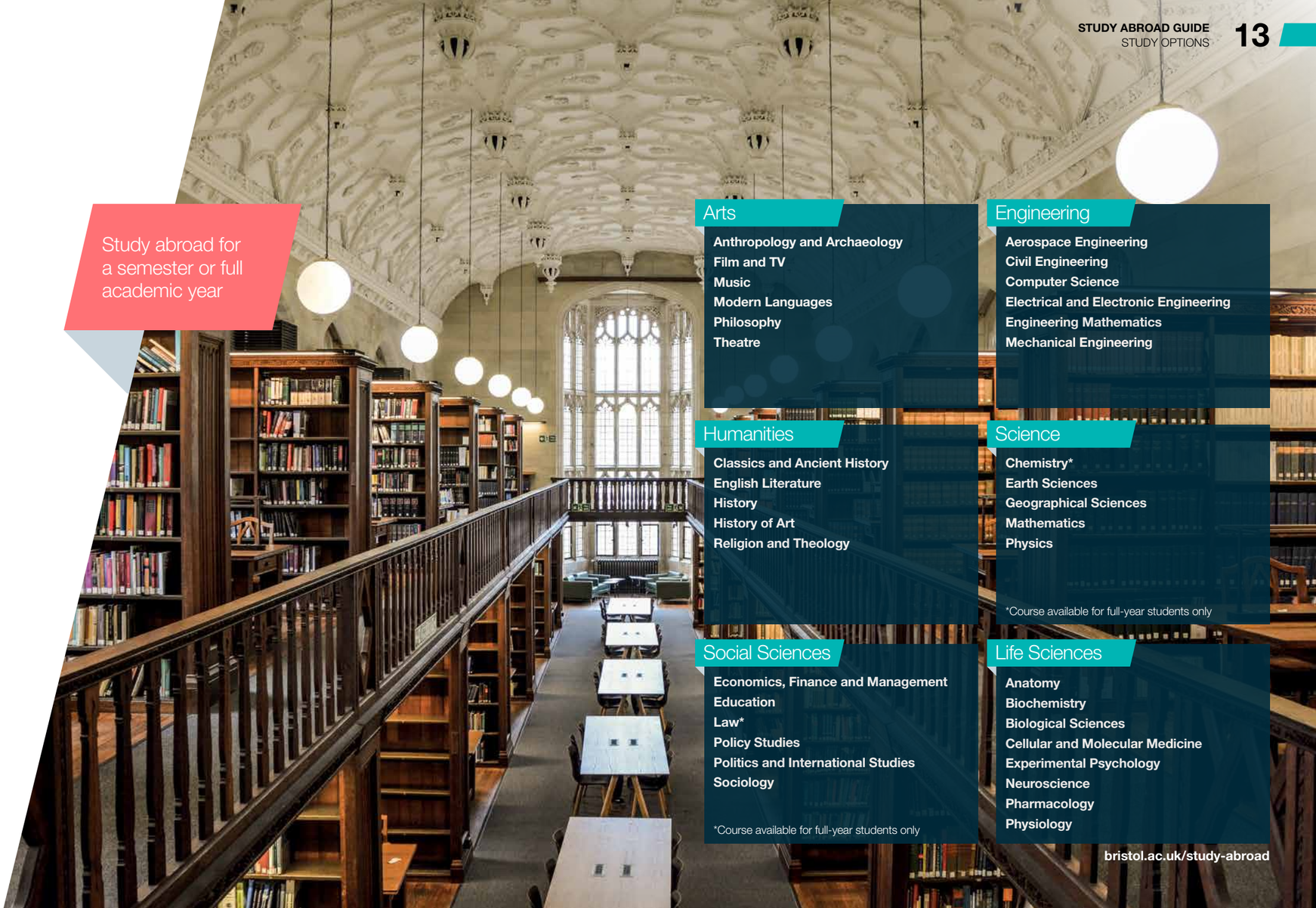
Study Abroad
The most common option for native English speakers and those who already meet our English language requirements is the standard Study Abroad programme. You can take this programme in the autumn or spring semester, or for the full academic year.

Bridge
If you need some English language support, our bridge option will be better suited. Integrating English language and cultural classes in the first part of your course, it is designed to bridge the gap to studying in the UK.

STABEL
Study Abroad with English Language (STABEL) allows you to join us even if your English requires some improvement. Beginning in June or July, this intensive summer language course prepares you to take our standard programme in the autumn semester or for the full academic year.

See p18 for our entry requirements.

Dedicated advice
Our dedicated Study Abroad team can give advice about our academic system and choosing classes, as well as any non-academic issues. Every academic department has a study abroad academic coordinator, with whom you can discuss your subjects, classes or assessments. All your professors will also be happy to help.



Study abroad for a semester or full academic year

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

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

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

Science
- Chemistry*
- Earth Sciences
- Geographical Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics

*Course available for full-year students only

Social Sciences
- Economics, Finance and Management
- Education
- Law*
- Policy Studies
- Politics and International Studies
- Sociology

*Course available for full-year students only

Life Sciences
- Anatomy
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Cellular and Molecular Medicine
- Experimental Psychology
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacology
- Physiology

Accommodation

We have a wide range of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Our Accommodation Office will help you find the perfect place to live.

A guaranteed home

Study Abroad students coming for a full year or the autumn semester are guaranteed a place in university-owned accommodation, if you apply by the deadline. For students starting in the spring semester, we make every effort to place you in a University residence, or help you find private accommodation.

Halls

University halls of residence are either catered, which includes a meal plan, or self-catered with full kitchen facilities. Most bedrooms are single, but you have the option to share. All rooms are furnished, with either an en suite or a shared bathroom.

Every residence provides free internet, 24-hour security and a team of pastoral support staff. Hall facilities vary but most have a common room, study rooms, launderette and bike storage, while some feature music rooms, bars and gardens.

Accommodation is available for students with disabilities or health needs, mature students, and those with special cultural or religious requirements – including some alcohol-free and single-sex options.

*Students coming for a full year or autumn semester who apply by the deadline are guaranteed university-owned accommodation.

Choosing where to live

Our student residences range in size from 40 to 740 students and are spread over three locations.

- Stoke Bishop is a lively student hub of six residences set in 65 acres, based two miles from campus. It houses our second sports complex and free buses run to the University all day and late into the night.
- Clifton is a student-friendly suburb within the city. Full of traditional architecture, it features shops, cafés, bars and green space. Our Clifton halls are 15 minutes' walk from campus.
- City centre accommodation is 10 to 20 minutes' walk from campus, surrounded by the bustle of city life.

Join a community

Staying in halls of residence can help you settle into UK university life. You'll be living with a mix of British undergraduates, international students and others on the Study Abroad programme.

Each residence has a student-run committee which organises social events such as concerts, theatre performances, summer balls and formal dinners. You can also get involved in sporting leagues and fitness classes.

Private accommodation

If you prefer to live outside of halls and rent privately, the Accommodation Office is available to help. This is easier for students coming for the full academic year, as most rental contracts are for a minimum of nine months. Bristol Students' Union provides a specialist letting service for students, and there are many other property providers across the city.

What will it cost?

Accommodation fees for our halls of residence vary according to location, facilities and room type, but all include internet, utility bills and a bus pass. Prices for single rooms typically vary from £109 to £197 per week.

Private rents vary according to your preferences. A room in a shared residential property usually costs between £80 and £110 per week, not including bills; commercial studio apartments will be more expensive.

Find out more at **bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-accommodation**.

'Everyone was so kind and welcoming here. The accommodation had everything you need to make you feel at home.'

Valentina, Universidad Catolica de Chile

Fees and funding

Tuition fees
If you come to Bristol through an exchange partner you do not need to pay tuition fees.

All other students will pay Study Abroad tuition fees.

2018/19 tuition fees
Standard and Bridge programmes

- Full year: £15,000
- One semester: £7,500

STABEL programme

- 6 weeks: £2,300 + tuition fee
- 10 weeks: £3,900 + tuition fee

Tuition fees can be paid once you arrive and full-year students can pay in instalments. You should check with your home Study Abroad office and/or programme provider regarding the payment of fees to the University of Bristol, or contact us if they are unable to help. Your home institution may have a special agreement with us or pay the fees on your behalf.

Tuition fee discount
We offer a 30 per cent tuition fee reduction if you meet any of the following:

- You study at a US public institution and are classed as in-state;
- You study at a US public institution and receive a Pell Grant;
- You study at an EU institution but are unable to come through the Erasmus+ programme.

2018/19 Tuition fees with discount:

- Full year: £10,500
- One semester: £5,250

Students from some countries may also be eligible for additional funding from their home country.

- Students from colleges or universities in the USA or Canada are eligible to apply for the BUTEX Scholarship.
- Students from Germany may be eligible to apply for funding from DAAD towards their study abroad costs.
- The University of Bristol is on the Norwegian Government's Lånekassen list of approved overseas institutions that can attract extra loans for students coming from Norway.

Cost of living
For information about typical living costs, see **bristol.ac.uk/living-expenses**.

*numbeo, March 2017

TYPICAL LIVING COSTS	
Accommodation	£80-£197 per week
Food	£1,200 per year for self-catered accommodation (two daily meals included in catered rent)
Utilities (electricity, gas, internet, insurance, water)	£0 for University accommodation; £500-£700 per year in private accommodation
Clothes and toiletries	£700 per year
Entertainment and sports	£1,500 per year: includes sports pass, entertainment, additional activities and travel costs

'This has been one of the best semesters of my life.'

Juan, University of Rochester

How to apply

Our simple online form makes it easy to apply for our Study Abroad programme.

Step 1
Complete our application form at **bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-apply**.

Step 2
Print and sign your completed application and obtain a signature from an academic advisor or study abroad advisor from your home university.

Step 3
Email your signed application form, along with copies of your transcript from your home university, the photo page of your passport and any English language tests required, to **global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk**.

Entry requirements
Academic requirements

- You should have completed at least one year of university.
- You should have a strong 'B' average or a GPA of 3.0 or above. If you don't quite meet this requirement, we may still consider your application.

English language level
If English is not your first language or not the teaching language at your university, then we will ask for proof of your English level. English requirements are as follows:

- Study Abroad standard programme – from IELTS 6.5 or equivalent, depending on your unit choices.
- Study Abroad Bridge – IELTS 6.0 or equivalent.
- STABEL – from IELTS 5.5 or equivalent, depending on your unit choices. Apply at **bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-stabel**.

For full details, go to **bristol.ac.uk/study-abroad-apply**.

Visas
If you are from outside the EU/EEA you will require a visa to study in the UK. You will usually need a Short-term study visa to study for one semester, or a Tier 4 (General) student visa for the full year. Our International Student Visa Advice and Compliance Team will support you at every stage before you arrive and while you're with us.

Location

Bristol is a vibrant city just 100 miles from London. Surrounded by UNESCO World Heritage Sites and spectacular countryside, from here you can explore all of the UK and fly direct to over 100 European destinations.

London
1h 40m
from £10 each way

Edinburgh
6h
1h 10m
from £70 return

Dublin
1h 15m
from £30 return

Paris
1h 15m
from £75 return

Amsterdam
1h 15m
from £64 return

Madrid
2h 20m
from £65 return

Rome
2h 35m
from £80 return

*Costs as of July 2017

Explore nearby attractions

1 Bath
A UNESCO World Heritage site featuring historic Roman architecture and thermae baths.

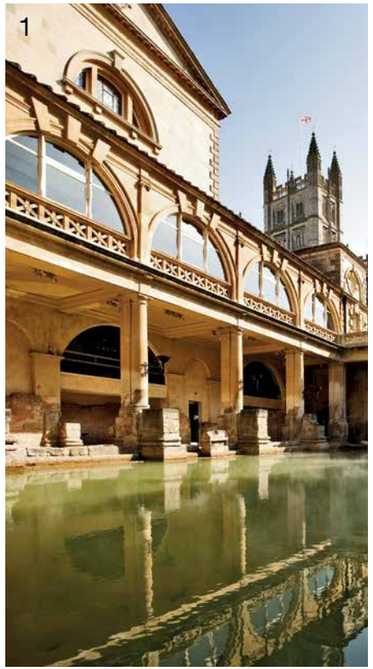
2 Surfing
Coastline surrounds the Bristol area, with several famous beach breaks only a drive away.

3 Stonehenge
Built around 5,000 years ago, the stone circle is a unique prehistoric monument and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

4 Glastonbury Festival
The world's biggest greenfield festival, Glastonbury attracts hundreds of international bands and artists each year.

5 Cardiff castle
Explore Roman ruins and fairytale towers at Wales' impressive 11th-century castle.

6 Stratford-upon-Avon
Shakespeare's birthplace, home to the RSC theatre company and 800 years of history.



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