

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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Your path to university:



* Some degree courses have a 4-year duration.

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Choose your undergraduate degree

Available degree options may change over time, so visit our online Degree Finder for the most up-to-date list:

› kaplanpathways.com/bristol/ug-degrees

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

Art and Design

MLibArts Liberal Arts ¹ **A**

Business and Finance

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Accounting and Management ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Economics ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Economics and Accounting ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Economics and Econometrics ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Economics and Finance ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Economics and Management ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematics ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Economics and Politics ¹ **L**
 MSci Economics with Innovation ² **L**
 BSc (Hons) Finance **L**
 BSc (Hons) International Business Management ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Management ¹ **L**
 MSci Management with Innovation ² **L**
 BA (Hons) Philosophy **L**

Computing

BSc (Hons) Computer Science **S**
 MEng (Hons) Computer Science ² **S**
 BEng (Hons) Computer Science and Electronics **S**
 MEng (Hons) Computer Science and Electronics ³ **S**
 MEng (Hons) Computer Science with Innovation ² **S**

Education

BSc (Hons) Education Studies ¹ **L**
 BSc (Hons) Psychology in Education ¹ **L**

Engineering

BEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering **S**
 MEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering ² **S**
 BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering **S**
 MEng (Hons) Civil Engineering ² **S**
 BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering **S**
 MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering ² **S**
 MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Innovation ² **S**
 MEng Engineering Design ⁴ **S**
 BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering **S**
 MEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering ² **S**
 BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering **S**
 MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering ² **S**

Law

LLB Law **L**

Marketing and Media

BA (Hons) Film and Italian ² **A**
 BA (Hons) Film and Portuguese ² **A**
 BA (Hons) Film and Television **A**
 MArts Film and Television with Innovation ² **A**
 BSc (Hons) Marketing **L**

Mathematics

BEng (Hons) Engineering Mathematics **S**
 MEng (Hons) Engineering Mathematics ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Mathematics ¹ **S**
 BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Computer Science **S**
 MEng (Hons) Mathematics and Computer Science ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Philosophy **S**
 MSci Mathematics and Philosophy ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics **S**
 MSci Mathematics and Physics ³ **S**
 BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Statistics **S**
 BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Statistics for Finance **S**

Music and Performing Arts

BA (Hons) Music **A**
 BA (Hons) Music and Italian ² **A**
 BA (Hons) Music and Portuguese ² **A**
 BA (Hons) Music and Russian ² **A**
 BA (Hons) Music and Spanish ² **A**
 MArts Music with Innovation ² **A**
 BA (Hons) Theatre and English **A**
 BA (Hons) Theatre and Film **A**
 BA (Hons) Theatre and Italian ² **A**
 BA (Hons) Theatre and Performance Studies **A**
 BA (Hons) Theatre and Portuguese ² **A**
 MArts Theatre with Innovation ² **A**

Science and Health

BSc (Hons) Applied Anatomy **S**
 BSc (Hons) Biochemistry **S**
 MSci Biochemistry ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry **S**
 MSci Biochemistry with Medical Biochemistry ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Biochemistry with Molecular Biology and Biotechnology **S**
 MSci Biochemistry with Molecular Biology and Biotechnology ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Biology **S**
 MSci Biology ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences **S**
 BSc (Hons) Cancer Biology and Immunology **S**
 MSci Cancer Biology and Immunology ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Cellular and Molecular Medicine **S**
 MSci Cellular and Molecular Medicine ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Chemistry **S**
 MSci Chemistry ¹ **S**
 MSci Chemistry with Industrial Experience ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Chemistry with Scientific Computing **S**
 MSci Chemistry with Scientific Computing ² **S**
 BSc (Hons) Data Science **S**

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	£21,100	September 2021	July 2022
› 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	£22,000	September 2021	July 2022
› International Foundation Programme Social Sciences and Law				
5.5 overall , with at least 5.0 in all skills	2 terms	£21,100	September 2021	July 2022

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	£21,100	September 2021	July 2022
› 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	£22,000	September 2021	July 2022
› 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	£21,100	September 2021	July 2022

* UKVI IELTS alternatives: we can accept alternative tests as proof of English language. Learn more at: [kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/](https://www.kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/)

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](https://www.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

Core (compulsory) modules - these are taken by all students:

- › Academic Writing
- › Text Response

International Foundation Programme Plus

Core (compulsory) modules - these are taken by all students:

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

Arts and Humanities

Depending on degree choice and in addition to the core modules, students on this pathway will also take 3 of the following modules[†]:

- › Culture and Identity
- › Essential Mathematics
- › Literature: Exploring Short Stories
- › What Does it Mean to be Human?

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Depending on degree choice and in addition to the core 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
- › Foundations of Statistics
- › Introductory Mathematics
- › Mathematics for Mathematicians
- › Mathematics for STEM

Social Sciences and Law

Depending on degree choice and in addition to the core 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?

[†] The modules you will need to take will depend upon the undergraduate degree you will study. Details of this can be found on the Degree finder or on 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, inter-cultural 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. It defines the tools of the subject, chemical constitution and stoichiometry. Some of the topics covered include the introduction of the electronic structure of atoms and bonding in molecules, exploration of the concepts of energy, equilibria and chemical kinetics and the introduction of Structural Organic Chemistry through a study of hydrocarbons. Practical sessions and tutorials are integral to this module.

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.

Foundations of Statistics

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 the Foundation Programme for progression into higher level qualifications in science subjects that require a more advanced understanding of statistics.

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

The unit is designed to develop students' mathematical understanding to an extended level equivalent to QCA level 3. The unit will include proofs, algebra, functions, matrices, complex numbers, roots of equations, sequences and series, vectors, calculus, and differential equations.

The aims of the unit are to prepare students on the international foundation programme for progression into higher level qualifications in mathematics that require a more advanced understanding of mathematics.

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 aims to develop reading, listening and speaking skills and strategies, as well as critical questioning and academic vocabulary. Skills developed include summarising, analysing and evaluating texts, and responding critically to them in writing and orally through seminars and presentations. It complements written work done in Academic Writing to improve the students' overall academic literacy.

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, a range of disciplines in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Law faculties. 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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