



Student Guide

United Kingdom



How much are the fees?

The costs of an education

'Overseas' fees can range from £3,500 to about £18,000 per year depending on the institution, the level of course and the type of course. The fee will probably increase each year by the level of inflation. You should contact the institutions you have applied to in order to find out what the fees are for your course and whether they can tell you what the fees will be for future years.

Your institution will probably ask you to give them some information about yourself and your family to help it assess your fee status.

Affordable

UK degrees can take only three years for undergraduates and only one year for postgraduate master courses, compared with four years and two years in most other countries. This means you will save a great deal on both tuition fees and living costs, and you will be able to start working and earning money sooner. UK degree courses are shorter because they are more intensive, and therefore more efficient in terms of your time and money.

Health care is often free for international students. You are likely to be able to take advantage of National Health Service (NHS) treatment, as well as reduced-cost medicines, dental treatment and eye tests.

Working

Student can partake in part time work (16 hours maximum) during the course of their period. Many students support themselves financially by working in various student based roles that are available

On graduation, there may be opportunities to work with leading UK and international corporations in the UK, or to join national and international firms in Europe, the United States or, indeed, in any part around the globe.

A number of students acquire relevant experience in their chosen fields to increase their chances of employment in their own country; work experience based opportunities are available to many students

Accommodation

Where to live?

Students have ample choices for accommodation in the UK. There are different kinds of accommodation that are available and are listed as follows.

University residence: All universities provide their own accommodation arrangements at campuses, students have an option to live either by themselves or with other students. The costs of accommodation can vary but suitable options are available.

Student flat/house share: Students have an opportunity to share a rented flat or house with other students, this can be organised by various entities including the university itself.

Other: Universities can also arrange various types of accommodation for students based on requirements or certain availabilities through partners.

Reservations for accommodation have to be made well in advance. The Universities will also offer full membership sports and recreation facilities and it is included within the rent payable for your accommodation.

Life in the UK

The Students' Union

At all UK universities and most of the larger colleges, students are automatically considered as members of the National Union of Students (NUS). This will give you access to clubs and societies, representing a vast range of hobbies, sports and interests. Most branches of the Students - Union hold a 'Fresher Week' - at the beginning of the autumn term, during which you will be able to join these clubs and societies. The Students' Union also organizes a wide range of social activities.

Healthcare in the UK

The costs of most health care in the UK are free to students. Students whose academic work is affected by ill health will need to supply evidence, in the form of a self-certificate, to their department.

The following NHS (National Health Service) treatment is free for:



- Emergency treatments, eg: for a serious injury at an accident emergency (A&E) unit of a hospital (but not the follow-up treatment).
- Family Planning Services, eg: contraception.
- Treatment for some diseases of the type that you can catch from other people.
- Compulsory psychiatric treatment.

GBCL Global also provides Student Insurance through its partners who cover all aspects including health, travel and other necessary components.

It is highly recommended for students to take out this insurance before travelling to a country for their education.

UK – Climate & Clothing

There are four seasons, namely autumn, winter, spring and summer but it rains all year round. During autumn and spring seasons, it tends to get chilly and you will need heavy warm clothes such as Jackets, pullovers, sweaters, vests, waterproof shoes or boots, jumpers, coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

What is equally important to clothing in the winter is to ensure that you have heated accommodation. When the temperatures rise in summer you will start wearing, T-shirts, open sandals, sundresses, sunhats and sunglasses.

For the reasons highlighted above, wet weather clothing should be packed together with jumpers and other warm clothing. An umbrella is also essential regardless of when you visit.

Travelling within the UK

The UK consists of three countries and a province. Those are England, Scotland, Wales; and the province of Northern Ireland. Each portion has its unique history with a diverse culture. As these countries are all within easy reach of one another, they're easy to explore. The UK is well connected through national air, rail, coach and bus networks, which enables one to get almost anywhere in the UK. Discounts or special rates are generally available for students on most forms of transport.

UK is a diverse and multi-faceted country where students can find the best of everything.

Art: Art in the UK is flourishing and most of the UK's 2,000 museums and galleries are free. Art exhibitions are regular events throughout the UK and are highly popular.

There are many art galleries in the UK including the Tate Modern Gallery in London and BALTIC in Gateshead. One of the largest art spaces in Europe and the biggest arts event of all is the renowned annual Edinburgh Festival which is actually several festivals at once - a real feast of music, drama, comedy, dance, film, books and other arts.

Leisure & Fun: Studying in the UK is not only a wonderful opportunity to benefit from a world-class education but also a chance to experience the country's vibrant culture.

Sightseeing: There are many places in the UK you won't want to miss, such as the sights of cities like London, Edinburgh, Oxford, Cambridge, Bath and York, and the landmarks of Stonehenge, the Giant's Causeway and the mountains of Snowdonia. You'll find that almost every city and major town in the UK has at least one intriguing historic building or feature.

Outdoor Adventure: The UK boasts a wide variety of landscapes and an equally wide choice of outdoor activities. Miles of rivers and sandy coastlines are ideal for rowing, sailing, white water rafting, canoeing and fishing. Tennis courts and swimming pools can be found in virtually every town. And thousands of acres of unspoiled countryside, many of them in national parks offer ideal terrain for walking, cycling and horse riding.

Sports: Sport is popular throughout the UK. Football, cricket and rugby are the national games. UK colleges and universities have a range of sports teams and clubs. If you prefer to go along and watch, look out for football matches (thousands of games kick off at 3.00 p.m. every Saturday), cricket (at cricket grounds and village greens from May to September), international athletics events, golf tournaments, the Wimbledon tennis championships, the London Marathon, horse - racing (meetings all over the country), Cowes sailing week and the Oxford and Cambridge boat race.

Life as a student in the UK is an excellent journey where a student develops themselves personally as well as educationally; GBCL Global makes sure that students have the best time possible when they come to study in the UK.

