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International **Pathways Guide** 2020-22





## Welcome

Study at the University of Liverpool, an elite university and a science and research powerhouse. You can gain entry to a degree at the University of Liverpool by taking a pathway course with Kaplan. You'll study your course on campus at the University of Liverpool International College.

## **The University**

## kaplanpathways.com/university-of-liverpool

Learn about the University of Liverpool's impressive past and bright future, and what you can find on its city-centre campus.

## The destination

## kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-life

Discover what life is like in the city of Liverpool, what you can do here and the kind of accommodation you'll be living in.

## **International College**

## kaplanpathways.com/liverpool

Find out what study options are available to you at the University of Liverpool International College, and how you'll be prepared for degree study.

## Next steps

## kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-apply

Read about the application process, and use the digital course information booklet to find your path to university. 10

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## The Original

The University of Liverpool was the original 'red brick' university, and its prestigious past is reflected in the present. It's a university with a fantastic reputation for research and science, and a Liverpool degree will undoubtedly take you far.

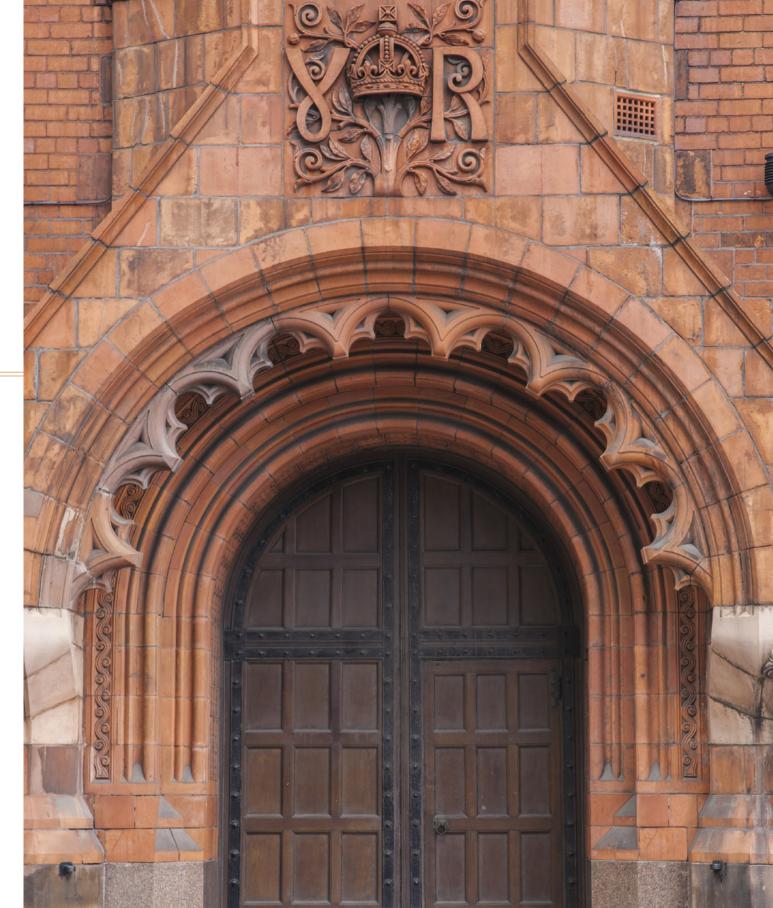
The UK has a number of prestigious red brick universities, but there is only one original: the University of Liverpool. In fact, the term 'red brick' was first used by a professor at Liverpool and is a reference to the University's Victoria Building.

But what is a red brick university? These institutions were founded in the 1800s to open up higher education to more of the public, and to provide a practical education for a quickly modernising workforce. That means that the University of Liverpool has been imparting knowledge for well over 100 years!

This idea of providing a public service has been at the core of the University's work ever since. Today, students come from all over the world to study at Liverpool, attracted by its fantastic reputation as an academic powerhouse, and its location in the fashionable and friendly city of Liverpool.

A big part of the University of Liverpool's success is down to its decades-long emphasis on research. With state-of-the-art facilities, and an incredible amount of expertise at hand, the University carries out impactful research across many disciplines. In fact, it has more than 2,000 active research staff across 3 faculties.

The University's influential research feeds directly into its teaching and degree programmes. This means, as a student, you'll benefit from being close to groundbreaking projects and teaching from people at the cutting edge of their fields. It's an exciting and innovative place to get an education, but what else would you expect from the original?





## Why choose Liver Do

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There are lots of things that make the University of Liverpool stand out from the crowd. Here are just a few reasons why you should choose Liverpool.

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Established *in* 1881



£1 billion to be invested in the University's campus







*Top 25* most-targeted UK university by employers



*Top 16* 



27,000

students, 8,000 of whom are from overseas



9 Nobel Prize winners

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## Global links

with businesses and universities around the world

## Your life on Cour life on

The University of Liverpool's campus has an excellent citycentre location, in Liverpool's Knowledge Quarter. You will benefit from superb facilities and resources, and everything the city of Liverpool has to offer will be right on your doorstep.

## **Knowledge Quarter**

Located right in the heart of Liverpool, the Knowledge Quarter is an area with a high density of academic, business and research institutions. The University of Liverpool is just one of these, meaning that you'll be studying in a truly inspiring environment, in a part of the city filled with education and learning.



## **Academic facilities**

You'll have access to truly excellent facilities at the University of Liverpool, including 2 main libraries: the Sydney Jones Library and the Harold Cohen Library. The University's libraries are open 24/7, and between them house 2 million books, as well as 94,000 electronic journals. The University of Liverpool has also invested heavily in ultra-modern equipment; it is home to state-of-the-art labs, and there are over 2,000 computers available across the campus.



## Social and lifestyle facilities

You'll have access to some great sports facilities, including 2 sports halls, 4 squash courts and even a 25-metre swimming pool. Off campus, the Wyncote Sports grounds includes 10 football pitches, 4 rugby pitches and floodlit 3G pitches. There are lots of shops, cafés and banks on campus too, plus a monthly outdoor food market and more than 200 student societies to join, covering everything from religion to competitive sports.

## The spirit of Liverpool

Diverse, fun and famously friendly, the city of Liverpool is one of the UK's most important cultural hubs, and its influence extends well beyond Britain's borders. You can expect a warm welcome when you study here.

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**Maria** from Colombia Liverpool is a city alive with culture, sport, history and music. There's a good reason for this: the city has been a hugely important port in the north of England for more than 200 years, giving it long-standing exposure to the wider world.

This history means that, over the years, Liverpool has become increasingly multicultural and incredibly welcoming. It was even called the 'New York of Europe' in the 19th century, thanks to its significance in global trade, and its acceptance of new arrivals.

Open-mindedness and diversity are reflected in Liverpool's vibrant arts scene, and the city is particularly famous for its music. Everyone knows about the Beatles, who are considered local heroes. But musicians from Liverpool have produced 56 UK number 1 singles, more than any other city in the world. No wonder Liverpool is a UNESCO City of Music.

## Sport plays a huge role in Liverpool's culture too, especially football.

It is the most successful footballing city in England, with Everton FC and Liverpool FC, 2 of the 'big 5' football clubs that founded the Premier League, having won dozens of titles. Other sports are deeply ingrained in Liverpool's identity too, and the city has a rich heritage of boxing and racing.

**Clearly, there is plenty to see and do in Liverpool.** The city has more galleries, theatres and museums than any other in the UK apart from London, a thriving and celebrated nightlife, and a number of large-scale music events.

It's impossible to come to Liverpool and not get caught up in its lively spirit. No matter where you're from, you'll find something to love.



## Top 10 things to do in Liverpool

## 2. Explore the city's historic docks and waterfront, which form part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Go to a concert at the M&S Bank Arena, which has hosted everyone from Beyoncé to Iron Maiden.

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Have dinner with friends at one of the many great restuarants on bohemian Bold Street.

## 3.

Visit the Beatles Story exhibition, and learn about the iconic pop band.

## 6.

Take a cruise along the Mersey River, and see the city in a whole new way.

## 9.

Relax in the beautiful Sefton Park, with its lovely green spaces, caves and waterfall, and the Victorian Palm House.

## 4.

Watch either of the 2 local Premier League teams, Liverpool FC and Everton FC, in a city that truly loves football.

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Discover Liverpool's 2 beautiful and iconic but very different — cathedrals.

## 10.

Take a selfie with the famous Beatles statues. and become a member of the band. It has to be done!



## Living in Liverpool

While you study your pathway course, you'll be able to stay at our purpose-built student accommodation: Kaplan Living Liverpool. Located in the same building as the University of Liverpool International College, this ultra-modern student residence has everything you need to enjoy student life.

## Kaplan Living Liverpool

This brand new residence is the perfect place for you to study, relax and socialise during your time at the International College. Kaplan Living Liverpool is based in a central part of the city, so you'll be living just a short walk away from restaurants, bars, shops and supermarkets. This convenience extends to the accommodation itself, with everything you need in your room or apartment for comfortable, modern living!

Other options may be offered in addition, depending on availability.

## When you book accommodation with Kaplan, you can expect:

- dedicated booking and pre-arrival support
- choice of a private bedroom with en-suite bathroom and shared kitchen, or a studio apartment with its own bathroom and kitchenette access to our friendly
- management team at any time • WiFi, bills and maintenance included
- in the price
- a free starter pack, including bedding and cooking equipment
- living options for under-18s and single-gender flats

## Accommodation during your degree

After your pathway course, you can stay in one of the University's own halls of residence, or private accommodation.



## **Residence features**

- bathrooms for all rooms.
- stunning views across the
- Handy facilities like a bike store, on-site café and
- Student lounges and social
- 24-hour security and secure postal lockers.

## International College

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Jade from South Africa

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## New for 2020!

The International College is based in the same brand-new building as your Kaplan Living accommodation. This makes student life here very convenient with state-of-the-art teaching facilities on hand, including the innovative Knowledge Hub. There are 24 carefully designed classrooms, built to encourage collaborative and active learning. You'll have everything you need to succeed! You can gain entry to a University of Liverpool degree by taking a pathway course, designed to prepare you for higher education in the UK. You'll take your course at the University of Liverpool International College, based right next to the University's campus.

## What is a pathway course?

As an international student, you might not qualify for entry to the degree you want to take in the UK. That's where a pathway course can help! These courses are designed specially for international students, and will prepare you for university study. If you successfully complete your course at the required level, with good attendance, you're guaranteed a place on your chosen degree.

At the University of Liverpool International College, expert teachers will guide you through your university preparation. They'll help you develop important skills and knowledge, including in academic English, that will be vital on a degree. You'll be able to progress to university with confidence, having already become familiar with the University, the city and British life.

Artist's rendering of the new International College building (foreground).



## What can I study?

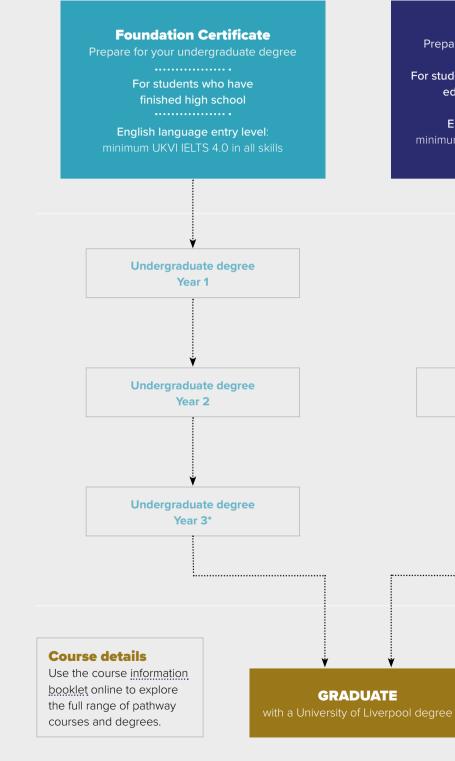
You have a number of different study options at the International College, preparing you for a bachelor's or master's degree.

> Ksenia from Russia

## Interested in studying a doctorate?

If you'd like to take a doctoral degree at the University of Liverpool, you might benefit from studying a Pre-Doctorate London to prepare. You can find out more about the Pre-Doctorate on our website. kaplanpathways.com/pre-doc/london

## Find your path to university



\* Some degree programmes may last longer than 3 years, and include a year abroad or an integrated undergraduate master's year.



**Pre-Master's** Prepare for your postgraduate degree

For students with at least 3 years of higher education in a suitable subject .....

English language entry level: minimum UKVI IELTS 4.5 with no less than 4.0 in any skill

Postgraduate degree 1 year

"The most rewarding thing for me is the chance to build confidence in students from so many backgrounds. I really enjoy discovering new learning styles to share with you, and exploring different ways to teach and engage with my students." Andy (pictured)

College Tutor

## Learn your way

You learn best when there are teachers who can inspire you, and encourage you to work to your strengths. At the International College, expert staff will make sure you are ready to progress to the next stage of your education.

## **Supported to success**

Teachers at the International College will give you all the support and guidance you need while you're on your pathway course. They are all experienced in their respective fields, and know how to communicate with international students in a way that's effective and engaging. You will be encouraged to collaborate and debate with your fellow students, and you'll be able to have one-to-one time with your tutors if you need it.

### **Full preparation**

Your pathway course has been specially designed to meet the needs of international students, and to reflect the unique challenges you might face. You'll be able to learn at your own pace, developing important skills and subject knowledge, as well as gaining a better understanding of academic English. Your course will contain content based on your degree choice and career aspirations, and you will be able to choose topics to cover.



## Student support

Studying in another country is a big step, and the idea can be daunting. But don't worry! We'll give you all the support you need, and will help you meet new people, make new friends, and have an amazing experience in the UK.

### Before you start your course

Before you even arrive in the UK, we'll give you expert advice and send you a pre-arrival pack with all kinds of useful information. We'll advise you on the visa process and, if you're under 18, we can arrange the legal guardian you'll need during your studies for your well-being. Once you've landed in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and make sure you get to your new home in Liverpool safely. Before you truly start studying, we'll arrange lots of fun activities and outings during Welcome Week, and also help you register with a doctor and set up a bank account.

## While studying on your course

During your studies at the International College, you'll have lots to see and do with your new friends. We'll organise trips, events and activities in and around Liverpool so that you have the chance to really experience what the UK has to offer. Discovering an exciting, independent life while you're here can be just as important as your course! If you ever have any challenges or problems during your stay with us, there will always be a member of staff you can speak to. And, when the time comes to progress to your degree, we'll help you in any way we can.



"I work in College Services, and the welfare of everyone studying here is my top priority. In particular, I am concerned with under 18s and students with disabilities, helping to make sure they have a great time, and get the most out of their experience. It's so exciting to see students go through the process of arriving here, finding their feet and making new friends. It's always a little scary at first, but pretty soon you'll be having the best time of your life!"

> **Vicki** (pictured above) College Services Administrator



"The Kaplan Student Ambassador programme is a great wav to make use of extracurricular skills. The tasks allow you to express yourself and share your story on a lovely platform." Ifunanya from Nigeria Student Ambassador

To see more from our **Student Ambassadors** just visit: kpln.org/ambassador

## Hear from our Student Ambassadors

You can get a fantastic idea of what student life abroad is like from our Student Ambassadors. These students have been through it all themselves, and can help you learn what to expect.

### Life as a student

The best way to see what student life in the UK is like is to see what those who have already made the journey have to say! Our Student Ambassadors have produced tons of superb content, including articles and videos, to showcase 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 railcard.

## Go online

Studying in Liverpool is an incredible experience, and will prepare you for future success. There are plenty of places to go online to find out more; just take a look at the handy glossary below.

**The University About the University:** kaplanpathways.com/university-of-liverpool

**Degree options at Liverpool:** kaplanpathways.com/degree-finder/liverpool

The University's website: liverpool.ac.uk

**The College** About the College: kaplanpathways.com/liverpool

Student accommodation: kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-accommodation

Student services at the College: kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-support

Costs of studying abroad: kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-fees Student visa:

**Student insurance:** kaplanpathways.com/insurance

**Further questions? Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** kpln.org/student-faq

Get in touch:



## Important information

www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

College guardians for under 18s: www.collegeguardians.co.uk

Information for parents: kaplanpathways.com/parents

kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-contact

Meet us in your country or region: kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country

## Meet Marina

Marina came from Russia to study at the International College, and progressed to a degree in Business Management at the University of Liverpool.

I wanted to study Business Management because I want to open my own business. And I chose Liverpool because I'd already visited this city and I really loved it. I had a choice between Manchester and Liverpool, and I was like, "No, I want to be here!"

I just love England and Liverpool, especially because there are a lot of beautiful places. I've been to a lot of parks and museums, and there are so many cool things: the people, and the food, everything! It was easy for me to make new friends because everybody was friendly.

While at the College, the staff members and the people who studied around me helped me a lot. That was the most important thing to me, that I had really good support from them. I had some great times with classmates, and even some members of staff!

**Studying at the College was the best experience I've ever had.** I still want to go back there — the staff there are amazing and everybody helped me. The course helped me a lot, and it prepared me because I didn't know anything about Economics or Business.

My advice to students considering studying in the UK would be, first of all, don't be scared. I was so scared — I was panicking about everything. But it's a great chance to study abroad and experience something new.

And don't be scared to make friends! A lot of people are trying to find the same nationality to be with them, but I think that's a huge mistake. You have to talk to everyone, and enjoy the time you have together.

This is my path so far.





Applying to the University of Liverpool International College with Kaplan is simple. Take a look at the steps below to find out what you need to do.

## **1. Submit your application form**

kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-apply

## 2. Receive an offer letter

### **3. Accept your offer**

### **4.** Obtain your student visa

## **5. Book your flight and begin** your studies

## Choose your path

To start on this exciting new chapter in your life, why not get in touch? You can speak to one of our expert advisers and find out exactly what you need to do to enrol on a University of Liverpool degree.

Contact us kaplanpathways.com/liverpool-contact

## **Course information**

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

Maria from Ecuador



# Where is Liverpool?

**Who's on the cover?** Anayris from Venezuela is on her path to a University of Liverpool degree.

### Find out more:

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-liverpool

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