



## WHY STUDY IN THE UK?

From our world-recognised institutions to our innovative approach to teaching and the leading minds who deliver it, we have what you need to reach your potential.

### Access world-leading research

The UK is a global powerhouse of science and research.

We are ranked second in the world for science and research and 54 per cent of our output is world-leading. Our field-weighted citation impact is higher than the US, Canada, Germany, Japan and Brazil, so when you study here you can be sure you'll be working alongside some of the best minds - and using some of the best technology - in the world.

### UK education opens doors

The QS global survey of graduate employers consistently shows that UK degrees are highly valued worldwide, with UK universities topping the QS employer reputation ranking.

As one of the world's top five countries for industry-university collaboration, you can also access practical work-placements designed to help you hit the ground running in the real-world. From volunteering opportunities to internships and university societies, you are guaranteed to leave with a competitive edge.

### A higher standard of education

The UK's academic reputation is world-renowned.

UK universities have featured strongly in world rankings ever since they began. In 2018 the Times Higher Education World Rankings honoured us with three of the world's top ten universities, including the top two. This high quality can be found right across the country, with seven of the

top 50, and 32 of the top 200 universities found here in the UK.

The UK's 162 higher education institutions are all held to strict standards by the government, so you know you are getting the best teaching, support and resources available.

A full list of 'recognised bodies' - universities and colleges that can award degrees - is published every year. The Register of Regulated Qualifications ([register.ofqual.gov.uk](http://register.ofqual.gov.uk)) contains details of Recognised Awarding Organisations and Regulated Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. For Scottish qualifications, please visit the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework website ([scqf.org.uk](http://scqf.org.uk)).

### Short, flexible courses

Our educational system doesn't just immerse you in your chosen subject - it's designed to help you to think differently. Throughout your studies you will be encouraged to ask questions, debate your teachers and fellow students, and come up with your own ideas through a blend of practical learning, lectures and seminars and innovative, high-tech teaching.

Postgraduate courses in the UK are shorter than both the US and Australia, with many MBA courses taking just one year, so you get better value for money and can begin applying your knowledge in the real world a lot sooner.

## SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

The UK has one of the most diverse subject offerings available anywhere in the world.

Explore some of the subjects most popular with our international students:

[study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/  
subject-highlights](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/subject-highlights)

# UK STUDY OPTIONS

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

## Undergraduate study

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, Certificate of Higher Education

**Did you know you can gain a UK higher education qualification in your own country?**

There are various transnational education (TNE) options for your consideration, including online courses, articulation pathways, and joint degrees.

Contact your local British Council office for more information.

## Postgraduate study

UK postgraduate course types include:

- Master's degrees: MA (Master of Arts), MSc (Master of Science), a range of subject-specific qualifications including MEng (Master of Engineering), MFA (Master of Fine Arts), LL.M (Master of Laws), MArch (Master of Architecture), and more, and MPhil (Master of Philosophy) which is 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.

- MBA courses
- PhDs or doctorates
- Postgraduate diplomas and qualifications: Usually shorter than a master's and you won't have to do a thesis or dissertation
- Professional and vocational qualifications: Most awards involve practical training.

To find out more course information and other UK study options, such as foundation pathway courses, boarding schools, and English language learning courses, visit:

[study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/find-course](https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/find-course)



# HOW TO APPLY?

## Undergraduate study

Applying for an undergraduate degree in the UK is very simple. You don't need to get in touch with lots of universities - you can apply for up to five courses at once through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS, [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)) for a small administration fee and UCAS handles everything else. You will be contacted by UCAS with any offers from your chosen universities or colleges.

### Application deadlines

October	For courses at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/ science and dentistry
15 January	"On time" deadline for most undergraduate courses
March	For some art and design courses
30 June	Late deadline for most undergraduate courses. Applications received after this deadline will automatically go into "clearing", so you will not be guaranteed your first choice.

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

With over 160 universities and colleges and limitless courses and study options on offer, you can make your UK education experience as unique as you are!

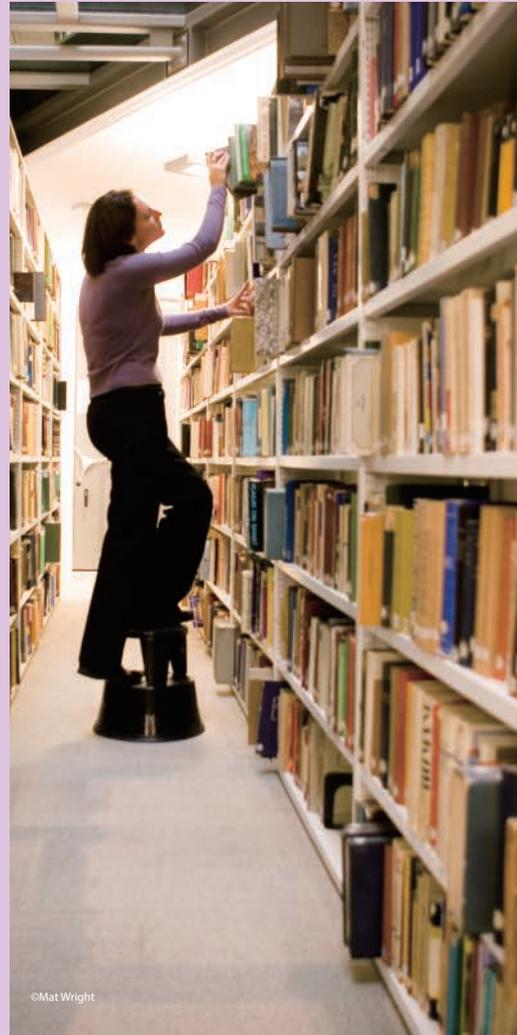
Use **University Finder** to find out detailed institution information that you need!

[study-uk.britishcouncil.org/find-university](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/find-university)

## Postgraduate study

Many UK universities handle their own postgraduate applications and you can often apply directly through their websites. You can check the course information for instructions on entry requirements and how to apply.

Many postgraduate courses do not have a fixed application deadline. However, it is always best to apply early to make sure you have the best chance of being accepted.



## COSTS

Studying in the UK is good value for money – costs here are lower than in both the USA and Australia. According to research by HSBC, the average annual costs for international students, including course fees, accommodation and all other costs, are approximately:

- o \$30,325 (£23,533) in the UK
- o \$35,705 (£27,708) in the USA
- o \$38,516 (£29,890) in Australia

Use the UKCISA international student budget calculator ([international.studentcalculator.org](http://international.studentcalculator.org)) to help you plan your budget.

## 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.

### Global scholarships

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

- Chevening Award: Postgraduate scholarships from the UK government aimed at students with potential as future leaders  
[www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org)
- Commonwealth Scholarship 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.dfid.gov.uk/apply](http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply)

### Country-specific scholarships and funding

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

For more information, please visit: [study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/scholarships-financial-support](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/scholarships-financial-support)

## STUDENT VISAS

If you are 16 or over and want to study at higher education level, you'll need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa.

### How to apply for a student visa?

#### Check

You will need:

- A confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference number from your university or college.
- Evidence you can pay for your course and living costs.
- Original education certificates.

#### Apply

- Apply, pay and book your visa appointment online.
- Submit your application at the Visa Application Centre (VAC) along with your supporting documents
- Your fingerprints will be taken at the VAC and you may need to sit a video interview.

### How long will it take to get my visa?

UK Visas & Immigration 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 3 months before you intend to travel.

If you need a visa quickly, you may use the Priority Service.

For further information on Tier 4 student visas, or information about other visa categories, please visit [www.gov.uk/visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration).



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## USEFUL LINKS

### General:

- Study UK website: [study-uk.britishcouncil.org](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org)
- Study UK Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StudyUK.BritishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/StudyUK.BritishCouncil)
- University finder: [study-uk.britishcouncil.org/find-university](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/find-university)
- Subject highlights: [study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/subject-highlights](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/subject-highlights)
- Sign up to Study UK newsletter: [study-uk.britishcouncil.org/newsletter](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/newsletter)

### Scholarships:

[study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/scholarships-financial-support](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/options/scholarships-financial-support)

### Advice and support:

[study-uk.britishcouncil.org/planning/advice-support](http://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/planning/advice-support)

### Student visas:

- For information and guidance: [www.gov.uk/visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration)
- For Visa Application Centre (VAC) information: [www.vfsglobal.co.uk/en](http://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/en)

### Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS):

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

**Unistats:** The official website for comparing UK higher education course data  
[unistats.ac.uk](http://unistats.ac.uk)

**Association of Colleges:** A map of colleges in the UK

[www.aoc.co.uk/about-colleges/map](http://www.aoc.co.uk/about-colleges/map)

**Prospects:** Postgraduate course search  
[www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study)