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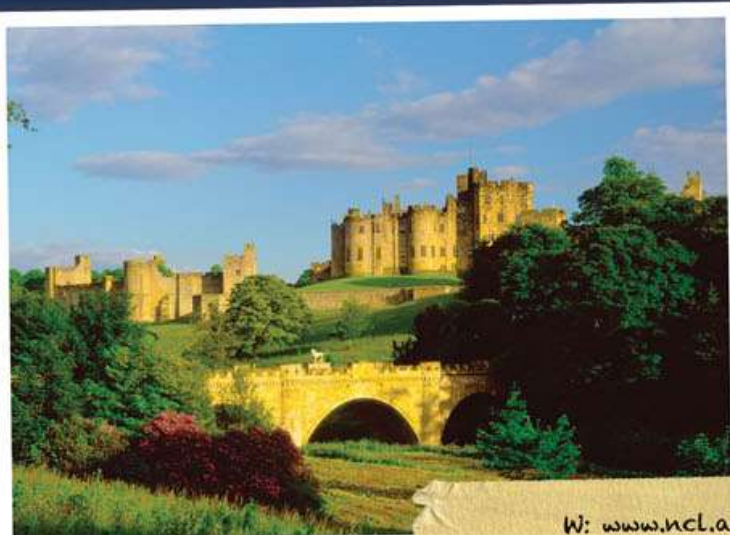


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Welcome to the UK's Number One Student City*

Newcastle has a long-standing reputation for its fun loving character and the warmth of its people. Among many others reason, students know Newcastle for its premier league football club, Newcastle United, and the nearby Alnwick Castle where some of the scenes for the Harry Potter films were filmed.

Newcastle University has a tradition of welcoming students from all over the world (currently around 5,000 international students from over 100 countries).

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DID YOU KNOW...

- Our students enjoy an excellent success rate in finding employment after graduation and the University is a key supplier of new recruits to many international companies.
- The University is currently ranked 12th in the UK (Sunday Times University Guide 2012).
- The University has two international branch campuses - Newcastle University Medicine in Malaysia and Newcastle University Marine International in Singapore.
- A focus on global research collaborations and continued success in attracting international students and academics has resulted in Newcastle University being in the world's top 50 universities for 'International Outlook'.
- Newcastle University has spent over £200 million investing in its city centre campus meaning great facilities and equipment for all its students.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that Newcastle is my second home," Nuno, South Korea, "Newcastle University gives you everything you need to take away; unforgettable memories of living, study, and travelling".



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"If you are an international student and are thinking of coming to Newcastle, I would tell you to be brave and come here. Studying abroad is much more than the degree. It gives you three years' life experience and makes you much better organised and more independent."
- Cindy, Indonesia

"Newcastle appealed to me as the Northern Institute for Cancer Research has a good reputation and is one of the best in the country for cancer research. My sister also studies here and we were offered the International Family Discount which was also a factor in my decision."
- Hasithi, Sri Lanka

"After graduation, I will be looking for work back home in Singapore, so I can use the knowledge gained here and apply the skills obtained while studying in Newcastle. I would recommend the Careers Service to everyone because they are very helpful in preparing you for an interview or just building up a good CV."
- Hossain, Singapore

"The course at Newcastle offered me a wide variety of experiences. I had the opportunity to be involved in organ retrieval and then the transplant surgery afterwards, under supervision of a leading transplant surgeon - this type of experience is hard to come by."
- Andy, Singapore

"I'm on a full overseas scholarship from the Singapore Armed Force. I chose Newcastle because it is one of the best engineering universities and a stunning city; I loved every moment of studying here. I certainly would recommend Newcastle University to others."
- Guan Tdee, Singapore

"Newcastle has great amenities and facilities for its residents for example, Newcastle United FC, shopping areas, restaurants, shops and it has good transport links with the rest of the UK."
- Kongphan, Thailand



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Land of authentic English Afternoon Tea





SHORTER EDUCATION DURATION
An average Undergraduate (Honours) degree course lasts 3 years in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, which is a very reasonable amount of time for an Honours degree and perfect for those who get easily homesick!



MORE STUDY CHOICES
You have over 3,000 educational institutions to choose from, each offering a multitude of exciting courses. From languages to multimedia design, from clinical psychology to structural engineering, there is something for everyone.

IT'S ENGLISH-SPEAKING
The UK happens to be the birthplace of the English language, although it might take you a while to get used to some unique accents like the Scottish burr, the Irish lilt or the Cockney glottal stop. The other thing you'll have to get used to are some common words - like 'dinner' which they eat during lunch, and 'supper' which is basically dinner - that may sound confusing for a first-timer.

GREAT VALUE
You'll be surprised at how affordable a UK education can be. UK degree courses are short and intensive, meaning they are friendly on the pocket. Students also enjoy many discounts and free health care during their studies, under National Healthcare Service.

Study in Why the UK?

ESTABLISHED EDUCATION
Education in the UK is as old as its heritage; the University of Oxford was established before 1167 and the University of Cambridge in 1209. Both were top of their game back then as they are today. Since then, plenty more universities have been established throughout the UK since the 19th century, including Queen's University Belfast, King's College London and Aberystwyth University. Indeed, there's no school like the old school.



What makes the UK stand out? Cost of living and tuition fees aside, here are just some things to note.

WORKING OPPORTUNITY
"Those seeking work experience abroad can apply for a four-year sandwich course, in which your university will help you find employment during your third or fourth year of study. Most local employers value overseas experience, so this will give you a leg up over your peers when you return to Singapore."



WORLD RANKING
For 2011/2012, the QA World University ranking has placed the University of Cambridge on the top of its list, with 3 other UK institutions within the top 10. There isn't a higher education ranking in the world that doesn't include the UK in its top 10.



HOME OF THE ARTS
England is famous for Shakespeare and musicals, but if that's not the kind of stage you enjoy, try a Brit rock concert where you'll get to bop your head to local bands like Muse, Keane and Snow Patrol.



GATEWAY TO EUROPE
If you're already in the UK, you can easily get to over 40 countries by rail, budget airline or even by car. Discover your adventurous side and hone those holiday planning skills when you travel the continent. Perfect for satisfying your wanderlust!

QUALIFICATIONS THAT TAKE YOU PLACES
Qualifications from UK universities, colleges and schools are internationally recognised for their high academic standards. The institutions are typically research intensive and this is reflected in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). In addition, the UK curriculum focuses on real world skills. You'll learn how to think critically, study independently and excel both as a leader and team player.



THE ROYAL FAMILY
Don't deny it - deep down, you're a fan of the Royal family. You probably sneaked off during class to watch the last Royal wedding! Luckily for you, the Brits are just as obsessed about their Royals as you are. You can stalk them on daily tabloids, or try camping out at Windsor or Buckingham.

FOOTBALL
If you've got a hint of a football maniac in you, you'll know that England is home ground to the English Premier League, not to mention the rest of the members of UEFA. While your friends back home can only watch matches on telly, you can actually kiss the ground your idols walk on.



RICH DIVERSITY
If you're looking for diversity in a truly global environment, the UK is it. Your fellow students come from over 90 different countries adding a multi-cultural dimension to the student experience.



ENGLAND



Every year England attracts tens of thousands of international students from around the world, making it one of the top global study destinations. So what is it that brings the world to England for their education? It starts with the high quality and variety of programmes on offer in virtually any of the country's universities.

But that's not where it ends. There's also the unparalleled culture and arts scene, the great globalised social life, and even easy access to the rest of Europe on your school holidays.

IN THE BEGINNING

After creating the English language out of a fusion of European dialects, it's no surprise that the British went on to found some of the oldest and most historic schools in the world, like Oxford and Cambridge which have consistently ranked at the top of any global university listing since their inception.

Thanks to the country's heritage in education, English scientists and institutions have won almost 100 Nobel Prizes for their scientific achievements. Among them are Professor Stephen Hawking, a theoretical physicist born in Oxford, whose work influenced the development of the Big Bang and black hole theories.



IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE

England has long been the birthplace of great music acts, of which The Beatles are probably the most universally acclaimed. Other notable performers like The Rolling Stones, The Cure and the Grammy-award-winning Coldplay have also risen to fame.

On the other end of the spectrum, the classical music lovers will find a wealth of culture in the world-renowned Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden, which is home to the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet.



Muddy revellers at the V Festival



EAT, DRINK, BE MERRY

Thanks to the likes of Naked Chef Jamie Oliver and the comely Nigella Lawson, the foodie scene in England's come a long, long way. With immigrants from every corner of the world, you're as likely to be eating Lebanese as Vietnamese, and everything in between.

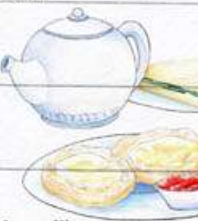
Still, after a big night out, there's nothing more British than some chips or a takeaway kebab. Speaking of nights out, pubs are a British institution, and chances are you'll be in one that was genuinely established in the 19th century. Whether or not you imbibe, your "local" (a pub near you) is the place where you'll quickly make many new friends.



As the English like to enjoy themselves, weekends can be spent exploring the entertainment district of Soho and catching a round of stand-up comedy at the Soho Theatre, or people watching at one of it's 24-hour cafes. You'll be guaranteed something to do over the weekend that's not just shopping and your average date at the movies.

CULTURE VULTURE

Home to King Arthur, Shakespeare and Harry Potter, England has an enduring record as one of the world's most influential centres of cultural development. As a student there, you'll have the time to explore England's icons like Stonehenge and its medieval castles, as well indulge in quintessential English experiences like riding horses and steam trains or drinking English afternoon tea.



Head to the famous English countryside to spend a lazy weekend drifting through the Norfolk Broads, and have an adventure in a Cumbrian yurt or a cosy cottage hideaway in Northumberland. Or visit Norman castles and stately homes along scenic cycle routes.

Lastly, yes, it rains a lot in England. But then you've got a great excuse to go explore some of the world's most famous art, architecture and museums, from the Tate Modern to the British Museum. And best of all, they're virtually free.



SCOTLAND



Known around the world for its quirky culture - think bagpipes and Braveheart, castles and kilts, Loch Ness and Auld Lang Syne - Scotland's got a reputation for being unique, but then you already knew that.

What you probably didn't know was its world-class reputation for education and business. Home to some of Europe's oldest, most prestigious schools and most vibrant cities, Scotland's the best of both worlds - old and new - all rolled into one.



LAND OF THE FREE

Unlike Singapore's pancake flat landscape, Scotland's scenery is made up of dramatic rolling highlands - if they look familiar, it's probably because you imagine some kind of sorcery school to be there.

Being as far north as Scandinavia, it's nice and cool, so you'll finally get a chance to wear that awesome leather jacket that's been gathering dust in your closet since last GSS. And in Scotland, men don't look out of place in skirts kilts. And if you're still cold, there's always a warm tot of Scotland's famous whiskey, or a nice steaming plate of haggis (if you need to ask what's inside, it's better you don't).

HOME OF PIONEERS

Do you remember who invented this?



In your lifetime, you've probably been influenced by an array of Scottish inventions like the television, telephone, penicillin and... Grand Theft Auto (the game was made in Scotland).

With a strong pioneer blood, Scotland produces more academic papers per 10,000 of the population than any other country in the world. Around half of Scotland's research has been awarded five or five* ratings in the UK Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

TOP SCOTTISH INDUSTRIES:

- finance
- life sciences
- traditional and renewable energies
- oil and gas
- medical technology
- tourism
- the creative industries



OLD SCHOOL

Education in Scotland goes back a very, very long way with some of the country's leading schools like St. Andrews and Dundee dating from the 15th century. In that time, they've established quite a reputation for education.

Dolly, the world's first cloned sheep, was pioneered in Scotland!

There's also a wide array of options (on offer) from specialty schools like the Glasgow School of Art, the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the Scottish Agricultural College, to the nation's 16 universities - many of which date back over 500 years (with St. Andrews dating back to 1413). Needless to say, you'll have no trouble finding a school that fits you.

Baa!



The education systems of countries like the USA, Canada and China mirror the model that was pioneered by the Scots in the 15th century. The focus is flexibility, and you will be encouraged to build a programme (including cross-faculty study) that suits your needs with a unified credit transfer system.



NEW WORLD

With such a strong, highly-educated workforce, Scotland has quietly become one of Europe's biggest success stories in the last decade, and its knowledge economy has gone from strength to strength.

It's now firmly established itself as a European leader in everything from banking and finance to high-tech and IT, with cities like Aberdeen and Edinburgh leading the way, ranked as some of Europe's top centres of business and innovation.



NORTHERN IRELAND

With its rolling green hills, bustling cities and famously friendly people, Northern Ireland's world-class schools are renowned today for their R&D excellence.

But all this recent recognition is just the tip of the iceberg as Northern Ireland's been turning out highly creative types and global luminaries for centuries, from C.S.Lewis to Van Morrison and Snow Patrol.

YOUNG NATION

With an average age of just 27, Northern Ireland has one of the youngest, most dynamic populations in Europe. Meaning for international students, you'll no doubt make new friends fast, especially since the Irish were recently voted the World's Friendliest People by Lonely Planet. And not surprisingly, as one of Europe's coolest young cities, the capital Belfast's arts, culture and night-life are literally "buzzing".



R&D EXCELLENCE

Speaking of sound, it's not all fun and games, as Northern Ireland's also become a serious global centre of excellence for R&D at places like the state-of-the-art Sonic Arts Research Centre at Queen's University Belfast, or the world-famous Centre for Molecular Biosciences at the University of Ulster where scientists are pushing the boundaries of cancer research.

Meanwhile, for the non-scientifically inclined, Ireland's also got a long literary tradition, making it an equally strong choice for anyone studying the arts or social sciences.



HOT SPOT

Everybody's talking about Northern Ireland these days: National Geographic just named the capital Belfast as one of its top global hot spots in 2012.

Mercer's 2011 Cost of Living survey, ranking cities from most to least expensive, places Belfast at #182 – significantly less expensive compared to London (#17) or even neighbouring Dublin (#42).

Add to that its academic excellence and thriving social scene, and Northern Ireland offers a great package for any student.



WALES

Misty mountains, unique culture, quaint towns with names like Aberflyarf, Pantypwlyn and Plwmp. It could only be one place – Wales – one of the UK's choice study destinations.



Dim o gwbl
At any time



TONGUE-TIED

Wales is a vibrant, young, English-speaking country. It's also home to one of Europe's oldest cultures and languages – Welsh. And while you'll get by just fine in bi-lingual Cymru (Wales) with English, as an international student, you'll also get to try your hand at pronouncing names like Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll – a real town in northern Wales.

Admittedly the Welsh language can be tricky, but it's the landscape that'll likely be leaving you tongue-tied – from the stunning mountains of Snowdonia to the famous castles of Conwy and Coeh, all of which are easily within reach over a long weekend using affordable public transport.

With three national parks and almost 1,200km of coastline, Wales offers some of the world's most exciting adventure playgrounds in which you can really let yourself go.

DIFFERENT STROKES

The Welsh love their rugby, but then they also love ferret racing. Yes, it's safe to say Wales is different, but then different is good. What else is good is the reputation of Welsh schools like Cardiff University, University of Glamorgan and Swansea University to name just a few of the country's 11 prestigious schools.

Wales is a country rich in resources and takes pride in its environment. Understanding that renewable energy, raw materials, conservation and aquaculture are crucial to its future, Wales is becoming one of the world leaders in sustainable technologies.



VALUE FOR MONEY

And best of all, Wales is extremely affordable with living costs and rental in Cardiff for example, well below that of London, Manchester and other major UK cities, making it potentially the UK's most affordable educational destination.



Try saying this name!

LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGGERYCHWYRNDOROBWLLLLANTYSILIOGOGOOCH
Llan-vire-pooli-guin-gill-go-ger-u-queern-drab-ooll-llandus-illo-gago-goch

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About SOAS

SOAS is a specialist centre for the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. SOAS offers over 300 undergraduate degrees and 70 one-year taught masters programmes within its three faculties, Law & Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities and Languages & Cultures. Among other things you can study for a degree in Economics, Politics, Law, Anthropology or one of the 36 Asian and African languages taught at the school.



Why SOAS?

The Times Higher Education World rankings puts SOAS as 7th in the UK, 11th in Europe and 44th in the world. SOAS also features in the top 50 universities in the world for the Arts & Humanities according to the QS World University Rankings.

SOAS is also regarded for its focus on small group teaching with a student-staff ratio of only 11:1 and some departments 6:1.

SOAS has several notable alumni including Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, BBC Journalist Zeinab Badawi, Novelist Jung Chang and Malaysian academic Farish Noor.



STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- 25% of the degrees involve studying in another country.
- SOAS Library is one of UK's five National Research Libraries.
- The student to staff ratio is one of the best at 11:1.
- Student satisfaction is at 87% - above national average.
- SOAS has 5,000+ students from 130+ countries.
- SOAS was established in 1916.



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HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY

"When I arrived at SOAS and saw the yurt installed for Freshers' Week, I quickly realised that my year would pass much too fast. It's proved true so far- I am constantly being challenged and growing intellectually, while also having the time of my life."

- Xinying Ke, MSc Development Studies

"Amidst the cacophony of London schools vying for your attention, SOAS is a quiet gem hidden in the heart of London. A colourful and vibrant place, you will meet absolutely incredible people who dream of changing the world, and the range of perspective and exposure you'll get here is most definitely unique."

- Daryl Lee, BA Social Anthropology.
(Class of 2014)

"Studying at SOAS has allowed me to take a step back from the fervent Eurocentrism that pervades our view of history. You'll find no other institution so intensely devoted to the academic study of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. My experience at SOAS has been enlightening. SOAS is quite simply my institution of choice."

- Michael Yeo, BA History
(Class of 2013)



Why RVC?

As the only independent vet school in the UK, the RVC is able to pioneer new teaching and learning techniques which directly benefit our students. The same goes for our clinical facilities and staff. We only direct our resources to veterinary-related education and research, which means all the student and clinical fees and research funds we receive are used to provide students, staff and the animals we treat with the best experience possible. We were the top institution for veterinary research in England in the last Research Assessment Exercise and those researchers, who are at the top of their field, are lecturers and clinical tutors to our students.

We offer state-of-the-art clinical and research facilities, with a full working farm, equine and large animal referral units and both a first opinion and referral hospital for small animals. Our Centre for Emerging, Endemic & Exotic Diseases works at the forefront of disease control, one of many areas of research our faculty specialise in.

The RVC remains the only English veterinary school accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, allowing our veterinary medicine graduates to practice in North America. Our accreditation by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as well as the European Association For Establishments of Veterinary Education also allow our veterinary medicine graduates rights to practice in many other countries around the world, including Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, India, Singapore and Malaysia. This means that your career opportunities upon graduation are truly global.



STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- Southampton enjoys its historical reputation in maritime and has witnessed the journeys of both the Titanic in 1912 and the Queen Mary 2 (designed and built by Stephen Payne, Southampton alumnus) in 2004.
- Southampton hosts the annual Southampton Boat Show in the summer, the largest on-water boat show in Europe. There are also Global Challenge yacht races held in Ocean Village in Southampton on several occasions.
- Skandia Cowes Weeks on Isle of Wight, short distance from Southampton, attracts the world's best sailors for competitive racing for a week in August.
- Professor Tim Berners-Lee in the School of Electronics and Computer Science is the inventor of the World Wide Web.
- Adrian Newey, Southampton alumnus, started his career in the wind tunnel at Southampton and is now one of the world's most successful Formula One car designers. He will be at the Singapore Grand Prix soon.
- Singapore society organizes an annual Summer Chalet & BBQ for all new students before their departure.
- * There are over 150 societies and 80 sports clubs available to join at Southampton student union.
- * Southampton researchers contributed their expertise to projects at the Chinese Olympics in 2008 and helped the British to win 18 medals.

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Why Southampton?

- International recognition: We are ranked 75th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2011) and ranked among the top 20 UK universities - in 14th position on the Complete University Guide 2012 and in 19th position on the Times Good University Guide 2012.
- World-leading research-excellence: In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), more than 60% of our research was considered world-leading or internationally excellent. The University of Southampton is ranked joint 9th among Russell Group universities in terms of the 2008 RAE.
- High student satisfaction: The University of Southampton has been ranked 10th in the UK for student satisfaction according to The Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2011.
- Prime location: Southampton is campus-based, just over one hour from central London, on the south coast of England with low cost of living.
- International diversity: we have over 22,000 students including more than 5,000 students from more than 130 different countries.
- High employability: With our close links with business and industries, our dedicated Career Destination team offers free advice to all students for up to three years after graduation. We have been ranked in the top 20 UK universities for graduate starting salaries (2010 Sunday Times University Guide rankings).
- Guaranteed accommodation: All our international (non-EU) students are guaranteed accommodation of their first-year studies in our Halls of Residence (conditions apply).
- International support: International students can freely enjoy our exclusive services for their staying at the University of Southampton, such as Meet and Greet, International Welcome Week, visa and career advice, free English support, and counseling service from student union.
- Our courses are recognized by the relevant accreditation boards.



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About RVC

Founded in 1791, the Royal Veterinary College is the oldest and largest veterinary school in the UK.

The College is at the forefront of innovation in the veterinary and bioscience fields and provides cutting edge teaching, research and clinical provision in several areas, including veterinary medicine, bioveterinary science and veterinary nursing. Our graduates have gone on to successful careers in veterinary practice, animal welfare, scientific research, conservation and government, to name a few.

We have one campus in Camden, Central London and a second in rural Hertfordshire, offering students a unique opportunity to experience both urban and rural life in England. The Royal Veterinary College has an international reputation, attracting staff and students from around the world. We accept a range of qualifications, including A Levels, IB, APs and equivalents.



STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- The RVC is the oldest vet school in the English-speaking world.
- The equine skeleton in our anatomy museum was used as the basis for the CGI 'Thestrals' in the Harry Potter films.
- Our Student Research Team have undertaken summer projects in Zanzibar, Mexico and Indonesia (to name a few!) in recent years.
- The Queen Mother Hospital for Animals is the largest veterinary referral hospital in Europe, treating over 25,000 cases every year.
- The RVC has Europe's only canine heart transplant unit.
- We were voted the 'Most Improved Student Experience 2011' in the Times Higher Education Awards.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I chose to study at the RVC because of its extensive facilities, especially at the Hawkshead campus. Receiving the AVA scholarship has been a life-changing experience, providing an excellent platform for me to interact with, and learn from, other vets. I'm honoured to be representing my country, Singapore, at the RVC and hope to do it proud."

- Boon Han Teo, Singapore

"Attending the RVC has enabled me to experience the multi-cultural city of London. As the RVC is an AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) recognised college it is widely and internationally approved. Receiving an RVC scholarship was exciting and unexpected, it showed me that effort will be rewarded and made me especially excited to start a new life in one of the best veterinary colleges I know."

- Wynne Fong, Hong Kong

"Studying veterinary medicine has always been a life dream of mine. RVC caught my attention with its world recognized reputation in outstanding programs in veterinary medicine, renowned professors, and research facilities. We have a very tight knit community at the RVC. There is always an event, talk, or social program being set up that you can participate in. I also find London to be one of the most eclectic and exciting cities in the world. There is always somewhere new to go or something new to see. Transportation is easy to navigate and people are friendly."

- Cecilia Chea, North America

"I enjoy my lectures at the University of Southampton very much and appreciate the wide exposure we are given in our field of study. We are given a lot of independence to do our own readings and further study but the lecturers are always easily contactable if we have any queries or need extra help. I believe the strength of my course lies in the fact that we are sent out on placements regularly to gain clinical experience to develop our clinical skills, which is essential in podiatric practice."

- Sheena Tan, 2nd year Podiatry student

WHAT STUDENTS SAY

"Southampton is a city with a very large student population, and this has resulted in much of the city dedicating itself towards providing a better living experience for students. From affordable housing, to the various social events organized specifically for students, to the many businesses offering student discounts around the city, it is difficult to imagine anywhere in the UK more suited to student life than Southampton."

- Tommy Chuang, 3rd year LLB student

"Southampton has a well-recognised reputation in research and there are always lots of clinical-researcher tie-ups and projects in the works. One thing that attracted me was that the medical school offers a BSc in addition to the medical degree within the 5-year course, as experience and literacy in scientific research is now seen as a valuable asset for clinicians to have."

- Rebecca Goh, 2nd year Medicine student

TOP SUBJECTS

by Prabhu Sivam

Some of the top courses in the UK

Widely regarded as the academic capital of the world, the UK has garnered a widely envied reputation in delivering academic excellence dating back hundreds of years. As birthplace of the English language, the UK has held pole position in areas of legal, cultural, financial and architectural advancements.

The range of educational opportunities available in the United Kingdom is significant. No matter what kind of learning environment you seek, you will find ample choices from among the 3,600 diverse higher education institutions in the country.



SOCIAL SCIENCES with ECONOMICS

A BA in Social Sciences will develop you into a morally conscious individual with a knack for social foresight. Social sciences covers a broad range of areas within vocational and academic sectors. Examples include programmes in politics, psychology, sociology, social policy, social research, criminology, gender studies and development, which are available either academically or vocationally in UK universities.

Some programmes combine both academic and vocational aspects - for instance, an MA in Social Work gives you professional training as well as a higher degree.



It's all about the people



The real life Avengers

LAW

A law degree in the UK will provide you with access to a diverse range of legal careers and also springboard you to other professions in areas of education and politics.

Studying law in England, Northern Ireland and Wales equates to a 3 year undergraduate degree programme which results in an LLB (Legum Baccalaureus) - also known as an undergraduate or bachelor's degree.

ENGINEERING

Change the society you live in with an engineering degree from the UK. Civil engineers will get the chance to design, construct and shape your city's living environment, and gain experience through coursework and lab experiments. What's more, with the push for sustainable energy in the past couple of decades, students can take up a nuclear science and engineering programme that offers good employment prospects.



MEDICINE



Medical Education in the United Kingdom has undergone changes in the past decade that differ to those seen in many other medical programmes. With constant interaction with patients, the infusion of problem-based curriculum, self-directed learning and increasing emphasis on community-based education, a UK undergraduate medical training is designed to provide a firm grounding for medical, clinical and diagnostic skills.

You've seen Scrubs, Grey's Anatomy and House. Now you can look like them.



LITERATURE

You'll get to read up on plenty of classics

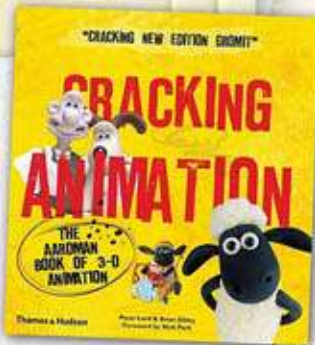
Because Britain is the crib of all literature written in English, a BA in English Literature will provide students with a more attractive and stimulating journey since their courses will intersect with cultural, literary and political institutions and events in the United Kingdom.

These days, a quill isn't necessary



CREATIVE ARTS

Birthplace of Wallace & Gromit



The UK is a melting pot for the creative arts, which range from performance arts to animation to film-making. Studying in a society with a strong arts belt allows you to gain hands-on experience working on real-world projects. For instance, UK undergraduates have worked on all the Harry Potter films, as well as other blockbusters such as Saving Private Ryan and Batman Begins.



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BUSINESS

Study business in the UK and experience first-rate teaching in one of the world's leading business and financial centres. UK business degrees are available in a wide range of subjects. Choose from courses in banking, accountancy, economics and administration to specialist programmes such as sports management.

Nothing says you're a successful person more than a sharply-tailored suit



SOME FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

- subject interest
- duration
- entry requirements
- research assessment exercise (RAE) (www.rae.ac.uk)

The Last Word...

One of the hallmarks of an education in the UK is flexibility. A UK education values creativity, individualism, and inclusiveness. Other than a holistic on-campus learning, students will find a wide range of activities outside the classroom to match their interests, such as internships, clubs, and social, cultural, and sports activities. These opportunities give students a chance to make friends while they develop team and leadership skills that they will utilise in future careers.



DEGREE RECOGNITION



A degree in law or medicine in the United Kingdom commands a level of respect and prestige. Before dedicating yourself to a 3 - 6 year programme however, first ensure the desired university degree is professionally recognised.

In Singapore, a degree is recognised if the institution or university is accredited by the government of the country where it is located.

For the list of recognised degree awarding institutions in the UK, please visit:

www.bis.gov.uk/policies/higher-education/recognised-uk-degrees

Recognition of UK degrees in Singapore

If you want to pursue a career in law, architecture, engineering or medicine, please check with the respective bodies for recognised university programmes.

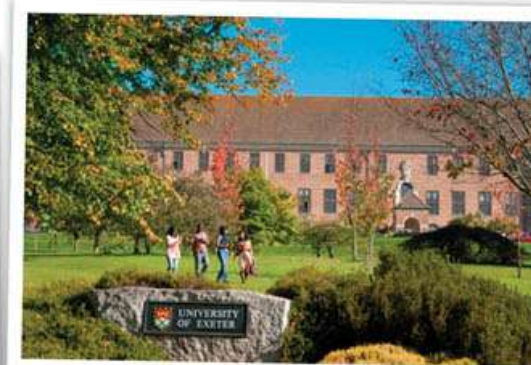
Board of Legal Education: www.lawsociety.org.sg/ble
 Board of Architecture: www.boa.gov.sg
 Professional Engineers Board: www.peb.gov.sg
 Singapore Medical Council: www.smc.gov.sg

recognised medicine programmes

The University of Aberdeen	University College London
University of Birmingham	The University of Manchester
University of Bristol	Newcastle University
University of Cambridge	The University of Nottingham
Cardiff University	University of Oxford
University of Dundee	Queen Mary (University of London)
The University of Edinburgh	Queen's University Belfast
University of Glasgow	The University of Sheffield
Imperial College London	University of Southampton
King's College London	University of St. Andrews
University of Leeds	St George's, University of London
University of Leicester	Wales College of Medicine
The University of Liverpool	

recognised law programmes

University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
Durham University
University of Exeter
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
The University of Liverpool
King's College London
London School of Economics
University College London
The University of Manchester
The University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
Queen Mary (University of London)
SOAS, University of London (The School of Oriental and African Studies)
The University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University of Warwick



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STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- The University displays over 1000 artworks, worth over £2 million and holds regular exhibitions on campus.
- Our annual Chinese New Year celebrations are attended by over 2000 people.
- Famous alumni include the children's author JK Rowling; Radiohead front man Thom Yorke; Frank Gardner BBC Security Correspondent; The Rt Hon Andrew D Lansley, CBE, MP, UK Secretary of State for Health; Dame Suzi Leather, Chair of Charity Commission.
- More than £250 million of new facilities for 2012.
- Our LLB degree is recognised in a number of international jurisdictions including Singapore.
- Over 150 societies covering a vast range of activities. RAG, the student-led fundraising team raised £88,000 for charity in 2009/10.



UNDERGRADUATE

Our undergraduate programmes are suitable for students who have completed a recognised local high school qualification or the first year of an overseas university degree. A wide variety of subjects are available to study, from the traditional to professionally accredited programmes or a unique combination devised through our Flexible Combined Honours scheme. Alternatively you can transfer here for the final two years of your degree and earn an Exeter qualification, or study with us as a study abroad student to earn credits towards qualifications at your home university or as part of an exchange agreement with one of our 180 partner universities worldwide. The University is unable to consider applications for final year entry to an undergraduate degree however we do consider applications for second year entry from applicants who can demonstrate they have obtained a satisfactory level of performance in their previous studies. These studies should also match our first-year modules in both content and depth.

POSTGRADUATE

Postgraduate applicants will find a wide variety of taught programmes, from Postgraduate Certificates to 9 or 12 month Masters. These usually combine taught modules and a research project but the specialist Masters by Research allow students to focus entirely on an independent research project. The University has a vibrant research community and an extensive continuing professional development programme for students seeking MPhil or PhD qualifications.



WHAT STUDENTS SAY

"It's very stimulating when academics challenge conventional schools of thought, and they certainly do that here at Exeter. I also think it's important for a world-class business school to have a strong network of international students, to provide a global perspective. When we debate topical issues, it makes you realise how deep the knowledge of many academics here is. Exeter Business School has a very strong team. I haven't yet made up my mind what I'd like to do next. I'd either like to work for an international Management Consultancy, or will go on to do a PhD. Either way, I've learned you can never have too much knowledge or too many qualifications."

- Lawrence Choo, MSc Experimental Economics

"One of the reasons I chose the University of Exeter was its location. Exeter is a relatively small city, yet big enough to cater for all your needs. It's also nice to be able to get to London easily, at the same time as having stunning scenery right on your doorstep. Places like Dartmouth and Exmouth are just breathtaking. So you can enjoy a top quality education in a really beautiful place."

- Darwin Huang, BA Economics and Finance

ADMISSIONS TESTS

Depending on the university and programme you choose, there may be tests that you will need to take before gaining admittance. Please check with the respective testing websites below for more on which universities require the tests, how to prepare and where to take them.

For Medicine

BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) - www.bmat.org.uk

OR

United Kingdom Clinical Admissions Test (UKCAT) - www.ukcat.ac.uk

For Law

Law National Admission Test (LNAT) - www.lnat.ac.uk
 (For Birmingham, Bristol, Durham, Glasgow, King's, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxford and UCL)

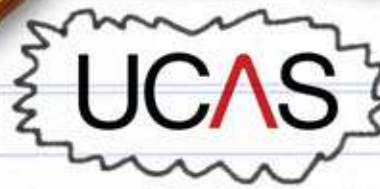
Generic Admissions Test

Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) - www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk

by Prabhu Silvam

STUDY IN THE UK BASIC REQUIREMENTS

You're fresh off school, beaming with ideas and feeling poised to take on the world - what's best is, you've got your mind set on an education in the UK. Kudos to you for choosing the preferred educational path of some of the greatest achievers of all time. All prepped up but not sure where to start? Here's a quick checklist of what you'll need to do.



<http://wwwucas.com>

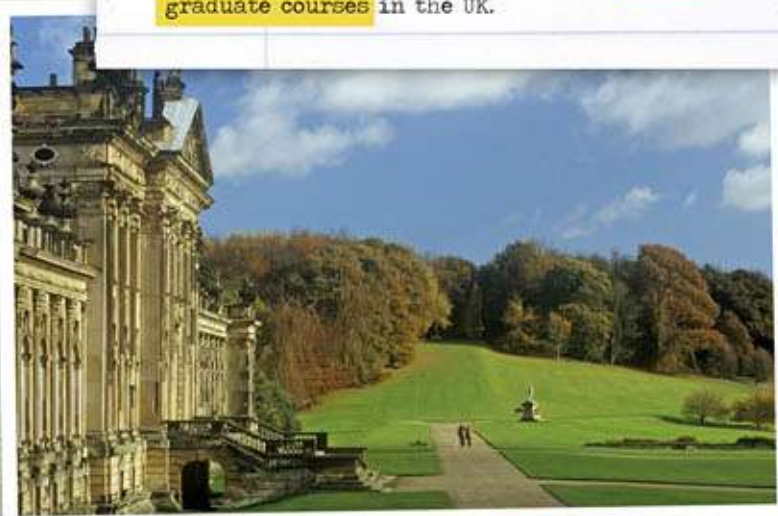
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Impossible deadlines and gargantuan amounts of paperwork are part and parcel of applying for a place in a university - thankfully, not in the UK. The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service or UCAS is the official governing body of all applications from international students for admissions to UK colleges or universities.

The UCAS are the bigwigs behind managing applications to higher education for **undergraduate courses** in the UK.

First, identify the desired degree/course then proceed to submit qualifications to the UCAS. Students can submit applications to up to **five** different colleges and universities through UCAS, with only four choices provided to students pursuing Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary medicine courses.

Post-graduates however, are advised to apply directly to their institution of choice.



STEP 6: PACK YOUR BAGS!

Term starts in Sept/Oct.

STEP 5: APPLY FOR STUDENT VISA

Once you've received your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), the next step is to apply for a visa online. You can only apply for your visa three months before the start of your course.



Read this carefully for more details



APPLICATION TIMELINE (FOR UCAS)



STEP 1: DECIDE WHAT YOU WOULD STUDY AND CHOOSE YOUR INSTITUTIONS

(see section on What to Study, p.10)

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR COURSE

Use the search engines on these websites to find available courses in the UK.

<http://wwwucas.com>
<http://www.educationuk.org.sg>

Think carefully!
Consider:
* Location
* Curriculum
* Facilities
* Entry requirements
* Costs
* Exemptions (if applicable)

STEP 4: OFFERS & ANSWERS

March 31 - June 8

OFFERS: You should have the answer from the universities and colleges of your choices.

May 9 onwards

ANSWERS: If you've received offers from universities or colleges, you need to reply within a month.



Watch out for deadlines to apply for university accommodation.

STEP 3: APPLY FOR IT

Completed applications, including a reference, should be sent to UCAS by the following dates:

September 1
Applications open for the next year

October 15
Application deadline for courses in medicine, dentistry or veterinary science or for courses at Oxford University or Cambridge University

January 15
Recommended deadline for international students

March 24
Deadline for art and design courses except those listed with a January 15 deadline

June 30
The final deadline for international students

(Post Graduate applications can be made directly to the universities. Check respective websites.)



UK VISA APPLICATION CENTRE
138 Robinson Road
#07-01/02 The Corporate Office
Singapore 068906

STUDENT VISA

Students (18-years and above) can apply for the Tier 4 Visa here:

<http://www.vfs-uk-sg.com>

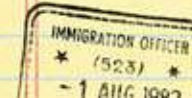
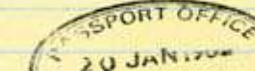
You must now complete an online visa application form and then book an appointment online with the visa application centre to submit your biometrics and application.

In addition to these materials, you may need to demonstrate that you can afford to study

in the UK and that the institution you have applied for is listed under the "register of sponsors".

The significance of planning ahead cannot be overemphasised. We suggest creating a detailed timeline to keep yourself on top of things.

Do take note that visas cannot be obtained on arrival in the UK.



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Why St George's?

- 1 Established institution**
St George's Hospital was founded in 1733 and we've been training doctors since 1752, so we know a thing or two about medical education.
- 2 Shared campus with one of the UK's busiest hospitals**
We're the UK's only specialist health sciences institution, and the only London institution to share its campus with an NHS hospital. You can walk from classroom to lab to hospital or clinic easily, offering a unique opportunity to learn at the 'sharp end' of clinical practice.
- 3 Unique interdisciplinary learning environment**
We offer an integrated approach to teaching in your first year on the inter-professional foundation programme, allowing you to mix with students from different backgrounds and ages, from the following courses: biomedical science, medicine, healthcare science, physiotherapy and radiography.
- 4 Student support**
St George's campus is compact with a friendly feel, both of which have a profound effect on the quality of student life. We do everything we can to help you settle in and feel part of the family. Our 'mums and dads' scheme for instance, sees that every student is 'adopted' by



'parent' students on the same course. International student advisors assist with anything that is puzzling or worrying you, and to make sure you get the very best out of your time here. You will also automatically become a member of our International Student Society, which works closely with staff to represent your interests and organise social events you'll enjoy.

- 5 Taught by experts in the field**
St George's specialises in the health sciences. This means that every member of staff is an expert in their field and every student you meet is on your wavelength. If you want to specialise in the health sciences St George's is definitely the place to be.



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WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY

"The fact that George's is based on the same site as a large teaching hospital creates a number of opportunities to participate in talks and lectures given by doctors, and to be constantly able to experience the dynamics of working in a hospital. The presence of patients and other healthcare workers in our study environment reminds me of why I want to be a doctor and pushes me to my goal of becoming one."

- Ju Yee Lim, Medicine (MBBS) Third Year

"I chose St George's as I wanted to study at a place where Medicine is taught in a holistic manner and at a premier institute. Also, I wanted to be where I could get as much cultural experience as possible, rather than being plugged into yet another 'mini-Singapore'!"

I can rave about the social life at George's! It's a small university, so everyone knows one another. We definitely live up to our name as the friendliest medical school! As an international student, I feel that having a good social life is very important, since our support comes from friends rather than family. I have always felt that since I'm studying in a foreign country, it's important for me to experience the country as it is, by interacting with the locals."

- Cheryl Khoong, Medicine (MBBS) Third Year

"I chose St George's because my mentor told me it is a good and reputable university. Now that I'm at St George's I know that my mentor was right and I have no regrets whatsoever! Also, I had heard that everyone is really friendly here, which is definitely the case."

I especially love the fact that other than lectures, every other class is taught in small groups, which allows student and tutor to engage and a rapport to develop, which I feel is essential in the learning process. Also, St George's really focuses on honing our communication skills which I believe is crucial in everyday interaction."

- Shariffa Syahidah Chishty, Medicine (MBBS) Third Year

STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- John Hunter (1728-1793) studied at St George's, pioneered an experimental basis for surgical practice and became known as the 'father of modern surgery'.
- The 'father of immunology' is an alumnus too; Edward Jenner (1749-1823) creator of the smallpox vaccine. The cow hide that Jenner used to test the vaccine was, for many years, displayed in the library of St George's.
- Renowned surgeon Henry Gray (1827-1861) trained here and went on to write *Gray's Anatomy*, the anatomical 'bible' that is still on every medic's reading list.
- Edward Wilson (1872-1912) took his medical degree at St George's, became a surgeon, naturalist and artist and went twice to Antarctica with Captain Scott.

STUDY IN THE UK (Other Things You Should Know)



ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST

English is the official lingua franca of the UK. Though cosmopolitan in nature, almost all of the 62 million people in the UK live, breathe and speak the English language. Since an acceptable proficiency in English is vital for success in the UK, international students are required to display a comprehensive grasp of the language.

Each university may have a different policy regarding requirements, so you should check their websites.

These are some of the common "gauges" that have been accepted:

- **IGCSE / GCSE 'O' Levels**
- **IELTS**



LIFE IN THE UK



Living on your own has always been both an exciting and daunting prospect. Living on your own for the first time when you're as far away as the UK will seem even more daunting. However, preparation is key when it comes to adapting to a new environment.

To help you prepare yourself for your new life in the UK, check this interactive site:
<http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/>



MONEY MATTERS

You'll be living all on your own from now on, so you'll have to handle your pocket money smartly. It can't be used for your leisure shopping because you'll have to pay for things like rent and bills.

Learn how to budget for your life in the UK with this nifty student calculator:

<http://international.studentcalculator.org.uk>



MEDICAL CARE

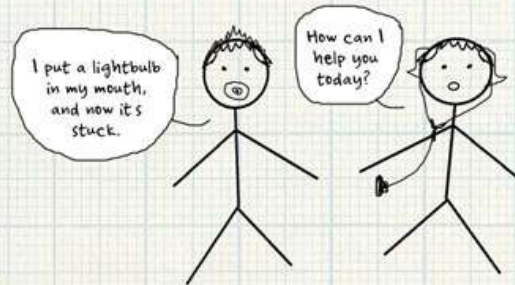
Too much of this and you'll need this



Feeling blue over health coverage while studying in the UK? Fret no more.

The National Health Service (NHS) offers free healthcare for international students. The majority of foreign students are fully covered by the NHS. If you are studying in England or Wales and your course lasts more than 6 months you are fully covered. Alternatively, this also applies to students studying in Scotland for any amount of time.

Don't break a sweat if you fall into neither of the two - in the event of an emergency, you will still be administered treatment free of charge.



Goldsmiths University of London

STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- The Goldsmiths campus includes three Grade II-listed buildings, and the award-winning Rutherford Building.
- Six of our former students have won the prestigious Turner Prize.
- Goldsmiths has an award-winning Students' Union.
- All of our halls of residence are within walking distance of the campus - most are just a five-minute walk away.
- Many of our former students have become leaders and innovators in their chosen fields - they include Antony Gormley, Mary Quant, Damien Hirst, Bridget Riley, Sam Taylor-Wood, Graham Coxon and Malcolm McLaren.

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About Goldsmiths

Goldsmiths is one of the UK's leading universities for the creative arts, humanities and social sciences.

We've been part of the world-renowned University of London for more than a century, so the quality of our degrees is internationally recognised - a real advantage for your future studies or career. We're ranked 9th in the UK for world-leading 4* research (Research Assessment Exercise 2008), and we're one of the world's top 200 universities for the arts and humanities.

At Goldsmiths you'll be part of a diverse student community, and because nearly everything is on one site, there's a real campus feel to life here. We have a wide range of specialist facilities and buildings housing our academic departments. Located in south east London, one of the most exciting and cosmopolitan cities in the world, Goldsmiths offers a distinct, highly creative and enriching atmosphere in which to study and live in.

HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY



"I joined the Fine Art and History of Art Joint Honours course, which has proven to be a most rigorous and rewarding experience.

Drawing from and weaving between the domains of practice and theory, I have been able to explore new areas of interest, structure my understanding of contemporary art and discourse, develop my own artistic language and technical skills, as well as question accepted patterns and processes of thought.

I find that Goldsmiths, and my course in particular, not only provides me with the opportunity to continually (re)learn and (re)discover, but also demands of every student the ambition and ability to persistently reassess themselves, so as to stimulate improvement, and so each individual develops and finds conviction in their own subjective perspectives. My time here has been saturated with memorable encounters."

- Karen, BA Fine Art & History of Art



"Before coming to Goldsmiths all I had heard about it was two things, 'Damien Hirst' and 'experimental', but being 'experimental' was good enough a reason for me to pack my bags and enroll for a 4-year BA course. So far it has been an amazing year understanding what these liberties mean for my education as an individual and an artist.

Being an overseas student means learning a lot of lessons the hard way, but it also means that learning reaches an experimental place - and while Goldsmiths grounds itself on a highly independent and self-motivated way of learning, friendly tutors and support groups means there is always someone to consult should any issues go out of hand. The sheer diversity of the student body is also incredible, just walk along Goldsmiths' corridors and you'll see people from just about everywhere!"

- Lisa, BA Fine Art (Extension Degree)

"I first learnt about Goldsmiths through one of my art teachers in high school. Friends who had visited Goldsmiths on school trips also conveyed the same positive response.

Studying anthropology and media at Goldsmiths has encouraged me to contemplate alternative ways of constructing modern consciousness and movements in academia. More importantly, I am deeply impressed by Goldsmiths' focus on the need to translate our academic experiences into a more socially responsible lifestyle. In my time here, I have been inspired to volunteer and intern at a variety of museums and institutions. I have been able to offer more informed and nuanced perspectives within the context of my work environments.

My departments and my fellow schoolmates have been incredibly helpful as well in creating a friendly and conducive atmosphere for learning. I have also had the opportunity to meet with reputable staff members who are often pioneers in their respective fields. I would recommend the 'Goldsmiths education' to anyone who is interested in being a learner for life."

- Amandas, BA Anthropology & Media

break time

Grab a map and some cash and go get lost in the swirl of culture that makes the UK so great. Eat black pudding. Dance to bagpipes. Shout at a derby. And lose yourself in the moment. You'll be happy you did.

you are what you eat

Ask a Briton what his favourite meal is, and he will most likely tell you "the full English breakfast", which consists of eggs, sausages, bacon, hash browns, mushrooms, tomatoes, toast and of course, a cuppa tea. In Northern Ireland, this indulgent meal involves black and white pudding. Both are mostly made from pork meat and fat, but black pudding also packs the special ingredient of animal blood.

After a greasy (but delicious!) start to the day, head to one of the local farmer's markets scattered across the UK for a fresh feast. In London, the Borough Market, offers a smorgasbord of tasty samples every Saturday. All for free! After getting a good base, take a short walk to one of London's traditional pubs nearby.

When in Scotland, cure a sweet tooth for less than a quid with a deep-fried Mars Bar.



Explore the OPEN ROAD

From rolling surf to fairytale castles to towering mountains, there's a lot to see and do in the UK. Hop on a MegaBus for an affordable journey around Scotland, England and Wales. From Great Britain, the most affordable way to get to Northern Ireland is by boat, but budget flights are also available.



For the outdoor adventurer, head to England's south coast and try surfing in Newquay or St. Ives. The latter seaside city carries an artsy vibe and even has its own Tate Gallery. The Welsh Snowdonia National Park is also worth exploring in addition to the Scottish Highlands, boasting the tallest mountain in the British Isles: Ben Nevis.

The UK is ripe with fascinating history. In England, within an hour of each other are two World Heritage sites, the Roman Baths (ancient hot springs) and Stonehenge. Legend has it that giants helped to build Stonehenge and another Heritage site: Giant's Causeway (about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns) in Northern Ireland.



Get Stuck In

While out exploring, attend a traditional British celebration. For a real immersion, attend a Burns Supper (Northern Ireland and Scotland on Jan 25), which commemorates poet Robert Burns for a night of singing, bagpipes and haggis. For a spectacular fireworks show, head to the fairy tale-like Leeds Castle on Guy Fawkes Night (Nov 5).



Widely known for their music festivals, Glastonbury is the most prominent, but with 2012 as their fallow year, other festivals to catch are Bestival (England/Sep) for its costume dress themes, RockNess (Scotland/Jun) for one of the world's most beautiful festival grounds, the free Basingstoke Live (England/Jul) festival, Wakestock (Wales/Jul) as Europe's largest wakeboard music festival, and International Festival of Country Music (Northern Ireland/Feb) with a stellar line-up of country music stars.

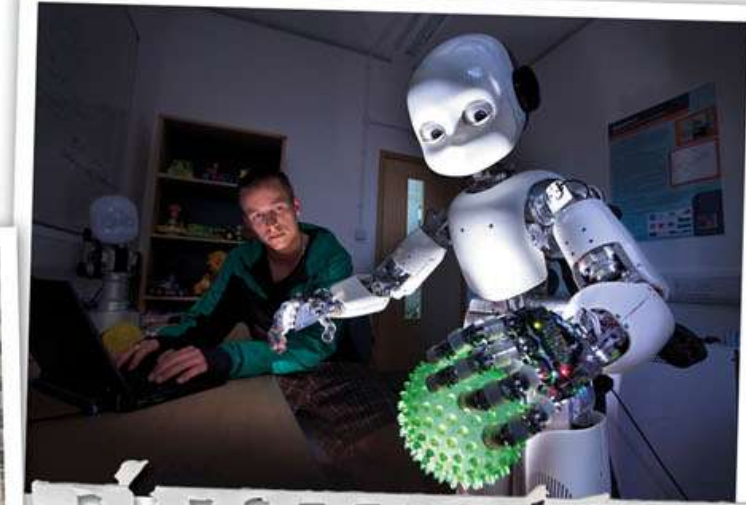
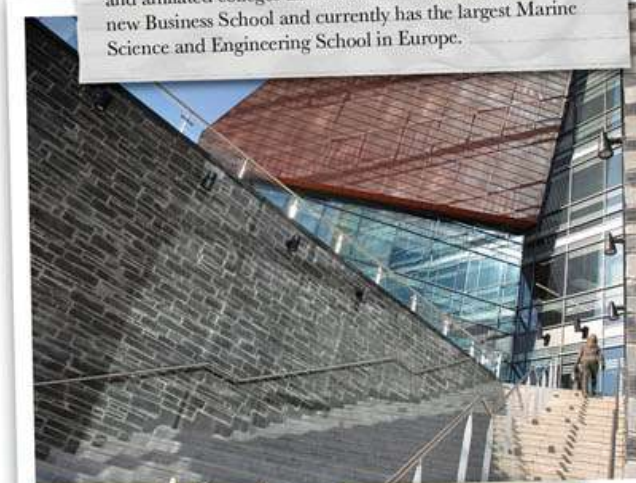
Sports fanatics! Pick a team and attend a heated football derby, or match between local rivals, like Man U vs Man City. In tennis, the biggest tournament is Wimbledon, but getting tickets is hard. The Stella Artois Tournament, held the week before, will have most of the top 10 players competing here as well, and tickets are cheaper and easier to get. Rugby fans can catch a Uni game across the UK or head up to Northwest England to drop in on a League game.



Plymouth University

About Plymouth University

Plymouth University is the largest university in the South West of England, with over 30,000 students and is 9th largest in the United Kingdom by total number of students (including the Open University). The main campus is in the Devon city of Plymouth, but the university has campuses and affiliated colleges all over South West England. It has a new Business School and currently has the largest Marine Science and Engineering School in Europe.



Why Plymouth University?

What is special about Plymouth University?

- * Innovation, creativity and enterprise at the heart of all we do
- * Nationally-acclaimed teaching excellent and globally-significant research
- * Super location and quality of life
- * Rigorously academic, career-oriented courses
- * Friendly and diverse with students from over 100 countries
- * Innovative approaches to learning using the latest technology
- * 24-hour access to computing facilities
- * One of the best-performing universities for green credentials since 2007

STUFF THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- Double world champions and double world record holders at the FIRA 2011 Robot Olympics World Championship in Taiwan.
- You can take the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Professional SCUBA diver training course as part of your degree.
- Plymouth has consistently been a top performing university in the student led People and Planet's Green League Table.
- Plymouth University started out as a School of Navigation in 1862 and the year 2012 marks our 150th anniversary.



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HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY

"The University of Plymouth was an obvious choice when deciding on studying Maritime Business and Maritime Law. I knew the course would provide me with the skills and knowledge essential for a career in the maritime industry. Now that I have reached the end of my studies, I am aiming toward a career as a shipbroker. What sector I might end up in is not certain yet, but with a degree from Plymouth the opportunities are endless"

- Erlend Nikolai Jensen
(Year 3, Bsc Maritime Business)

"Great location, good lifestyle, safe city. Some departments of the university are among the best in the country. It is also one of the most heavily funded and improving universities in the country"

- Student, Greece

"The lecturers were brilliant and very helpful during the course especially my course co-ordinator who helped me throughout my course and even at difficult times he took some of his valuable time to guide me"

- Student, India

What it Costs

(to study in the UK)

So you've decided to live the next 3 to 6 of your formative years in merry old Britain! Your next step is to break it to your folks in the only way they will understand: tell them what it will cost them.

It's not as scary as some may think. The cost to study and live in the UK is pretty comparable to any other overseas destinations, thanks to a benefit scheme we call 'foreign exchange'.



DISCLAIMER:
All costs are estimated for reference only, so don't base everything on this page. Do your own research.



Accommodation



City living or suburban style? Downtown London or countryside Wales? Making the correct choice here has far more significant impact to your life than say, choosing which movie to watch.

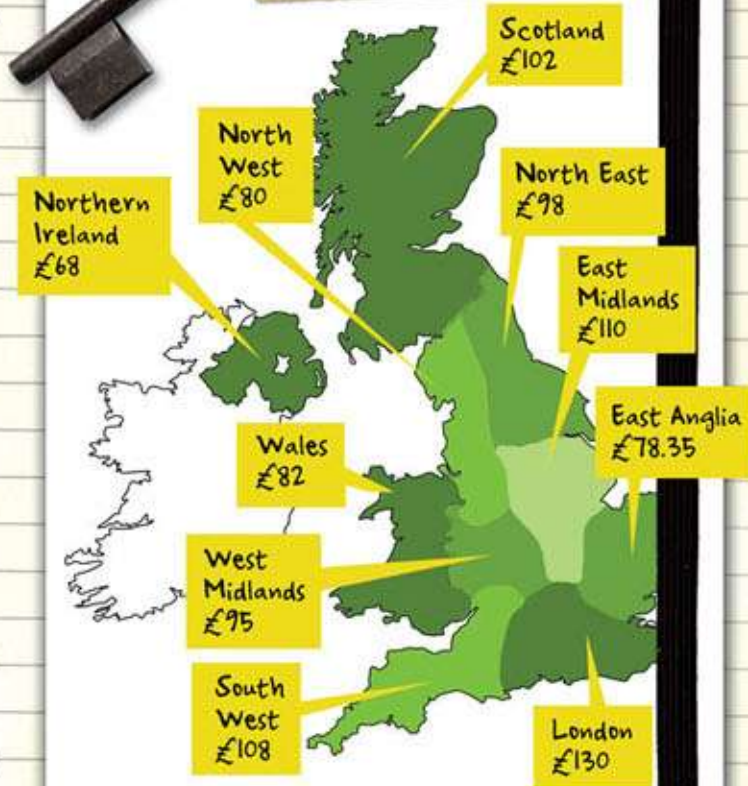
First off, the costs vary significantly depending on the area you live in, and the type of accommodation.

Hogwarts?

Some accommodation options include:

- University Halls (single/sharing)**
Halls have the advantage of being close to campus so you can sleep in, and you have the option of a full-board, which means no cooking on your part.
- Private Flats/Houses (single/sharing)**
A lot of students move out of university halls to share a flat/house with friends in the second year.
- Student Hostels**
Usually independently run, these hostels provide an alternative option for students. It's a great way for students to make friends from other institutions in the same city.

Here's a breakdown by region (average cost per week without meals):



Dining



Let's face it: you're not going to get a plate of char kway teow at \$2.50 anywhere in the UK. So not only will you not be eating your favourite home dishes, you might have to brush up on your (nonexistent) cooking skills unless you prefer to eat takeouts every night.

Dining out:

The average meal at a chain restaurant costs about £10 for food and drinks, while mid-range restaurants charge about £15-£20 for the same.



When it comes to budgeting, nothing beats cooking your self-prepared meal. Unless, of course, eating your own food poses a threat to your health. Here's a typical shopping list:

Takeaways:

These are probably a student's best meals, costing £2-£5 for a kebab or a burger.

Average Costs:

- Pizza (medium) £8
- Curry £15
- Soft drinks £2
- Wine £3.50/glass
- Beer £3

- Rice (1kg) £0.99
- Pasta (1kg) £1.15
- Bread (800g loaf) £1.00
- Beef Mince (500g) £2.89
- Chicken Breast (2 pack) £3.84
- Apples (pack of 8) £1.39
- Bananas (1kg) £1.14

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees differ from institution to institution and even a bit from year to year. Here is an average per calendar year.

- Classroom**
(e.g. arts, social sciences, business)
£8,500 - £13,000
- Laboratory**
(e.g. sciences, engineering)
£8,500 - £18,000
- Clinical**
(e.g. dentistry, medicine, veterinary)
£15,000 - £32,000

Speaking of Health...



Naturally, every parent obsesses about their child's health the way Smeagol does about his ring. If you're enrolled on a course at least 6 months or longer, healthcare - everything from major surgery to a little flu - is basically free.

You will be covered by the National Health Service (NHS).



How Much?



Here's a basic breakdown for your living expenses in the UK (by month), roughly based on a major city.

Halls fee/rent	✓	£390 (to £800)
Food/Housekeeping	✓	£140
Travel/Transport	✓	£80
Leisure/socialising	✓	£160
Books/Stationery	✓	£40
Mobile Phone	✓	£20
TOTAL		from £830

STUDENT BENEFITS

The UK is very friendly towards students, and everywhere there is a college or university, you'll see student discounts offered, from movie deals to travel passes and meal discounts.

Just remember to always bring your student card - or better yet, get yourself an ISIC card, which gets you discounts in the UK and the rest of Europe.



Visa Application

What you need to show

To apply for a student visa, you will need to show these amounts in your bank account depending on where you're studying:

- LONDON : £1,000 / month
- OTHER AREAS : £800 / month

Here's a guideline for basic living expenses for a nine-month period:

- LONDON : £9,000
- OTHER AREAS : £7,200



STUDY IN THE UK

(Financing your UK education)



Starting afresh and pursuing an education halfway across the world, thousands of miles from home can be rather daunting - more so for students tied down with family and financial commitments. To help lift the burden, there are a number of ways you can offset your costs.

GRANTS & AWARDS

A lot of UK universities offer awards, ranging from £500 to a few thousand pounds, to international students. Please check the schools' websites.

You may wish to consider applying to local government agencies (such as PSC, MOE, A*STAR, etc) or companies for full scholarships.



If you're going for Postgraduate studies, there are grants available for bright young things, including:

British Chevening Scholarship: bond-free for a 1-year master's degree

Commonwealth Scholarship & Fellowship Plan: for post-grad education lasting 1-3 years

Gates Cambridge Scholarship: covers the full cost of tuition at Cambridge University

Royal Society Fellowship: for 2 years of postdoctoral researchers in natural sciences

LOANS

Borrowing money can also relieve the financial burden of funding an education, but be sure the company is reputable and that you understand the agreement. All loans will have to be paid back with interest, so only borrow what you need and make payments as soon as you are able.



Loans are available through:

BANKS: Check for overseas education loans from regional and international banks.

ACCREDITED AGENCIES & UNIONS: Other than banks, you can find additional businesses that will loan you money for education such as NTUC (National Trades Union Congress) and TCC (The Credit Co-operative). These differ from banks and other financial institutions because of the personal assistance provided.



WORKING

Thankfully, international students are allowed to work in the UK (if you have a student immigration permission that allows you to do so).

Whether you're doing it because you need the dough or just want to keep shopping the way you do in Singapore, you can work up to 20 hours a week during term time and full-time during your holidays.



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What it's like studying in the UK

Are you curious? Then sit down, grab a cuppa and read on...



NAME: Lina Yow Pei Shi
SCHOOL ATTENDED: Queen's University Belfast
DEGREE PROGRAMME: Medicine

1) Why did you pick the UK?

Having grown up being amazed by stories shared by my three older sisters, who studied in the UK before me, I've always wanted to embark on my own journey. At 17, I started my adventure by studying A-levels in Canterbury, Kent in the South Eastern part of England. I chose to study in a local school so as to experience the full British education system while immersing myself in the local culture. Though it was definitely scary at first, especially being the only Chinese person in the whole A-level cohort, the support network was remarkable and I fitted in quickly.

2) What has been your best experience studying abroad?

Many fond memories and great friends were made in England and I definitely matured a lot being away from home for the first time, and living alone in a foreign country. Now, I'm across the Irish Sea in Belfast! Coming to another part of UK is brilliant as you experience a very different culture.

3) How has studying in the UK benefited you thus far?

It's awesome being able to learn about the different foods, weather, phrases and, of course, accents. You will also get to enjoy stunning scenery. Joining societies at school can be really fun and it helps in building new friendships and making your journey more enjoyable. I joined my school rowing team, and experienced the craziness of training outdoors throughout the winter!



Heya! Nice to talk to you over Skype!

NAME: Alexis Loo
SCHOOL ATTENDED: University of Nottingham
DEGREE PROGRAMME: Law LLB

1) Why did you pick the UK?

The Law faculty in NUS has extremely stringent requirements, which means that I had a less-than-0.1% chance of getting into it seeing that I went through the Polytechnic route. I decided to choose the UK over Australia as i) the UK shares a similar legal system to that in Singapore; and ii) it only takes 3 years to complete the course as opposed to 4 in Australia.

2) What has been your best experience studying abroad?

Meeting people from all around the world. I've made so many new friends from around Europe and even Asia! This is definitely not something one will experience studying in Singapore.

3) How has studying in the UK benefited you thus far?

Learning to be independent - it's not easy doing everything from laundry to cooking to cleaning, all by yourself, while trying to keep up with school! I've also realised how awesome Singapore is - the food, the weather, the people, etc. - So I guess it can be said that studying in the UK has, in a sense, increased my patriotism?

NAME: Shaun MacChesney
SCHOOL ATTENDED: University of Southampton
DEGREE PROGRAMME: Masters in Mechanical Engineering - Sustainable Energy option

1) Why did you pick the UK?

I chose to study in the UK primarily because I'm half English, yet as of 4 years ago had never actually lived there, nor experienced the culture in all its glory. My Dad, who incidentally is the source of my British genes, also wanted me to experience University in a similar way to that which he had - to him, the best years of his life were in University. I can't say for sure just yet, but having studied in the UK for the past 3 - 4 years, I'm inclined to understand where he's coming from.

2) What has been your best experience studying abroad?

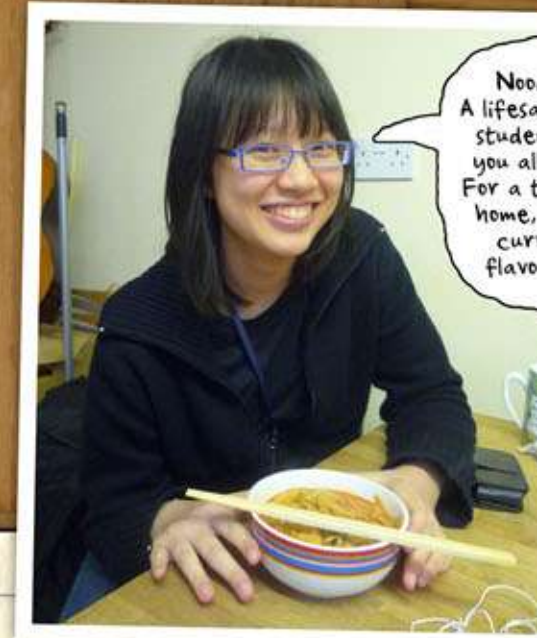
Meeting life-long friends for me has probably been the most valuable aspect of University life for me. These are people who I have almost-literally had to depend my life upon - nothing says a good friend better than a friend who drags a passed-out version of you through infamous English weather at stupid hours of the morning. As you can probably tell, drinking is a huge part of University life in England and so it's fair to say that my best experiences studying in England are long forgotten! On a serious note, English Universities tend to have a very strong international community. This provided a means for me to meet people from all over Europe and the World - no different to Singapore in that sense.

3) How has studying in the UK benefited you thus far?

The English can be quite intimidating at times - especially when drunk - so I'd say that living in the UK has definitely made me more outspoken and confident. There are friends I've known since the beginning of University, who have blossomed in the sense that I considered them to be more conservative than the average English Joe, however seeing them now, I can see that they too have benefited in similar ways that I have!



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Getting acquainted with the locals here has been great as well! They are so friendly and it's so easy to strike up conversations with people on the streets or exchange greetings - something I feel we are sadly lacking in our culture because I think we tend to keep to ourselves...

- DEBORAH CHAN

Not only has my English improved, but also my independence and courage.

- DAISY TSANG



Like chatting with charming English gentlemen!

There is so much history in the UK! Everywhere you look, there is a story to be heard. On the other hand, there are also lots of modern gems, like the Gherkin in London.

- AMANDA TAN



Gherkin



BRITISH INTELLIGENCE

The UK packs a trifecta of rich history, interesting personalities and an alluring culture. Test your knowledge of the basic to bizarre and see how you fare. Answers can be found at the bottom of the page.



Please choose the best answer from the available options.

1. Oxford University once had a rule forbidding students to do what?
- a. Chew gum or eat candy over 25mm in diameter
 - b. Communicate using Morse Code during tests
 - c. Bring bows and arrows to class
 - d. Present gifts to lecturers

2. Black pudding, a traditional British breakfast food, mainly consists of what ingredient?
- a. Blood
 - b. Pig droppings
 - c. Caviar
 - d. Sesame seeds

3. Which of the below, first took place in Wales?
- a. A wireless transmission
 - b. A human male pregnancy
 - c. A pie eating contest
 - d. The G-8 Summit

4. Until 1998, you could be hanged in the UK for killing which of the below?
- a. Any living creature including insects
 - b. A swan
 - c. The Queen's corgis
 - d. Another human

5. Which famous actor was born in Scotland?
- a. Sean Connery
 - b. Mel Gibson
 - c. Emma Watson
 - d. Elle Macpherson

After each statement, select the option which best fills in the blank.

6. Britain is the only country in the world with postage stamps that _____
- a. Don't have the country name on them
 - b. Have 3D holograms
 - c. Resemble their currency
 - d. Are not square

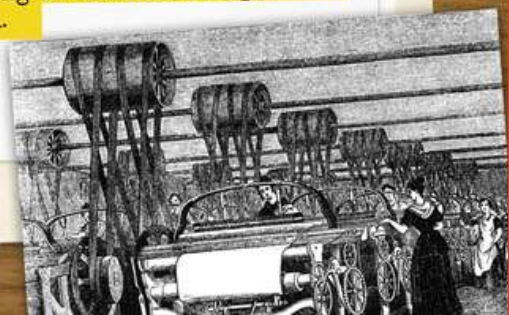
7. Wales has the longest _____ in all of Europe.
- a. Bridge
 - b. Place name
 - c. Annual leave
 - d. Rugby field

8. The Tower of London was all of the following except _____
- a. A menagerie (similar to a zoo with exotic animals)
 - b. The Royal Mint
 - c. Home of the Crown Jewels
 - d. A private school

9. An odd Irish birthday tradition involves lifting birthday children upside down and _____ for good luck.
- a. Gently bumping their head on the floor
 - b. Tickling them until they call "Uncle"
 - c. Swinging them around in circles
 - d. Dipping them in a pool of water

10. The Industrial Revolution, which began in Northern England, was closely attributed to all of the following inventions, except _____
- a. Textiles
 - b. Steam power
 - c. Iron Making
 - d. Electricity

ANSWERS:
1.C, 2.A, 3.A, 4.B, 5.A, 6.A, 7.B, 8.D, 9.A, 10.D



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