

University of Bristol Study Abroad (Subject pathway)  
Fact Sheet 2022-23

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| <b>Academic Calendar (2022-23)</b>                    | Autumn Semester: 19 September 2022 – 21 January 2023<br>Spring Semester: 18 January 2023 – 9 June 2023<br><b>Pre-sessional English programme (forms part of STABEL):</b><br><i>Please note that these dates are provisional at the moment and will be updated on the website</i><br>6-week course: 8 <sup>th</sup> June – 26 <sup>th</sup> August<br>10-week course: 6 <sup>th</sup> July – 26 <sup>th</sup> August<br>Full term dates are listed on our website. |

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| <p><b>Study Abroad (Subject pathway) Programmes</b></p> | <p><b>Study Abroad (Subject pathway)</b><br/> This programme is designed for our exchange partnerships, where the agreement between our two institutions covers one or more designated subject areas. Your students will be nominated under the Study Abroad (Subject pathway) programme and assigned to the academic area in which we have agreed to exchange students. They will take the majority of their units within this subject, with the option to take a small number of credits in other academic areas of interest, or from our Centre for Academic Language and Development.<br/> If your students are direct-enrol (fee-paying), they can choose to apply for this programme if they wish to focus their studies at Bristol in one core subject area.</p> <p><b>STABEL (Subject pathway)</b><br/> For students who don't currently meet the English language requirements for the Study Abroad (Subject 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 (Subject pathway) programme in September.</p> |
| <p><b>Nomination Deadlines</b></p>                      | <p><b>STABEL (Subject pathway)</b><br/> Autumn semester/full year – 08 April 2022</p> <p><b>Study Abroad (Subject pathway)</b><br/> Autumn Semester/full year – 10 June 2022<br/> Spring Semester – 21 October 2022</p> <p>Please send a list of nominated students to <a href="mailto:global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk">global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk</a> including student name(s), student email address, duration of study and the subject area into which they are being nominated (as per the terms of our agreement). We will follow up with information to the students (with the email from which they were nominated in cc) about how to apply.</p>  |
| <p><b>Application Deadlines</b></p>                     | <p><b>STABEL (Subject pathway)</b><br/> Autumn semester/full year – 15 April 2022</p>   |

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|                                      | <p><b>Study Abroad (Subject pathway)</b><br/> Autumn Semester/full year – 19 June 2022<br/> Spring Semester – 30 October 2022</p>   |
| <b>Academic requirements</b>         | <p><b>3.0 GPA (based on US 4.0 system) or equivalent</b><br/> 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. If you are unsure how the 3.0 GPA academic requirement is converted to the marking system at your institution , please contact us on <a href="mailto:global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk">global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk</a></p>  |
| <b>English language requirements</b> | <p><b>IELTS 6.5 with no skill less than 6.0, or equivalent</b><br/> 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 2022-23 academic year can be found on our Study Abroad <a href="#">Language Profile</a>.</p> <p><b>Please note the length of validity of each accepted certificate as noted on the profile.</b><br/> 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 <a href="mailto:global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk">global-opportunities@bristol.ac.uk</a> for further information about this.</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 <b>only</b> accept IELTS Academic for UKVI from authorised test centres for entry to the STABEL programme as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STABEL with 6-week pre-session course: IELTS Academic for UKVI 6.0 overall with 5.5 in all skills</li> <li>• STABEL with 10-week pre-session course: IELTS Academic for UKVI 5.5 overall with 5.0 in all skills</li> </ul> <p>Please note that the STABEL programme has additional tuition fees for the pre-session course.</p> |
| <b>Duration of study</b>             | <p>Students studying Chemistry or Law must apply for a full academic year as there are no semester-long units in these departments. We accept Study Abroad students both for semester-long and year-long exchanges in other</p>   |

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|  | <p>departments, however some departments have more year-long units than others so the students should check our Study Guides for further information. Study Guides will be published on the Global Opportunities website with a list of available units shortly before the start of each application cycle.</p>   |
| <p><b>Restrictions for Study Abroad students</b></p> | <p><b>Departments not open to Study Abroad students</b><br/> Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.<br/> Most postgraduate level units, except those within our Faculty of Engineering 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.</p> <p><i>The restrictions below are accurate as of December 2021 but further updates and any changes will be highlighted on our website.</i></p> <p><b>Engineering</b><br/> Please note that Computer Science units are only available at 3rd and 4th 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 the School of Civil, Aerospace and Mechanical 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><b>General guidance</b><br/> 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> |
| <p><b>Unit levels and credits</b></p>                | <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>   |

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|  | <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.</p>   |
| <p><b>Supporting documents required to be submitted with application</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online application form (signed by the student)</li> <li>• Official academic transcript (electronic copy/scanned copy) in English</li> <li>• Evidence of English language proficiency</li> <li>• A clear, colour copy of passport personal information page</li> <li>• A Learning Agreement indicating their unit choices</li> </ul> <p>Students from Europe who are utilising Erasmus+ funding are welcome to submit an Erasmus+ Learning Agreement template from their home university. All other students can download a University of Bristol Learning Agreement template from our website.</p> <p>The application pages of our website will be updated shortly after we have admitted our January 2022 entry students. Please advise students that submitting the online application alone is not considered a complete application. <b>All supporting documents must be submitted via email by the application deadline.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Visa Information</b></p>   | <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 guidance is sent to students after they have accepted their offer.</p>   |
| <p><b>Accommodation</b></p>  | <p>September entry 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. For all January entry students, we cannot offer an accommodation guarantee 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>  |

