

University of Bristol International Foundation Programme

Course information

This booklet contains information about the University of Bristol International Foundation Programme. Choose your preferred degree, and discover which pathway you need to take to gain entry. You can also see further information about the courses, including tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module summaries.

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Key:

- A:** International Foundation Programme Arts and Humanities
- L:** International Foundation Programme Social Sciences and Law
- S:** International Foundation Programme Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Business and Finance

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance	L
BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Accounting and Management	L
BSc (Hons) Accounting and Management with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Economics	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Accounting	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Accounting with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Econometrics	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Econometrics with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Management	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Management with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematics	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Politics	L
BSc (Hons) Economics and Politics with Study Abroad	L
MSci Economics with Innovation ¹	L
BSc (Hons) Economics with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Economics with Study in Continental Europe	L
BSc (Hons) Finance	L
BSc (Hons) International Business Management	L
BSc (Hons) International Business Management with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Management	L
MSci Management with Innovation ¹	L
BSc (Hons) Management with Study Abroad	L
BA (Hons) Philosophy	L

Computing

BSc (Hons) Computer Science	S
MEng (Hons) Computer Science ¹	S
BEng (Hons) Computer Science and Electronics	S
MEng (Hons) Computer Science and Electronics ¹	S
MEng (Hons) Computer Science and Electronics with Study Abroad ¹	S
MEng (Hons) Computer Science with Innovation ¹	S

Education

BSc (Hons) Education Studies	L
BSc (Hons) Education Studies with Study Abroad	L
BSc (Hons) Psychology in Education	L
BSc (Hons) Psychology in Education with Study Abroad	L

Engineering

BEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering ¹	S
BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Civil Engineering ¹	S
BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering ¹	S
MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Innovation ¹	S
MEng Engineering Design with Study in Industry ²	S
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering ¹	S
BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	S
MEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering ¹	S

Law

LLB Law	L
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Marketing and Media

BA (Hons) Film and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Film and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Film and Television	A
MArts Film and Television with Innovation ¹	A
BSc (Hons) Marketing	L

Mathematics

BEng (Hons) Engineering Mathematics	S
MEng (Hons) Engineering Mathematics ¹	S
MEng (Hons) Engineering Mathematics with Study Abroad ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Computer Science	S
MEng (Hons) Mathematics and Computer Science ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Philosophy	S
MSci Mathematics and Philosophy ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics	S
MSci Mathematics and Physics ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Statistics	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Statistics for Finance	S
BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Study in Continental Europe	S

Music and Performing Arts

BA (Hons) Music	A
BA (Hons) Music and Czech	A
BA (Hons) Music and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Music and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Music and Russian	A
BA (Hons) Music and Spanish	A
MArts Music with Innovation ¹	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and English	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Film	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Performance Studies	A
BA (Hons) Theatre and Portuguese	A
MArts Theatre with Innovation ¹	A

Science and Health

BSc (Hons) Applied Anatomy	S
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry	S
MSci Biochemistry ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry	S
MSci Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Biochemistry with Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	S
MSci Biochemistry with Molecular Biology and Biotechnology ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Biology	S
MSci Biology ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences	S
BSc (Hons) Cancer Biology and Immunology	S
BSc (Hons) Cellular and Molecular Medicine	S
BSc (Hons) Chemistry	S
MSci Chemistry ¹	S
MSci Chemistry with Industrial Experience ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Chemistry with Scientific Computing	S
MSci Chemistry with Scientific Computing ¹	S
MSci Chemistry with Study Abroad ¹	S
MSci Chemistry with Study in Continental Europe ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience	S
MSci Environmental Geoscience ¹	S
MSci Environmental Geoscience with Study Abroad ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Geography	S
MSci Geography with Innovation ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Geography with Quantitative Research Methods	S
MSci Geography with Quantitative Research Methods ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Geography with Study Abroad	S
BSc (Hons) Geography with Study in Continental Europe	S
BSc (Hons) Geology	S
MSci Geology ¹	S
MSci Geology with Study Abroad ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Geophysics	S
MSci Geophysics ¹	S
MSci Geophysics with Study Abroad ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Medical Microbiology	S
BSc (Hons) Neuroscience	S
MSci Neuroscience ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Palaeontology and Evolution	S
MSci Palaeontology and Evolution ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Pharmacology	S
MSci Pharmacology ¹	S
MSci Pharmacology with Study in Industry ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Physics	S
MSci Physics ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Physics and Philosophy	S
MSci Physics and Philosophy ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Physics with Astrophysics	S
MSci Physics with Astrophysics ¹	S
MSci Physics with Industrial Experience ¹	S
MSci Physics with Innovation ¹	S
MSci Physics with International Experience ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Physics with Scientific Computing	S
MSci Physics with Scientific Computing ¹	S
MSci Physics with Scientific Computing with Industrial Experience ¹	S
MSci Physics with Study in Continental Europe ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Physiological Science	S
MSci Physiological Science ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Plant Sciences	S
MSci Plant Sciences ¹	S
BSc (Hons) Psychology	S
MSci Psychology ¹	S
MSci Psychology and Neuroscience ¹	S
MSci Psychology with Innovation ¹	S
MSci Theoretical Physics ¹	S
BSc Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science	S
BSc Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour	S
BSc Veterinary Science	S
BSc (Hons) Virology and Immunology	S
BSc (Hons) Zoology	S
MSci Zoology ¹	S

Social Science and Humanities

BA (Hons) Ancient History	A
BA (Hons) Anthropology	A
MArts Anthropology with Innovation ¹	A
BA (Hons) Archaeology and Anthropology	A
BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies	L
MSci Childhood Studies with Innovation ¹	L
BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies with Management	L
BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods	L
MSci Childhood Studies with Quantitative Research Methods ¹	L
BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies with Study Abroad	L
BA (Hons) Classical Studies	A
BA (Hons) Classics	A
BSc (Hons) Criminology	L
BSc (Hons) Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods	L
MSci Criminology with Quantitative Research Methods ¹	L
BSc (Hons) Criminology with Study Abroad	L
BA (Hons) Czech and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Czech and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Czech and Russian	A
BA (Hons) English	A
BA (Hons) English and Classical Studies	A
BA (Hons) English and Czech	A
BA (Hons) English and French	A
BA (Hons) English and German	A
BA (Hons) English and History	A
BA (Hons) English and Italian	A
BA (Hons) English and Philosophy	A
BA (Hons) English and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) English and Russian	A
BA (Hons) English and Spanish	A
BA (Hons) Film and English	A
BA (Hons) History	A
BA (Hons) History and Czech	A
BA (Hons) History and French	A
BA (Hons) History and German	A
BA (Hons) History and Italian	A
BA (Hons) History and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) History and Russian	A
BA (Hons) History and Spanish	A
BA (Hons) History of Art	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and Italian	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) History of Art and Russian	A
MArts History with Innovation ¹	A
BSc International Social and Public Policy	A
BSc International Social and Public Policy with Study Abroad	A
BA (Hons) Italian	A
BA (Hons) Italian and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Italian and Russian	A
BA (Hons) Liberal Arts	A
BSc (Hons) Philosophy and Economics	A
BSc (Hons) Philosophy and Economics with Study Abroad	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Italian	A
BSc (Hons) Philosophy and Politics	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Portuguese	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Russian	A
BA (Hons) Philosophy and Theology	A
BSc (Hons) Politics and International Relations	A
BSc (Hons) Politics and International Relations with Study Abroad	A
BA (Hons) Politics and Italian	A
BA (Hons) Politics and Russian	A
BSc (Hons) Politics and Sociology	A
BSc (Hons) Politics with Quantitative Research Methods	A
MSci Politics with Quantitative Research Methods ¹	A
BSc (Hons) Politics with Quantitative Research Methods with Study Abroad	A
BA (Hons) Religion and Theology	A
MArts Religion and Theology with Study Abroad ¹	A
BA (Hons) Russian	A
BA (Hons) Russian and Portuguese	A
BSc (Hons) Social Policy	A

BSc (Hons) Social Policy and Politics	A
BSc (Hons) Social Policy and Sociology	A
BSc (Hons) Social Policy with Criminology	A
MSci Social Policy with Innovation ¹	A
BSc (Hons) Social Policy with Management	A
BSc (Hons) Social Policy with Quantitative Research Methods	A
MSci Social Policy with Quantitative Research Methods ¹	A
BSc (Hons) Social Policy with Study Abroad	A
BSc (Hons) Sociology	A
BSc (Hons) Sociology and Philosophy	A
BSc (Hons) Sociology with Quantitative Research Methods	A
MSci Sociology with Quantitative Research Methods ¹	A
BSc (Hons) Sociology with Quantitative Research Methods with Study Abroad	A
BSc (Hons) Sociology with Study Abroad	A
BA (Hons) Theology and Sociology	A

Footnotes:

- 1: 4-year degree programme
- 2: 5-year degree programme

International Foundation Programme

Minimum English level: UKVI IELTS score	Course length	Course tuition	Course start	Course end
› International Foundation Programme Arts and Humanities				
6.0 overall , with at least 5.5 in writing and 5.0 in all other skills	2 terms	£20,100	September 2020	July 2021
› International Foundation Programme Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics				
5.5 overall , with at least 5.0 in writing and 4.5 in all other skills	2 terms	£20,950	September 2020	July 2021
› International Foundation Programme Social Sciences and Law				
5.5 overall , with at least 5.0 in all skills	2 terms	£20,100	September 2020	July 2021

International Foundation Programme Plus

Minimum English level: UKVI IELTS score	Course length	Course tuition	Course start	Course end
› International Foundation Programme Plus Arts and Humanities				
7.0 overall , with at least 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in all other skills	2 terms	£20,100	September 2020	July 2021
› International Foundation Programme Plus Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics				
7.0 overall , with at least 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in all other skills	2 terms	£20,950	September 2020	July 2021
› International Foundation Programme Plus Social Sciences and Law				
7.0 overall , with at least 6.0 in writing and 5.5 in all other skills	2 terms	£20,100	September 2020	July 2021

Law: for students progressing to a Law degree, entry requirements will be UKVI IELTS 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in writing and 5.0 in all other skills.

Veterinary Science: for students progressing to a Veterinary Science degree, entry requirements will be UKVI IELTS 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in writing and 5.0 in all other skills.

Academic entry requirements: for all course options above, you need to have completed high school at the required level. For requirements specific to your country, select your preferred degree from our online Degree Finder: kaplanpathways.com/bristol/ug-degrees

International Foundation Programme Plus: for students with a higher UKVI IELTS score, this programme will focus on further developing academic language and literacy through problem-based learning.

International Foundation Programme

Common modules - these are taken by all students:

- › Academic Writing
- › Text Response

International Foundation Programme Plus

Common modules - these are taken by all students:

- › Accelerated Academic Language and Literacy
- › Language and Communications Studies

Arts and Humanities

In addition to the common modules, students on this pathway will also take 3 of the following modules[†]:

- › Culture and Identity
- › Essential Mathematics
- › Foundations of Psychology
- › Introduction to the Social Sciences
- › Literature: Exploring Short Stories
- › What Does it Mean to be Human?

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

In addition to the common modules, students on this pathway will also take 2 or 3 of the following modules[†]:

- › Foundations in Biomedical Sciences
- › Foundations of Chemistry
- › Foundations of Physics
- › Foundations of Psychology
- › Introductory Mathematics
- › Mathematics for Mathematicians
- › Mathematics for Social Sciences
- › Mathematics for STEM

Social Sciences and Law

In addition to the common modules, students on this pathway will also take 3 of the following modules[†]:

- › Essential Mathematics
- › Foundation of Law and Politics
- › Foundations of Finance and Economics
- › Foundations of Management
- › Foundations of Psychology
- › Introduction to the Social Sciences
- › Introductory Mathematics
- › Mathematics for Social Sciences
- › What Does it Mean to be Human?

[†] For some degrees, the University will require you to take particular modules. Details are on the online Degree Finder and will be in your offer letter.

Academic Writing

This module is designed to prepare international students for undergraduate study in the UK. The unit is one of a number of complementary units whose overall aims are to improve the language, academic literacy and subject knowledge required to succeed at a British university.

Accelerated Academic Language and Literacy

This module aims to develop students' academic language and literacy through problem based learning using an integrated skills approach, focusing on reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as appropriate academic vocabulary and grammar.

Culture and Identity

This module aims to explore the concepts of culture and identity. The course will start with exploring the question 'What is culture/identity?' and then a range of perspectives will be compared and contrasted, with students encouraged to reflect on these and relate them to their own context. Some of the areas explored in both a contemporary and historical context will include types of cultural identity, influences on cultural identity, intercultural communication and global citizenship.

Essential Mathematics

This module aims to provide students with a strong mathematical foundation for further academic study, and to give students the appropriate mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding to help them progress to a range of courses in higher education.

Foundation of Law and Politics

This module aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and intellectual background to prepare them for undergraduate studies in social sciences and law. Students will develop an understanding of the UK's legal system and its relationship with the EU. The module will also cover key aspects of constitutional law, the law-making process and court system, as well as political concepts such as conservatism, liberalism and socialism.

Foundations in Biomedical Sciences

This module is an introduction to selected topics in biomedical sciences. Through focussing on specific topics students will be introduced to skills required for scientific research, including data acquisition, handling and scientific reporting. The unit will have 4 themes, starting with an introduction to cell biology. Following this, 3 topics, for example antibiotic resistance, cardiovascular health and disease and synthetic biology, will be selected to highlight specific aspects of biomedical science. Each topic will include a key note seminar focussing on current research.

Foundations of Chemistry

This module will provide students with a broad understanding of the fundamental principles of chemistry and experience of practical techniques, as a pre-requisite for entry or progression onto undergraduate degree programmes in science. Concepts will be illustrated with examples taken from across the full breadth of chemistry, although there will be a particular emphasis on applications within the life sciences.

Foundations of Finance and Economics

This module will provide students with an introduction to finance and economics. The first term will focus on the core concepts of finance and economics, while the second term will allow students to explore either finance or economics in depth. In term 1, themes that are covered may include: time value of money and decisions; types of market competition; and supply and demand. Topics covered in term 2 may include: revenues, costs and profits; the purpose of accounts; financial reporting; government intervention; international trade and the global economy; and economic growth.

Foundations of Management

This module aims to provide students with an introduction to the concept of management, and will centre around 3 core themes: marketing and consumption; people, work and organizations; and the global business environment. Specifically, students will develop an understanding of: meeting customer needs; the market and the marketing mix; business objectives and strategy; and influences on business decisions.

Foundations of Physics

This module is intended to provide students with a broad understanding of the fundamental principles of physics and experience of practical techniques, as a pre-requisite for entry or progression onto undergraduate degree programmes in science and engineering.

Foundations of Psychology

This module is intended to provide students with a broad understanding of the fundamental principles of psychology and will cover three core areas: social, cognitive and developmental psychology.

Introduction to the Social Sciences

This module aims to introduce students to the social sciences, and covers two main themes. The first theme focuses on 'understanding society'. With an emphasis on contemporary society, it introduces students to the diverse range of social science subjects which can be studied at the University of Bristol. The second theme focuses on 'contemporary social challenges' and introduces students to topics such as global development, the changing state of childhood, crime and deviance, social stratification and inequalities.

Introductory Mathematics

This module provides a first course in core mathematics including calculus to a level equivalent to QCA level 3. It will prepare students on foundation and preliminary year programmes for entry or progression into higher level qualifications in the physical, life and biomedical sciences or quantitative social sciences.

Language and Communication Studies

This module provides an introduction to key areas of language and communication combined with some key related frameworks of analysis. Topics range from language in text and in context, to communication in art, film, and other media.

Literature: Exploring Short Stories

This module aims to introduce students to the short story genre focusing on texts by a variety of authors. Classes will focus on student-led close reading and analysis of the short story texts and discussion of the shared themes and features of the texts. The course also aims to develop study skills, including those particularly associated with literary study and critical thinking, and students will be encouraged to develop their own critical voice.

Mathematics for Mathematicians

This module is designed to develop students' mathematical understanding to an advanced level. The unit will include proofs, algebra, functions, matrices, complex numbers, roots of equations, sequences and series (including Taylor series), vectors, calculus, hyperbolic functions and differential equations. The aims of the unit are to prepare students on the international foundation programme for progression into higher level qualifications.

Mathematics for Social Sciences

This module will develop students' understanding of statistical methods and using data to a level equivalent to QCA level 3. The unit will prepare students on foundation and preliminary year programmes for entry or progression into higher level qualifications in the social sciences that require a more advanced understanding of mathematics.

Mathematics for STEM

This module will develop students' understanding of integral calculus, differential equations, vectors and matrices to a level equivalent to QCA level 3. The unit will prepare students on foundation and preliminary year programmes for entry or progression into higher level qualifications in the physical, life or biomedical sciences that require a more advanced understanding of mathematics.

Text Response

This module explores the difference between factual and evaluative responses to different texts. It will help develop critical questioning, reading, listening and speaking skills and strategies, academic vocabulary and summary writing.

What Does it Mean to be Human?

This module aims to introduce students to a broad range of topics from, and some of the intellectual questions raised by, disciplines across the Faculty of Arts. These topics will be grouped together in themes to ensure the unit is coherent in itself and that it allows students to understand the intellectual connections between different disciplines.



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