

Student Exchange Factsheet 2019-20

University name:	University of the West of England (UWE Bristol)		Erasmus Code:	UK BRISTOL02																
Location:	Bristol, United Kingdom		Students:	30,000 (including 4,500 EU and Overseas students)																
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Application deadline	1 May for Semester 1 and full year study commencing in September. 31 October for Semester 2 commencing in January.																			
Application Process	<p>Erasmus Students and non-Erasmus exchange Students: Following nomination by home Institution, students will be sent instructions to complete an online application form.</p> <p>All exchange students should be formally proposed/nominated by their home University before making an application to UWE.</p> <p>All students intending to study in the School of Art and Design (SAD) and Film and Journalism (SFJ) should send an electronic portfolio prior to their arrival at UWE to ensure they are placed in the correct subject area, along with X2 Passport photos with names clearly written on the back, for administration purposes.</p> <p>Following application, all official University communication with incoming students will be via the student Welcome Website. Students will be sent a login ID and a password via email once their application has been processed. All information about joining the University, airport pick-ups, registration and the International Student Orientation will be provided here.</p>																			
Exchange duration	<p>Depends on subject area. Full academic year (September to June) for most subjects; Autumn Semester (limited range of subjects): September – January* Spring Semester: January to June (SAD and SFJ programmes only accept in the Spring Semester)</p> <p>*Autumn semester students who wish to return to their home institution with UWE credit must ensure they are present for the January assessment period. All students will be expected to return for January examinations and assessments. The only exceptions will be where the student’s home University’s term starts prior to the end of UWE’s examination period. These students will be identified on arrival and alternative assessment arrangements will be made.</p>																			

Taught language	<p>English language: students are expected to arrive with a sufficient level of English in order to be able to follow classes and submit all assessments in English. Proof of English language may be required for entry to the programme or for visa purposes.</p> <p>UWE provides Study Support workshops, seminars and drop-in sessions to support students with their studies.</p> <p>A resource to help all students prepare for study at UWE Bristol</p>
Campuses	<p>Frenchay Campus : Main Campus (Faculty of Business and Law; Faculty of Environment and Technology; Department of Applied Sciences, Department of Health & Social Sciences)</p> <p>Glenside Campus : Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences (Nursing and Midwifery programmes, Allied Health Professions,)</p> <p>City Campus : School of Art & design, School of Film & Journalism</p>
Location and getting to UWE	<p>UWE's main campus at Frenchay is set approximately 4 miles north of Bristol city centre. There are regular transport links between all campuses and Bristol city.</p> <p>Bristol itself is a 90-minute train journey from London. More info: https://www1.uwe.ac.uk/about/visitus.aspx</p>
Airport Welcome Services	<p>UWE Bristol offers all new international students the option to use our airport welcome service from London Heathrow Airport. For all information see here.</p>
University Accommodation	<p>University accommodation is available if you are coming to UWE for a full academic year, if you apply for accommodation by 8 June, accept an accommodation offer and pay the deposit by the deadline.</p> <p>Accommodation contracts run alongside our term dates. This means that accommodation contract dates are <u>not</u> flexible; instead, they follow the structure of our 3-term academic year, with year –long contracts running until the end of June or mid-July (depending on the property)</p> <p>Students who will be with us for one semester are welcome to apply for UWE accommodation, and may be offered a place if there is availability. However, please note that if you are at UWE for semester 1, the accommodation contract will end when the University closes for the Christmas vacation period. If you have exams during January, you will need to book appropriate accommodation yourself.</p> <p>After students have successfully submitted their exchange application, they will receive an email with instructions on how to make an online application for University accommodation. Students are advised to apply early to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>UWE accommodation includes the cost of Gas and electricity; UWE bus travel; Contents insurance for personal possessions (excludes bicycles); Internet Connection (with the exception of University houses) and costs between £4,148.34 and £7,679.88 for a 40 - 45 week contract.</p> <p>Accommodation Services can be contacted on: +44 (0) 117 32 83601 or accommodation@uwe.ac.uk. Please include your UWE welcome ID in all communications.</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>If students wish to find their own accommodation, they can do so. If they wish to stay in Bristol while doing this, the following hostels are available:</p>

The Full Moon Backpackers Hostel

1 North Street
Stokes Croft
Bristol BS1 3PR
<http://www.fmbristol.co.uk/>
<http://www.hostelbookers.com/hostels/england/bristol/17835/>

Youth Hostel

Hayman House
14 Narrow Quay
Bristol BS1 4QA
Tel: +44 (0)117 922 1659
Fax: + 44 (0)117 927 3789
E-mail: bristol@yha.org.uk
Web: <https://www.yha.org.uk/find-accommodation/south-west-england/hostels/Bristol/index.aspx>

COUNCIL TAX:

PLEASE NOTE Erasmus students in private accommodation need to provide evidence of their student status to Bristol City Council to prove their [exemption from paying Council Tax](#). For each student staying in private accommodation, sending institutions should provide a letter printed on headed paper confirming: the enrolment on a full-time course at the home institution; the students' stay dates at UWE Bristol; the name and Erasmus code of their home institution; the students name and date of Birth; and the start and end date of their studies at their home institution. This must be in ink signed and stamped by the home institution. Institutions can request a template form from studyabroad@uwe.ac.uk

Bristol Backpackers

17 Saint Stephen's Street
Old City
Bristol BS1 1EQ
Tel: +44 117 925 7900
E-mail: info@bristolbackpackers.co.uk
<http://www.bristolbackpackers.co.uk/>

Rock n' Bowl Hostel

22 Nelson St.
Bristol
BS1 2LA
Tel: +44 (0) 117 325 1980
E-mail: bookings@rocknbowlmotel.com
Web: <http://www.thelanesbristol.co.uk/hostel/>

Student support

The [Study Abroad team](#) work closely with students' home institutions and academic departments to ensure the smooth running of study exchanges and are happy to answer queries from incoming exchange students. The team should be the first contact point for all queries: studyabroad@uwe.ac.uk

UWE's [Global Student Support](#) team coordinate International Student Orientation. All exchange and study abroad students are recommended to participate in orientation events and activities – designed for you to meet people, have fun and to get to know UWE, Bristol and each other! A programme will be available [online](#).

Our [Student Support Advisers](#) can provide students with information on a wide range of University matters, including module choices, academic regulations and extenuating circumstances. Students can also discuss academic issues with their departmental exchange coordinators or with their module leaders.

Global PALs (existing UWE students) offer support and guidance and will help you find your way around Bristol and the campus as well as providing information about UWE's services and facilities.

Student advisors can give guidance on [managing money](#) as well as [Visas, Immigration and the UK's PBS](#) (Points based system).

Our [Wellbeing Service](#) provides support for students experiencing personal issues.

Our [Faith and Spirituality](#) service provides facilities and information for prayer, worship, meditation and reflection, opportunities to meet others and advice on spiritual and ethical concerns.

UWE's Students' Union (UWESU) has over 30,000 members and works to promote, defend and extend the rights of students, to initiate change and to enhance the student experience. [UWESU's advice centre](#) can help with money matters, employment, housing and other matters.

	<p>UWESU clubs and societies offer opportunities to join networks, sporting clubs, societies and more.</p> <p>UWESU's ESN-accredited Exchange Student Society - ran by students who have previously studied abroad – provides advice and support to exchange students and organises social events to help them feel welcome in Bristol.</p>
Visa Information	<p>EU citizens visiting under the Erasmus programme or who come as fee paying study abroad students do not require a visa.</p> <p>Visa nationals studying for longer than 6 months, or visa nationals who intend to combine study with work may require a Tier 4 visa. Visa nationals studying for less than 6 months may require a Short Term Study Visa. The UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website provides guidance: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</p> <p>The Study Abroad team will provide the appropriate documentation to support students in their visa application.</p> <p>If a student requires a visa to study in the UK it is their responsibility to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the visa that is issued.</p> <p>UWE's Visa & Immigration Service – arriving in the UK</p>
Access to health care and Health insurance	<p>The University's Health Centre based on the Frenchay campus treats students for minor injuries and illnesses. All non-UK students can register with a Doctor free of charge. Before arrival, EU/EEA students should contact the health authorities in their own country to complete Form E128 or bring their European Health Insurance Card with them. The UK's National Health Service (NHS) provides free hospital treatment, free access to doctors, fixed charges for medicines and fixed charges for dentistry and opticians. Most EU, UK and International students studying for longer than six months can register for a HC1 certificate which allows them to reclaim the costs of paid-for services.</p> <p>Visa nationals studying in the UK on a course less than six months long will need to arrange their own health insurance.</p>
Costs of exchange	<p>For exchange students from partner institutions studying for a full year, tuition is free for up to 120 UWE credits (60 ECTS).</p> <p>For exchange students from partner institutions studying for a single semester, tuition is free for up to 60 UWE credits (30 ECTS). Other exchanges may vary.</p> <p>Students are responsible for all personal expenses, including accommodation costs.</p> <p>For a 9-month course, students should expect their living costs (including accommodation) to be approximately £7,200 – this will vary according to personal habits.</p> <p>UWE accommodation costs between £4,148.34 and £7,679.88 for a 40 - 45 week contract costs between £3778.82 and £7,520.04 for a 40 - 45 week contract and includes most bills, whereas Private accommodation costs upwards of £3,500 a year, excluding bills.</p>
Study Options	<p>Please note that cross-faculty study is not permissible. You will only be able to study subject areas noted in the exchange agreement between institutions (or from one programme of study if a fee-paying student).</p> <p>For more information about this, please visit http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/students/feesandfunding.aspx</p>