Welcome

This guide will help you find the perfect accommodation for your time on the International Foundation Programme.

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We’re looking forward to welcoming you to the UK soon. Our dedicated accommodation team is here to support you and guide you through the options that best suit your individual needs.
We're here for you

The world has changed a lot recently, and the accommodation we offer has adapted with it. Our dedicated accommodation team will support you and guide you through your options whenever you’re ready to travel. We’ll help to make sure you have an amazing time here in the UK.

**Best time to book**
We are welcoming students to our residences. However, we advise you to book your accommodation only once you have received your CAS, and you know that you are definitely coming to the UK (travel restrictions permitting).

If you have confirmed your place to study in the UK via blended learning, then you will be able to reserve your room in Kaplan-booked accommodation.

**Flexible starts**
We understand the current global situation demands some flexibility. That’s why we are offering more arrival dates for you to choose from during both October 2020 and January 2021. This means that you can begin your programme remotely if you wish, and then move into your UK accommodation later in the academic year.

**January 2021**
We have introduced additional flexibility for students who started their studies at home in October 2020 and wish to join us in person on 9 January 2021. You also will have the option to arrive 2 weeks earlier (subject to availability) at no extra cost to self-isolate if required.

Learn more about flexible start dates and arrivals here.

**Your accommodation options**
In this guide you’ll find detailed information about your accommodation options in the UK. Once you are ready to travel, you can submit the online Accommodation Form indicating your preference.

We operate on a first-come, first-served basis and all options are subject to availability. Therefore you may be offered another accommodation type or location, or we may refer you to one of our trusted third-party providers.

**Find the latest updates**
We’ve answered some common questions about accommodation during this period. Please visit our accommodation FAQs webpage for more information.

Please note: access to and experience of some of the facilities and attractions featured in this guide may be affected by changing government guidance and the global situation.

**Health and safety**
Keeping all our students safe is our top priority. We will continue to follow UK government health and safety guidelines at all times, so you can rest assured that our residences and accommodation partners are taking the necessary precautions to protect your wellbeing.

- Hand sanitiser stations
- Frequent and thorough cleaning routines
- Extra cleaning procedures for high-traffic areas
- One-way systems
- Floor markings and signage for social distancing
- 24-hour support staff available to help

Please visit our accommodation FAQs webpage to learn more about residence safety measures.

Watch a video about how we’re making sure you can live with confidence.

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Living in Bristol

Lively Bristol has a vibrant and diverse community. It is well known for its exciting arts and music scene, shopping opportunities, and the nightlife around the harbour area. Situated close to both the English countryside and the Welsh mountains, the historic city of Bristol is very popular with students.

Experience Bristol

History
Discover the history of Bristol at the M Shed museum, or board the SS Great Britain, one of the first ships to cross the Atlantic in 1843.

Culture
Watch a show at the Bristol Old Vic, one of the UK’s oldest working theatres, explore outstanding local art galleries, and see works by the world-famous street artist, Banksy.

Shopping
Explore Bristol’s popular shopping quarter, home to Cabot Circus, Quakers Friars, The Galleries and Broadmead shopping centre. There are so many stores to discover!

Nightlife
Have a great night out with your new friends: experience Bristol’s lively music scene and dance the night away in some of the best clubs in the UK.

Food
Try new and exciting food from around the world or sample the local cuisine with a traditional pub lunch or a visit to Bristol’s Farmer’s Market to taste home-cooked dishes that are made with locally-sourced ingredients.

Sports
Keep fit at the University of Bristol’s fantastic sports facilities, and enjoy the city’s many competitive offerings, from football pitches to tennis courts and ping pong tables.

City attractions
Visit the famous Clifton Suspension Bridge, or take a walk along Gloucester Road and North Street to see amazing street art. You can also witness the spectacular Bristol International Balloon Fiesta – Europe’s largest hot air balloon festival.
Getting around

It’s easy to get around Bristol, and your student accommodation will be conveniently located close to your classes and near to supermarkets, shops and restaurants.

**Transport**

**🔗 Buses**
It’s very convenient to travel around the city by bus. Bristol’s buses are clean and comfortable, and frequent routes operate within and outside the city, connecting you to many local areas of interest.

** şüphe Trains**
Bristol has excellent connections to destinations all over the UK, including fast services to London (90 minutes). The closest station to the residence is Bristol Temple Meads station in the city centre.

**🚗 Taxis**
The city also has a reliable taxi service, with taxi ranks located all around the city. They’re great for short trips, or for when you have heavy luggage.

**🚢 Boats**
Frequent boat and ferry services operate to and from waterfront attractions and key points along the harbour.

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**Walking time from King Square Studios to:**

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King Square Studios

Feel at home in the heart of Bristol in a comfortable, modern student residence.

**Location**
Situated close to a great range of restaurants and shops, the residence’s central location makes getting to your classes easy: you’ll be only a 25-minute walk or 20-minute bus journey from the Richmond Building, home to the International Foundation Programme.

**Studio**
Self-contained flat with private bedroom, bathroom and kitchen facilities.

**Bedrooms**
Bedroom features a double bed, study desk, chair, plenty of storage spaces and a TV.

**Bathroom**
Private bathroom with a shower cubicle, basin and toilet.

**Kitchen**
Private kitchen equipped with a microwave, hob, small fridge and cupboards.

**Social spaces**
Access to study spaces, cinema room and common rooms with games and satellite TV.

**Facilities**
Access to an on-site gym, bike storage and in-house laundry facilities (usage charges apply).

**Internet**
Free high-speed WiFi and fast wired internet.

**Bills included**
No surprises with electricity, gas and water charges — all bills and maintenance costs are included in the accommodation price.

**Security**
Secure door entry, an on-site management team and 24/7 cameras for your safety.

**Cleaning**
Regular cleaning service of communal areas.

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Please note: Health and safety measures such as extra cleaning, closure of communal spaces, social distancing rules and additional signage are in place to protect everyone. Click here for more information about how we are prioritising your wellbeing.

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**All options include a private bedroom, bathroom and kitchen | City centre location | On-site gym facilities**

**Standard Studio**
Room size: 18m²

**Medium Studio**
Room size: 19.5m²

**Large Studio**
Room size: 21.1m²

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Please note: images intended for illustrative purposes only. Actual room layout, contents and furnishings may differ.

While every effort will be made to allocate your first choice, we cannot guarantee this. We operate on a first-come, first-served basis and all options are subject to availability, therefore you may be offered another accommodation type or location, or we may refer you to another provider.
University-arranged accommodation

It's also an option to stay in the University of Bristol's own accommodation while you prepare for your degree on the International Foundation Programme. For this option, you'll need to book your accommodation directly with the University itself.

University residences
The University of Bristol has residences across its campus. If you choose University-arranged accommodation, you’ll be living alongside students already on their degree. There will also be lots of opportunities to get involved in social activities and sports. Please contact us at pathways.accommodation@kaplan.com for more information on how to book the University of Bristol's own accommodation.

Accommodation application deadline
In order to guarantee university-arranged accommodation, you must register on the University’s accommodation system between 1st June and 17th July 2020 (inclusive). Please contact us at pathways.accommodation@kaplan.com for your university student number, which you will need for this process.
Student starter pack

Free items for your arrival
If you book your accommodation with Kaplan, we provide you with a free ‘student starter pack’ to make your arrival in the UK as easy as possible. It has many of the basic items you’ll need as soon as you move in and means you won’t have to rush to the shops on your first day.

Your bedding, cooking equipment and tableware items

- Dinner plate
- Glass tumbler
- Spoon and fork
- Pillow
- Pillowcase
- Duvet
- Fitted sheet
- Small plate
- Mug
- Vegetable peeler
- Cereal bowl
- Spoon
- Fork
- Saucepan
- Ladle
- Plastic spoons
- Frying pan
- Colander
- Tin opener
- Hand towel
- Saucepan lid
- Toiletries pack
- Toilet roll
- Face mask
- Personal bottle of hand sanitiser

Please note: For legal reasons, knives are not provided.
Actual contents of the student starter pack may vary.
How to book

You don't need to book accommodation until you're sure you can join us in the UK. If your course starts this Autumn, you can book your accommodation when you're ready, following the steps below.

Step 1  Choose your room

Check the [dates and prices on the accommodation page](#) on our website, and choose the option that matches your course dates.

Step 2  Submit the Accommodation Form

You can complete the online Accommodation Form to indicate your accommodation preferences
OR
You can indicate your preferred room type when applying for your course on the application form. We will send you further information with your tuition offer letter.

Step 3  Accept your offer

Once you have accepted your offer, we will be able to confirm your accommodation. We will reserve a room for you and send you an email with an Accommodation Pack containing your Accommodation Agreement and the Accommodation Terms and Conditions.

Step 4  Sign and return the agreement

You (the tenant) and your guarantor will need to read, sign and return the documents in the Accommodation Pack by the accommodation confirmation date, which can be found in the Accommodation Pack. A third person must also witness the signatures, and provide their own details on the document.

Step 5  First payment

If you have not done so already, you will also need to make a minimum first payment of £1,000 to secure the room. This will be credited towards your overall accommodation fees.

First payment of £1,000 (minimum): To be made before you arrive in the UK. Includes a £250 security deposit and £750 accommodation fee.

Remaining payments: Depending on your accommodation option, pay the remaining amount when you arrive in the UK and before you start your second term.

Step 6  Your arrival confirmation

When you are ready to come to the UK and have booked your flight, you will need to confirm your arrival details by completing the online Pre-Arrival Form. We will be able to book and confirm transfers for you, and further important details will be included in the Pre-Arrival Guide. Please submit your arrival details at least 2 weeks before you fly to ensure your accommodation is ready ahead of your arrival.
How to pay

Before you arrive, you can make your first payment using one of the methods below. When you arrive in the UK, you can pay your remaining accommodation fees by Flywire.

Method 1
Bank transfer / credit or debit card to Flywire.

1. Visit uniofbristolifp.flywire.com
2. Choose your country and the amounts you are paying in Pounds Sterling
3. Choose your payment method and make your payment to Flywire
4. Enter the payer details and those of the student you are paying for
5. Track and confirm your payment by email, SMS or by logging into uniofbristolifp.flywire.com

Method 2
Bank draft or electronic transfer in Pounds Sterling to:

Bank Account Name: Kaplan International Colleges UK Limited – Bristol IFP
Bank Name: HSBC Bank plc
Sort Code: 40-11-60
Bank Account Number: 01250469
BIC: HBUKGB4B
IBAN NO: GB25HBUK40116001250469
Bank Address: 60 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TR

Don’t forget...
Remember to include evidence of your first payment when you return your signed Accommodation Agreement to reserve your chosen accommodation option. You should include your family name and student number (found on your offer letter) as payment reference.
Useful information

You can find some helpful information below to guide you through your accommodation application.

Accommodation Agreement
The Accommodation Agreement is a contract confirming the details of your accommodation. By signing your Accommodation Agreement, you are agreeing, under UK law, to pay for your accommodation for the full length of the accommodation contract.

Accommodation confirmation
You must complete the required steps in order to secure your booking. If you fail to do so by the accommodation confirmation date, your agreement may be cancelled and your room given to another student to book. If your Accommodation Agreement is cancelled, and you tell us that you would still like to book Kaplan-arranged accommodation, you will be offered the next available room.

Accommodation length change
You may not change your contract length after you have booked and signed your Accommodation Agreement.

Evidence of payment
Evidence of payment can be a copy of the payment receipt, bank statement, banker’s draft or via Flywire.

First payment
The first payment is to secure your accommodation along with the signed accommodation agreement. The £1,000 first payment is then divided into £250 for the security deposit and £750 towards your accommodation fees. Your security deposit will be fully returned when you move out of your accommodation. It will not be refunded if the room is damaged or left in bad condition, or if there are any accommodation penalty charges outstanding.

Guarantors
A guarantor is someone who will be legally responsible for any accommodation fees you are unable to or fail to pay.

Moving into your room
You will be able to move into your room from the start date of your contract, but only if you have sent us your signed Accommodation Agreement and first payment.

Refunds
When your Accommodation Agreement is cancelled and you decide not to take another offered room, refund of any fees paid will only be granted in line with Kaplan International Pathways’ Terms and Conditions, and may be subject to an administration fee being deducted. If you leave the University of Bristol’s International Foundation Programme for any reason after you arrive, accommodation fees will not be refunded.

Under 18s
Where possible, the College will accommodate students under 18 years of age in a single-sex flat with other students under 18 years old. If this option is not available, we will notify the student’s parents or legal guardian to offer alternative accommodation. Students who are under the age of 18 on arrival in the UK may be asked to pay all their accommodation fees before they arrive, and are advised to stay in either Kaplan or university-arranged accommodation.

Visa
If your visa application is unsuccessful, please send a copy of your visa refusal documents (or other evidence) to your Admissions Adviser and Accommodation Bookings Team for review. A decision will then be made regarding eligibility for refund in line with the company’s terms and conditions.
Find out more
Visit the links below or contact us for more information.
We look forward to helping you make Bristol your new home!

Useful links:
- Accommodation in Bristol
- Accommodation dates and prices
- Prepare for your studies in Bristol
- University of Bristol
- Visit Bristol

Social media:
Search: KaplanPathways
facebook-f twitter youtube instagram snapchat-ghost
#KaplanLife

Contact details:
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For accommodation queries with the Central Accommodation Team:
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