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of the  
West of  
England

# International Pathways Guide 2020–22

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PATHWAYS



# WELCOME

Follow your path to UWE Bristol, a careers-focused university committed to preparing you for life after graduation. With its outstanding teaching, impressive employability record, and high student satisfaction levels, UWE Bristol is an excellent choice for your future.

You can gain entry to a degree at UWE Bristol through a Kaplan pathway course on campus at UWE Bristol's International College. In this brochure, you'll learn everything you need to know about the University and how you can study there.

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### THE UNIVERSITY

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university](https://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university)

Explore your opportunities at UWE Bristol, what makes it such a great university, and the fantastic facilities you'll find on campus.

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### THE DESTINATION

[kaplanpathways.com/bristol-life](https://kaplanpathways.com/bristol-life)

Find out what it's like to live in Bristol, and what accommodation is on offer.

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### INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe](https://kaplanpathways.com/uwe)

Learn about how you can gain entry to a UWE Bristol degree, and the full preparation you'll receive on campus at the College.

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### NEXT STEPS

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-apply](https://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-apply)

Find information on how to apply, and how to start your path to university.



# MORE THAN A DEGREE

| a 360° experience

Be ready for  
the real world

## Get ahead with UWE Bristol

At UWE Bristol, the focus is on providing you with a 360° experience. That means that you'll gain more than a degree: you'll learn real-world skills, have access to meaningful work experience opportunities, and be encouraged to challenge yourself. All of this can help you stand out from the crowd when you graduate, and be one step ahead in the ever-more-competitive global job market.

Employability is at the heart of everything UWE Bristol does: its degrees are often designed in partnership with industry, so that what you learn is aligned with what employers are looking for from university graduates. You'll also have the opportunity to create valuable professional connections, thanks to the University's links with companies such as Airbus and L'Oréal. Wherever you want to go in the future, studying at UWE Bristol can set you on the right path.

Gaining the right knowledge and making connections is important. However, to really get ahead, you'll need to support what you know with real-life experiences. Through travel, volunteering, entrepreneurship, student societies and more, you can develop into a well-rounded person with stories that demonstrate all that you've learnt. As an international student at UWE Bristol, you'll be part of a supportive, inspirational and global community that will help you follow your path to becoming who you want to be.

Hon Manh from Vietnam

Eddie from Ecuador





# 5 REASONS to choose UWE Bristol

## TOP 10

in the UK for student experience  
Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020

## GOLD AWARD

for teaching  
Teaching Excellence Framework

## TOP 30

in the UK overall  
Guardian University Guide 2020

## 94%

of international first-degree graduates are  
in employment or further study six months  
after graduation  
Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2018

## TOP 15

in the UK for teaching quality  
Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020





# YOUR LIFE ON CAMPUS

**At UWE Bristol, you get the best of two worlds: the freedom and excitement of living in a big city, and the safety and support of a campus community. The University has three campuses in and around Bristol: Frenchay, Glenside and City. Learn more about each of them, and get a taste of what life is like at UWE Bristol.**

## UWE Bristol's campuses

### Frenchay Campus

This is the University's main campus, and it's based in Frenchay, just four miles from Bristol city centre. Here you will find most of the University's students, as well as the £55 million Bristol Business and Law School and the West of England University Enterprise Zone (UEZ), which is one of only four in the country.

As part of UEZ, you'll find Future Space — a dynamic new workspace for innovative start-ups and small and medium-sized businesses, specialising in science and high-tech areas.

## LIFE OUTSIDE YOUR STUDIES

You can find so much to do at UWE Bristol. Whether you want to join a sports club, find a faith or culture group, develop your musical talents, or simply relax with friends, you can make the most of your student experience on campus here.

- 160+ sports clubs, societies and networks.
- Centre for Music.
- Centre for Sport.
- Community Hub.
- Cinema.
- Cafés, bars and shops.

### City Campus

City Campus is the creative and cultural industries campus, and it spans the city with studios at Bower Ashton, Spike Island, the Arncliffe Gallery, and Watershed. Arncliffe and Watershed are internationally renowned contemporary Art and Design centres, and Bower Ashton is the main hub of the campus.

### Glenside Campus

This campus is located in the picturesque area of Fishponds, just three miles north-east of the city, and it is home to most of UWE Bristol's Allied Health, Nursing and Midwifery students. You'll also find the Crime Scene house here, a specially modified 'house' that mimics a crime scene and is a fantastic facility for Forensic Science students.





# LIFE IN BRISTOL

## WELCOMING, CREATIVE, AND THRIVING

**UWE Bristol is located in Bristol, the largest city in the south-west of England. The city's vibrant yet laid-back atmosphere attracts people from all over the world, and its creative spirit means there is always something new and exciting to see.**

## A city you'll want to call home

Bristol is well known for being an inclusive city; its residents, called "Bristolians", are welcoming and friendly, and its cultural diversity helps to make it a very special place. With 91 languages spoken in Bristol, the city is a fascinating melting pot of people from around the world, who have decided to make the city their home, so you can enjoy student life in a truly multicultural community.

The city was the starting point for early voyages of exploration to the New World, and you can still see remnants of its maritime history at the Harbourside. This pioneering spirit lives on today: Bristol's economy is based on the creative media, electronics, and aerospace industries. In fact, the area is home to so many innovative high-tech and research companies, that it is referred to as "Silicon Gorge"!

This reputation as an international creative hub makes Bristol one of the UK's most exciting and dynamic cities. With street art on almost every corner, festivals throughout the year, modern museums and galleries, and fantastic performing arts venues, Bristol simply buzzes with energy and life. You will always find something to do here, and you'll find yourself continually inspired by the city's vibrant atmosphere.





# EXPLORE BRISTOL

## Top 5 things to do

**There is so much to do in Bristol that you'll never be bored. However you choose to explore Bristol, you are sure to fall in love with this unique city, and come to think of it as your second home.**

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### Enjoy the harbourside

With waterside restaurants and bars, Sunday markets, and watersports, the harbourside is a great spot to spend time. It can also give you the chance to relax and see the city from a different angle, if you take a ferry ride up and down the Floating Harbour.



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### See a festival or show

In Bristol, you can enjoy a different show each night of the week; take your pick of live music, theatre, comedy, and dance. There's also a festival for virtually everything! Why not take in the spectacular views at the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival?

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### Relax in the city's green spaces

Take a break and relax in one of Bristol's 400 parks and gardens. Some of the biggest parks in the city centre are Castle Park, Brandon Hill, Queen Square and Clifton Downs. They're perfect spots for hanging out with friends, studying, or people-watching.

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### Walk the Clifton Suspension Bridge

Stroll across this world-famous feat of engineering for amazing views of the Avon Gorge, and the city beyond. Other historic landmarks include the Cabot Tower; try climbing its spiral staircase to look out over the city from the top.

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### Visit the museums and galleries

From cutting-edge art to historical exhibits, Bristol's museums and galleries come in all shapes and sizes, showcasing wonderful art and fascinating history. You can also check out the city's famous street art: there are even guided tours dedicated to it.



# LIVING IN BRISTOL

It's important to feel safe and relaxed when you study abroad. Thankfully, this on-campus accommodation is comfortable, modern, and includes everything you need to enjoy your time as a pathway student. It's easy to book, too! You can reserve your room when you apply for your pathway course.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Private bedroom and private bathroom.
- All electricity, gas and water bills.
- WiFi.
- Shared kitchen and dining area.
- Comfortable lounge area.
- Entertainment facilities.
- Access to shared laundry room (usage charges apply).
- Student starter pack (bedding, cooking equipment and essentials).



Emily from Ecuador

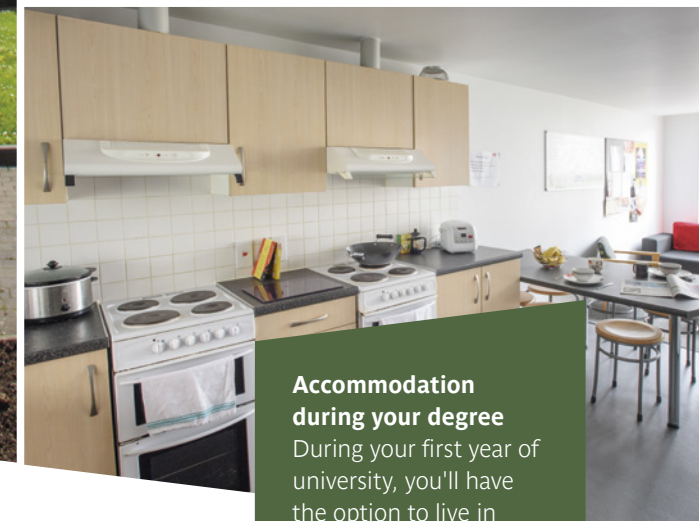
Precious from Nigeria



### Your accommodation Frenchay Student Village

Here, you'll be just a short walk from the International College. A cleaning service is available on request, and on-site 24/7 security staff will ensure your safety at all times.

Other accommodation options may be available in the city centre, depending on availability.



### Accommodation during your degree

During your first year of university, you'll have the option to live in UWE Bristol's student residences on the Frenchay and Glenside Campuses, or stay in private accommodation.





Mustapha from Nigeria

Farah from Oman

# INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Based on UWE Bristol's Frenchay campus, the International College is where you will study your pathway course. This course will help you to meet degree entry requirements and adjust to life at university.

## Take a pathway course

As an international student, you might need, or benefit from, a pathway course that prepares you for degree study in the UK. Sometimes a pathway course is necessary owing to differences in national education systems, or because you need to improve your academic or language qualifications to the required level to enter university in the UK.

You'll take your pathway course at UWE Bristol's International College, where expert staff will help you improve your English language level, academic skills, and subject knowledge. You'll have access to the University's facilities, and when you pass your course at the required level, and with good attendance, you'll be guaranteed entry to your degree.



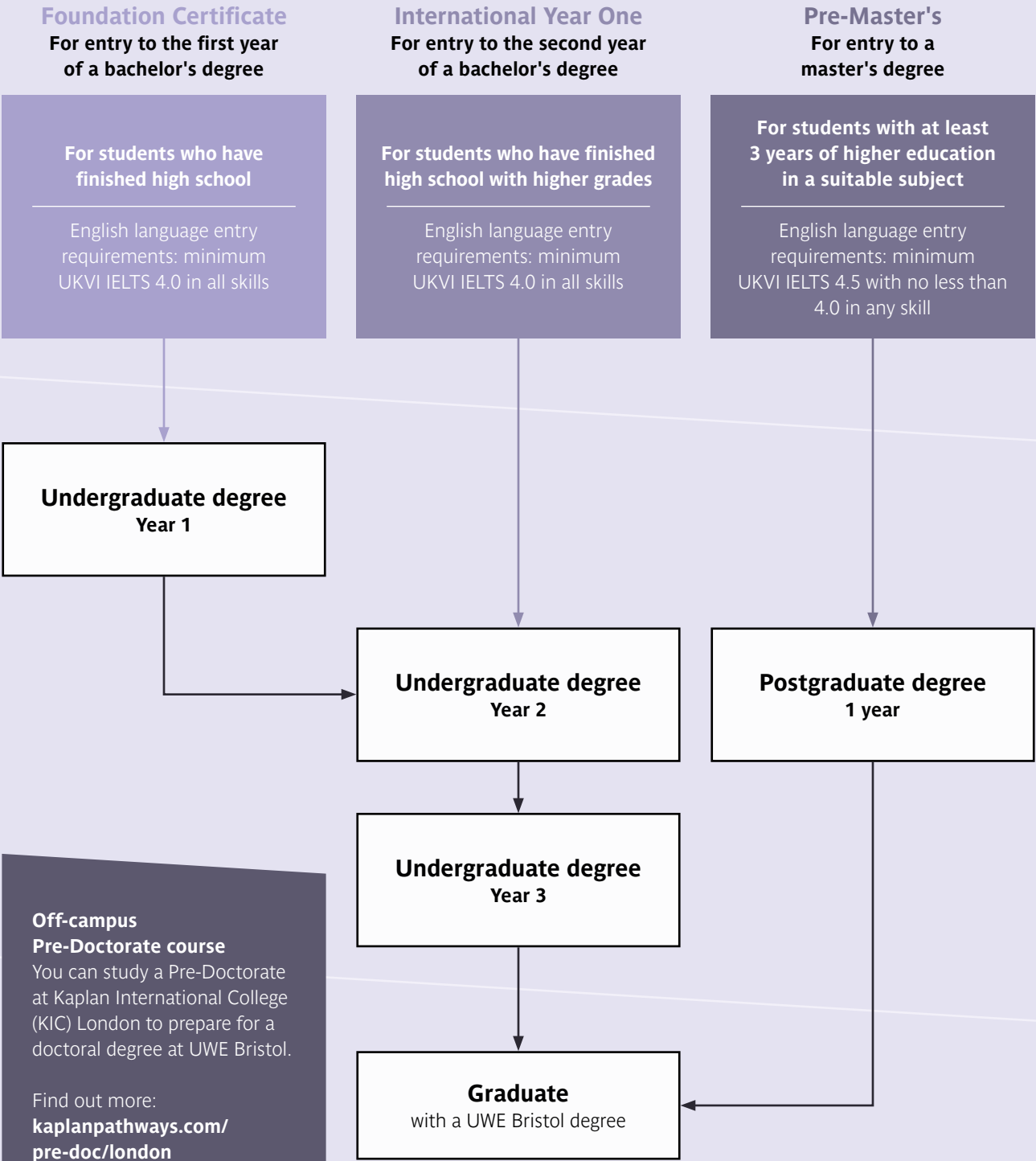
# WHAT CAN I STUDY AT THE COLLEGE?

There are several ways to start your path to UWE Bristol: a Foundation Certificate or International Year One will enable you to enrol on an undergraduate degree, and Pre-Master's will do the same for a postgraduate degree.



## Course details

Use the course [information booklet](#) online to explore the full range of pathway courses and degrees.





# LEARN YOUR WAY

**Experienced staff will empower you to make the most of your time at the International College. We value both your education and your experience of living in and exploring the UK, and want you to progress to university feeling confident and excited.**

## Be inspired

At the College, you'll enter a stimulating environment, with other people from around the world who are excited to learn. Your teachers will encourage you to think critically and to get involved in conversations and debates about complex topics, helping prepare you for university academic culture.

Throughout your course, you'll learn about the UK and what to expect on a degree, while also improving your subject knowledge, study skills, and English language. What you learn on your pathway course will prepare you for university, but also for life after graduation.

## Customised curriculum

Your pathway course has been specially designed for international students, so it will help you adjust to the UK education system. You'll study different modules based on your degree subject and career goals, and the course will typically include special projects which allow you to cover a topic that interests you.

Teaching support is tailored to each individual student, so you'll be able to learn at your own pace, and in your own way.



Anadil from Oman

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I love teaching at the International College, and it's so satisfying to see students grasping ideas and exploring their own. It's also great to see them go on to their university degree with confidence.

At the College, we tailor our teaching for different cultures to help make sure everyone can understand. This means the College is a great place for you to adjust to university life!"

## Ajay Sarda

Academic Director at  
UWE Bristol's International College



# STUDENT SUPPORT

**No matter which stage of your educational journey you're at, you can rely on our support. From the moment you apply, to when you progress to university and beyond, we'll be here for you.**

## Support from the start

When you study with Kaplan, you benefit from fantastic support. This support begins from the moment you get in touch: we'll give you guidance on the visa process, and send you a useful pre-arrival guide full of information about your upcoming study abroad experience. And, if you're under 18 years old, we can arrange the legal guardian you'll need during your studies for your well-being.

When you land in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and provide a transfer service. We'll make sure you're settled and comfortable when you arrive at your new home, with everything you need to feel ready for your studies and life in the UK!

## We're here for you

Your safety, well-being and happiness is extremely important to us. That's why we do everything we can to help you settle in. The first few days of term are Welcome Week, which will be a fun introduction to College life, the staff and your fellow students.

Throughout your time at the College, we'll organise social events, activities and day trips to help you make the most of your time here. We'll also help you set up a bank account, register with a doctor and make sure you have everything you need. And, if you ever want to discuss anything, our friendly support team will always be there for you!



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The Students' Union at UWE Bristol has many clubs and societies you can join. These are a great way to make friends, so why not get involved?

We want to make sure you're happy here in Bristol. That way you can focus on your studies and achieve your best!”

**Francesca Colangelo**  
Senior College Services Administrator



# HEAR FROM OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS

**You can get a great idea of what student life abroad is like from our Student Ambassadors. They've experienced it themselves, and can tell you what to expect!**

## Life as a student

The best way to see what life in the UK is like is to hear what those who have already made the journey have to say! Our Student Ambassadors have produced tons of exciting content, including articles and videos, to show you what it's like to live and study abroad. You could soon be following in their footsteps!

## Become a Student Ambassador

When you study at the International College, you'll also have the opportunity to join the Student Ambassador programme. Not only will you gain valuable skills and experience that will look good on your CV, you'll also be able to get exclusive rewards, including short stays at our UK residences and a free rail card.

Hear what student life is like from our Ambassadors:  
[kpln.org/ambassador](http://kpln.org/ambassador)

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I decided to become a Student Ambassador because I wanted to become more involved with daily life at the College. For me, it wasn't simply about being a leader — I wanted to learn from my peers as I set an example and hopefully inspired others.”

**Ruth from Kenya**  
Student Ambassador

Ruth from Kenya

# GO ONLINE

**If you want to read more about UWE Bristol, there's lots more to discover online! Below you can find a brief guide to where to go online for more useful information.**

## UWE BRISTOL

### About the University

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university](http://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university)

### Degree options at UWE Bristol

[kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/uwe](http://kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/uwe)

### UWE Bristol's website

[uwe.ac.uk](http://uwe.ac.uk)

## STUDYING ABROAD

### Student visa

[www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa)

### Student insurance

[kaplanpathways.com/insurance](http://kaplanpathways.com/insurance)

### College guardians for under-18s

[www.collegeguardians.co.uk](http://www.collegeguardians.co.uk)

### Information for parents

[kaplanpathways.com/parents](http://kaplanpathways.com/parents)

## INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

### About the International College

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe](http://kaplanpathways.com/uwe)

### Student accommodation

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-accommodation](http://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-accommodation)

### Student services at the College

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-support](http://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-support)

### Costs of studying abroad

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-fees](http://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-fees)

## FURTHER QUESTIONS?

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

[kpln.org/student-faq](http://kpln.org/student-faq)

### Get in touch

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-contact](http://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-contact)

### Meet us in your country or region

[kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country](http://kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country)



# MEET ANEL

Anel from Kazakhstan followed her path from UWE Bristol's International College to a Civil Engineering degree at UWE Bristol.

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A few years ago, I decided to take a pathway course at UWE Bristol's International College because I wanted to gain entry to an Engineering degree at UWE Bristol. I didn't meet the entry requirements to go straight into the University, so when I found the International Year One in Engineering course, I was really happy because it felt like the right choice for me. Studying this course meant that I could spend a year preparing for my degree, and then progress straight to the second year at university (provided I got the required grades).

I had such a great time at the College! All of the teachers were very helpful and really good at explaining what we were expected to do. The social aspect of life at the College was also really fun — I took part in various international days, I joined the Kazakh Society and I started doing Zumba.

Now, I'm at UWE Bristol and really enjoying being a university student. I've had the opportunity to do a work placement, which taught me a lot about the Engineering industry, and it also helped me to decide on my aspirations. In the future, I would love to gain as much experience as possible, so that I can build up a base of knowledge, and eventually create my own company.

This is my path so far.”

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I had such a great time at the College!





# APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying with Kaplan is quick and easy. Just choose your course using the digital course information booklet, follow the steps to the right, and we'll help you with the rest!

Ling from China

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## Submit your application form

We'll guide you through the entire application process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or apply via the link below.

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-apply](https://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-apply)

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## Receive an offer letter

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you. We'll send a decision within one working day.

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## Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study, or sending us your financial guarantee if you're a sponsored student. We can also confirm your accommodation at this point.

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## Obtain your student visa

To study at a UK university, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. We'll advise you on this important process, and send you the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.

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## Book your flight and begin your studies

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student!



# CHOOSE YOUR PATH

If you like what you've read about UWE Bristol so far, and want to know more, then you can either get in touch or use the course booklet to find the right path for you.

## Course information

You can use the course information booklet online to find out more about the courses available at the International College, as well as the degrees you can progress to. You'll also find tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module information inside, giving you everything you need to plan your studies.

## Contact us

[kaplanpathways.com/uwe-contact](https://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-contact)

Daud from Indonesia

Choi Mei from Hong Kong SAR



## Where is Bristol?



**Who's on the cover?** Waleed from Oman followed his path to UWE Bristol.

**Find out more:** [kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university](https://kaplanpathways.com/uwe-university)

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